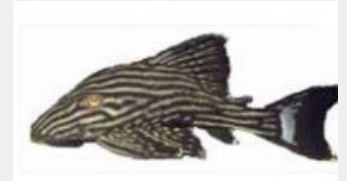


Some Things Fishy



Club Announcements

- May 19 TFCEC Meeting Cancelled
- May 23 AKA Convention Cancelled
- June 6-7 Akron Show Cancelled
- June 11-14 ALA Convention Cancelled
- July 26 TFCEC Family Picnic
- Aug 29-30 TFCEC Fall Fish Festival
- Oct 9-11 All American Catfish Conv.
- Nov 20-22 OCA Extravaganza

As we go through this Covid 19 Pandemic, things have changed. Keep them Fish Safe!!

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Message to the Members

Hi All,

I hope that this finds everyone doing well and healthy.

The Board of Directors of the Tropical Fish Club of Erie County met last night May 5th. We discussed the possibility of having club meetings and events that are scheduled.

We all feel it is in our best interest and the safety of our membership that we cancel all upcoming meetings until Further notice. The meeting hall at present is not open as well. Our speakers that were scheduled are all in agreement that they would rather not travel at this time.

We discussed the possibility of having a virtual meeting, but the board feels this would make it unfair to those that do not have a way to connect. Some internet connections are not good and this can be disruptive to all. A small group works well, as our Board meeting was, but we still had problems. We have a member that is willing to assist if we do decide to go online with a meeting, so we may still do in the future, stay tuned.

I have been adding programs on our facebook page for members to watch. This Saturday Freshwater Exotics was to be in Capital Cichlid assoc. they are doing a virtual fishroom tour of their facility, this will be found at CCA May Virtual Meeting Video Link. Join us and Freshwater Exotics Fishroom Tour Live. May 9th at 2 pm. <https://youtu.be/NU413C2v7Lo> , I will keep adding as I get notifications of others.

We discussed our Awards Banquet that we were forced to cancel. The hall still is holding our deposit and when things are able to open up, we will set a new date, we discussed maybe if possible doing a combined holiday party/Awards Banquet.

The Picnic scheduled for July 26th at Sprague Brook park is on hold for now, with the meat shortage and health regulations we are monitoring.

The Fall Fish Festival is still on currently, but we are not advertising it at this time. When we meet next month as a Board, we will look at how the situation with the Covid19 is doing and if places are opening to be able to have an Event as large as we are planning. If we decide to still host this event, we will need our members to step up and help sell sponsorships for the show, advertise for spaces at the swap meet, banquet tickets, and promote the Fall auction. It will be a lot of work in a short time, but we can do it, we have promoted this event well, up to the Covid19 shut down.

We also discussed membership renewals. Dues are normally due at the June Meeting. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic we are waving dues for 2020, so all memberships will be good through June 2021. We are not having meetings and feel its something the club can do to help members during these rough times. We were lucky to have had our auction when we did, many clubs have had to cancel their auctions and events.

Keep check on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Tropical-Fish-Club-of-Erie-County-166974402700/> for updates on other club events and cancellations. The Akron Aquarium Society at there board meeting Friday cancelled their Ultra Aqua Show in June,

this is one of the largest fish shows held by aquarium clubs, they as many of us feel that in the safety of attendees to host a event of this size is not a good idea at this time.

Many conventions have been cancelled

The American Killifish Assoc. that was to be held June 23-24 is cancelled

The American Livebearer Convention June 12-14 is Cancelled

The All American Catfish Convention is still scheduled for Oct 9-11, they are monitoring and will update all if a decision is made.

The OCA Extravaganza is still planned for Nov. but as the event gets closer, they will make a decision

As other clubs make decisions on Fall auctions we will keep you updated too.

If you have been having success in breeding fish, you can contact Tom Heisler of the spawns, and when we are able to have meetings the fry can be brought in for auction. Tom's email is tflectom@gmail.com

We hope that we can return to some sense of what we once did. I know as a board we miss seeing everyone, the friendships that have been made, and the concern we all have about each other's wellbeing. For now Stay Safe, Stay Healthy and Keep the Faith, we will be back together hopefully sooner than later.



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Membership

Know someone that would like to join? Dues can be paid to Andy Shuma at the meeting. Contact him at tfcec.membership@gmail.com Or sent to TFCEC, 5725 Herman Hill Road, Hamburg, NY 14075

Dues as follows:

Individual Membership	\$12.00
Family Membership	\$18.00
Junior Membership	\$6.00

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