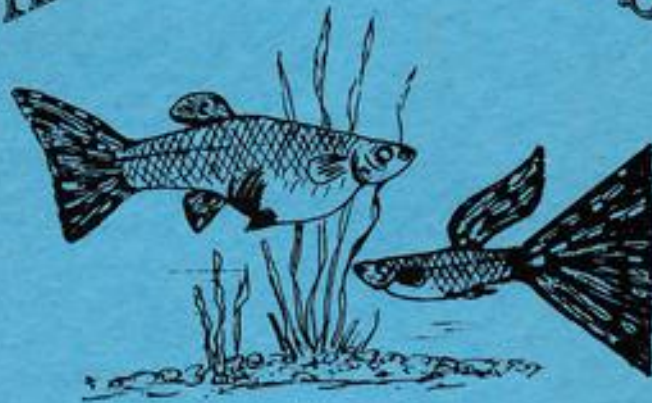




GUPPY
ASSOCIATES



of
TORONTO

RAGGED TALES



GUPPY ASSOCIATES OF TORONTO is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting a growing interest in the breeding and raising of Fancy Guppies.

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Monthly meetings are held on the THIRD THURSDAY of Every month at 8.30 P.M. at the I.O.O.F. Hall, 319 Keele St., Toronto. VISITORS WELCOME.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Regular (Single)	\$5. per annum	Associate	\$2.50 per annum
Regular (Family)	\$7.50 per "	Junior to Age 16	- Free

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MAKE GUPPIES GO IN TORONTO!

Everyone who belongs to Guppy Associates of Toronto can pat themselves on the back for the tremendous success of our auction last month. I believe it was the best that has ever been held in the club's history. I'd like to thank my fellow members for their generous donations and hard work which helped to make the auction such a success.

I hope all those who bought fish for breeding purposes are having no troubles in keeping these fish going. When a fish's environment is changed considerably, this is when they are most likely to give you trouble. It is when trouble occurs that the new members will realize the value in belonging to the club. If anyone is having problems, don't be afraid to call someone and see if they can help you.

There are several shows coming up in the near future. These shows have 4 or 5 guppy classes as a rule and are excellent opportunities for you beginners to get your feet wet. London April 9th, C.A.O.A.C. at Hespeller on April 29 & 30, our May 7th show and another at Collingwood on May 14th. There should be more information on these very shortly.

The new rules that were put into effect in February, seem to be working out quite well. The number of entries has stayed level but more important, the number of exhibitors has increased. April will be the final month for the two entry per class rule. At the next meeting we will have to decide whether to continue under these rules for the rest of the year.

I think that most of you will agree that the quality of fish shown lately has steadily improved. The individual classes have many tight races and the Challenge trophy lead has changed every month so far. I'd like to see every member bring fish next month. We want more new members to take an interest in the judging as well. Tell Steve you would like to watch the fish being judged next month.

The May show is only a short time away. Don't be afraid to show those fish; you'll gain valuable experience.

See you April 30th.

Carl Self

MONTHLY FISH SHOW RESULTS

Winners for the month of Mar/72

Points standings to date

RED WIDETAIL CLASS	1st..Maggie.Snell..... 2nd..Maggie.Snell..... 3rd..Doug.Robinson..... 4th..Doug.Robinson.....	1st...Maggie.Snell... ..24... 2nd...Doug.Robinson... ..8... 3rd..... 4th.....
BLUE/GREEN WIDETAIL CLASS	1st..Paul.Sciberras..... 2nd..Steve.Birks..... 3rd..Frank.Ryan..... 4th..Paul.Sciberras.....	1st...Steve.Birks... ..13... 2nd...Paul.Sciberras... ..12... 3rd...Peter.Anderson... ..5... 4th...Frank.Ryan... ..2...
HALF/BLACK WIDETAIL CLASS	1st..Cal.Self..... 2nd..Cal.Self..... 3rd..Doug.Robinson..... 4th..Doug.Robinson.....	1st...Cal.Self..... ..16... 2nd...Frank.Ryan..... ..7... 3rd...Paul.Sciberras... ..5... 4th...Doug.Robinson... ..9...
A.O.C. WIDETAIL CLASS	1st..Paul.Sciberras..... 2nd..Steve.Birks..... 3rd..Steve.Birks..... 4th..Paul.Sciberras.....	1st...Paul.Sciberras... ..19... 2nd...Steve.Birks... ..13... 3rd...Herb.Grayson... ..1... 4th.....
FEMALE CLASS	1st..Cal.Self..... 2nd..Cal.Self..... 3rd..Maggie.Snell..... 4th..Steve.Birks.....	1st...Cal.Self..... ..22... 2nd...Steve.Birks... ..8... 3rd...Maggie.Snell... ..2... 4th...Doug.Robinson... ..1...
A.O.V. CLASS	<u>NO ENTRIES</u>	
NOVICE CLASS	1st..Tom.Cook..... 2nd..Tom.Cook..... 3rd..Tony.Taylor..... 4th..Tony.Taylor.....	1st.Tom.Cook/Tony.Taylor .16 ea. 2nd..... 3rd..... 4th.....
JUNIOR CLASS	1st..Steve.Estock..... 2nd..Mike.Sciberras..... 3rd..Mike.Sciberras..... 4th..Paul.Giacconi.....	1st.Steve.Estock..... ..18... 2nd.Mike.Sciberras..... ..13... 3rd.Rick.Brouwer/Paul... ..1 ea. Giacconi 4th.....

The above standings have been noted and recorded.

DATE: March, 1972

St. Berke
Monthly Fish Show Chairman -

SHOW RESULTS (CONTINUED)

BEST OF SHOW: MAGGIE SNELL - RED

RAINBOW CHALLENGE TOTALS TO DATE:

Cal Self	41
Paul Sciberras	39
Steve Birks	37
Maggie Snell	29
Tony Taylor	19
Tom Cook	18
Doug Robinson	17
Frank Ryan	12
Peter Anderson	6
Jim Gage	2
Herb Graydon	2

PRESIDENT'S BULLETIN BOARD

- 1) B.C. food has arrived and will be available at the April meeting. Including shipping charges and bags the cost is 90¢ a lb.
- 2) Anyone who has square 1 gal. jars available for our May show, please contact Steve Birks at our next meeting.
- 3) The London show is April 9th. If it is not too late you can phone me for more information. No. 594-0196

THE BREEDERS

by Bob Harris

(Another of Bob's excellent articles which appeared in The KRIBEN...S.A.S. of October, 1971 (the monthly publication of Scarborough Aquarium Society).)

Ever since the common guppy, fish breeders have wondered how and from where to get their best breeding stock. Today it is quite a serious matter to maintain a strain of guppies. Some people have lost hundreds of dollars by gambling on an individual male or female for breeding but their choice of mates were wrong. Guppies have been called the millions fish because of their prolific breeding habits, however if a guppy is not producing the requirements then none of the fry are any good. The importance is to obtain good breeding stock. Nowadays some fine fancy guppies are appearing in pet shops and department stores, however these fish, even the giant fancy guppies you see occasionally in pet shops which may sell for \$15.00 per pair or more will rarely produce offspring which resemble their parents. The only way to ensure a good start is to go directly to a guppy breeder, and preferably one who just raises one colour of guppies. Don't make the mistake of buying just one or two pairs of fish, but buy 6 or 12 pairs to ensure enough fish for breeding. If you buy several pairs of fish you will benefit in several ways, first you will have back up fish, which means if a female or two should die you still have a few left. Also if one or two should become deformed, with a broken back, or should produce no young, again you will have extra fish to breed. Another advantage to buying several pairs is that you will undoubtedly buy them at a cheaper price than you would by just buying one or two pairs. Another thing is to be sure you buy young breeding stock. You may look at the huge parents swimming about and say and think to yourself, how lovely it would be to own such massive beautiful fish. But don't buy them. The reasons are simple. Large older fish are past their prime you might say, past their best breeding times. A younger male for instance does not have a large tail to carry about so it is able to swim faster and catch up to the swift females. Also they are more prolific at a younger age. Another thing, younger fish live longer in your own aquariums and stand a better chance of survival. I mean by this that younger fish can be transported from the breeders home to your home with less casualties than older fish. An older fish say around 8 months or more of age, being used to living under a certain environment will rarely survive. Not because of mistreatment but because of drastic changes in its environment. A younger fish say around 3 months is in prime breeding condition, is usually much cheaper to purchase and can be accustomed to a new environment. So buy young, healthy breeding stock and enough of them so that if a few should die you won't lose the strain. When buying from the breeder be sure to choose only one colour of guppy strain. The best and most successful breeders raise

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only one colour of guppy, for their best chances one with a strain, not several. I know only too well that when you have in your mind to choose one colour strain and you see another beautiful colour strain there is a real temptation to purchase a few of the others as well, but don't. Your best chance is still to stay with one colour. I stated before to be sure and purchase only young breeding stock, not some tail end of an experiment or young from a hybrid cross, because both of these rarely produce the required results. Most of the guppies appearing in guppy shows around the world are not breeders but are hybrid, a cross between two related or sometimes between two unrelated strains of guppies which produce phenomenal size guppies for show, however are virtually useless for further breeding, because the genes are all jumbled up on the chromosomes and therefore are no longer true breeding. This is another reason why to be sure you are buying breeding stock and not show stock even though they don't look as beautiful as show stock it is the only place the future show fish will come from. This is why I say buy breeding stock, stay away from pet shop stock and show stock occasionally appearing in auctions at shows. Go to a breeder and don't be afraid to spend from \$30.00 to \$50.00 once and be sure, rather than gamble on second rate stock for maybe \$15. and end up having to buy again, and again until you give up. So make up your mind and decide to yourself a colour strain you would like to work with, be sure to have enough tanks and equipment to raise them and their young and go out and find a specialist in that colour strain and pick his brains for all the information you can get about the background to the strain and buy the best young breeding stock you can get.

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IFGA SHOW CALENDAR

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| April 22 & 23 | - Florida Guppy Association |
| May 7 | - Guppy Associates of Toronto |
| May 18 | - Dansk (Denmark) Guppy Selskab |
| June 10 & 11 | - Pan Pacific Guppy Association |
| June 18 | - Austrian Guppy Association |
| July 1 & 2 | - Guppy Associates of Montreal |
| Aug. 19 & 20 (meeting) | - South Jersey Tropical Fish Club |
| Sept. 2 & 3 | - Southern California Guppy Assoc. |
| Sept. 16 & 17 | - Indianapolis Aquerium Society |
| Sept. 23 or 30 | - Gulf Coast Guppy Club |
| Oct. 14 ? | - Cincinnati Guppy Club |
| Nov. 4 & 5 | - Guppy Associates of Milwaukee
(Annual Meeting) |

C O M I N G S H O W S

GUPPY ASSOCIATES OF TORONTO - SUNDAY, MAY 7, 1972
Downsview Arena, 1633 Wilson Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

70 CLASSES

Show Chairman - Steve Birks
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GUPPY ASSOCIATES OF MONTREAL - JULY 1 and 2, 1972

This is our fellow Guppy Club's first Open Show and they have been busy with their arrangements, etc. for over a year.

Plan to help ensure its success by your entries and attendance.

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THE COLLINGWOOD AQUARIUM SOCIETY is holding its Second Annual Tropical Fish Show on Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14, 1972; with its Annual Fish Show Dance on Saturday Night, May 13.

3 Guppy Classes - Cash and ribbon awards for All classes.

Full details are in the Club's Show Brochure which will be available at our April meeting.

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The PRESTON-GALT AQUARIUM SOCIETY is hosting the 13th C. A. O. A. C. Convention, April 29 - 30 at the Hespeler Holiday Inn (Hespeler Cut-off from Highway 401 at Highway 24).

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