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From the Editor:

Another month has come and gone, along with summer. Being a little late with this months' edition, today was the first day of school, so it has been even busier. Hopefully things will settle down in the next few days so that I can go to a few fish meetings, auctions, and shows. I am looking forward to the upcoming Michigan Killie show. I also received a few new articles for the newsletter. Hope there are more to come. Sorry for the short note, but gotta take care of the fish too. Hope to see you at an upcoming event.

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President's Message

Fall is right around the corner. You know what that means for the tropical fish hobbyist ... a return to our passion. Let's get back to showing off our one of a kind, carefully nurtured and spoiled rotten step pets. Let's get back to swapping, trading, bartering, visiting old friends and travelling to that out-state auction we've been talking about for too long. Let's try out that fish store that always seemed so far away. And finally, let's give back to the hobby since we've taken so much out of it ourselves for so long. Let's get involved in our tropical fish club, in presenting new ideas to the people who keep the club together, and perhaps taking over one of the seats of our "decision makers" so we can keep up the successes we've all enjoyed for some time.

Let's have some fun, continue our passion, visit new places, re-visit old acquaintances, gain new ones and do our part to do our fair share to make it happen for future aquarists.

Enjoy the hobby for what it is for you!

At our September General Meeting we'll have the pleasure of a presentation by one our own long time aquarists, Tim Mousseau. Tim is following in the footsteps of his father Gary's long standing contributions in giving towards the advancement in the hobby. We look forward to Tim's insight into how best to get the most out of our hobby.

Finally, we've just confirmed we'll be returning to our favorite restaurant for our annual winter dinner meeting in December. Get those reservations in soonest to join us for dinner, comradery, prizes, etc., etc., at Juliano's in Warren on the second Thursday in December.

Hope to see you all soon.

Vic Bondi

Dear Club Members,

I have decided to sell my Discus hatchery business after almost twenty years of breeding and selling Discus. Arthritis is causing me problems with the every day work in the hatchery. The equipment is worth between \$15,000.00 and \$20,000.00. Currently on hand are approx. 200 Discus to be sold for \$25.00 each to fish keepers. Pet shops and distributors purchase at a discount. There are six pairs of breeding Discus: (2) Blue Diamonds, (2) Tangerines and (2) Red Turquoise at a value of \$300.00 per pair. There are another 5 male adults. One commercial freezer with sliding glass top doors, value at \$700.00. Various supplies approx. value of \$1,000.00.

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2011/2012 Bowl Show Categories

August:	No Bowl Show
September:	Goldfish, Angelfish, Killiefish
October:	Guppies, Plecos, Gouramis
November:	Dwarf Cichlids, Corydoras, Tetras
December:	No Bowl Show
January:	African Cichlids, Rainbows, Synodontis
February:	Danios, Swordtails, Favorite Fish
March:	Barbs, Bettas, Gobies
April:	Loaches, Livebearers (AOV), Albino Fish
May:	Aquatic Animals, Plants, North American Native Fish
June:	No Bowl Show

Bowl Show Final Standings for 2010 -2011:

1st place	Mark Allar	380 points
2nd place	Randy Stier	100 points
3rd place	Chuck Riffenburg	95 points
4th place	Bob Kanas	65 points
5th place	Ron Tichansky	55 points
6th place	Pat Piekarz	45 points
7th Place	Chris Simpson	25 points

Don't forget you can win our monthly \$25.00 gift certificate by entering monthly in one of or all of the BAP, HAP, bowl show, or submit an article for the Tropiquarium. (1 ticket for each of the categories) We try to get a gift certificate to a different pet shop in the area every month.

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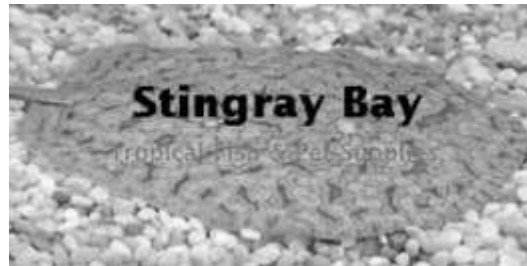
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A Note from the Printed Exchange Editor

05-02-2011

As exchange editor for the paper printed club newsletters, I have read all of the copies to date. Not one of them has a mention or reprint of anything from our newsletter.

I can only say, as I stand on my "soap box" that "reprints and mentions" can't happen if no one writes for the club newsletter.

Vic does the electronic newsletter and I hope he has found something in the newsletters that are e-mailed to us.

You have fish. You are a part of the hobby. It does not take long to write a short story. Fact or fiction, it doesn't matter. Just take some time and write something.

Gary our editor needs articles and the club newsletter will be better for all.

Thank You, Randy L. Stier, MCAS

A Few Additional Notes from MCAS

1. Check out our Facebook Page. This is being kept by Patty Christlieb. She would welcome any comments or suggestions.
2. MCAS wishing that longtime and recently renewed member Connie Bailey has a speedy recovery from her foot injury so that she can make the upcoming meetings and auctions.
3. MCAS wants and needs your input and suggestions for future speaker programs.

Jokes Compiled By Randy Stier

05-02-2011

1. As a child, Chuck loved fish so much that he wanted to be a marine biologist when he grew up. But it wasn't meant to be; he was never able to get his grades above "C" level.
2. As it happened, Big Don asked Pat "Big Bird"; "Do you know why pet shop owners are so greedy?" Pat said she "hadn't a clue." Because, said Big Don "their work makes them sell fish." THINK ABOUT IT!
3. Gary#1 asked Gary#2 "How do you spell Betta backwards?" Gary #2 said "B E I T A B A C K W A R D S."
4. Junior member Christopher found a new girlfriend who was just a little dizzy. So being a fish guy, he bought her a nice goldfish saying "whenever I'm not around this fish will think of me." The dizzy girlfriend looked at the goldfish for a long time. "But Christopher he doesn't look anything like you."
5. Ron saw a sign in the window of a pet shop; Goldfish Sold Here. In he went and said "Hey Mister, I don't have any goldfish at home so I'd like to buy some, cause I ain't got any." The clerk looked at Ron and said "it's I don't have any; you don't have any; we don't have any." "Do you understand?" "I understand" said Ron with disgust. "So, then why do you got that stupid sign in the window?"

2011 Tropical Fish Auctions, Shows, etc

Sept 24& 25 - Michigan Killifish Association 'Motor City Review'

Sept 24 - Great Lakes Cichlid Society, Swap & Auction
(greatlakescichlidsociety.net)

Sept 24/25 - Michiana A S, Show & Auction, Concord Mall, Elkhart IN

Sept 25 - Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society, Auction. www.gpasi.org

Oct 2 - Columbus Area Fish Enthusiasts, Auction
(www.columbusfishclub.org)

Oct 15 - Greater Detroit Aquarium Society, Auction Royal Oak, MI

Oct 15 - Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society, Auction
(www.swmas.org)

Oct 16 - Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society, Auction
(www.yatfs.com)

Oct 22 - Michigan Cichlid Association, Auction, New Baltimore, MI

Oct 29 -Grand Valley Aq Club Reg 9am Auction @ 11am Home
School Bldg 5625 Burlingame SW Wyoming MI

Oct 29 -Greater Cincinnati Aquar Soc, Auction, Hamilton OH
(www.gcas.org)

Nov 6 - Greater Akron Aquarium Society, Auction (www.gaas-fish.net)

Nov.18-20 - Ohio Cichlid Association, Show & Auction
(www.ohiocichlid.com)

Dec 10 Motor City Aquarium Society, Auction
(www.motorcityaquariumsociety.com)



Motor City Aquarium Society

Final MCAS Program Standings 2010 / 2011

Author of the Year

1st Place: **Randy Stier**
2nd Place: **Tim Mousseau**
3rd Place: -----

Bowl Show

1st Place: **Mark Allar**
2nd Place: **Chuck Riffenburg**
3rd Place: **Bob Kanas**

Breeder Award Program

1st Place: **Mark Allar**
2nd Place: **Gary Damm**
3rd Place: **Yener Yeni**

Horticultural Award Program

1st Place: **Mark Allar**
2nd Place: **Mike Zajac**
3rd Place: **Gary Leung**

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- *box sales of livestock
- *vendor tables
- *raffles
- *speakers
- *pizza party/hospitality suite w/keynote presentation of The Breeders Challenge by Mike Hellweg and Ted Judy
- *livestock auction on Sunday

Date: October 29 &30, 2011 Location: Madison, WI

For full information and registration, please visit:

http://madisonaquatichobby.com/fall_fish_fest/

WANT TO GET IN FOR FREE????

Our speaker lineup will be a little different. We do have keynote speakers (Mike Hellweg, Matt Pederson, & Ted Judy), but we want to fill out the schedule with mini-talks from YOU. If you are willing to give a 20-minute presentation on an aquarium topic, we will give you a weekend pass with pizza party for the event. For more information, please contact Ted Judy at tjudy@tedfishroom.com. We need to have the lineup in place by mid-September, so if you want to be part of the fun please act fast.


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MCAS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August Minutes

The Board meeting was held August 3, 2011 at Juergen' Kasprick's house in Sterling Heights.

The Board meeting was called to order by Vic Bondi at 7:50 PM. Members present were Juergen Kasprick, Gary Leung, Paul Christlieb, Chris Newell, and Mike Zajac. Visitors present were Patty and Lisha Christlieb.

The June minutes were read by Mike. The motion to accept was made by Chris, seconded by Chuck. Motion passed.

Juergen gave the Treasure's report for June and July. Motion to accept was made by Gary, seconded by Chris. Motion passed.

Vic gave the President's report. Our dear friend Betty Campau away this week, and our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Chuck made a motion that flowers and a donation be made in honor of our dear friend. Seconded by Gary. Motion passed.

Vic reported that we still have a number of vacancies on the board. If someone is interested, please contact a board member. The board is flex-able to moving the meeting time to accommodate new members.

We have Tim Mousseau coming to the Sept. meeting for a talk on Guppies. We are looking at several other speakers for other meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul, seconded by chuck. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Submitted by Mike Zajac

Motor City Aquarium Society Program Schedule

September 8 Tim Mousseau - Fancy Guppies and Fishrooms
October 13 TBD

Upcoming Events

Sept 24-25 Michigan Killifish Association Show and Auction
"Motor City Review"

Websites of Fish Interest

Grand Valley Aquarium Club

www.grandvalleyaquariumclub.org

Great Lakes Cichlid Society

www.greatlakescichlidsociety.net

Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society

www.gcas.org

Greater Detroit Aquarium Society

www.greaterdetroitaquariumsociety.org

Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society

www.gpasi.org

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www.miapg.com/forums

Michigan Cichlid Association

www.michigan.cichlid.freesevers.com

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*To be held on
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7:30 PM*

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