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Xenotoca eiseni, livebearer. . . pic by MFJacobs

June Program

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Bowl Show Fish

- 1) OPEN
- 2) Fish Shirts . . . must be worn!

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S. picturatus . . . killifish . . . pic by MFJacobs

Ilyodon lennoni

John Lennon's Fish

by Joseph P. Berberich Jr.

Ex Beatle member John Lennon has a livebearing fish named in honor of him. Mr. Manfred Meyer, one of the original describers of this Goodeid named it in honor of John Lennon for his peace loving and peace proclaiming ways and efforts. This fish called *Ilyodon lennoni* or Lennon's Goodeid is a species that is also threatened by extinction in the wild.



Ilyodon lennoni or Lennon's Goodeid were mainly found around the Arroyo Chacamero Altamirano, Mexico area in Central America. With it's near extinction in the wild, it's now found

mainly with dedicated hobbyist and not in any pet or fish store of any sort.

On the fish scale for size, these Goodeids will rate as more medium than large reaching only three inches for the female and about two an a half inches for the male. Their normal water conditions are a PH of about 8 with a hardness of about 15 dGH and slightly alkaline, but as mine live in Tampa, they are satisfied with city water conditions.

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As with most if not all livebearers the male is the most intensely colored and the anal fin is divided into a (andropodium) while the female is plainer, larger, and more rotundish looking. She carries the eggs internally until they hatch, thus giving live birth to her young. All natural child birth girls (No Drugs). Females give birth to between five and forty fry of about one third inch each. The number of fry depends mainly on the size of the female at time of birth and it takes about 50-60 days from conception to delivery. Rear fry on powdered flake food or liquidfry green to start with then larger foods as they grow bigger, but make sure to add some vegetable fare not only in their diet but also in the adults as well.

Ilyodon lennoni is silvery in body color with a light grayish overlay and black specks with a black vertical bar on the caudal fin and a horizontal black bar in the dorsal and anal fins. This is supposedly the last of the three or four true species members of the genus *Ilyodon*.

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1st Wednesday of Every Month

Bowl Show Results: January - May

1) Hank Darin	41 pts
2) Fred Hill	27 pts
3) Barabra Kusich	18 pts
4) John Papp	16 pts
5) Angela Hearld-Post	14 pts
6) Barabra Kusich	13 pts
7) Ken/Jackie Friesen	11 pts

NEW TBAS BOWL SHOW RULES

The monthly show is open to all members. All entries must be ready to show 15 minutes after the start of the meeting. Entries will not be accepted after that deadline.

Fish must be displayed in empty drum bowls or clear flat sided containers only. The back, sides and bottom may be blackened. No lighting may be used.

Violations of the above rules will result in disqualification of the entry by the Competition Committee. Any disqualification may be appealed to the presiding officer of the society. In case of disputed taxonomy, the decision of the Competition Committee will be final.

Judging will be done by the members present at the meeting. Each member will be allowed one vote per class. Ties will be awarded to both entries; with applicable points being given to each entrant.

The Best of Show award will be given to the overall entry with the most votes from all classes.

Semi-annual awards will be given to the three top entrants accumulating the most points in each half of the competition year.

Award points will be assigned as follows:

First Place.....	5 points
Second Place	4 points
Third Place	3 points
Fourth Place	1 point

In addition, 1 award point will be given each month of competition entered regardless of the number of entries by the member. Absent members may have their fish entered twice in a competition year by another member. All responsibility for fish and equipment entered are assumed by the entrant. In case of disagreement, these official rules shall govern. To Table of Contents



The Start of a Series of Irreverent Stories About Keeping Mass Quantities of Fish From The Fishroom of Jim Greenwald

You're probably wondering how I came up with the name for this series.

Well if you had to ask you haven't been there!

Today I am moving fish around and some of them like their new tanks and some obviously don't. When I move fish I get to take an inventory of what is left so to speak. One of my minor goals is to move fish away from the stand that is in serious (at least it looks that way to me) of falling down. I didn't build it that way, and granted since I made this stand I have learned a lot about Florida wood. It twists when it dries. You have to secure it so it doesn't do that. I didn't on this stand and now the stand is torqueing in the middle row. Looks to me like the top row might come down at any moment. So I am abandoning that section like any good city safety inspector would require. The problem is that all the available space is full. But with a little maneuvering I have been able to get a good part of that abandoned part clear of tanks so I can rebuild it. I put a safety brace on it the other day, just to keep it from torqueing any more.

On my bottom row of thirty's the fish were ready to move. I had three synspilum left out of six from the TBAS auction of 04. They

got the recently vacated 30 on top of the middle row. It got a thorough cleaning, and re landscaped. The last tenants were my striped convict colony who were only there temporarily while their 40 flat was being raised up another level. Prior to that the Texas Cichlid Colony was in that tank, but they got moved over one tank with the angels moving up to the 30 tall. Well any way you get the idea. The Angels got the thirty tall when the Cutteri got the empty thirty that formally housed the guppy colony who wiped out a few months back. One of the last tanks I had not put on the system, and so when they went they went fast. Nice thing about a flowing system, you always get water movement and dilution of harmful substances.

In the other 30 was one lone *Herichthys minckleyi* who had

survived the lower tank all by himself when his tank mates went to fish heaven one by one. He got moved to a ten on another system. And now will be groomed to be in the ACA Show in 2007. His next door tank mate is a



Herichthys tetracanthus or is it *Nandopsis*, I can never remember what it is any more.

She (the *tetracanthus*) spawned once with a male who she proceeded to kill, I was able to save one fry, I guess I really should say he saved his own life by getting sucked in to the system and is now down in a lower thirty with one lone *Neetroplus* and a goodeid. Who said I didn't have space for more fish.

Oh remember the inventory; I don't write it down, it's all in my head. HA HA.

I had to siphon out the *minckleyi*'s new tank as it had gone fallow so to speak and lots of detritus on the bottom as well as some hair algae growing like mad on the back. When I pulled out the hair algae, and no I didn't feed it to anything but the trash can. I used to feed it to

the Convicts and the Cutteri, but if they left too much of it together it got caught in the pipes and what a mess that can be. Now I just feed em duckweed and salvinia. If they don't eat it, it floats until they do. It's pretty easy to figure out which fish eat floating plants; there aren't any in the tank. And that's how I figure out which fish eat snails. No, but nice try, the glass is algae'd over. In a snail tank, the glass is clean. Amazing.

Anyway when I pulled out the hair algae which is like a dirt magnet, until you disturb it, the tank clouded over like the latest African dust storm. I had to siphon the water and detritus into the sump before it circulated into the system. It should be in the sump any way. I decided to use the short hose, what a mistake, I got a mouthful of duckweed.

Talk about circular logic!

A Few Shots From The Last Bowl Shows January - May by Gene Linkowski



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2007 - 2008 BOD Meeting Location

January	??????????????
February	Barbara Kusich
March	Chris Hockett
April	Ludo Van Den Bogart
May	Thelma Frias
June	Hank Darin
July	Patty Moncrief
August	Chris Hockett
September	_____
October	_____
November	John Papp
December	Gene Linkoski

... of course you are welcome!!!!!!

INTERNET IDEAS

- 1) <http://www.aquaticcommunity.com/livebearer/swordtail.php>
- 2) http://www.grizzlyrun.com/Pets/Fish/Freshwater_Fish/Swordtail/Default.htm
- 3) <http://www.mahalo.com/Swordtails>

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Monthly Bowl Show

January

- 1) Livebearers
- 2) Egglayers

February

- 1) Killies Top
- 2) Killies Bottom

March

- 1) Old World Cichlids
- 2) New World Cichlids

April

- 1) Sucker Catfish
- 2) All Other Cats

May

- 1) Livebearers Spawned & Raised
- 2) Egglayers Spawned & Raised

June

- 1) Open
- 2) Fish Shirt (must be worn)

July

- 1) Barbs & Rasboras
- 2) Danios, White Clouds & Rainbows

August

- 1) Bettas
- 2) Anabantids

September

- 1) Characins
- 2) Sharks, Loaches & Eels

October

- 1) Native Florida Fish
- 2) Any Plants

November

- 1) Goldfish & Koi
- 2) Participant Created Fish Art

December

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