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Florida Flag Fish . . . photo by MFJacobs 2008

2008 TBAS CICHLID GROWOUT

The Fish: *Microgeophagus ramirezi*
The Young Fish Donated by Hank Darin
The Winner: Barbara Kusich



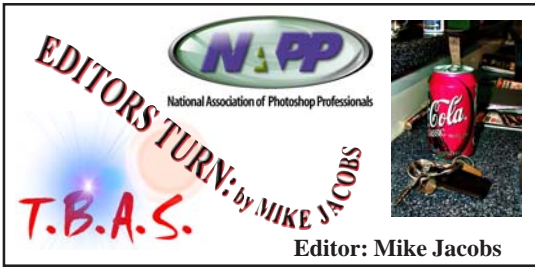
Well, for starters I thought I would at best take second place in the cichlid grow-out contest, but I really did not expect to win first and second. This was my first time entering the Grow-Out competition and look forward to next year's grow-out. No steroids or drugs were used in the development of these male rams!

After the first two months of doing weekly water changes I narrowed the nine rams down to the top two males. The remaining seven were placed in a 29 gal community tank and the two males were put into a 6 gallon Eclipse tank with filter and light in the hood. All were originally in a 3 gallon Eclipse. Weekly water changes then became bi-weekly till the end of the competition.

With all the water changes I used Prime, StressCoat and Tetra-Aqua Blackwater Extract according to directions. I also had live plants in the tank, but no substrate. Made cleaning and water changes easier. A wide variety of food was given to the rams. From live, to frozen, to pellets. Many different brands of food were also used. They included Hikari, New Life Spectrum, Sally's San Francisco Bay Brand, Ocean Nutrition, HBH and Kent foods. They were fed based on a high protein diet- yet I did not use flake food.

This was a lot of fun for me. I do believe that the more variety of foods we can give to our aquatic pets and the more often we change water, the healthier and happier they will be. THANKS!!!

Barbara Kusich



Well, guys we did it! TBAS pulled off another of our annual auctions and it truly was a wonderful day for the club and for the hobby. There are a lot of thanks that need to go around and not the least

goes to the president, John Papp and his Vice-President, Mike LoBello. With the support and encouragement of his president Mike LoBello made it his mission to make this auction go over in fine fashion. BOY DID HE SUCCEED!!!! Single handed Mike got an untold number of tropical fish farmers to donate almost 600 bags of fish . . . you hear me right . . . 600 bags of fish. If you missed this auction you really missed quite a day of tropical fish and tropical fish people.

The morning began very early as Barb and Thelma and Patty beat me to the school at 8:15 Saturday morning . . . so from the very get go at 8:15 on Saturday morning TBAS members were working to make this one of the most memorable auctions we have ever had. After a few minutes Ludo and Gene started bringing in the fish that were donated by the fish farmers and then Hank showed up with more fish. ALL of the fish were being bagged and rebagged by Thelma and her crew and then the people started coming in the door. I never got a real count but my estimate would be approximately 80-95 people. Jim Cormier showed up with the computer and we were off and running.

The bidding was crisp and the bags were changing hands at a furious rate. We changed auctioneers but the bids just kept coming and coming. The actual bidding began at ALMOST 12:00 noon and I think we ended somewhere about 4:30 - 5:00 . . . we were exhausted. Some 600 bags of fish later and some 50-60 plants we were done and for another year the TBAS gavel will rest in peace.

Seriously guys . . . you might really have missed one this time!

Mike
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Guys . . . Everyone is tired after the long hours that were spent putting the auction together and actually putting the auction on this last Saturday so I am going to shorten this bulletin a bit and show you some photos I have taken lately!

Photo Essay of Tropical Fish

By Mike Jacobs
Camera: Nikon D-70
Lens:Nikkor 105mm
Flash: Nikon SB-800



Furcata Rainbow



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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