



Currents

September 2013

First Splash

Greetings dear OVASians! Hope you all enjoyed your summer, and that your aquariums continued to thrive. We know it's tough to upkeep the glass box when enjoying the great outdoors and perhaps leaving it somewhat unattended while gone on vacation. Fall is a good time to get back into good aquarium maintenance habits and starting to think about new aquascaping, livestock, plants, or corals. And following that process, you may decide to exchange or sell some of your tank inhabitants, or clean out the garage or closets and wanting to rid yourself of excess tanks and accessories. And OVAS is here to help! The annual OVAS season opener is an ideal opportunity for you to sell and buy items from fellow members and local hobbyists. Look for all the details further in this newsletter. We hope to see you all in great numbers.



OVAS is now entering its 60th year of existence! Founded in 1954, the club proudly continues to promote the hobby in the Ottawa and Valley area. To commemorate this milestone, your club executive is putting together plans to make it a year to remember. Aside from the Season Opener, we're looking to participate once again in the Ottawa PetExpo to make our club known to a wider audience. We're also planning other special things for both club meetings and our website and forum. But most importantly, we have started the process to host the second annual AquaMania! We have secured a venue for the event, and locked down the dates: Friday, April 4th to Sunday, April 6th, at the Travelodge Hotel and Conference Center, 1376 Carling Avenue. This new location will afford us a much larger room (3300 sq. ft) as well as being more central and accessible for everyone. So, keep that weekend open and stay tuned for more details in the weeks and months to come.

Finally, we want to take this opportunity to list the individuals who have made a commitment to the club by taking on a position in the executive. We thank them sincerely for volunteering some of their time to ensure the continuity of OVAS for the benefit of all our club and forum members.

President: Errol Choo (charlie)

Vice-President: Andre Martin (ajm1961)

Treasurer: Stuart Seemungal (Stussi613)

Secretary: Stephanie Herstead (Nienna)

Program Chair: Sylvie Rossignol (sylros)

Auction Chair: Robert Hemp (fischkopp)

Library Chair: Jonathan Herstead (Herstead)

Social Convenor: Sylvie Bourgon (SlyAngel)

Corporate & Public Relations: Shawn Do (Shawn84) Membership Chair: Bruce Itterman (Bitterman)

There are still two position left vacant, Newsletter Chair and BAP/AHAP (Breeder/Plants) Chair. If interested, please contact Vice-President@OVAS.CA or ajm1961. Please support the club this year by renewing your membership, attending club meetings and events, volunteering to help or contributing to the OVAS forum.

Let's make 2013-14 a year to remember!



Season Opener

HEAR YE, HEAR YE! The inaugural event for OVAS' 60th anniversary season is upon us! Come one, come all!

Here are the details:

Date: Sunday, September 29th

Time: 12:00 to 5:00PM

Place: Tom Brown Arena, Second Floor Hall

Schedule of events:

12:00-4:00: Swap Meet

Members and non-members are invited to sell their aquarium-related items and livestock

1:00 – 1:30: Presentation – Freshwater Tank Setup and Breeding Tips. Speaker: Shawn Do

2:00 – 2:30: Presentation – Saltwater Nano Tank Setup. Speaker: Stuart Seemungal

3:00 – 3:30: Presentation – How to Make a Rock Wall Background. Speakers: Jon and Stephanie Herstead

4:00 – 5:00: Mini-auction

Any items left over from the swap meet will be auctioned off at the seller's discretion.

Hot Dogs, Chips and Drinks will be available for purchase throughout the afternoon

And don't forget, annual club memberships are due September 30 - so this event is a good time to renew!



Swap Meet - Information for Sellers:

OVAS members may reserve one table at no cost. Additional tables are available at \$5 each.

Non-members may reserve a table for \$5

Tables are limited on a first-come-first-served basis.

To reserve your table:

Until September 20th: contact Sylvie Rossignol at Program-Director@OVAS.CA

After September 20th: contact our Corporate Affairs chair, Shawn Do via PM at "Shawn84"

Mini Auction - "A Buck a Bag"

OVAS will keep \$1 - a buck - for any item - a bag - auctioned off. This means, if your item sells for \$10, you will get \$9, if your items sells for \$2, you will get \$1. The minimum bid is \$2. The seller will be charged \$1 for any item that is not being sold.

There will be no further cost for the seller.

As always in our Mini Auction, the seller is responsible to label the item correctly. Going forward, we will be using this auction format for any mini auction held during regular club meetings. (Note: this method will not apply to the annual Giant Auction)



Let's start this special season with a "splash"!

See you all there!





AQUAMANIA

APRIL 4-6, 2014

Date: Friday, April 4th to Sunday, April 6th, 2014

Location: Travelodge Hotel and Conference Center, 1376 Carling Avenue

Tentative schedule:

Friday, 5:00PM to 11:00PM

- Corporate Sponsor and Vendor set-up
- Speaker presentation(s)

Saturday, 10:00AM to 6:00PM

- Vendor sales
- Company booths - for discussions and inquiries on products and services with representatives
- Speaker presentations

Sunday, 10:00AM to 6:00PM

- Giant Auction



**MORE DETAILS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE
IN THE MONTHS TO COME
STAY TUNED!**



november
9-10 2013
Ernst & Young Centre
Ottawa ON

OVAS will be participating once again at the Ottawa Pet Expo!

Look for us at Booth 606 near the World of Pets Stage!
Hope to see you there!

If you are interested in helping out with set-up or manning the booth, please contact Program-Director@OVAS.CA or post your intent or questions on the OVAS.CA forum.



General Club News

- Shawn Do and Sylvie Bourgon were voted in their respective positions at the September 3rd meeting of the OVAS executive.
- Webmaster duties are to be transferred to Claude “Nyx” in the coming weeks, under the supervision of Sylvie Rossignol.
- 2012-13 Club Membership, ending September 30, stands at approximately 200 members.
- Club finances are in a relatively healthy state, given the success of last year’s Giant Auction, membership drive, and continued support from our forum and event sponsors. A detailed account will be provided at the next regular club meeting in October.
- A contract for the room rental at Tom Brown arena was finalized. Based on the contract, here are the club meeting dates:
 - o Season opener: Sunday, September 29 (12:00 – 5:00 PM)
 - o Regular Club Meeting: Monday, October 28 (7:00 – 10:00PM)
 - o Xmas Edition Meeting: Monday, November 25 (7:00 – 10:00PM)
 - o Regular Club Meeting: Monday, January 27 (7:00 – 10:00PM)
 - o Regular Club Meeting: Monday, February 24 (7:00 – 10:00PM)
 - o Regular Club Meeting: Monday, April 28 (7:00 – 10:00PM)
 - o Election Night Meeting: Monday, May 26 (7:00 – 10:00PM)

AquaFactoids



The Tiniest Fish is Male

The title of world’s smallest fish is a matter of controversy. In 2006, the prestigious scientific journal of the UK’s Royal Society published an article touting the discovery of a lilliputian fish from the genus *Paedocypris*, which dwells in Sumatran swamps and is only 7.8 millimeters in length, or about a third of an inch. Soon after that, other scientists came forward to cite an even smaller fish that already had been described in the scientific literature: an Australian specimen of the stout infantfish (*Schindleria brevipinguis*), which is 7.0 millimeters long.

But the tiniest of fish turns out to be a male anglerfish (*Photocorynus spiniceps*), discovered in the Philippines, that measures just 6.2 millimeters (about a quarter of an inch) from snout to tail. The male spiniceps is a parasite that spends its life fused to a much larger female. She takes care of all the work, like swimming and eating, while he just hangs on.

After much debate, the male anglerfish is named the world’s smallest fish.



Article from animaldiscovery.com

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