



Something Fishy Sept 2017

Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society

President's Message

Greetings to all fellow hobbyist, trust you all had a great summer , even if it was a bit wet.

Welcome to our 2017 – 2018 club season, your new Executive will be making various efforts to make this season a fruitful one, we need to ask that everyone work with us in our efforts to achieve this, support the events, discussions and getting a membership to help defray expenses.

Your Executive is very open to all suggestions even if we are not able to act on all good ones, so lets all band together to make OVAS a truly exciting club.

On behalf of your 2017-2018 Executive I wish to thank the outgoing Executive for their grand effort in keeping a club rich in history going to this point, we would also like to thank our sponsors and everyone in our hobby community for their past support and looking forward to your continuing support.

Have a great fishy season.

Regards Errol Choo AKA charlie

President.

2017-18 Meeting Dates

Sept 16 Oct 23 Nov 27

Jan 22 Feb 26 Mar 26

Apr 23 May 28

Welcome 2017-18 Exec

President	Errol Choo
Vice President	Jody McManus
Secretary	Sid Arnold
Treasurer	Mike McCarthy
Program Chair	Mike Gilbert
Auction Chair	Robert Hemp
Membership	Liam Epp
Sponsorship	Andre Martin
Online Presence	Matthew Timms
Webmaster	Th3budd

2017 Membership

Valid until Sept 2018

Adult \$20

Youth \$7

Family \$30

Breeder's Corner

We will be restarting our Breeder's award program (BAP) this year, and have this space to share some of the successes of club members.

A couple of people I have talked to this summer have mentioned some breeding success to me.

Peter – Dark knight rams

Errol – Apistogramma sp.

Jody – Heterandria formosa

Club Hobbyist Supporter SPECIAL AWARD

Any member who breeds, raises and bring to the club, as donation or for auction, 10 species is eligible.

OVAS Breeders Award Program

Purpose

To recognize outstanding achievements in the breeding of aquarium fish. To encourage the spawning of aquarium fish and share knowledge of breeding techniques.

Any member who is interested can apply to join the breeder's award program at any time.

Requirements

10 Fry of any given species, raised to 2 months of age

Each species is eligible once with no additional consideration for varieties/subspecies

Must notify BAP committee within 1 week of hatching and provide a photograph.

Raise to 60 days and provide details of the spawning/rearing conditions

After 60 days, 10 fry must be shown, either brought to a club event, video chat or house visit.

Aquatic inverts, like ornamental shrimps and fancy snails at the director's discretion.

It is the responsibility of the member to ensure that all species are properly

Awards are given in order, basic to master.

Breeder goals will be compared to CAOAC requirements to see if you apply for awards as well.

BASIC 6 species

INTERMEDIATE 12 species

ADVANCED 25 species

EXPERT 50 species

MASTER 75 species

Care and Keeping Betta patoti -Tiger Betta

This large mouthbrooding wild type betta, is a great species for someone looking for something a bit different.

Found in Borneo and Palau Laut island, this species grows over 5" in length, with a peach base colour and tiger stripes down it's sides. Males and females look very similar, though I have noticed that females seem a bit slimmer, and small, especially in the head area.

An easy species to care for, it is happy to live and breed in neutral water, with a bit of hardness to it. Unlike a lot of wild type bettas, which prefer very soft, low pH water. These bettas are found in flowing streams in the wild, so do appreciate a good flow. This also makes them excellent jumpers, so a good cover is important. While they are labyrinth fish and can take oxygen from the surface, they tend to take it from the water more often.

Voracious eaters, they try to eat any foods you put in the tank, dry, live or frozen. With their large mouths, they may also eat small fish if housed together. Care must be taken to not overfeed.

Due to their large size, a 30x12 aquarium is considered minimum for a pair, and over 36" if you are planning to keep a group. They are generally not aggressive with



tankmates, so can be kept with a large variety of other fish.

The spawning of Betta patoti is interesting. Like most bettas they will circle each other and embrace before releasing any eggs. The female will release 2 types of eggs, a large fertile one, and a small egg. The male will then take the eggs into his mouth, holding them for 14 days. During that time the male will take no food, but is able to eat the small eggs during that time. After the 14 days, the male will release between 10 and 80 fry, almost 10 mm long, which the pair typically ignores. They can be kept in with the parent and subsequent generations are generally left alone by their older siblings. Like their parents, the fry readily eat anything given to them.

Aquarium Myth Busted!

Myth: "I can keep 1" of fish per gallon"

Reality: The problem with this rule is that 12 1" neon tetras require a lot less space and produce a lot less waste than 1 12" oscar. Tank shape and size also plays a factor, as tall tanks tend to have less swimming area and surface area than long tanks, both which are limiting factors. Aggression levels, filtration, plants and other methods of waste control can also dictate stocking levels.

For beginners, a more accurate rule of " 1" of small adult sized fish per gallon" could be more accurate

Road Trip Spotlight: Toronto area

For the serious aquarium hobbyist, the Toronto area is a must visit. Whether you are interested in fresh, salt, corals, aquascaping, inverts, cichlids or exotics, there is something for you.

I travel to Toronto once or twice a year, and have at times visited over 15 stores in a two day period, with many more I just haven't been able to make it to. In a couple areas of town, you can travel 3 or 4 blocks and find just as many stores. Some are large superstores, and others little hole in the wall stores, that you could easily walk by and not notice.

Some of the highlights that I love to visit (read spend money at), are Finatics (cichlid specialist), Shrimp Fever (freshwater inverts), Aqua Inspiration (aquascaping) and of course the many Big Al's stores.

As someone who has been in the hobby for a long time, I love to find that special something in stores I don't get to often, and a road trip is a great way to expand my hobby. Fish that you rarely see in Ottawa stores, like zebra plecos, stingrays, rare Tanganyikan cichlids, high end shrimp, and the list goes on.

So, I've got to ask.. **who's up for a road trip?**

Jody

