

GREATER PITTSBURGH AQUARIUM SOCIETY, INC.

2005 FISH SPECTACULAR

MARCH 24, 25, 26

AT THE COMFORT INN EAST, PENN HILLS
699 RODI ROAD, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15235

From PA Turnpike, take exit 57 and follow I-376 West to exit 11. Hotel on right. Follow signs to hotel on top of hill.

From U.S. Route 22, follow I-376 Exit 11.

From Business 22 West to 791 North (Rodi Road)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SHOW CHAIR MIKE SOLITO AT
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ART BY KATHY BINTRIM

SHOW ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Anyone may enter in any number of classes with no limitations on the number of entries. Affiliation with GPASI or any other aquarium society is not required.
2. Entries must be placed in the most appropriate class as outlined on the "Class" sheets. An entry may be moved by the judges or show committee if it is not in the proper class. Decisions of the Show Chair are final.
3. Each entry may be entered in only one class. An entry will consist of a single fish, except where the rules state otherwise.
4. All entries of an exhibitor must be registered at one time. This includes the set-up of tanks. Empty tanks left unattended for over 2 hours will be moved aside to make room for other entries. Upon your return, we can squeeze in your entries.
5. Registration will begin on Friday at 6:00 pm and will run until 10:00 pm. Saturday registration starts at 9 am and ends at 4pm. Exceptions to the stated registration times may be made by the show chair if advance notification is given. The Show area will close at exactly 4:00 pm Saturday! No Exceptions! The Show area will remain closed until judging is complete.
6. Show Area: The show area will be closed to all entrants (except show committee members) beginning at 4:00 pm Saturday, until judging is completed.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

- 10 am Set up: table layout, main air lines, vendors, etc.
- 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Registration of entries
- 7 p.m. GPASI Monthly Meeting at Comfort Inn East
- Speaker: Jim Robinson on Killies. Everyone welcome!

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration of Entries
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fish Room Open to Public
- 12:30 Speaker: Charley Grimes Cuatro Cinegas (diving in Mexico's natural aquarium)
- 2:00 Speaker: Discus Hans: A Picture Show from Holland to The U.S.: His Quest for the perfect Discus with many pictures from the Stendker Hatchery.
- 4:00 Fish Room Closed for Judging
- 5:00 Speaker: Jim Robinson on Catfish
- 7:00 Awards Banquet with speaker Charley Grimes: "Dead Fish Talk"

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

- 9 a.m. Buyer and Seller Auction Registration
- 9 a.m. Fish Room Open to Public
- 11 a.m. to finish Huge Auction
- 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Show entries may be removed

7. Due to the number of people who walk through the show, it is advisable for local entrants to register their fish as early as possible on Friday. This will alleviate any "getting in the way" trouble for entrants and viewers. GPASI members are urged to have their fish set up before noon on Saturday.

8. The registration fee must be paid at the time of registration and will follow this schedule:

- \$1.50 US per entry for 1 - 20 entries.
- \$30.00 US maximum charge for 20 or more entries.

You can only register under this fee schedule once.
There is no entry fee for the Junior Class entries (under 16 years of age).

9. All entries must be on the show premises. No Exceptions.

10. No hybrids are permitted in any Classes.

ACA and FAAS Sanctioned

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. All entries must remain in place for the duration of the show, which ends at 4:00 pm on Sunday. Entries will be removed for auction by the show committee or otherwise with prior authorization of the Show Chair. The fish cannot be removed prior to the judge's evaluation of the fish.

- The show committee reserves the right to remove or require the removal of any entry because of a dead fish, leaking tank, or other malfunctioning equipment.
- Although show committee personnel will be stationed in the show area at all times, neither GPASI nor the Comfort Inn will be responsible for loss or damage to fish or equipment. The public is encouraged to attend the show; therefore, **ALL ENTRANTS ARE REQUIRED TO COVER THEIR TANKS AND BOWLS SECURELY**, to keep the fish IN and to keep others OUT.
- Anything remaining in the show area after 8:00 pm on Sunday will be removed and become the property of GPASI. (This does not give you an excuse to abandon your trash!)

EQUIPMENT

- Any size tank may be used as long as it is a flat-sided tank. Standard drum bowls with flat sides are also acceptable. Any kind of tank may be used in the Tank Category.
- Any tank over 20 gallons in any class must be placed on a separate stand provided by the entrant and must have its own air supply.
- All tank entries may have air powered filtration and any item necessary for the contentment of the fish inside the tank or bowl. However, the judges may penalize or disqualify for not being able to see the fish because of the items in the tank. The judges must be able to remove any item from the tank in order to judge the fish. Under no circumstances is gravel permitted in a tank or bowl within the fish classes. Some type of substrate is required in the tank classes.
- ALL TANKS AND BOWLS MUST HAVE SOME TYPE OF SECURE LID.**
- We suggest that tanks and bowls entered in the species classes have some sort of solid background (e.g. paint, "Contact" paper, or something else). The sides may also be covered. The color and the kind of background chosen is your choice.
- Air will be supplied to within 4 feet of all entries (except free standing tanks.) Entrants must supply their own valves, tubing, airstones, etc. **ALL AIR LINES MUST BE CONTROLLED BY VALVES.** Upon removal of the valve, please seal the hole with masking tape to prevent the loss of air pressure.
- Heaters will only be allowed in the Discus and tank classes. It is the entrant's responsibility to supply their own heating, lighting, extension cords, bowls, tanks, and in some instances, stands. One electrical outlet will be provided for your use (free standing tanks, only.)
- Treated tap water will be available. Bring your own conditioners! The tap water will be from the local Water Authority and may contain some chemicals.
- A limited supply of drum bowls, valves, airstones, and tubing will be available for purchase at deliberately outrageous prices on a first-come, first-served basis. Please plan to bring your own.
- No spray-type window cleaners of any kind (including "organic" cleaners) are permitted in the show area.

CLASSES

KILLIES

- New World
- Old World

CICHLIDS

- Discus
- Angelfish
- New World dwarfs
- New World 6" and under
- New World over 6"
- Aulonocara*

- Mbunas
- Haplochromines, Lake Malawi
- Victorians
- Julidochromis*, *Chalinochromis*, and *Telmatochromis*
- Lamprologus* and *Neolamprologus*, Tanganyikan only
- Old World under 4"
- Old World cichlids AOV

LIVEBEARERS

- Guppies, Males, Solid color tails
- Guppies, Males, All others
- Guppies, Females, Half Black
- Guppies, Females, All others
- Swordtails, Platies, Mollies, Plain finage
- Swordtails, Platies, Mollies, Fancy finage
- Livebeares AOV

CATFISH

- Corydoras*, *Aspidoras*, and *Brochis*
- Suckermouth catfish, 6" and under
- Suckermouth catfish, over 6"
- Synodontis*
- Catfish AOV

EGGLAYERS

- Sharks and Loaches
- Rainbowfish
- Rasboras, Danios, and Minnows
- Barbs
- Characins 2" and under
- Characins over 2"
- Natives
- Egglayers AOV
- Betta, Male, Double tail
- Betta, Male, single tail
- Betta, Female
- Anabantids under 4"
- Anabantids, 4" and over

GOLDFISH

- Goldfish w/head growth: Orandas, Lionhead, and Pompoms
- Goldfish w/ eye types: Moors, Bubble eyes, Celestials
- Fantails, Ryukins, and Pearlscales
- Goldfish AOV

JUNIOR DIVISION

- Junior Egglayer
- Junior Livebearer

SPECIALTY CLASSES

- Sexable Pairs (1 male and 1 female)
- Family (parents and six fry at least 3 months old)
- Aquatic Plants
- Saltwater fish All Varieties (will compete for Best Egglayer in Show)
- Tank Beautiful (Fresh or Salt up to 10 gal.)
- Arts and crafts
- Slides and photos

MAJOR TROPHIES

- Best Of Show**
- Reserve Best Of Show**
- President Award (Most Points In Show)**
- Jack Wilson Memorial Award (Most Points For GPASI Member)**
- Challenge Trophy (Most Points Visiting Society)**

JUDGING

- All efforts will be made to see that judging is completed and all entries are marked Saturday evening.
- No entrant will be permitted in the show area during judging, unless by approval of the show chair.
- ALL DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL** and are not subject to appeal.

AWARDS

Cash and an award card will be presented to First, Second, and Third place winners in most classes. (\$10 for first, \$7 for second, and \$3 for third.) All cash prizes will be handed out to the winners at the Awards Banquet on Saturday.

Trophies will be given out to winners of the 7 divisions and the five major award categories listed below.

1. A trophy will be awarded to the "Best of Show – Fish" and will be chosen from the seven divisional winners (Killifish, Cichlids, Livebearers, Catfish, Egglayers, Goldfish and Juniors).
2. A "Reserve Best of Show - Fish" will be chosen from all entrants.
3. The "Best of Show – Cichlid" entry will also be awarded an ACA Medallion.
4. One President's Award will be presented to the entrant who accumulates the most points. Points for this and other awards will be based on the following system:

Each Best Of Show	= 6 Points
Reserve Best of Show	= 5 points
Each Divisional	= 4 points
Each First Place	= 3 Points
Each Second Place	= 2 points
Each Third Place	= 1 point
5. The "Jack Wilson Memorial" award will be presented to the current GPASI member who accumulates the most points following the preceding system.
6. The "Challenge Trophy" will be presented to the visiting society that accumulates the most points following the preceding scoring system. The first society listed on your registration form will be the only society awarded any challenge points.
7. A FAAS Medallion will be awarded to the first place Junior Class Winner.

NO POINTS WILL BE GIVEN FOR NON-PLACING ENTRIES. Ties will be broken by the number of 1st place awards on down until a winner is determined. These procedures will be followed for all pointed awards.

AUCTION RULES

1. Registration for both buyers and sellers will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m.
2. All GPASI member BAP and AHAP items will be auctioned at the beginning of the auction. Donations will be sold during the auction at the auction chair's discretion.
3. Following the sale of the last AHAP item, the auctioneer will move on to items offered for sale by registered sellers. The proceeds from the sale will be split between the seller and GPASI at a ratio of 70% to 30% in favor of the seller.
4. The Auction will be conducted using a ten-table system. All items ending in #1 go on Table #1, all ending in #2 go on Table #2, etc. All items ending in #0 go on Table #10. All items with #1, #11, #21 etc will be auctioned first. Following tables to be sold will be picked at random.
5. There is no maximum or minimum number of bags that can be placed in the auction. However, a maximum of 5 bags of one species or color variety for one seller will be in effect. The auction chair can modify this rule at his discretion if a request is made prior to the day of the auction. Each item will be assigned a seller's code (usually the seller's initials) and a number by the seller, such as PDB - 1. Letter identifications can be pre-registered by phoning Jim Davidson at (412) 781-3938 between 5-9 p.m., ONLY. Only 1 letter identification will be assigned to a household.
6. Only fish and plants will be sold at the auction – no dry goods.

7. Anyone in attendance may purchase or sell items in the auction, but must first register with GPASI as a buyer and/or seller.

8. ALL BIDDERS must have a bidding card whether paying cash or running a tab. Buyers may pay cash at the time of purchase. All registered buyers will be given an account number and be designated as a cash or account buyer. This account number will be used to designate their purchases. The account buyer must sign a bidder's slip that shows the price, item number, and your buyer number agreeing to pay the listed price. Buyers setting up a buyer account will be required to leave identification with the registration table. This is usually a valid driver's license. All other forms of identification must be approved by the show chair. Upon paying your tab you will be returned your identification. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE! A Buyer Account must be established before making your bid. Auctioneers will only recognize those bidders with the appropriate bidder's cards.

9. Bidding will be made in increments of one dollar. While the auctioneer may suggest a price to start the bidding, a lower opening bid may be offered by anyone. The minimum bid on any item is one dollar.

10. Acceptable means of payment: GPASI will accept cash in the form of US currency, a US money order, a cashier's check in US funds, or a traveler's check in US funds with proper identification. Personal checks in US funds may be accepted with proper identification. Verification must be recognized in advance. GPASI reserves the right to refuse to accept any personal check.

11. There will be NO EARLY CHECK-OUTS PERMITTED DURING THE AUCTIONING OF THE LAST TWO TABLES. Check-outs (paying for your auction purchases) will resume at the closing of the auction.

12. To place a bid, merely raise your bidding card to gain the recognition of the auctioneer. The auctioneer can accept only one bid at each price and the decision of the auctioneer as to who made that bid is final. It is the bidder's responsibility to communicate the bid to the auctioneer. The auctioneer will not be held responsible for lost bids or inaccurate bids due to lack of communication or the inability of the buyer to get the auctioneer's attention.

13. Bags used to hold items for sale must be clear plastic and of the type used in pet stores. "Baggies," "Zip-Locs" or opaque trash bags are unacceptable and will be returned to the seller. Each bag must be sealed by a rubber band or tied shut. Twist-ties are not acceptable. The bag should generally contain 1/3 water and 2/3 air. Any item needing to be rebagged by the show committee will be charged a \$1 rebagging fee that will be deducted from the seller's proceeds. Large or spiked fish must be double-bagged.

14. The seller must have certain required information on the bag in order to properly sell the item. The minimum requirements are the Seller Code and bag number, Species scientific/common name, quantity in the bag, seller's name and phone number. The information provided must be legible, large enough to read, and unaffected by water. Items to be auctioned will be checked by a member of the auction committee prior to being placed on the auction tables. Any problems with items to be auctioned will be corrected by the seller at this time.

15. The auction chair reserves the right to refuse any fish for sale due to deformity, illness, etc.

16. If a buyer experiences problems with a seller's fish, please take up the problem with the seller. It is advisable to let GPASI know of the problem; in that way we can better control next year's auction.

17. Proceeds from the auction will be paid by check to the seller within two weeks of the show. Proceeds will not be deducted from your purchases at the show. You will be expected to pay for your purchases at the time of sale. All sellers' splits will be paid by the stated check.

MEALS

AWARDS BANQUET REGISTRATION

\$25.00 per person. Dinner Buffet will include these foods: Tossed Mixed Greens Salad with Assorted Dressings, Fresh Fruit Salad, Cole Slaw, Tortellini Salad, Marinated Mushroom Salad, Redskin Potato Salad, Chef Carved Roast Prime Rib of Beef, Vegetable Lasagna, Baked Breast of Chicken over Rice, Fresh Vegetable Medley, Whipped Potatoes with Gravy, Oven Fresh Rolls and Butter, Assortment of Cakes and Pies, Coffee, Tea, Decaf, Assorted Soft Drinks

Send check for total number of dinners ordered at \$25.00 each. Make check payable to GPASI. Mail to: **GPASI, c/o Sue Solito, 1010 Peermont Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216**. Seating is limited, so reserve your place soon.

Caterers will also have food available at reasonable prices at the auction.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The official hotel of the GPASI Fish Spectacular and Auction is the Comfort Inn East (800) 230-8982, 699 Rodi Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235. www.comfortinnpittsburgh.com

SPEAKERS' BIOS

Charley Grimes has been seriously keeping tropical fish for 40 years. He currently has over 100 aquariums in his fishroom (with another 40 or 50 in a storage barn). Additionally, he has 3 large yard ponds that he maintains for tropical fish in the warm months (about 5 months in Indianapolis). In addition to culturing lots of live foods in his fishroom, Charley set up a 1000-gallon daphnia pool in the back yard. The daphnia pool was a fantastic success for about 2 months and then, thanks to his daughter's 13 "pet" ducks, was an impressive failure. This year, with a new plan involving "less biologically active" ducks, promises to be a banner year for daphnia in his back yard. He maintains about 60 cichlid tanks—mostly

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African Rifts & Dwarf Cichlids (mainly Apistos), with the rest mainly housing killies, tetras, and livebearers. Additionally, with the onset of warmer weather, he usually gets NATIVE FISH FEVER and does quite a bit of collecting locally and through the Southeastern U.S. In addition to collecting native fish, he has been to South America three times and once to Mexico. His other hobbies are photography and gardening. Charley will give one talk on Cuatro Cinegas (diving in Mexico's natural aquarium) and another (at the banquet) on dead fish.

Jim Robinson, BA, MSc ED, has been keeping tropical fish for 36 years. He is a retired teacher who has spawned over 800 species of fish and propagated over 180 species of aquatic plants. He has written many articles for local, national & international clubs and has written articles for *Tropical Fish Hobbyist* (spawning *Synodontis*) and *FAMA* (spawning Altum angels). He has lectured all over the US and Canada at club meetings and national conventions and has been a senior judge for AKA and CAOAC and an auctioneer. His other interests include orchids, bonsai, and *Nepenthes*, as well as coaching tennis and volleyball. He has been married for 36 years and has 3 children and 2 grandchildren. Jim will talk to us about killies Friday night and catfish on Saturday.

Discus Hans has been involved with Discus for more than 30 years, from keeper, to breeder, to reseller of "the Stendker - Germany Discus" in Holland. Two years ago, he moved to the USA as Senior Promotional Sales Manager for Diskuszucht Stendker - Germany. With his wife Joanne, he started Discus Hans USA in May 2005, which has grown out of the basement and into a 2,000 square foot fish house with 100 x 65 gallon tanks for Discus only...and Stendker Discus only. Hans will provide a slide tour of Discus Hans in Holland and Discus Hans USA in Baltimore, MD, with many pictures from the Stendker hatchery. You can visit his website at <www.discus-hans-usa.com>.

**For more show details, please visit our website:
show.gpasi.org**

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