

Texas Area Killifish Organization

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July Show Synopsis

Fish began arriving as early as Monday (from Joe Scanlan in Alabama) and continued trickling in through Saturday morning (with Bob Young from Arkansas being our last entrant). In total, 127 pairs of fish successfully made the trip and were benched.

There were unfortunately several casualties along the way. All casualties arrived in empty

and very flattened breathable bags which indicates to me (one who does not use these things) that pinhole air leaks must not be readily detectable when filling as all the issues came from seasoned shippers, who in my opinion, rank in the top ten of 'careful fish shippers' based upon over three decades of shipping and receiving fish.

My supportive

wife's breakfast room was, as usual, overrun with show supplies, fish boxes and fish tanks (see photo below).

The Clubhouse was set up late Friday evening and again, since all three sons are either in the U. S. Navy, in summer school or somewhat gainfully employed, my lovely wife was gang pressed into helping load the tanked entry fish into the truck and

Special points of interest:

- Set up opens Saturday morning at 0600 hrs.
- All mail-ins to arrive no later than Friday, July 13th.
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then out of the truck and into the Clubhouse. This was all completed by 2130 hours and I was more than ready for bed.

Saturday dawned early and set up commenced at 0550 hrs with Stephen Rabke showing up to help me eat the donuts(!!!) and complete set-up.

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Our exhibitors, Chris Weatherford, Sue Katz and Bob Young, began streaming in and all fish were up and benched prior to 0930 commencement of judging.

Our speaker, Mr. John Nicholson, made it in just before lunch so all was readied for the afternoon presentation which kicked off at 1430 hrs with John holding court on fish

breeding techniques. The group adjourned to George's Pastaria for dinner and an early night.

The take down began at 0520 hrs on Sunday and was greatly aided by Stephen, Chris, Danny and Sue. My sincere thanks to all of them for pitching in and aiding us in getting all ready for the Noon Auction.

There were way too few present for the auction thus causing our lowest prices but most affordable gorgeous fishes in memory.

True to our name—Texas Area Killifish Organization— the club officers are exploring holding the show in a different state/part of state in 2014 in order to spread the word and ease traveling.

Judging began at 0930 hrs on Saturday and was completed just before 1150 hrs.

***Pterolebias longipinnis* (from Chris Weatherford)**



Best in Show—Photo by Stephen Rabke

Results—First Place Winners!

Class 1—*Garmanella pulchra* Cozumel, Mexico (J. Scanlan); Class 2—*Rivulus hartii* Lower Guanapo 07 (A. Leuter-
 man); Class 3—*Pterolebias longipinnis* (C. Weatherford); Class 4—*Nothobranchius jubbi* AS (J. Kostich); Class 5—*Fundulopanchax fallax* CI 98 (C. Weatherford); Class 6—*Fundulopanchax gardneri* Gold AS (L. Veiga); Class 7—*Fundulopanchax sjoestedti* (C. Weatherford); Class 8—*Aphyosemion* sp. Lake Fwa (J. Gasior); Class 9—*Aphyosemion australe* Orange (C. Weatherford); Class 10—*Aphyosemion bivittatum* Funge (G. Greenwood); Class 11—*Scriptaphyosemion geryi* Abuko, Gambia (A. Leuter-
 man); Class 12—*Aphyosemion elberti* Foubam (G. Greenwood); Class 13—*Epiplatys annulatus* CI 09 (L. Veiga); Class 14—*Pachypanchax patriciae* (C. Weatherford); Class 15—*Scriptaphyosemion geryi* Abuko, Gambia (A. Leuter-
 man); RBOS—*Rivulus hartii* Lower Guanapo 07; BOS—*Pterolebias longipinnis*.

Make a determined effort to support our sponsors—TFH and AQUEON—both of whom were very generous in their support of the show!

John Nicholson Presentation (Photo by S. Rabke)



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Without their generosity it would have been a very 'thin' entry list! With them it was a super array of fish not normally seen in our tanks. Remember to strongly support their shows when they come up in the future. Notices of upcoming shows will be included here.

Start getting
items ready for
WAKO show in
Nov. to support
our supporters!!

Reserve Best in Show—*Rivulus hartii* Lower Guanapo (Photo by Stephen Rabke)




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