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From the Editor:

I hope everyone got all the goodies that they wanted for their fish room for Christmas!

Craig has worm keepers and some fish available for those who didn't get everything they wanted. See the ad later in the newsletter. We haven't had any lonely fish for a while now. I hope that means all your fish are well matched and have happy little families. If not, e-mail me and we'll get a request for fishly companionship in the next Killie News.

Does anyone have any suggestions for other things they'd like to see in the newsletter? Let me know if you have any ideas.

Happy fish keeping!

Robin

The December 15th '05 meeting took place at Craig Rees' home in Shakopee. It was a holiday event and I didn't take the best notes. In attendance were: Brent Aitchison, Bruce & Sally Cameron, Bob Carter, Robin Engelking, Brentt Helland, Mike Kromrey, Jen Kruckenberg, Carter McAninch, Craig Rees, Terry Scepurek, Milo Squires, Brad & Nancy Swanson.

The first order of business was the upcoming year and where to meet. Here's a tentative schedule:

January: Brentt and Emily Helland

February: Mike Kromrey Saturday the 25th at 6 pm for a potluck.

March: Bob Carter

April: road trip to Gary's in Austin?

May: John Alegre

June: Milo Squires

July: Brad and Nancy Swanson

August: Carter McAninch (or an open invitation at Bruce and Sally's in Brainerd)

September: Robin Engelking

October: Jen Kruckenberg

November: Craig Rees

December: Milo Squires

AKA News: We viewed the AKA poster distributed to affiliate clubs at the WAKO show. Nice...we like the pictures. We don't know if folks will read all the verbiage. The \$500 goes to all clubs who put on a two day show. The 4th Wildekamp book is out, the 5th is in production, and the 6th will be a photo guide of 1-5

Dirt Cheap: Jen will contact Randal B. about a case (12-16) of each CBC 10's, C 1's and C 5's [parts for an RO system – Ed.]

Bruce brought temperature charts from Africa. There are many temperature fluctuations that we don't appreciate.

German Killifish club Google translator Sistran

Fruit fly/Worm discussion: Tampa Bay had a great article on blackworms. Do NOT feed glassworms to Nothos.

Unrespectfully submitted, Jen k

Notice: Blackworm keepers are available for \$7.00 at the monthly meetings. For those of you who can't make the meetings for one reason or another, Craig is willing to mail them. Contact him at crees@mn.rr.com.

Any MKKA members wanting to work with, try for the first time, or just gain some experience with annual killifish. I have pairs or trios of the following sexed out fish. FREE to any MKKA members. All of these species are easy to work with.

Contact Craig at crees@mn.rr.com to arrange. I can bring to the MAS or MKKA monthly meeting, or make other arrangements.

Nothobranchius foerschi Ruva River TZ 91/103

Nothobranchius guentheri (blue aquarium strain)

A. nigripinnis villa soriano - (1 pair only)

Killifish Lonely Hearts Club

If you have a lone fish, male or female, here is the perfect place to look for that perfect mate.

If you have any fish you want included in next month's listing, e-mail Robin at raqbe@usinternet.com

Trip to the WAKO 25th annual show

By Jen Kruckenberg

We left from Bruce Cameron's home in two vehicles around 10:40 am on Friday, November 4th 2005 and stopped for a splendid buffet lunch at the Flying J restaurant in Black River Falls, WI. There was a comment made by Craig to Mike on clothing attire that I best not repeat!

Milo drove his van (like a NASCAR racer) with Bob, Bruce and Mike. Craig followed (best he could) with Carter and myself. We arrived around 4:45 pm and were happy to see Mike & Sue Fries. I broke my own rule that "I'll never go to a fish show without some fish to enter in the show". We met up with our neighbors and started helping set up the tables. Our plan was to help later and visit Gary's Pets n Things right away....a good plan!

I scored some butterfly gobies, Beckfordi pencilfish and needed an extra air pump for some tanks I hurriedly set up back at home. Carter, Mike and Sue got some cool looking Rhombo barbs. Mike and Sue also scored some *Danio* Choprae. Milo got some *Badis badis*. Bob got something, but I'm not sure what. Craig and Bruce stayed back at the hotel to help set up. When we returned, WOW, they had accomplished a lot! Carol P. and I taped labels on lids. Gary G. and others, filled tanks with water.

Mogens Juhl was there. It was pleasure to listen to his kind voice accompanied by his cool accent. He, Tom W. and a few others arrived yesterday. We dined on pizza and pop/beer and closed the room around 10:30 pm. My room was on the third floor and goodness there was some heavy partying going on in the room next door. I suspect they were my fellow killie keepers...Captain Morgan and crew!

11/5/05 I woke around 7:45 am and sprang outta bed 8ish. After showering etc...I headed downstairs to the fish room only to find out my Minnesota gang had already eaten at the hotel restaurant-buffet. I was on my own. I wasn't all that hungry so I decided to head to the box sale room. Big mistake! I filled my personal styro quicker than you can say "egg McMuffin". Eventually, I walked to McDonalds, but Dang... the cut-off time for breakfast was 10:30 (and

it was 10:45!) I ate an unappetizing cheeseburger and drank a cup of coffee. On the way back to the hotel, I passed Guy and Howie....have a better meal than I did you two!

I don't know why, but I ended up back in the box sale room! New persons had come in and added styros. DANGER!! Plus, there was ample socializing. I was given some fish by Gordy Z. Eventually, it was time for lunch. There was a nearby steakhouse which was very tasty! When we returned to the hotel, we sat in my room for awhile, sipping coffee and enjoying more chit-chat. We hadn't seen Mike and Sue today. When everyone left, I called them. They were fish store hopping!

At 4 pm, I headed down to the showroom. I got the OK to stick around to take some pictures of those who were judging. There were several senior judges.

At 5 pm, the hospitality room opened. Plenty of beer, pop/water, sub sandwiches, chips/salsa and a wonderful cake! Erny M. thanked the WAKO bunch and those serving in the armed forces. Don M. had some funny pics of Mogens and thanked him for coming. Don also presented an "interesting" calendar to Jim G. We commenced to eating, drinking and talking about fish. Around this time, we started to hear a lot of rain coming down outside.

Mogens gave a fantastic talk! It was a bit long for some beginning around 7 pm and ending at 9:30. But it covered more than one trip and was really fascinating to see specific locations and hardships they endured while collecting.

After the talk, there were many folks in the showroom already tearing down the tanks. I became part of the "bucket brigade". Some were bagging fish. Some would check to see that they indeed had a tank of empty water then dump the tank outside onto the parking lot and bring them to someone who would wipe them out, ready for storage till next year. It was raining in horizontal sheets while we were dumping the water so that was not too fun. Eventually, someone realized that there was a large sink in an adjoining room...dump away!

The whole room was completely torn down and ready for the auction by 12:30 am. My neighbors are still having fun though! I think I fell asleep around 2 am and this was to a muffled din of noise and laughter!

We met in the morning around 8:30/8:45. This time, I made it to join everyone for the hotel's buffet breakfast. A short time later, we were getting our auction paddles. Heaven help me if I bid on anything...My styro is already full! Awards were given.

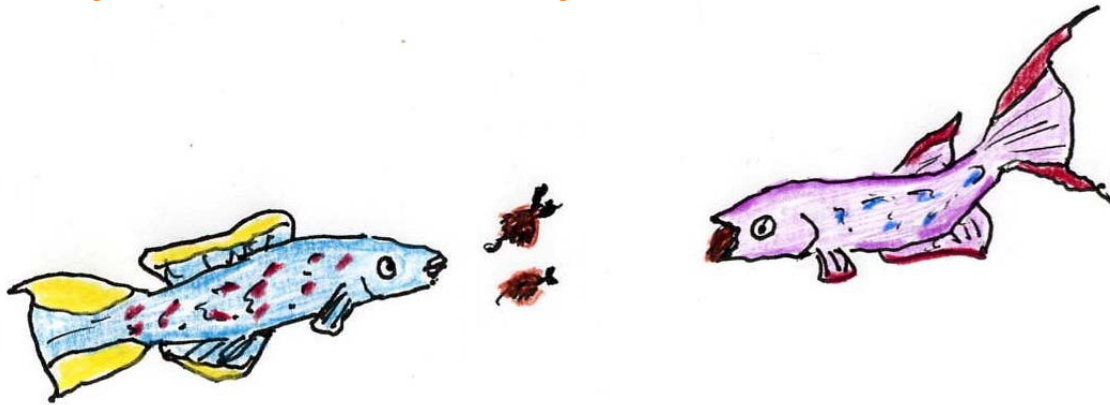
It was thankfully, a safe drive home. None of us had much lunch so we had a nice evening meal at a greasy spoon close to Madison. We arrived home around 10 pm. I quickly set up some of my new fish in their new homes and hit the hay around 11:30 exhausted but satisfied!

I'm always in awe at how much fun/work are involved with putting on a show. But with a group effort and for those who can lend skills in all the various areas, it happens and it's well worth it! To view images of the WAKO show, please visit my Aquaforums thread:

<http://www.aquaforums.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=4539>

As always...Enjoy!

The Adventures of
Gary Gardneri and Andy Australe



CA Simpson
11-5-2005

"Gary, your suppose to eat the brine shrimp, not make pets out of them"

Support Your Local Club Point Totals:

<u>Member</u>	<u>point class</u>	<u>Point</u>	<u>Total</u>				
Brent Aitchison	attend meeting	1	4	Jenny Kruckenberg	attend meeting	1	71
John Alegre		0	6		photos for KN	15	86
Clay Anderson		0	1	Carter McAninch	attend meeting	1	52
Guy Bagley & Howie Galoff		0	195	John Metzgar		0	54
Ed Brandt		0	15	Bob Morenski		0	15
Bruce Cameron	attend meeting	1	34	Alex Moroz		0	6
Bob Carter	attend meeting	1	26	Don Mortenson		0	52
Robin Engelking	attend meeting	1	44	Gary Palubicki		0	22
Greg Goodnow		0	27	Ernie Plutko		0	0
Sara Goodnow		0	2	Craig Rees	host meeting	6	156
Gaylon Hafer		0	26		donate fish	1	157
Brentt Helland	attend meeting	1	4		donate frt flies	1	158
Emily Helland		0	2	Terry Scepurek	attend meeting	1	43
Rick Ivik		0	35	Greg Simpson	art for KN	15	83
Ted Jolivette		0	31		article for KN	15	98
Tom Kean		0	75	Milo Squires	attend meeting	1	52
Mike Kromrey	attend meeting	1	100	Brad Swanson	attend meeting	1	8
				Nancy Swanson	attend meeting	1	8
				Erin Yapp		0	2

2005 is done and Guy and Howie are still in the lead with 195 points. Congratulations! Craig is second with 158 points and Mike is third with 100 points.

Next month everyone will start over again with zero points. I want everyone to notice how many points Greg Simpson is getting for contributing to the Killie News. If he keeps it up, he'll have an excellent chance of winning in 2006. He already has an article for the February Newsletter. Go, Greg!

If you have any concerns about points, e-mail me at raqbe@usinternet.com.

Support Your Local Club (SYLC) Rules:

Points are accumulated as follows:

1 – Donate fish for auction at monthly meeting	5 pts
2 – Send fish to out of town shows	
a) participation/entries	5 pts/pair
b) First place	3 pts
c) Second place	2 pts
d) Third place	1 pt
3 – Bowl show at monthly meetings	
a) participation/entries	5 pts/pair
b) First place	3 pts
c) Second place	2 pts
d) Third place	1 pt
4 – Submit an article, artwork or pictures for the Killie News	15 pts
5 – Give a program about killies to a local club	15 pts
6 – Give a program at an MKKA meeting	10 pts
7 – Host a meeting	6 pts
8 – Attend a monthly meeting	1 pt
9 – Donate a plant or piece of equipment	1 pt/item
10 – Donate a live food culture	1 pt
11 – Bring a new person to a meeting	1 pt
12 – Have a friend join MKKA	5 pts
13 – Help out at the annual show	1 pt/day
14 - Special functions to be determined by the board	To be determined
15 – Other special events as determined by the BOD	1 pt/day

THE CULLINATOR: Octo

By Greg A. Simpson

Since I raise and breed tropical fish other than killies, I find that when it comes to “culling” the rejects or unwanted fish, I want to dispose of them in a humane manner. This is where “The Cullinator” comes in. Octo is the true giant gourami, *Ospromenus gorami*. *Ospromenus gorami* grow 24” and larger in their native waters while in the aquarium large specimens can grow to 12” plus. I bought Octo at a local pet store in October 2004...



thus “Octo” a cut down version of the month “October.” OK, so I’m not very original in naming my fish... Octo is the only named fish that I have. He is currently nine inches and growing

Cichlids, especially the larger ones, were favorite specimen fish I’ve had over the years. I once had an 11” Red Devil I called Roughty Red. I kept him in a 45 gallon tank back then. Octo is in his own 55 gallon tank with a five inch bala shark. I also had a 12” oscar called Roscoe when I was 16.

I raise swordtails, guppies, angle fish, various tetras and barbs to trade for store credit at the Heights Pet Center. I managed this pet store for six years before the arthritis in my hands forced me to step down. I keep busy in my fish room and with my other part time job, Grandpa.

Those fish that have some minor deformities or other cosmetic faults go to Octo as a snack. Killies that don’t get the thumbs up also become a fresh meal. These little fishy treats for Octo really are infrequent, but I’m sure he enjoys the pampering. When I worked at the Heights Pet Center, those fish that had to be humanely put down were placed in a bag of water and placed in the freezer to freeze. As the water temperature drops, the fish would just go to sleep. So could I do this with my rejects now... sure, but then Octo wouldn’t be the fat happy *gorami* that he is now! λ

To Brentt and Emily Helland’s house.

From **South** of Twin Cities

Take I-494 West. Merge onto MN-5 West for 10.7 miles. Turn RIGHT onto Rolling Acres Road/CR-13. Drive 1.1 miles. Turn LEFT onto MN-7 and drive 6.1 miles. (After driving through St. Bonifacius on MN-7, look for Hunters Crest sign/Hunters Trail on left side of highway.) Turn LEFT onto Hunters Trail and drive 0.4 miles. Turn RIGHT onto Gander Lane. The house has light grayish beige siding with white trim. Out side lights will be on.

From **North** of Twin Cities

Take I-494 South. Merge onto MN-7 and drive 16.5 miles. (After driving through St. Bonifacius on MN-7, look for Hunters Crest sign/Hunters Trail on left side of highway.) Turn LEFT onto Hunters Trail and drive 0.4 miles. Turn RIGHT onto Gander Lane. The house has light grayish beige siding with white trim. Out side lights will be on.

9682 Gander Lane
(952)446-9782

MKKA 2005 Calendar of Events:

Thursday, January 19, 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Brentt & Emily Helland.
651-905-9780.

Saturday, February 25, 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Mike Kromrey. This meeting will be a pot luck dinner. Mike and Erin would like us to arrive at 6:00 pm.
763-434-3456.

Thursday, March 16, 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Bob Carter.

April 2006 is open.

Thursday, May 19, 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of John Alegre.
651-699-4944.

Thursday, June 15, 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Milo Squires.
952-448-4153

July 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Brad & Nancy Swanson.

August 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Carter McAninch.

September 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Robin Engelking
763-560-5038.

October 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Jenny Kruckenberg.

November 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Craig Rees.
952-403-6038.

December 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Milo Squires. We need to elect officers this month.
952-448-4153.

Thank-you to everyone who volunteered to host a meeting!