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### **From the Editor:**

The MAS show is done and we had a nice representation there for the public to see. The MAS crew did a good job with their new tank racks. Milo brought along some lumber for use to make tiers to display the killies. They looked awesome! I'm going to try to attempt to give the people who entered fish points for SYLC, but I don't have an official list, so let me know if I got your entries wrong. Also, I don't know who placed in the show, so let me know what you won!

This is fair warning that I am retiring as editor for the Killie News. I would like someone to take over soon, but I will continue until the December issue if no-one steps forward. After December if no-one volunteers, there won't be a newsletter. I would be happy to talk to anyone who is interested and let them know what the job entails. I'd even be happy to help with the first issue if you wanted. Think about it.

Happy fish keeping!

Robin

The March 16<sup>th</sup> '06 meeting took place at Bob Carter's home in New Brighton. In attendance were: Bruce Cameron, Bob Carter, Robin Engelking, Ted Jolivette, Mike Kromrey, Jen Kruckenberg, Carter McAninch, Alex Moroz, Craig Rees, Milo Squires and Pat Whitney.

As usual, there were a number of yummy dishes spread out including a home-made loaf of bread to go with many sandwich meats and cheeses that Bob just "whipped-up" because he had enough time to do it!

**MAS show:** We began our evening discussing the MAS show and a show of hands who would be entering killies. Count was twenty entries, perhaps more. Some folks have two entries and others don't know what they're going to bring. Will it be OK to bring the AKA poster for display? Sure. Greg G. contacted Craig about his rope lights. They're in colors, not clear or white so unsuitable for back lighting the killie tanks.

**MKKA show:** Robin brought some pictures of killies photographed at our 2005 show and we voted for as many as we liked. For the final selections, emphasis might be placed on having representatives from the various classes. We're still interested in having two posters...one for stores/public and one for affiliate clubs which would be more detailed. The size of the fish displayed on the flier for the stores and public should not be so big that it exceeds the actual size of the killies. We like the looks of the Chicago '06 show flier which is oriented landscape style, but it wouldn't fit in the plexi-glass holders we have on hand for the stores.

Craig asks....How can we get more of our own members to show up at our show? We have a lot of raffle items. The raffle and auction is a once a year opportunity to support the club. Would it help to offer a free gift to the first 50 persons who attend the show?

There was a discussion on the classes, which is currently set at thirteen. This seems good. On public flier, leave class information off, indicate to see website for complete details. Jen asks about "stud male" and was answered about the difficulty of auctioning off males vs. pairs.

We need more tanks! We always need more tanks because some crack and we seem to get more entries every year. We will try to get 24 additional large sized and 48 additional small sized Kritter Keepers. Could Greg help us out with ordering these? What about new racks? Suggestion to help WAKO tear down their folding racks in November and set-up the next year (with a little use during Sept. in between) ☺

Bruce suggested using little ribbons vs. dots to mark winner's tanks. Nancy has expressed desire to give up engraving duties. Jen will take charge if no one else is interested. Other needs: Robin will need to order new ink cartridges and some stamps, also glossy paper for the fliers. She doesn't have a problem printing out small amounts of fliers each month, but please don't inundate her. The blackworm sales at MAS meetings have helped to keep our checkbook healthy and the AKA has offered \$500 too...more discussion on this later....

We shall have a local speaker before the auction doing a talk entitled "Intro to Killie Care". Also talked about the club's tapes and having a VCR set-up. Where are all the MKKA tapes? Milo offered to host the hospitality room. Last year, the hotel booked the bar area for a wedding reception or something so our out-of-town guests had no where to socialize. We will also reserve that extra room for box sales and possible food area.

Paddles were working well at the auction. Sales of things like rotifers, heaters, copepods, decapsulated brine shrimp also went well. Check for Brine Shrimp Direct certificates. Plants may sell well, but Milo points out that the plants most suitable for killies are slow growing ones like java moss.

Sasha (the cute Cocker Spaniel) just noticed that Craig has set some fish in bags out on the floor.

**AKA Stuff:** There was discussion on the George Meyer Fund/Grant for research. Then the AKA, which is soliciting a half page ad for the show program. What is an “affiliate club” vs. a “non-affiliate or semi-affiliate”? Clubs are currently listed in the roster, but it’s not clear if we meet the definition of what an affiliate club is supposed to be based on an old article that was reprinted recently in the BNL. “X” number of MKKA members need to be AKA members. By this definition, Tampa, WAKO and West Coast are not “affiliate clubs” either. Will this affect our getting the Killifish Master Index 4<sup>th</sup> edition or the \$500 to offset costs of putting on our annual show? Craig will contact Bob M. or Dick M.

**Box exchange:** Craig sent a box to Michiana. The next show is April 8<sup>th</sup> Exclusively Killies. If you have something to share, contact Craig. We had a discussion on shipping. Shall MKKA pay the shipping costs if someone/another club sends us eight or more pairs? We shall definitely continue to start bids at a minimum \$4 per pair. Our split of 70/30 seems good during our show, but may be adjusted.

**Donations** Craig brought some: *N. guentheri*, blue form (from Vasco) for Carter. Carter gave a donation to the club. Craig donated some fruit flies, some *Fp. gardneri* Misaje, the albino form for which Bob gave a donation to the club. Craig also brought some *Ep. roloffii* eggs for which Jen gave a donation. Everybody donated \$4-5.

**Important Misc** Mark this date, Mike and Erin tie the knot on June 17<sup>th</sup>!

Respectfully submitted, Jen K.

Club member Craig Rees found this web site and thought other members might be interested too. Check it out if you need a new shirt or two.

Cafepress.com has some new killifish t-shirts starting out at \$12.99. Craig

#### **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](mailto:raqbe@usinternet.com)



*N. lourensi* Lupino TAN 00/15

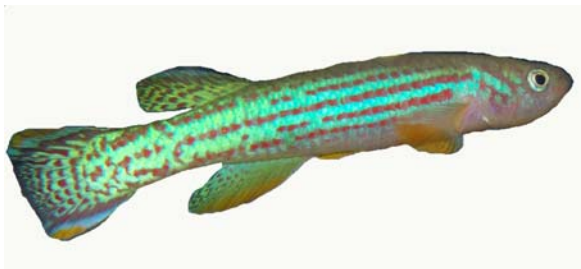
photos by Carter McAninch

*A. australe* spotless orange

The Adventures of  
Gary Gardneri and Andy Australe



"That is Jenny's Ricco Riggerbachi... what a show off!"



*Fp. oeseri*

photos by Carter McAninch



*A. hanneloreae* GEB 94/21

<b><u>Support Your Local Club Point Totals:</u></b>
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<u>Member</u>	<u>point class</u>	<u>Point</u>	<u>Total</u>				
Brent Aitchison		0	2	Jenny Kruckenberg	attend meeting	1	2
John Alegre		0	0		11 MAS entries	55	57
Clay Anderson		0	0	Carter McAninch	attend meeting	1	3
Guy Bagley & Howie Galoff		0	0		fish photos	15	18
Ed Brandt		0	0		4 MAS entries	20	38
Bruce Cameron	attend meeting	1	3	John Metzgar		0	0
	4 MAS entries	20	23	Bob Morenski		0	0
Sally Cameron		0	1	Alex Moroz	attend meeting	1	2
Bob Carter	host meeting	6	6	Don Mortenson		0	0
	3 MAS entries	15	21	Gary Palubicki		0	41
Robin Engelking	attend meeting	1	3	Ernie Plutko		0	0
	2 MAS entries	10	13	Craig Rees	attend meeting	1	1
Greg Goodnow		0	1		donate fish	5	6
Sara Goodnow		0	0		donate eggs	5	11
Gaylon Hafer		0	0		donate fruit fly	1	12
Brentt Helland		0	6	Terry Scepurek		0	0
Emily Helland		0	6	Greg Simpson	art for KN	15	75
Rick Ivik		0	0	Milo Squires	attend meeting	1	2
Ted Jolivet	attend meeting	1	1		8 MAS entries	40	42
Tom Kean		0	0	Brad Swanson		0	1
Mike Kromrey	attend meeting	1	7	Nancy Swanson		0	0
				Erin Yapp		0	6

Well, I made an attempt to include fish entries from the MAS show. We are going from my fuzzy recollection, so if you notice anything that isn't right, let me know and I'll make changes next month.

For now, Greg Simpson is still in the lead, but Jen has zoomed into second place. It's quite the race this year!

If you have any concerns about points, e-mail me at [raqbe@usinternet.com](mailto:raqbe@usinternet.com).

<b><u>Support Your Local Club (SYLC) Rules:</u></b>
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Points are accumulated as follows:

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| 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

Directions to Brad & Nancy Swanson’s house

From I 94 exit onto Dowling Avenue and drive west. Turn left onto Upton Avenue. Go five or six blocks to 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Park between 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> avenues. (They are closest to 33<sup>rd</sup>.)

3311 Upton Ave N  
 Minneapolis  
**612-522-4399**



Fundulus. zebrius Plano photos by Carter McAninch Nematolebias papilliferus

MKKA 2005 Calendar of Events:

Thursday April 20, 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Brad & Nancy Swanson.  
 612-522-4399

Thursday, May 19, 2006 is open

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.  
 612-522-4399

August 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Carter McAninch.  
763-784-4937

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.  
651-457-2302

November 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Craig Rees. We will take nominations for Board members. We will need a new Editor.  
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.