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From the Editor:

We are starting to gear up for the annual show in September. I'm working on getting fliers printed. We have two versions this year. One is designed for local fish stores and the other is for confirmed killie nuts. Craig had a great idea to send out a poster with eggs and things he sends out to killie people. He's hoping to generate some interest in the show. If any of you send off eggs or fish or "stuff" and would like to include a poster, let me know and I'll send some to you to use. (Or pick some up at the next killie meeting.)

If there is something you'd like to do for the show come to the next meeting. We're still in the planning stages. One thing everyone should be doing is planning which fish you are going to enter. You have all summer go get them fat and sassy.

Happy fish keeping!

Robin

The June 15 2006 meeting took place at Milo & Nancy Squire's home in Chaska. In attendance were Bruce Cameron, Bob Carter, Robin Engelking, Greg Goodnow, Brentt & Emily Helland, Jen Kruckenber, Carter McAninch, Craig Rees, Milo Squires and Pat Whitney.

As the meeting began some people stepped outside to view Milo's pond and others were talking about the show posters. Jen gave Craig \$40 in bag money. Jen has been selling the 6 x 18 as the "small" sized bags at MAS meetings. We still have plenty of killie bags sized 4 x 16 and 8 x 18. Brentt talked about his ALA trip and that he picked up some *Pachypanchax sakaramyi*. He hopes to work with these guys and distribute some fry around the club.

We got our food and the discussion revolved around the **Show**. We talked about trophies first. Jen will get the engraving machine from Nancy soon....maybe at next month's meeting. Jen mentioned Bob Randall was at the last MAS BOD meeting and was talking about using some different trophies for the next MAS show. We briefly discussed using something different for the MKKA trophies, but reached no consensus on whether to make any changes for this show.

We would like to bag up the fish on Saturday evening so Robin will need to make a few changes to the show flier. Fish will be available for viewing on Sunday, but only in their auction bags. Also, let's cross out "fish room closed during judging." We agreed we shouldn't turn any visitors away at anytime on Saturday. Robin brought 40 (or 50) fliers for Craig to send out. Craig will need more. Greg took one for use at his Rochester pet store. Reminder, we must ALL help spread the word about the show by getting fliers out to various local fish stores. We also hope that more of our own MKKA and MAS membership will attend the show this year.

Craig sent Dick Martino the announcement for our show. It will appear in the BNL for July, August and September. Three months appearance is a requirement for our affiliate club status. Sanctioning papers were signed by Milo tonight and will be sent to Jim Robinson in Canada. Craig has been in contact with Clay Crawford concerning our affiliate club status and it appears we are one. Jay Foster, the AKA treasurer, will issue us a check for \$500 for use at our upcoming show. We should also receive a copy of the *Killifish Master Index* 4th edition by Ken Lazara. Craig says eighteen of our MKKA members are also members of the AKA...pretty good.

Craig finally got Dory to sign the paperwork for holding the room at the Canterbury Inn. In addition to the main room, we'll have a little side room. We envision having box sales in there and maybe some videos running continuously too. Milo had a couple videos on hand. We'll need a little sign with an arrow to direct people into that room. We will be allowed to sell pop and water, but no (human) food. Live food cultures sold well last year as did the beginner book and the *Epiplatys* book. We should check into the Rud Wildekamp book. Milo has agreed to host a hospitality room at his home on Saturday night since we cannot be guaranteed the bar/restaurant will be open.

Greg brought a bunch of new Kritter Keepers tonight in both large and small sizes. Two cases of the small and one case of the large will go to MAS for use by the bowl show participants. The rest are ours. Robin mentioned that we should also build some more racks as each year, we seem to run short. She said last year we had over 300 entries! We need to create at least one additional large size rack and two small ones.

Craig is wondering what we would like for new and rare. He says he's been noticing a large assortment of *Fundulopanchax* on Aquabid lately. He's been keeping a little list of what people

have been offering and may contact some. Last year, we had a number of bags containing peat/eggs. That was fun, but Jen mentioned some of them sold a lot higher than her wallet allowed!

Judges are needed. We need to cultivate more “home grown” judges from amongst our MKKA membership. Milo went over the some points for judging quicker by dismissing pairs that are too small etc. Those are given a score of 70. With those out of the way, you can concentrate on the five to eight pairs that are looking to be first, second and third in the class.

Jen spoke about Randy Carey contacting an angelfish breeder, Chuck Hawks, for the September MAS meeting. Discussion on how September is usually devoted to a killifish speaker. It may work just as nice to have a short five to ten minute presentation hyping the show and passing out some fliers. We had a list of three or four recommended speakers last year, but there were some issues. For instance, Dr. Brian Watters moved farther away. Airfare was very high. Craig mentioned how much he has enjoyed hearing Brian speak. Jim Gaisor’s name was also mentioned, but we wondered if he would come to Minnesota twice in one month. Jen asked Craig to speak, but Craig said he enjoys small groups much more than standing in front of the large MAS crowd.

We need to re-label the plastic fish bowls (used for raffle prizes) that Craig gets from work. Last year, he spent time getting the labels off with a solvent, but it was a lot of work. Emily says she can create a MKKA label that will cover existing labels. She will use ink in two colors to correspond with color of the raffle tickets.

Craig is interested in getting some pens imprinted with MKKA information. He passed one around and discussed prices. They run 99 cents a piece for 50 pieces, but you get an additional 50 for free. They’re nice pens with an easy hold grip and a flag design. The lettering is large and very easy to read. We like them! Robin says several pens always “walk away” during the show so she really likes them!

Bruce is in contact with someone from Bulgaria. We discussed that if anyone sends us eggs from outside America, we would ask them to donate one bag to the club instead of paying for membership and if they send more bags they would get the same split offered to everyone. Sounds like a fine idea. Bruce mentioned this gentleman has written a pocket handbook on killies.

So, the evening goes on. Outside, Milo’s frogs start chatting. We tour Milo’s work in progress in the basement fish room. Bob brought some water lettuce and we divided it up to five/six recipients. In conclusion, we decide a couple things:

- The July meeting will be devoted to building racks. We will check with the Swanson’s to see if a weekend would work better than our usual third Thursday.
- The August meeting will be a complete primer on Judging and we’ll also figure out who will take posters to which shops.

We also need to remember to look through boxes at Craig’s for stuff we may have that belongs to MAS - the pokey sticks, flashlights etc. Also, check to see if we need to buy more raffle tickets and look for the Brine Shrimp Direct certificates.

That’s all folks! See you at Mike and Erin’s wedding!
Respectfully submitted, Jen K.

The Adventures of
Gary Gardneri and Andy Australe



“Gary, Guess who I met at Disney World?”

Support Your Local Club Point Totals:

<u>Member</u>	<u>point class</u>	<u>Point</u>					
	<u>Total</u>						
Brent Aitchison		0	2	Tom Kean		0	0
John Alegre		0	0	Mike Kromrey		0	8
Clay Anderson		0	0	Jenny Kruckenberg	attend meeting	1	59
Guy Bagley & Howie Galoff		0	0	Carter McAninch	attend meeting	1	41
Ed Brandt		0	0	John Metzgar		0	0
Bruce Cameron	attend meeting	1	25	Bob Morenski		0	0
Sally Cameron		0	1	Alex Moroz		0	4
Bob Carter	attend meeting	1	23	Don Mortenson		0	0
Robin Engelking	plant donation	5	28	Gary Palubicki		0	41
Greg Goodnow	attend meeting	1	14	Ernie Plutko		0	0
Sara Goodnow		0	0	Craig Rees	attend meeting	1	44
Gaylon Hafer		0	0	Terry Scepurek		0	0
Brentt Helland	attend meeting	1	13	Greg Simpson	art for KN	15	145
Emily Helland	attend meeting	1	13		article for KN	15	160
Rick Ivik		0	0	Milo Squires	host meeting	6	49
Ted Jolivette		0	1		plant donation	5	54
				Brad Swanson		0	7
				Nancy Swanson		0	6
				Erin Yapp		0	6

Greg Simpson has moved into a significant lead. Jen is in second place and Milo is in third. If you want to catch Greg, your best bet is going to be entering some fish in the show. It isn't too early to start thinking about which fish you will enter.

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 Temptations of Tampa

By Greg A. Simpson

I must admit I had a great time at the annual AKA convention in Tampa Bay, Florida!
So let me backtrack and start from the beginning...

When Kathleen and I arrived in Tampa Bay and left the terminal, my nostrils became inflamed from the instant heat and humidity. (My mind flashed back to the day Kathleen and I got off the jet plane in 1976 when I arrived in Japan for duty with the United States Navy.) We actually arrived in Florida the Monday before the weekend so we could drive up to Orlando and spend four and a half days at Disney World. Those days in Orlando went fast and were very enjoyable. We drove back down to Tampa and arrived at the Wyndham Hotel Tampa West Shore at 4:00 pm on Friday.

After checking into our room on the third floor, I made a beeline for the first floor registration. I received my packet and received my name tag registration number. Much to my amazement I was number 1! I registered on-line at the AKA website just after notification that registration was open. I had no idea I was the first to register. Barry Cooper, web master, tested the sight to ensure that the process was working up to speed and thought he was the first to register.



Ok, you know what it means to have number one, right! By my good fortune, I was privileged to enter the fish sales room first! That Friday evening I scoped out each table and every bag of fish and wrote down the fish I really wanted. This was rather hard since I saw *Aphyosemion* and *Fundulopanchax* I thought would be great to have. Choices, choices, choices! The temptations to get all I wanted almost became unbearable. Finally, my head cleared, my heart started to beat normally and I decided to stick to my list. Here I am in this picture, at the back, wearing my own

designed MKKA white tees shirt looking intently at bags of various *Epiplatys*. I saw the pair I was going to buy and Saturday morning at 8:00 am...I was going to have them! I bought my pair of *Epiplatys infrafasciatus infrafasciatus* Bidou C102-02.

It was after I returned to my room to temporarily store my bags of killies from riding the elevator up to the third floor that I realized the elevators had a mind of their own. First off they were very slow and the doors would sometimes open part way, close then continue up to the next floor. On one occasion I had to ride the elevator up to the 10th floor as it stopped at each floor and no one was waiting! Quite strange. Well, since I was on the third floor I took the stairs the rest of the time during the weekend.



All the Workshops presented were great! In this picture Lee Harper is demonstrating manufacturing and installing a water changing system by drilling a 3/4 inch hole in a 10-gallon tank for his lecture "Why and How to Overflow an Aquarium." The workshop I enjoyed the most was Tony Terceira's lecture on "*The Aphyosemion bivittatum* species Group—an update using recent DNA studies." The slide show and the impact of recent DNA research on these killies was fascinating.



Of course one of the major highlights of the weekend was the judging of the entries. New this year was a category called “The People’s Choice.” A separate row of tanks housed the group of killies that all registered members could vote on. Prizes were 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and each warranted monetary recognition.

Overall the SKS did a great job hosting the convention and I know I enjoyed the weekend very much! Next year WAKO will host as the convention will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Year 2008 the convention will be in Syracuse, New York and in 2009, Houston, Texas was

selected.

I can’t forget to include some convention killie pictures. Enjoy my MKKA family!



This is the picture of the award winning chocolate australe. There were a good variety of killies, as there usually are, at the annual AKA convention. What was great for me was seeing killies “in the flesh” rather than a picture. Pictures are great in various killie texts, but there is

just something about seeing a killie up close and personal!



Nothobranchius, like the colors of the rainbow, were show-cased in the fish competition room as well as a good selection in bags in the fish sales room.

Here are a couple more Nothos...





This is the award winning *Fundulopanchax*, blue gularis.--Pictures by Mike Jacobs, SKS

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 34th Avenue. Park between 33rd and 34th avenues. (They are closest to 33rd.)

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

Terry Scepurek has the following fishroom stuff for sale:

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| 4 – 40-gallon long tanks | 2 – 30-gallon long tanks |
| 20 – 20-gallon long tanks | 2 – 20-gallon high tanks |
| 20 – 10-gallon | 1 – 5-gallon tank |
| 3 – 2 ½-gallon tanks | |

All tanks have covers except the 5 gallon tank. They have light panels, most have lights. There are also some brand new fluorescent light bulbs.

For more information call Terry at 952-836-6619 (cell phone)

Websites for Killie Enthusiasts:

A new killie club has formed in Australia. You can check out their website at www.akvaryumhobisi.com.

There's a bunch more killie stuff added to the www.cafepress.com website. Check it out.

MKKA 2006 Calendar of Events:

Thursday, July 20, 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Brad & Nancy Swanson. We will be painting the new killie racks for our show. Please come and help.
612-522-4399

Thursday, August 17, 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Carter McAninch. We will be talking about how to judge fish at a fish show. It should be very interesting. Please plan to attend.
763-784-4937

Thursday, September 21, 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Robin Engelking. This will be our post show meeting.
763-560-5038.

Thursday, October 19, 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Jenny Kruckenberg.
651-457-2302

Thursday, November 16, 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.

Thursday, December 21, 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Milo Squires. We need to elect officers this month.
952-448-4153.