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From the Editor:

This is our Show Issue. I have included a list of the classes and a copy of the Exhibitor Entry form. E-mailing me a list of your entries would be the easiest way for me to get the show registration done efficiently. My second choice would be to have you fill out the form from the Killie News and bring it with you to the registration desk. If you do that, you will still have to wait for the entries to be put into the computer. If you are pre-registered, I will hand you your pre-printed labels and you can make your fish really happy by benching them right away.

I hope we have a better turn out of local members this year. It's a little embarrassing when we have more people here from other states than from our own club. It just shows what a wonderful fun weekend it is, otherwise, they wouldn't come so far to be here! I hope you will try to come and see all the wonderful fish.

Happy fish keeping!

Robin

The Adventures of
Gary Gardner and Andy Australe



"We just have to make it to that clump of java moss and we're home free!"

Good Bloodworms, Bad Bloodworms

By Greg A. Simpson

As a dedicated killie keeper, I use both freeze dried and frozen bloodworms in my feeding schedule. I buy the jumbo sized 9.45 ounce container. It costs me around \$31.00 but it lasts me several months. I like the fact that I can crush the worms into a fine powder for killie fry. This powder works great on *Epiplatys* fry since they like to stay near the surface of the water.

In March, I was gone for a 3 day trip and I left instruction for my wife to feed my killies in the fish room. I figured the easiest food to feed was freeze dried bloodworms. After I returned from the 3 day trip, my wife had swollen eyes, had labored breathing and just was plain miserable! She has allergies and it did not dawn on me that she **might** have a reaction to the powder from the blood worms. I knew exactly what the problem was since I know of a couple of people who do have reaction to the powder of the worms.

Well, as you may have surmised, she said she would never feed blood worms to my fish again. This was a big lesson learned for me... I'm just glad that I can safely handle blood worms with no problem! λ

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Feeding Bloodworms? Use Care ...

Bloodworms are one of those live foods that are both good for our fish and relished by them, promoting both vigor and egg production. Unfortunately, a number of fish keepers have found that handling bloodworms can result in unwelcome side effects, ranging from simple sneezing and sniffing to skin rashes; in some cases, severe allergic reactions have resulted. This doesn't

mean that you shouldn't feed bloodworms to your fish, only that you should use caution when handling them. Despite their potential problems, both frozen and freeze-dried bloodworms are excellent foods and readily available.

If you know you're allergy prone, watch out for antihistamine reactions (runny eyes, dripping nose, sneezing, breathing problems), and for any skin changes such as a developing rash or extremely red, sensitive skin. Those who already know—usually to their dismay—that they're sensitive to bloodworms, or the hemoglobin they contain, usually make it a point to wear protective gear to lessen the chances of reaction. “I now use medical gloves whenever I handle bloodworms,” says David Sanchez, who has a known allergic reaction to them.

The frozen version is relatively safe to handle and easy to feed. Simply break off a piece of the frozen product and place it in the tank. Alternatively, put the frozen piece in a small container of water to thaw, then use a turkey baster or large pipette (eye-dropper) to feed small amounts to your tanks. Usually some caution and use of latex gloves will provide sufficient protection to the fish keeper.

Freeze-dried bloodworms, while convenient, can be more dangerous to sensitive individuals, since they release large amounts of ultra-fine dust. “If you are sensitive already, stay well clear” of the freeze-dried products, warns Wright Huntley. “Inhaling the dust ... can be seriously life threatening.” At least one fish keeper found out the hard way that she had an allergy to bloodworms by handling the dried version.

Shortly afterward, she ended up in the doctor's office, and now must avoid all direct contact with bloodworms. If you know you are allergic, use caution when handling bloodworm products and try to avoid the dry product entirely. If you must handle bloodworms, use appropriate protection, including latex gloves.

2006 Show Information:

The following is the list of classes for the 2006 show. They are the same classes as last year. Don't worry about putting your fish into classes if you decide to write up your own Exhibitor Entry Form. The people at the registration desk will take care of that detail. Each class has a first, second and third place winner and there is a “Best of Show” fish chosen from all the first place winners.

Please don't let the fear that your fish “isn't good enough to show” stop you from participating. My fish are displayed because I want people to see what kind of fish I keep. I don't actually expect to win anything. It is so much fun to see what other people are keeping too. Please plan on attending.

One last little hint. Killifish should be shown as a pair. The male gets more total points in the judging, but a pair with a poor female is unlikely to win an award no matter how great the male is.

Show Classes:

- 1 – New World Annuals
- 2 – New World Non-annuals & Rivulus
- 3 – Nothobranchius
- 4 – Paraphyosemion gardneri
- 5 – Paraphyosemion except gardneri
- 6 – Fundulopanchax (All Other Varieties)
- 7 – Chromaphyosemion
- 8 – Mesoaphyosemion (Calliurum type)
- 9 – Mesoaphyosemion (Non-calliurum type)
- 10 – Kathetys, Christyi & Diapterons
- 11 – Aphyosemion (All Other Varieties)
- 12 – Epiplatys
- 13 – All Other Varieties

The registration form is on the next page.

The column on the form marked Judge and/or Auction lets the registration people know if you want the fish to be judged in the show, if the fish are for the auction only or if you want to show the pair in the show and then sell it at the auction. Please put an X through the S if the fish are for Auction only. (You really don't want them in the show.) And put an X through the A if the fish are for Show only. (They are your favorite fish and you can't bear to part with them.) If neither is crossed off, we will register the pair for both the Show and the Auction. Thanks!



Everyone from MKKA wants to invite you to come join us at our 2006 show!

Support Your Local Club Point Totals:

<u>Member</u>	<u>point class</u>	<u>Point Total</u>					
Brent Aitchison		0	2	Erin Kromrey	attend meeting	1	8
Clay Anderson		0	0	Jenny Kruckenberg	attend meeting	1	60
Guy Bagley & Howie Galoff		0	0	Carter McAninch	host meeting	6	47
Ed Brandt		0	0	John Metzgar		0	0
Bruce Cameron	attend meeting	1	26	Bob Morenski		0	0
Sally Cameron		0	1	Alex Moroz		0	5
Bob Carter	attend meeting	1	30	Don Mortenson		0	0
Robin Engelking	attend meeting	1	16	Gary Palubicki		0	41
Greg Goodnow	attend meeting	1	4	Ernie Plutko		0	0
Sara Goodnow		0	0	Craig Rees		0	44
Gaylon Hafer		0	0	Terry Scepurek		0	0
Brentt Helland		0	14	Greg Simpson	artwork for KN	15	190
Emily Helland		0	14		article for KN	15	205
Rick Ivik		0	0		3 pr to CKC	15	220
Ted Jolivet		0	1	Milo Squires	attend meeting	1	56
Tom Kean		0	0	Brad Swanson		0	13
Mike Kromrey	attend meeting	1	10	Nancy Swanson		0	12

I forgot to add Mike & Erin Kromrey to last month's totals. They were at the Swanson's and I don't know why they didn't make it into the meeting minutes. Am I too young to start having senior moments? Anyway, thanks for letting me know, Mike.

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:

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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 Robin's Townhouse

Take I 694 to Hwy 252 and go north. Take Hwy 252 to Brookdale Drive (third stop light) and turn left (west). Follow Brookdale Dr to Xerxes Ave (second 4-way stop) and turn right (north). Take Xerxes two blocks to Lad Pkwy and turn left (west). Go past Beard Ave to the second street you can turn on. The sign says 3600 – 3670. Turn left and park in the area near the street. Walk behind the garages. Robin's is on the left side of the driveway, fifth unit up.

3650 Brookdale Drive
763-560-5038

MKKA 2006 Calendar of Events:

Thursday, September 21, 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Robin Engelking. This will be our post show meeting. We also need to discuss where some of the next meetings will be. 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.