

# CICHLID TAILS

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## President's Letter

Hello Everyone!

Election of officers and board of trustees was held at the January meeting at the LaQuinta Conference Center. I would like to welcome TCA's new Secretary, Patti Fuhr. Also, welcome to four new BOT members: Ernie McAnally, Diane Stewart, D'Wyatt Green, and Randy Rhoades. Returning BOT members Larry Lampert, Phil Tucker, John Nicholson, and Alan Young will serve two more years. As hosts of the 2005 ACA Convention, the club received a CD of the talks from the convention. At this meeting we enjoyed the talk given by Spencer Jack on "Confessions of a Cichlaholic".

The Spring Show & Workshop will be March 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the Clarion DFW Airport South. TCA has a special room rate of \$59 per night, so be sure to mention the club when making your reservations.

Lee Newman, Curator of Tropical Waters at the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre in Canada, will speak on South American cichlids of the Genus *Satanoperca*, as well as collecting in Peru. New to TCA will be Barbie Fiorentino from Spokane, Washington, who will speak on keeping and breeding various species of Loricaridae. Bob Allen from Salt Lake City, Utah will teach us about Brine Shrimp as well as talk about Tanganyikan cichlids. TCA's own John Nicholson will educate us on his favorite fish, the discus.

The deadline for fish entries is March 20<sup>th</sup>, so send or call in your list of show fish to Show Chairmen Page Ullman or Marvin England ASAP; it will be a great show, we expect to have over 200 entries!

The April meeting will be at the LaQuinta Conference Center on April 15, 2006. Jackie Finnell from Hagen will introduce us to some of Hagen's new products. There quite possibly will also be something really great donated from Hagen as a door prize.

Upcoming TCA events include a club picnic, a collecting trip on the Comal River, and a meeting at the Fish Gallery in Dallas. Information on these events will be forthcoming in future Cichlid Tails, and will also be posted on TCA's website.

Hope to see you next month at the Spring Show & Workshop!!!

- Kathy

## CICHLID TAILS

**Cichlid Tails** is a bi-monthly publication produced by and for the members of the **Texas Cichlid Association**, a non-profit group of hobbyists dedicated to furthering the aquarium hobby and promoting the practice of keeping cichlids by the dissemination of information. Published since 1983, **Cichlid Tails** is dedicated to sharing technical and educational information on the keeping of the fishes of the family **Cichlidae**, and the keeping of aquariums and aquarium fish in general.

### **Officers**

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TCA's website: [www.texascichlid.org](http://www.texascichlid.org)

## Editor's Notes

It's 5:15 a.m., and I just got Marvin off to New Jersey. WOW! Five whole days of peace and quiet, except for the cats, of course.

An early morning is a good time to get things done that you've been putting off. Like folding laundry – yuck! Or filling out BAP paperwork. BAP Chairman Ralph DeBoard will be making presentations at the Awards Banquet held in conjunction with TCA's Spring Show and Auction. Get your paperwork turned in ASAP so you can receive an award.

TCA's board met recently and mapped out the remainder of the year with regard to meetings. More information will be forthcoming, but I will tell you to stay tuned, as 2006 looks to be another banner year.

As most of you know, the February meeting was canceled due to icy roads. I believe that was a first. Any time bad weather is predicted which could cause a cancellation, please monitor the TCA website, or call a TCA officer or board member for the latest updates. We surely don't want anyone getting injured in hazardous conditions while trying to get to a meeting.

Hill Country's auction is March 11<sup>th</sup>. We are planning on attending. It will be a long drive for us, but we will make it. So what is your excuse? If you are in the DFW area, your drive is not nearly as long. Get out and support our sister club, a club that supports TCA.

Many thanks to Greg Steeves for the great article published in this issue. Again, TCA members, PLEASE write something for me. Ernie McAnally has promised me something for next issue, but what about the NEXT issue? I need your articles!!

See you at the Spring Workshop – bring plenty of money for the auction on Sunday

!

Kathy

## *Harpagochromis* sp. “golden duck”

By Greg Steeves



The genus *Harpagochromis* was erected in 1896 by G. J. Pfeffer. The *Harpagochromis* name is rooted in Greek. “*Harpage*” means robber while “*chromis*” denotes color. The basic cues which differentiate *Harpagochromis* from other cichlids of haplochromine lineage include body shape, dentition, and feeding strategies.

The *Harpagochromis* contains a number of species and all are piscivores. Many *Harpagochromis* species are now listed as extinct in their native waters (Kaufman, 1996) while captive *Harpagochromis* stocks are not at all



abundant. Members of the *Harpagochromis* group can be found in Lake Victoria, Lake Edward, Lake George, The Victorian Nile, Lake Kyoga and Lake Nawampassa.

*Harpagochromis* are deep bodied cichlids. They can attain a length of 20cm which is substantially larger than most other haplochromines from the Victorian basin. A deceptively large mouth is angled upward. The lower jaw extends past the upper. The outer teeth are bicuspid and sometimes unicuspid in larger members of the genus. Between one and five inner rows of unicuspid and/or tricuspid teeth line both jaws (Greenwood, 1981).

*Harpagochromis* sp. “golden duck” is native to Lake Nawampassa, Uganda. It was first introduced to the aquarium hobby by a Laif DeMason of Old World Exotic Fish. *Harpagochromis* sp. “golden duck” is one of the smaller members of the genus attaining a length of 15cm. Female and immature or subdominant males display a creamy-colored underbelly that joins the mid-lateral horizontal black band and runs the length of the body from

the caudal peduncle to the gill plate. Another black horizontal line runs along the upper lateral line. Base coloration of the body is a dull gold color. Dominant male coloration is completely jet black. Varying stages of coloration exist from the subdominant to the dominant bloom. Two or three bright orange ocelli spot the anal fin. The anal, dorsal and caudal fins range from translucent to jet black, varying with body coloration.

*Harpagochromis* sp. “golden duck” is deceptively peaceful in a community tank. It can safely be housed with docile cichlids of similar size.



It will however, as a piscivore, engulf any fish it can fit into its large mouth. Catfish of the *Synodontis* genus make suitable tank mates. *Harpagochromis* sp. “golden duck” is a substrate spawner employing the common haplochromine method of the female circling the male, dropping eggs, and quickly turning to pick them up. In between the females’ turns, she nuzzles at the outspread anal fin presumably thinking that the ocelli are her own eggs. The male releases his milt fertilizing the eggs. Spawning occurs on the substrate with no effort going into creating a bower or nest.

Holding females are not harassed by the other members of my *Harpagochromis* sp. “golden duck” colony. My tanks hover between 75F and 85F generally, and I stripped the holding female 17 days post spawning. At this time the fry had completely absorbed their yolk sac and were free swimming. I found the fry to be very hardy in the twenty gallon tank they were placed in. This tank is filtered with a Dirt Magnet® sponge filter. My first spawn of *Harpagochromis* sp. “golden duck” yielded 23 hardy fry



I feed my *Harpagochromis* sp. “golden duck” colony basic commercial staple flake as their main source of nutrition.

Supplementary feedings of live *Gambusia* and frozen adult brine shrimp are heartily taken as well. The fry are being raised on a diet of crushed flake and powdered Cyclop-eeze®.

*Harpagochromis* sp. “golden duck” fry grow quickly reaching 2cm in 60 days.

Tank décor consists of native rocks fashioned into caves sitting on a larger grain sized sand substrate. I feel that *Harpagochromis sp. "golden duck"* males do not stake out much of a territory and the rockwork is for the benefit of the other tank inhabitants (*Synodontis flavitaeniatus* and *Haplochromis sp. "red back scraper"*). It's been my experience when dealing with piscivores from the region, specifically *Pyxichromis orthostoma*, a gravel substrate can cause problems with females holding fry. Females will sometimes pick up a small rock or two with her eggs and in the course of tumbling destroys the embryos, hence the choice of a finer substrate. My colony of ten *Harpagochromis sp. "golden duck"*, containing three males and seven females, are housed in a 55 gallon tank. The tank is filtered by a Hagen® 300 power filter and a small "hang on the back" canister filter.

*Harpagochromis sp. "Pallisa black slick"* is not a fish for your community setup of tetras. Dominant males are attractive, but for the most part they are not superficially colorful fish. If however, you are interested in trying a species seldom seen in the hobby, or perhaps concerned with species survival and propagating threatened cichlids, you may discover that dedicating a tank to rearing *Harpagochromis sp. "Pallisa black slick"* most rewarding.

Additional notes.

I was fortunate to obtain my group of *Harpagochromis sp. "golden duck"* from James Gibbons, a fellow hobbyist who has been working with the species for some time. When I first observed my group of *Harpagochromis sp. "golden duck"* reaching adulthood, I was reminded of another species I had seen but never kept, *Harpagochromis sp. Pallisa black slick*. I believe it probable that *Harpagochromis sp. "golden duck"* and *Harpagochromis sp. "Pallisa black slick"* to be one in the same.

A friend in Europe informed me of a discussion which took place among German hobbyist and concerned the topic of whether *Harpagochromis sp. "Pallisa black slick"* and *Harpagochromis sp. "golden duck"* were the same fish or not. It was determined that the two were indeed different species as the female "*black slick*" is a silver fish, and the "*golden duck*" wore more a golden color. It was also noted that the "*golden duck*" is found in shallow water close to shore while the "*black slick*" is an open water species found in deeper strata.

Admittedly, I have not been able to ascertain whether *Harpagochromis sp. "Pallisa black slick"* and *Harpagochromis sp. "golden duck"* are distinct species, or if the female difference in coloration noted by German aquarists, is intra-species color differentiation. I have not been able to locate reference (with certainty) to the niche they occupy within the Kyoga drainage. Wild caught specimens are stored at Harvard University. Perhaps one

day someone can investigate the samplings in detail and perhaps arrive at a definitive answer.

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***If you are a BAP participant, please get your paperwork turned in to BAP Chairman Ralph DeBoard by March 1 for BAP awards to be presented at the Spring Workshop.***

### **TCA SPRING WORKSHOP, SHOW AND AUCTION**

March 24-26, 2006, at the Clarion Hotel, 4440 W. Airport Freeway, Irving, Texas. Speakers to date include Lee Newman (South American cichlids), Barbie Fiorentino (keeping and spawning fancy plecos) and Bob Allen (rift lake cichlids). When making your hotel reservations, please ask for the special TCA rate.

Giant All-Species Fish Show -- beautiful awards will be presented to Best of Division and Best in Show winners. Show is sanctioned by the American Cichlid Association.

Awards Banquet Saturday Evening -- Show winners and Breeder Award Program winners will be announced.

Live and Silent Auctions on Sunday -- many unique and hard-to-find items will be available to the highest bidder. ***If you have donations for the silent auction, try to get them to Coleen Ullman or bring them with you to the March workshop.***

Huge Raffle on Sunday -- lots of great give-aways, including fish food, tank decorations, filters, other assorted dry goods, and even a big tank!

For more information, contact any TCA officer or board member, or check out the TCA website at [www.texascichlid.org](http://www.texascichlid.org)

## TCA SHOW CLASSES – 2006

### **Division A: Asian, Central and South American Cichlids.**

Class 1: Discus

Class 2: All South American Dwarf Cichlids

Class 3: Angels, Uaru, Biotecus, Crenicara, Aequidens, Geophagus & Related Non-Dwarf South American Cichlids

Class 4: Central American Cichlids

### **Division B: Lake Malawi Cichlids/Victorian Cichlids**

Class 5: Mbuna - Pseudotropheus, Melanochromis, Cynotilapia, Labidochromis, Labeotropheus, etc.

Class 6: Aulonocara & related species

Class 7: Lake Malawi Haplochromines

Class 8: Lake Victoria & Lake Kivu Species

### **Division C: Lake Tanganyika Cichlids/Other African Cichlids**

Class 9: Lamprologus, Neolamprologus, Altolamprologus & Related Genera

Class 10: Julidochromis & Related Genera

Class 11: Tropheus, Petrochromis, Cyanthopharynx,

Cyphotilapia,, Goby Cichlids Ophthalmotilapia,

Cyprichromis, Paracyprichromis, Xenotilapia, and All Other Lake Tanganyikan Cichlids Not Listed

Class 12: West African, Madagascar and Other African Cichlids Not Listed Elsewhere

### **Other Classes (Not Eligible For Best In Show or Best In Division Awards)**

Class 13: Livebearers

Class 14: Egglayers

Class 15: Plecostomus

Class 16: All other Scavengers

Class 17: Photography

Best of Division A

Best of Division B

Best of Division C

Best in Show

## TCA SPRING 2006 SHOW RULES

The show is open to all, and you need not be present to win. Entry fee is \$3.00 per entry. There is no limit to the number of entries per person. An entry consists of a single fish, a pair of fish, or a school of fish of the same species. Only one entry per tank is allowed.

**MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> IS SHOW ENTRY DEADLINE. NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED!**

No hybrids will be permitted, except discus. The Show Chairmen have final determination as to what is and what is not a hybrid.

Depending on the class, all entries will be shown in 10-gallon or 20-gallon tanks provided by TCA..

Tanks for each show entry will be assigned by class prior to registration on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Assigned tanks will be identified by your registration number. Each tank will have both the class and species printed on its label. No changing of tanks will be allowed. Tampering with or handling of other exhibitors' entries is forbidden, except as required by the Show Committee.

Any entry not complying with the show rules will be disqualified.

The tanks will be available for set-up at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Entries **must** be in their show tanks by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Tanks, air and tubing will be provided. Tanks will be filled with dechlorinated water (75 deg. F and pH near 8.0). No gravel or sand will be permitted in show tanks: however, slate, flowerpots, etc. may be used as long as the judges can remove them.

An entry will be disqualified if it does not comply with the show rules. The decision of the judges and Show Chairmen will be final. The Show Chairmen reserve the right to disqualify fish based on deformities, illness, poor condition, poor health, or death.

Awards will be given to the Best of Show, Division, and Class winners at the banquet on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. You don't have to be present at the banquet to receive an award, although attendance is wholeheartedly encouraged. You must purchase a banquet ticket in order to hear the speaker presentation. Non-paying individuals will not be allowed in the banquet room.

Entries may not be removed from the show room until after the banquet Saturday night. Entries must be removed from the fish room by noon on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> or they will be auctioned as TCA donations. **No exceptions will be made!**

Neither the TCA nor the hotel will be held responsible for the loss or damage to the fish and/or equipment, or for personal injury before, during or after the convention.

All individuals wishing to show fish are required to pre-register their entries by calling one of the Show Co-Chairmen, Marvin England, (903) 794-3474 or Page Ullman (817) 834-4891, **no later than March 20<sup>th</sup>**, and reserving the number of tanks needed for their show entries.

## **TEXAS CICHLID ASSOCIATION SPRING 2006 AUCTION RULES**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME--HOBBYIST AND PROFESSIONAL. HOWEVER, YOU MUST PAY THE AUCTION REGISTRATION FEE IN ORDER TO BUY AND SELL.**

Items are accepted at seller's risk. TCA cannot accept responsibility for any item's safekeeping nor its condition either before or after the sale.

Once they are registered, all for-sale items become property of the TCA and cannot be withdrawn from the auction.

Each seller is allowed to sell 40 bags of fish, with a maximum of five (5) bags of any one species or color strain.

All fish are expected to be bagged properly. **ABSOLUTELY NO ZIP-LOCK BAGS ALLOWED!** The seller will be charged \$2.00 for each bag of fish that requires rebagging.

**BIDDERS: Know what you are bidding on. All items are available for inspection prior to the auction. Take the time to examine each item so you positively know what it is BEFORE you bid.**

Each bag must include fish species, quantity, a description if appropriate (breeding pair, trio, sex, etc.), assigned seller initials and a **unique** bag number (do not put your buyer number on each bag as the bag number). If you're selling 10 bags, your bags should be numbered 1-10. The information must be legible--use black lettering directly on the bag or lettering on a white label on the bag. Make sure you use permanent markers that won't run or smear when they get wet. Example of how your lettering/labels should read on the bag:

MLE #1  
Altolamprologus calvus  
"Zaire Black" F1  
Breeding Pair

Adult males and females of the same species should be bagged separately and the bags attached together.

Priority colored dots will be issued at registration. Place one dot on each item for sale. At the beginning of the auction, one color will be drawn at random. The items with that color dot will be sold first. After all the items with that color dot are sold, another color will be drawn. This will continue until all items are sold.

Each bidder must register and be assigned their own bidder number. TCA will not split items sold under one bidder number between multiple bidders at checkout time. **Each bidder** is responsible for **EVERYTHING** bought with their bidder number.

When an item is sold, the runner will bring the item to the buyer, along with a sales verification form, which the buyer will initial.

**No one will be allowed to remove any auction item from the auction room unless proof of payment is shown. Your proof of payment is your paid auction receipt.**

Once you have cashed out, you will no longer have a bidder number. If you want to purchase other items, you must be issued a new bidder number (there is no additional charge for the second bidder number).

**The auction chairperson retains the right to reject any fish not fit for sale (sick fish, deformities, hybrids, etc.).**

## TEXAS CICHLID ASSOCIATION SPRING 2005 SILENT AUCTION RULES

**1. EVERYONE IS WELCOME--HOBBYIST AND PROFESSIONAL. HOWEVER, YOU MUST PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SILENT AUCTION.**

2. You must have a bidder number.

3. Each item in the silent auction will have a bidder's sheet. The sheet contains an item number, a description, a starting minimum bid, and an "open" and "close" time. If you wish to bid on that item, enter your bidder number, your name and the amount you wish to bid on that item.

4. You may bid any amount you wish, but your bid must be at least \$1.00 more than the previous bid. **BIDS MUST BE IN WHOLE DOLLARS ONLY. BIDS NOT IN WHOLE DOLLARS WILL BE IGNORED.**

5. The closing of an item will be announced a few minutes before closing to allow final bids. Once an item is closed, no more bids will be accepted.

6. Upon the close of bidding, the winner of each bid will receive their item and must pay for it at that time.

7. All items must be paid for and removed from the hotel by the end of the live auction on Sunday.



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Owners

**THE FISH PLACE**  
817-737-8265

6960 Green Oaks Rd  
Ft Worth TX 76116

10:30 - 6:30 Daily  
12:00 - 5:30 Sun  
fishplacetx@lycos.com

## I WANT TO JOIN TCA!

Check one:        \_\_\_\_\_        New member  
                  \_\_\_\_\_        Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number and email address:  
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What type(s) of fish do you keep? \_\_\_\_\_  
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About how many tanks are you keeping? \_\_\_\_\_

What other fish clubs or aquatic organizations are you affiliated with? \_\_\_\_\_

**If you want your phone number and e-mail address kept private, check here: \_\_\_\_\_**

Dues are \$15 yearly for the whole family!

Make check payable to Texas Cichlid Association and mail it and a copy of this form to David Andrews, Granbury, Texas.

**NOTE: Your membership expiration date is on your Cichlid Tails mailing label. If your address, e-mail address or phone number change during the year, please let us know so we can correct our records and keep you actively involved with TCA.**

## DIRECTIONS TO UPCOMING TCA MEETINGS

TCA's April meeting will be held on the 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the LaQuinta near Six Flags in Arlington. Special guest will be Hagen representative Jackie Finnell, who will catch us up with some of that manufacturer's latest products.

May's meeting will be held on the 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fish Gallery, 6955 Greenville Ave # 100, Dallas, Texas. (214) 750-7002. Program will be announced later.

## THANK YOU, 2006 SHOW AWARD SPONSORS!

A big TCA THANK YOU to the following who have agreed to sponsor awards in the 2006 show. Their support helps TCA fund those great awards given to all show winners:

**Division A: Asian, Central and South American Cichlids.** – Brazos Valley Aquarium Society  
Class 1: Discus - Jim and Sue Lancaster  
Class 2: All South American Dwarf Cichlids –  
pets/forums.com

**Division B: Lake Malawi Cichlids/Victorian Cichlids** - Page and Coleen Ullman  
Class 6: Aulonocara & related species – JJ's Tropaquatics (John Hansen)  
Class 8: Lake Victoria & Lake Kivu Species – John Yull, Fishworks, Austin

**Division C: Lake Tanganyika Cichlids/Other African Cichlids** – The Fish Place, Fort Worth  
Class 11: Tropheus, Petrochromis, Cyathopharynx, Cyphotilapia,, Goby Cichlids Ophthalmotilapia, Cyprichromis, Paracyprichromis, Xenotilapia, and All Other Lake Tanganyikan Cichlids Not Listed - John Yull, Fishworks, Austin

**Other Classes (Not Eligible For Best In Show or Best In Division Awards)**  
Class 13: Livebearers – The Keith A. Arnold Company  
Class 14: Egglayers – Dallas Killifish Association  
Class 15: Plecostomus – Phil Tucker  
Class 17: Photography - Aquagifts.com

*Best in Show – Texas Fish Wranglers (Jim Lancaster, Alan Young, Marvin England, Ralph Deboard)*

As you can see, there are plenty of classes that still need sponsors, so please volunteer to sponsor one. The cost is only \$15 and helps TCA maintain the high quality of the awards given out to show winners. If you desire to sponsor a class, please contact Kathy England via e-mail at kengland@pattonroberts.com or texasacababe@hotmail.com, or give her a call at (903) 794-FISH.

***TCA THANKS YOU, ITS MEMBERS,  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!***

**TCA SPRING WORKSHOP 2006  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**TCA SPRING 2006  
SHOW ENTRIES**

**March 24-26, 2006**  
**Clarion Hotel South DFW Airport**  
**4440 W. Airport Freeway**  
**Irving, Texas 75062**  
**(972) 399-1010**  
**Ask for the Special TCA Room Rate**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee per person (covers entire weekend's activities)  
\$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$5.00 12 and under \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Awards Banquet (buffet style):  
\_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$35.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Show Entries: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$3.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

**All show entries must be pre-registered by 3/20/06. No show entries will be accepted after that date. See TCA website ([texascichlid.org](http://texascichlid.org)) for show rules and classes. Questions? Contact Show Co-Chairman Marvin England (903) 794-3474.**

Rental Tanks: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I want to buy some tanks:  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10-gallon tanks @ \$8 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 20-gallon tanks @ \$18 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TCA membership dues (\$15 per year includes whole family)  
\_\_\_\_\_ new \_\_\_\_\_ renewal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Texas Cichlid Association and mail to:

Kathy Stearns  
1515 Creekview  
Keller, Texas 76248

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## **ON THE ROAD AGAIN**

*What's Going On  
With Other Texas Aquarium Clubs*

### **Hill Country Cichlid Club**

Cichlid Day Auction Saturday, March 11, 2006.  
Doors open at 10:00 a.m. Auction begins at noon.  
Location: Hilton Garden Inn Austin NW/  
Arboretum, 11617 Research Boulevard, Austin.  
Seller and buyer registration begins at 10:00;  
auction begins promptly at noon. Early Seller ID  
registration, site maps, auction rules and more are  
readily available at the HCCC website:  
www.xdeleon.com/hccc

### **Houston Aquarium Society**

Monthly meetings are held the fourth Wednesday  
of each month at 7:30 at local aquarium shops.  
For more info, check the calendar at the HAS  
website: www.houstonaquariumsociety.org

### **TAKO (Texas Area Killifish Organization)**

TAKO holds monthly meetings and an annual  
Killifish show and auction. There are no  
membership dues. For more information, contact  
TAKO President Doug Ebeling, via e-mail at  
ebeling@charter.net, or the TAKO website:  
www.tako.daelarue.com

### **Dallas Killifish Association**

The Dallas Killifish Association meets at 1 p.m.  
on the third Saturday of each month. For more  
information on upcoming meetings, call John  
Nicholson at (903) 527-5174 or contact the DKA  
webmaster at Webmaster@Dallaskillifish.com

### **Texas Betta Society**

The Texas Betta meets monthly at the Warmack  
Branch Library (Program Room), 760 Bardin  
Road, Grand Prairie. For more information on the  
TBS, go to their website: www.texasbetta.com.

## **TAIL TRADER**

Got something fishy to sell or trade? Notify the  
*Cichlid Tails* editor. All TCA members in good  
standing may advertise fish, equipment and  
related supplies for sale, or place a "want" ad free.

### **John Nicholson**

(903) 527-5174; nicholsons\_discus@yahoo.com

#### **FOR SALE:**

Discus, killifish, and bettas. Call/e-mail for info.

### **Phil Tucker**

philtucker@comcast.net; (817) 726-6262

#### **FOR SALE:**

Challinochromis brichardi-2 1/2" . \$8 2" \$6  
Bristlenose plecos-1 1/2".....\$2  
Julidochromis marleri "Mgara Burundi" - \$6  
Pseudotropheus DeMasoni-2".....\$3

### **Marvin and Kathy England**

(903) 794-FISH; marvinengland@hotmail.com

*For delivery to Spring Workshop, please notify  
us before March 24th*

Microworm cultures with instructions \$4 each  
Breeding pair of angels (gold marble/silver cross)  
– good pair; will raise their babies \$20  
Call for list of additional items for sale.

## **Calendar of Events**

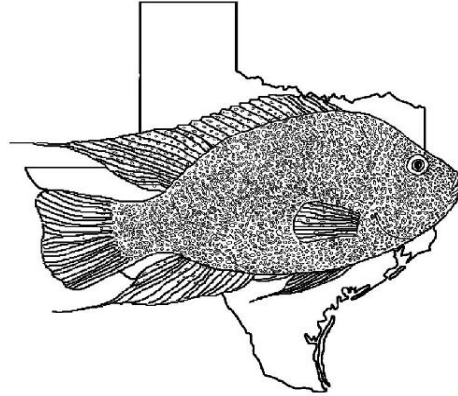
**March 24-26, 2006:** TCA Spring Workshop,  
Show and Auction at the Clarion Hotel, 4440 W.  
Airport Freeway, Irving, Texas.

**April 15, 2006:** Regular monthly meeting, 7:00,  
at the LaQuinta near Six Flags. Special guest  
speaker will be Hagen representative Jackie  
Finnell, who will show us some of Hagen's new  
products..

**May 20, 2006:** Regular monthly meeting, 7:00, at  
the Fish Gallery 6955 Greenville Avenue, #100,  
Dallas, Texas. (214) 750-7002.

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