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2014 Show News

The 2014 TAKO BELLE Revue is now officially 'in the books'. As Show Chair I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to all those that participated and made this a memorable weekend.

We had four outstanding speakers that educated and entertained those attending.

Dr. Sue Katz "What

Fish See".

Doc was followed by Daniel Huston, covering Digenetic Trematodes, specifically in Texas.

Then Chris Lewis, from San Antonio, spoke on Aquatic Gardening.

And finally, just before dinner, we wrapped with Sherolyn Craig informing us of "Betta-speak".

Each of the presenters contributed distinctly to the

weekend's enjoyment and to our education.

Dr. Sue's observations were validated by exhibition fish over the two nights—both the *Fundulus chrysotus* Melanistic and the *Fundulus rubrifrons* deposited eggs in non-traditional colored mops (pink and off white)!

Daniel, did a wonderful job of covering his topic of:

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"Trematode Parasites: Their ecology, pathologies and prevention, with notes on exotic species". Additionally, his slides were very well crafted and I, someone with limited computer skills, was envious of the high quality slides he created.

The 'PLANT GUY', Chris Lewis, had a wealth of

knowledge that he shared, including tips and recommendations, on a variety of plant related topics. Wish at least some of my tanks would look like the ones he depicted in his slides.

Ms. Sherolyn Craig spent a fruitful hour with us explaining terminology, what to look for when evaluating bettas

for acquisition or showing. I think most of us feel more comfortable understanding what is expected for fin shape, length and confirmation although I am still likely to use the wrong terminology sometimes.

A big "THANK YOU" to all of our speakers for enriching the weekend.

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Supporters

Now is the moment to sit back and offer a sincere thanks to the variety of support that we received. I will be forever grateful to the following for their efforts:

- Dr. Sue Katz for presenting, unloading/loading, bagging, organizing, proxy bidding, showing fish and being a friend;
- Paul Christ, Gary

Pack, Gerald Rosenbeck, Charlie Nunziata, Stephen Rabke, Patrick Tyczynski, David Mikelsen, Allan Semeit, Tara Lauanders, Derek Tang, Ryan Yoder, Jim Kostich, Keith Cook, Gary Greenwood, Mark Hlavaty, Dave Ryan, Scott Jacobsen and Eric Beyer for contributing fish/associated items (many of them straight donations!);

- my spouse and S. Rabke for handling the computer despite having other obligations;

- the Betta ladies—Lori Green, Tonya Garrison and Sherolyn Craig for being so helpful.

When I hit my knees on Sunday night I asked for generous blessings for each and everyone of you. Thank you all so very much.

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sponsors!

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Sponsors

And now for those companies that responded:

- To Aqueon for their continued support of our small group with their unbelievably generous donations of Nano and bow tanks.

- To TFH for their three (3), one-year, free digital subscriptions to an enjoyable hobbyist magazine.

- To Dr. Steffan Tanner, Swiss Tropicals for his unique foam filtration devices.

For a small group such as ours these firms were exceedingly benevolent, please make every effort to support them during your purchases of fish supplies during the year.

35+ solicitations were sent out to potential

supporters and these three came through in a big way. Our way to say thank you is to make an conscious effort to reciprocate by purchasing their products during the coming year.

I personally was introduced to Aqueon last year and have found their products to be of high quality.

I will date myself here but I have been a purchaser of TFH—remember the little rec-

tangular magazine 50+ years ago? I still have some somewhere!

And I was introduced to Swiss Tropicals earlier this year and now use this product line of foam filters with much success.

Show Results

Here we go:

Class 1—*Fundulus ru-*
brifrons;

Class 2—*Rivulus*
(*Cynodonichthys*) *hilde-*
brandi;

Class 3—*Nematolebias*
papilliferus;

Class 4—*Notho-*
branchius rachovii;

Class 5—*Fundulo-*
panchax fallax CI 98;

Class 6—*Fundulopan-*
chax gardneri Innidere;

Class 7—*Fundulopan-*
chax sjoestedti Loe;

Class 8—Aphyosemion
maculatum DNA 01 LO-
LO-1;

Class 9—Aphyosemion
australe Schwarzflosse;

Class 10—Aphyosemion
poliaki Moussaka;

Class 11—

Scriptaphyosemion
geryi Dandayah GCLR
06-27;

Class 12—Aphyosemion
bochtleri GWW 86-
113 ;

Class 13—*Epiplatys to-*
golensis Palime;

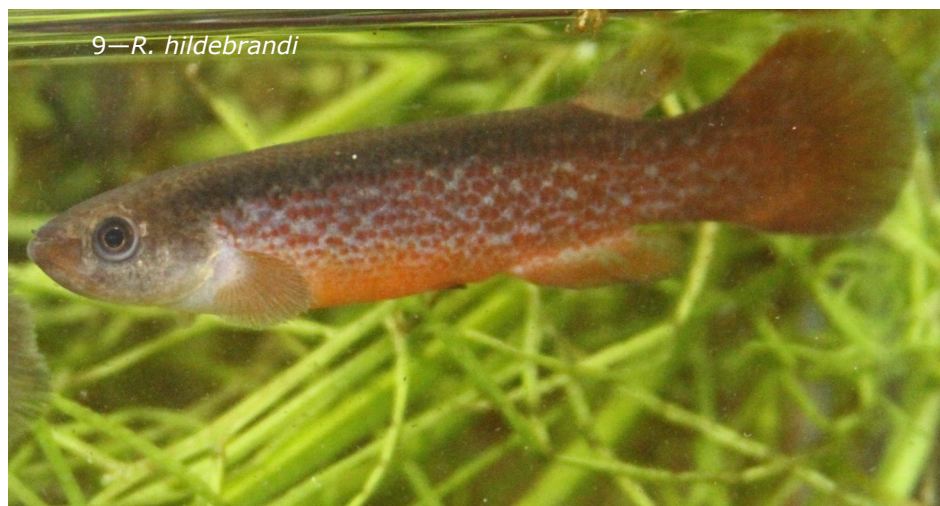
Class 14—
Pachypanchax playfair-
ii;

Class 15—Aphyosemion
splendopleure Tiko
Green;

An additional
“thank you” to an
old friend (yes,
old in both ways,
i.e. as a friend
and in age) Dr.
Bob Goldstein,
who graciously
sent a carton of
books for the
auction.

Reserve Best-of-Show—
Nematolebias papillifer-
us (G. Greenwood);

Best-of-Show—*Rivulus*
(*Cynodonichthys*) *hilde-*
brandi (A. Leuterman)



New Friends

As suspected, taking the show on the road allowed TAKO to make new killie friends with those interested but not able or not yet inclined to drive all the way to Houston for a weekend.

A very big

“Welcome” to the following new friends and killie fanatics:

- Ellen Perkey
- Ismael ‘Skip’ Gonzalez
- Charles Skillern
- Greg Steeves
- Reggie Leuty

- Daniel Huston
- Chris Lewis
- Doug Jones
- Sherolyn Craig
- Tonya Garrison
- Lori Green

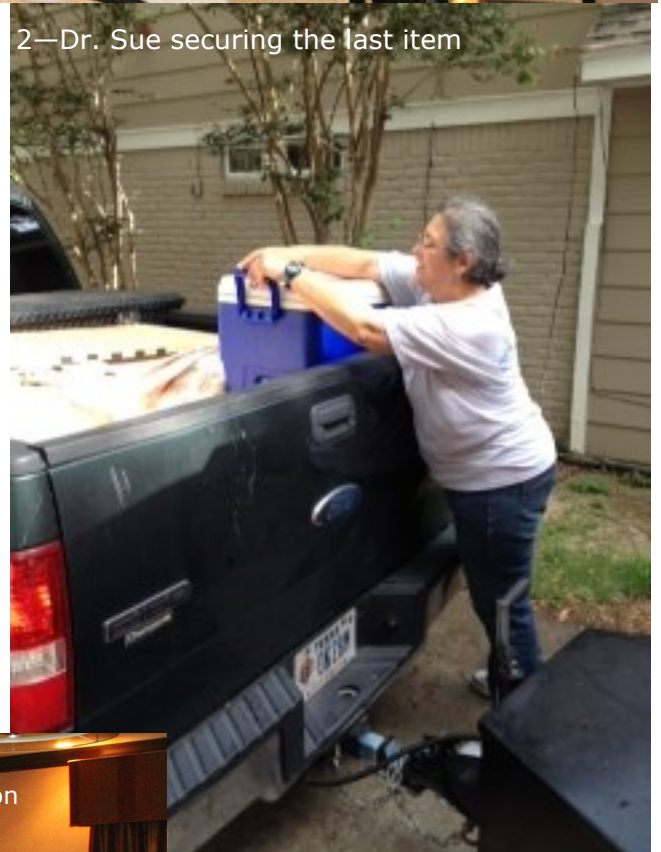
Photo 9—S. Rabke,
of *Rivulus*
(*Cynodonichthys*) *hilde-*
brandi, the BOS.



1- Loaded and Leaving



3—Chris Lewis



2—Dr. Sue securing the last item

Photos 1 & 2— A. Leuterman

Photos 3 & 4—S. Rabke



4— Daniel Huston

What is a Trematode?

- Trematoda is a class in the phylum Platyhelminthes commonly referred to as "flukes"
- Divided into two subclasses
 - Aspidogastrea (around 100 species)
 - Digenea (over 20,000 species)
- The "Monogenea" used to be part of Trematoda, but have been elevated to a sister class

5—Chris Lewis



6—*Nematolebias papilliferus*



Photos 5—7—S. Rabke

7—Daniel Huston



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our three TFH
winners of a one
year, digital
subscription—Ellen
Perkey, Patrick
Tyczynski and Eric
Beyer. These were
benevolent gifts
from TFH.

Photo 8—S. Rabke



Message about the President

Frequently this section is ghost written by yours truly and takes some light hearted potshots at the 'Prez' (nearly always deserved I must admit under torture).

Today a different tack—our congenial President suffered a nasty case of a stomach virus on Saturday night (told him to get the hamburger and not the salad) but drug himself up at the crack of dawn on Sunday and helped with the take down, computer work and accounting tasks despite being rather 'green around the gills'. He indeed was so 'green' that the ladies made him go away for a while.

It is indeed time to recognize his efforts and his friendship this weekend and over the years. Without Stephen's efforts (and with my lack of computer skills) people might still be in line waiting to check out (and this is Wednesday morning!).

A big "THANK YOU" to Dr. Marty Fischer for supplying foods for all the mail-ins (found when cleaning out his fishroom!). Marty is getting out of fish and remodeling his lovely home and the club was the beneficiary.



8—Sherolyn Craig