

Texas Area Killifish Organization

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It's Official—July Show



Creek Drive for a limited performance.

Again, we will highlight

It's heading towards summertime and that means TAKO Belle Revue time. On Saturday and Sunday, July 13th and 14th the killifish return to the Thornwood Community Clubhouse on Turkey

the traditional fifteen (15) Killifish Classes with awards (certificates) to the first three places. Best-in-Show and Reserve Best-in-Show will also be presented.

The standard poli-

cies will apply with no entry fee for mail-ins and carry-ins being assessed a charge of \$1.00 per pair for the first ten pairs only. All entries above ten pairs are free. The auction will be split 60/40 in favor of the seller. Auction only fish, plants and supplies are welcome with a limit of five (5) bags per variety.

Special points of interest:

- Set up opens Saturday morning at 0600 hrs.
- All mail-ins to arrive no later than Friday, July 13th.
- Receiver of mail-ins:
 - Arthur Leuterman
 - 742 Bison Drive
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Featured Speaker

This year our featured speaker will be Mr. John Nicholson of Caddo Mills, Texas. John breeds killies, discus and angelfish. He is a long time student of practical fish husbandry

which results in beautiful fish that he breeds quite successfully. He will be bringing some examples of his success for sale as well as imparting some of his tips at success in the Sat-

urday afternoon presentation.

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How Did I Earn That Many Points? Article by A. Leuterman

Did you ever wonder how the points are assigned at a sanctioned killie show? Well here are some guidelines to keep in mind when you are entering fish.

1. A valid class must have at least four entries scoring 70 or more points.
2. Entry points will be awarded to a participant for a maxi-

mum of three pairs per class.

3. Entry points will not be awarded for fish scoring fewer than 70 points.
4. Auction points will be earned by auctioning a pair of fish that has placed in class. Auction Points will be applied towards "Winning Points" total.

5. All points earned by an entry are cumulative for a single show, i.e. an entry can earn entry points, points for placing in class, points for Best of Show and finally points for being auctioned.

How to Score:

1. Enter up to three pairs per class.
2. Enter quality, healthy, happy, mature specimens displaying the designated desired attributes.
3. Hope judges' believe your fish are 'cat's meow'!

15 Classes (at TAKO Belle Revue and AKA Nationals)

The fifteen (15) classes are as follows:

1. New World Non-Annuals
2. Rivulus
3. New World Annuals
4. Nothobranchius
5. Fundulopanchax (ex. Paraphyosemion)

6. Fundulopanchax (Paraphyosemion)
7. Fundulopanchax (Blue Gularis)
8. Mesaphyosemion (ex. Calliurum)
9. Mesaphyosemion (Calliurum)
10. Chromaphyosemion

11. Archiaphyosemion
12. Aphyosemion (all Others)
13. Epiplatys
14. All Other Africans/Eurasian
15. Matched Breeding Pairs

Point Assignment Article by A. Leuterman

Classes with <10 entries

- 3 points for entry
- 5 points for 3rd place
- 7 points for 2nd place
- 9 points for 1st place
- 15 points for Reserve Best of Show (RBOS)

- 20 points for Best of Show (BOS)
- 4 points Auctioning bonus

Class with 10–19 entries

- 3 points for entry
- 6 points for 3rd place

- 8 points for 2nd place
- 10 points for 1st place
- 15 points for RBOS
- 20 points for BOS
- 4 points Auctioning bonus

Class with >20 entries

- 3 points for entry

Rivulus derhami Tingo Marie Article by A. Leuterman

I have been fortunate enough to obtain this little Rivulus jewel (definitely not another little brown fish!) three times over the past fortnight. They were maintained in two radically different methods. The first pair went into a heavily planted, 75-gallon tank with suite mates that consisted of a school of hatchet fish (8), breeding *Dolichop-*

terus ancistrus (successful) and regularly breeding but unsuccessful raising quintuplet of discus. The *R. derhami* spent most of their time in the top two inches of the aquarium living in the leaf and root systems of the water wisteria that totally covered the surface. Collecting specimens was as easy as netting a portion of the

wisteria and sorting through.

The second method of maintenance was in individual planted tanks with mops. Between these two pair I managed only three fry over several years.

With light, pH, water change frequency and food being the same what lessons did I take

Rivulus derhami
Tingo Maria (from internet)

away from these experiences? Pick any you feel comfortable with:

1. They like company.
2. They like power filters rather than sponge or corner

filters.

3. They like room to roam and hide.
4. They like tormenting yours truly.



Point Assignment (continued)

- 7 points for 3rd place
- 9 points for 2nd place
- 11 points for 1st place
- 15 points for RBOS
- 20 points for BOS
- 4 points Auctioning bonus
- Points are awarded regardless of class size
- 8 points for entry
- 12 points for 3rd place
- 18 points for 2nd place
- 24 points for 1st place
- 30 points for RBOS
- 40 points for BOS

And now you have a better feel for what you earned or could earn the next time you enter or see show results.

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Want a by-line—
submit an article!

Message from the President

I don't know about you but all this talk about the TAKO Belle Revue gets me to looking at the fish I have and trying to determine which ones might just be good enough to put in the show. As always it's the Rabke luck; some that I thought would do well in this year's show have up and died on me but alas this is the cycle of life. I have always enjoyed the show weekend; seeing some old favorites and meeting some new (like seeing the people too). I do hope that everyone can make the show this year as you are what make to show what it is — fun.

Stephen

2012 Results

Flashback section for those trying to remember who did what last year:

Class 1—*Fundulus cingulatus*
Milton, Florida [D. Austin];

Class 2—*Rivulus tenuis* Taco
Talpa Park [Sue Katz];

Class 3—*Pituna brevirostrate*
[C. Weatherford];

Class 4—*Nothobranchius ka-
fuensis* [G. Greenwood];

Class 5—*Fundulopanchax ar-
noldi* CI 2011 CW [C. Weather-
ford];

Class 6—*Fundulopanchax gard-
neri* Misaje [G. Greenwood];

Class 7—*Fundulopanchax*
sjoestedti [C. Weatherford];

Class 8—*Aphyosemion exi-*

goideum [C. Weatherford];

Class 9—*Aphyosemion australe*
Gold [T. Merchant];

Class 10—*Aphyosemion bivittatum*
Mykandon [A. Leuterman];

Class 11—*Archiaphyosemion guin-
eense* Kissidougou [A. Leuterman];

Class 12—*Aphyosemion bochtleri*
GWW 86-11 [G. Greenwood];

Class 13—*Epiplatys sexfasciatus* CI
2011 [L. Veiga];

Class 14—*Procatopus nototaenia*
Kribi [A. Leuterman];

Class 15 - *Pachypanchax playfairii*
[S. Katz]

