

THE BREEDER'S AWARD PROGRAM

The TRI-COUNTY TROPICAL FISH SOCIETY Breeder's Award Program is established to recognize outstanding achievement in the breeding of aquarium fish. To qualify for awards an aquarist earns points as outlined in the following schedule.

- I. **BREEDER AWARD.....50 POINTS**
(Must spawn at least 5 species totaling at least 50 points including both egg layers and livebearers)

- II. **ADVANCED BREEDER AWARD..... 100 POINTS**
(Must complete Breeder requirements and total at least 100 points including at least 10 species and 4 modes of reproduction: livebearers, egg scatterers, substrate spawners, mouthbrooders, or anabantoids, etc.)

- III. **EXPERT BREEDER AWARD.....300 POINTS**
(Must complete requirements for Advanced Breeder and add an additional 200 points including 3 species from 20-point fish.)

- IV. **MASTER BREEDER AWARD.....500 POINTS**
(Must complete requirements for Expert Breeder and add an additional 200 points including 3 genus specializations, signified by 5 species in each genus.)

- V. **BREEDER OF THE YEAR AWARD**
(Based on accumulated points for one year from January 1 to December 31.)

REQUIREMENTS

5 points: Aquarist must spawn and raise at least 10 fry to 60 days of age. Ten fry, 60 days old, must be brought to a club meeting for verification by the B.A.P. Chairman. For all point classes the breeder is responsible for filling out a B.A.P. Report Form and having the form signed by the witness and B.A.P. Chairman.

10 points: Aquarist must spawn and raise at least 10 fry to 60 days of age. A club member from outside the breeder's household must witness the fry in the breeder's home. Ten fry, 60 days old, must be brought to a club meeting for verification by the B.A.P. Chairman. The breeder must submit a report of spawning procedure either orally at a meeting or written for publication in the newsletter. Written reports must be at least 350 words in length.

15 and 20 points: Aquarist must notify a Breeder's Award Committeeman within 48 hours of spawning these fish. A Committeeman must visit the aquarist's home to witness the parents, fry and conditions under which the fish were spawned. Ten fry raised to 60 days of age must be brought to a club meeting for verification by the B.A.P. Chairman. The breeder must submit a report of spawning procedure either orally at a meeting or written for publication in the newsletter. Written reports must be at least 350 words in length.

B.A.P. ADDITIONAL NOTES

- 1. The B.A.P. Point Classification is a listing as follows:**
- 2. Criteria considered in determining point classification include the difficulties involved in maintaining, sexing, pairing, inducing spawning, getting viable fry from the eggs, and raising the fry.**
- 3. Only the following genuses of snails are eligible for B.A.P. POINTS: Ampularia, Campeloma, Marisa, and Vivipara.**
- 4. Eggs must be spawned by breeder's own fish and not obtained from another breeder and then hatched**
- 5. Age is counted as follows:**
 - Livebearers - from date of birth;**
 - Egglayers - from date eggs hatch;**
 - Mouthbrooders - from date fry are released by or stripped from parent.**
- 6. Breeders are strongly encouraged to either donate or sell some of their fry at T.C.T.F.S. auctions.**
- 7. Although written reports are not required for 5 point fish, everyone is encouraged to share their knowledge and experience about keeping or spawning any fish by writing a newsletter article.**
- 8. Points shall not be given to spawning cross-bred species.**
- 9. Points are awarded only once for any species, regardless of color morph.**
- 10. Fry must be brought in at 60 days of age even if there are less than 10 total. Additional fry of the same species must be verified at a later date before points will be awarded.**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Special projects must be outlined in advance stating intent and desired objectives. Recognition as deemed appropriate by the B.A.P. Committee will be given upon successfully attaining the outlined objectives and submitting a written report.

CLASSES

CLASS 1: LIVEBEARERS

- 5 points: *Brachyrhaphis rhabdophora*, *Heterandria* sp., *Gambusia* sp., *Poecilia*s (guppy & molly types), *Xiphophorus* (swords, platys, and *variatus*), and All other Livebearers not listed in other point groups
- 10 points: All species in family Goodeidae, all species from genera *Ameca*, *Belonesox*, *Chapalichys*, and *Xenotocas*
- 15 points All livebearing halfbeaks plus all species with published brood records of less than 20 fry, *Ataeniobius toweri*, *Skiffia lermiae*, and *S. multipunctata* plus All species with published brood records of less than 10 fry including: *Allodontichthys tamazulae*, *Brachyrhaphus holdridgei*, *Gambusia alvarezii*, *Poecilia melanazona*, *Poecilia turneri*, *Poeciliopsis prolifica*, and *P. turraburensis*. *Anableps anableps*, *Jenysia lineate*, *Skiffia Francesae*, *Hubbsina turneri* and all livebearing stingrays.

CLASS 2: ANABANTOIDS

. 5 points: None

- 10 points: *Macropodus opercularis* (paradise fish, all varieties), *Trichogaster trichopterus* (all varieties such as 3 spot, blue, gold, Cosby and opaline gouramis)
- 10 points: *Betta picta*, *Betta splendens*, *Trichogaster leerii* (pearl gourami), *Colisa* sp. (dwarf blue gouramis, neons, and giant gouramis).
- 15 points: All species from genus *Macropodus*, except those listed in other point groups. All species from the genera *Belontia* and *Trichopsis* (croaking gouramis). All wild Bettas such as *Betta smaragdina*, *Betta unimaculata* and all other Anabantoid species not listed in other point groups.
- 20 points: Bettas in the *coccina* complex (*coccina*, *tussyae*, *brownorum*, *livida*, *persephone*, *miniopinna*, *burdigala*, *rutilans*) *Helostoma temminckii* (kissing), and *Parosphromenus* sp. (*licorice* & related sp.) *Betta albimarginata*, *channoides* and *macrostoma*, *Ctenopoma* sp., *Sphaerichthys* sp. (chocolate gouramies), and *Osphronemus goramy* (true goramy).

CLASS 3: BARBS

- 5 points: None
- 10 points: All barbs not listed in other point groups, including *Puntius sachsi* (gold barb), *Capoeta oligolepis* (checker barb), and *Capoeta tetrazona* (tiger barb).
- 15 points: *Barbodes everetti* (clown barb), *Puntius filamentosa*, *Capoeta arulius*
- 20 points: *Barbodes lateristriga* (spanner T barb), and Any African barb species such as *Barbodes fasciolatus*, *Barbodes macrops*, *Barbodes kerstenii*, and *Barbodes trispilos* *Barbodes schwanenfeldii* (tinfoil barb)

CLASS 4: RAINBOWFISHES

- 5 points *Melanotaenia splendida* (including all subspecies such as *inornata* and *rubristriata*)
- 10 points All species of the genera *Glossolepis*, and *Pseudomugil*, *Bedotia geayi* (madagascar rainbow). All *Melanotaenias* sp. not listed elsewhere. *Telmatherina ladigesii* and *Chilatherina heikobleheri*
- 15 points All rainbowfishes not listed elsewhere
- 20 points *Pseudomugil tenellus* *Iriatherina wernerii* (featherfin rainbowfish)

CLASS 5: RASBORAS AND MINNOWS

- 5 points: All minnows from genera *Danio* and *Brachydanio*, *Tanichthys albonubes* (white clouds)
- 10 points: None
- 15 points: All minnows not listed elsewhere, *Rasbora trilineata* (scissortail rasbora), and *Rasbora borapetensis* (redtailed rasbora)
- 20 points: All species of Rasboras not listed in other point groups *Rasbora heteromorpha* (harlequin) and *R. espei*

CLASS 6: CHARACINS

- 5 points: None
- 10 points: *Inpaichthys kerri* (royal tetra), *Nematobrycon lacortei* (rainbow tetra), and *Nematobrycon palmeri* (emperor tetra)
- 15 points: *Gymnocorymbus ternetzi* (black tetra) and All species not listed in other point groups.
- 20 points: *Exodon paradoxus* (buck toothed tetra), *Hyphessobrycon herbertaxelrodi* (black neon tetra), and All species of genera *Carnegiella* and *Gasteropelecus*
: *Paracheirodon innesi* (neon tetra), *Cheirodon axelrodi* (cardinal tetra), *Micralestes interruptus* (Congo tetras) *Serrasalminidae* sp.(non-piranha), *Thoracocharax* sp. (hatchetfish) and all *Abramites* and *Anostomus*.

CLASS 7: CICHLIDS OF THE OLD WORLD

- 5 points: All mouthbrooders from genera *Sarotherodon*, *Hemihaplochromis*, *Tilapia*, plus *Haplochromis burtoni* and other closely related *Haplochromis* species
- 10 points: *Steatocranus casuarius*, all mouthbrooding species from Lake Malawi and Victoria, plus all substrate spawning African and Asian cichlids except those listed in other point groups
- 15 points: *Etilopius maculatus*, *Haplochromis moorii*, all species from genera: *Lamprologus*, and *Steatocranus*, (except those listed in other point groups), and all substrate spawning species from Lake Tanganyika
Etilopius suratensis, *Teleogramma* sp., (except those listed in other point groups), all mouthbrooding species from Lake Tanganyika
- 20 points *Cyathopharynx* sp. and other Lake Tanganyika "featherfins"

CLASS 8: CICHLIDS OF THE NEW WORLD

- 5 points: *Cryptoheros nigrofasciatus* (convicts), and *Herotilapia multispinosa* (rainbow cichlid)
- 10 points: *Pterophyllum scalare* (angelfish: all varieties) *Geophagus steindachneri*, 'Geophagus' *brasiliensis*, *Gymnogeophagus balzanii*, *Apistogramma* spp., *Parachromis managuensis*, *Thorichthys*

meeki, 'Cichlasoma' octofasciatum, Archocemtrus spilurus, Nannacara anomala, Neetroplus nematopus, and all substrate spawning Central, North and South American cichlids except those listed in other point groups.

- 15 points: All species from genera Caquetaia, Cichlasoma, Crenicara, Crenicichla (unless noted elsewhere), Geophagus, Gymnogeophagus, Heros and Satanoperca (except those listed in other point groups), Astronotus ocellatus, plus all mouth brooding species of South American cichlids except those listed in other point groups.
- 20 points: All species from the following Crenicichla complexes: lacustris, strigata, and vittata. Symphysodon aequifasciatus, Teleocichla spp. and Uaru anphiacanthoides : Acarichthys heckelli, Biotodoma spp., Biotocus spp., Cichla spp., Pterophyllum altum, Satanoperca acuticeps, Satanoperca daemon, Satanoperca lilith, Symphysodon discus, Uaru fernadezyepezi, and Uaru sp. "Big Blotch".

CLASS 9: KILLIFISH, MOP SPAWNERS

- 5 points Fundulopanchax gardneri, Aplocheilus lineatus, Aplocheilus panchax, Epiplatys dageti, Pachypanchax playfairi, Oryzias latipes (rice fish)
- 10 points Aphyosemion cognatum, Aphyosemion christyi, Aphyosemion schoutedeni, Aphyosemion fallax, Aphyosemion gulare, and Aphyosemion australe plus All mop spawning species not listed in other point groups.
- 15 points All species from the Aphyosemion diapteron group including Aphyosemion abacinum, Aphyosemion georgiae, Aphyosemion cyanostictum, and Aphyosemion fulgen plus All species from the genus Procatopus.
- 20 points Pseudoepiplatys annulatus, and Rivulus marmorata Lamprichthys tanganicanus

CLASS 10 : KILLIFISH, SOIL SPAWNERS

- 5 points: None
 - 10 points: Fundulopanchax sjoestedti (Blue Gularis)
 - 15 points: All soil-spawning species with PUBLISHED* incubation times of five months or less
 - 20 points: All soil-spawning species with PUBLISHED* incubation times of six months or more
Terranatos dolichopterus (sabrefin killie), and Nothobranchius rachovi
- * Proof of publication should be copied and added to the BAP Form

CLASS 11: CATFISH

- 5 points: None
- 10 points:: Corydoras aeneus, and Corydoras paleatus, (including albino forms)
- 15 points: All species not listed in other point groups. Corydoras hastatus, Corydoras pygmaeus, Hoplosternum pectorale (dwarf hoplo), Ancistrus sp.
- 20 points Any species from the genus Synodontis, any species of "plecostomus" or "suckermouth" types (not otherwise mentioned), Dianema urostriatum, any of the "Wood Cats".

CLASS 12: SHARKS, LOACHES, AND EELS

- 5 points: None
- 10 points: None
- 15 points: None
- 20 points: *Misgurnus anguillicaudatus* (dojo or weather loach), *Acanthopthalmus* sp. (kuhli type loaches). All other species not listed in target group
Epalzeorhynchus bicolor (redtailed shark), *Botia macracantha* (clown loach), and *Mastocembelus* species (spiny eels)

CLASS 13: MARINE FISH AND INVERTEBRATES (ANY COMBINATION THAT AMOUNTS TO 40 POINTS OR 1 FISH)

- 5 points: Bristleworms, *Aptasia* species anemones, Copopods, and All other highly opportunistic species.
- 10 points: Tubeworms and mushroom anemones.
- 15 points: All shrimps, crabs, lobsters, and other crustaceans.
- 20 points: All marine fishes and all other species not listed in other point groups.

CLASS 14: U.S. NATIVES (2 SPECIES)

- 5 points: *Gambusia affinis*, *Heterandria formosa*, *Poecilia latipinna* and all livebearing species native to the United States.
- 10 points: All *Cyprinodon* species (pupfish), *Elassoma evergladei* (pigmy sunfish), *Jordanella floridae* (Florida flag fish), and all other egg-laying species native to the United States.
- 15 points: All "sunfish" except *Elassoma evergladei*, and all "minnows"
- 20 points: All "Darters" and Sculpins

CLASS 15: ALL OTHER SPECIES (3 SPECIES: 1 LIVEBEARER + 2 EGGLAYERS)

- 5 points: None
- 10 points: All *Badis* and *Dario* species
- 15 points: *Carassius auratus auratus* (goldfish: all varieties) and *Chlamydogobius eremius* (desert goby) Koi,
- 20 points: Scats, *Mogurnda mogurnda*, all others not in other point groups *Brachygobius xanthozona* (bumblebee goby), *Monodactylus sebae*, *Pantodon buchholzi* (butterfly fish), "mudskippers", *Luciocephalus pulcher* and all gobies/gudgeons not listed elsewhere

CLASS 16: ORNAMENTAL FRESHWATER INVERTEBRATES (4 SPECIES)

- 5 points: All snails from the genera *Ampullaria*, *Vivipara*, *Campiloma*, and *Marisa*
- 10 points: All crayfish and shrimp that reproduce through direct development unless listed in other points groups.

- 15 points: All crayfish and shrimp that reproduce through primitive development and do not require saltwater for larvae development
 - 20 points: All shrimp and crayfish that reproduce by indirect development and require saltwater for larvae development
- All freshwater crabs, mussels, and clams.