Next NEC Event: 4th Q NEC BOG Meeting
November 30th @Noon – Conference Call: (712) 432-0384, (Access code: 863965#)

2016-17 CALENDAR

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(F2F)= Face to Face
(CC) – Conference Call

*General NEC meetings are held at NOON and BOG meetings are held at 7:30 PM (unless otherwise noted)

The NEC does not coordinate dates for club events, but does publish this monthly calendar for your convenience. Prior to selecting a date for your club’s next event, please check the NEC calendar for availability, and then notify me of the new date immediately at BRomeo1234@optonline.net or by phone @ 914-433-2556.
Registration: Registration is now open! Early Registration will be open from November 15 until February 22nd. Please go to http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/conreg14intro and click on the yellow “Registration Now Open” button to get to the cart (or mail in the registration form found in this newsletter or download here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxiuG5ADUSEUT1A0S0pxVUJTQ2c/view?usp=sharing).

Speaker Sponsors: If your club would like to sponsor a speaker this year, please let us know! Sponsorships are $100 each. Your club name will be highlighted on the Speaker page on our website and on the speaker's bio page in the convention booklet. (Editor’s Note: Individuals can also sponsor a speaker). Go to http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/component/hikashop/product/listing to sponsor

Deadline for inclusion in the booklet is February 10, 2017. No deadline for inclusion on our website.

Thank you, MonsterFishKeepers.com, for your generous speaker sponsorship of Ruben Lugo!
NEC Member Club Sponsor: For a sponsorship of $100, your club’s half-page ad in the convention booklet will be upgraded to a full page ad. This is especially useful for those clubs who list all their speaker for the year in their club ad, or if you are sponsoring a special event!

Deadline for inclusion in the booklet is February 10, 2017. No deadline for inclusion on our website.

Speaker Bios: We will be highlighting each of our speakers in this newsletter. You can also read about them on our website and on our Facebook page.

Check out what’s SCHEDULED! Schedule of Events: The convention schedule can be found at:

http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/schedule

Hotel and meals: You can make your hotel reservations either by calling the main hotel reservation number, or registering online. The information is on our “Hotel” page. The menus for the Friday night buffet dinner, the Saturday buffet breakfast, and the Saturday night banquet buffet dinner are listed on our “Meals” webpage.

Vendor Room: If you are interested in becoming a vendor at our convention, please contact Nancy Villars/Hallgring at NECconvention@aol.com

Donations and Sponsors: If you would like to make a donation to the convention, or become a sponsor of our convention, please contact Barbara Romeo at BRomeo1234@optonline.net
Fish Shows and Exhibitions: New England Cichlid Association (NECA) will be hosting its second limited class show again this year, and the Boston Guppy Club (BGC) will host its third IGEES Guppy and Endler Show. The Southern New England Killifish Association (SNEKA) will be hosting its first killie exhibition. We’re going to have a full house in our show room this year!

Natures Talk Show: The NEC is pleased to welcome back Natures Talk Show! Owners Tom Lats, Mary Fetters, and Radio Show Host Ray Owczarzak will be in attendance, bringing state of the art equipment to do live YouTube streaming from our vendor room, with interviews with our vendors, speakers, and attendees.

In addition, the NEC convention will be promoted with short ads on each and every Nature Talk Show between now and the convention. Tune it to the shows to hear great radio talk shows and our convention ads!

That’s all for this month!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Leslie

Boston Guppy Group (BGG) held an IGEES guppy and endler show on November 5th at the Boston Aquarium Society (BAS) 100th Anniversary Weekend (a.k.a. Boston Bash!). Show results are posted on their Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/154715434671/permalink/10154974188469672/
Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies
42nd Annual Convention March 10-12, 2017
Sheraton Hartford South, Rocky Hill CT  (1 888 627 8263)
www.northeastcouncil.org

Name: __________________________________________

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CONVENTION REGISTRATION
Your Registration Button will be required to attend all seminars and meetings.

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Postmarked on or before February 22, 2017 and on or before March 3, 2017

NOTE: Special Package after February 22nd does NOT include shirt!
$    Add $10 per person registering
$    Add $5 per Friday Night Buffet
$    Add $5 per Saturday Banquet Buffet

CONVENTION LOGO SHIRTS with embroidered logo: - preorder only – Shirts can NOT be ordered after February 22, 2017!
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL (2XL thru 3XL - add $3.00)

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GRAND TOTAL: $____________

A very limited number of L & XL T-shirts will be on sale at the Convention for $22 until 12:30 PM on Saturday. Any other shirt sizes or styles MUST be pre-ordered by February 22, 2017.

PLEASE PRINT THE NAMES OF ALL ATTENDEES FOR THEIR NAME BADGES.

Name #1 __________________________ Name #3 __________________________

Name #2 __________________________ Name #4 __________________________

Make Check Payable to Northeast Council and mail with this form to:
Leslie Dick, 4 Louis Allan Dr., Danbury, CT 06811
Reserve your Hotel Room on-line or call 1 888 627 8263
and mention the Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies 2017 Convention
Refer to convention website for more registration options or contact
Leslie Dick with questions. NECCConvention@northeastcouncil.org

Due to circumstances beyond our control, speakers, schedules, and events may be subject to change.
Registration Cancellation Policy: Refunds postmarked or e-mailed on/before February 22, 2017.
Pre-ordered clothing must be paid for. No exceptions to our cancellation policy!
NEC Convention Speaker Bio #3: Dr. Steve Edie

Steve Edie has been keeping fish since the Eisenhower administration. (might need Wikipedia for this). He has kept almost every kind of fish available, and some that weren’t. He now keeps about 1,100 gallons of freshwater aquariums, with a preference toward Rift Lake Cichlids. He has had good success in maintaining many different species and moderate success at breeding them. He is the past President and Treasurer and current BAP Chair of the Missouri Aquarium Society. He served on the Board of Trustees of the American Cichlid Association, but was paroled after two terms. He once kept a saltwater tank for about a year, but has promised not to do it again.

NEC Convention Speaker Bio #4: Tony Orso

Tony has been keeping fish since the age of seven when he got his first metal framed aquarium. A chemistry and physics teacher by trade, he has been running a wholesale tropical fish business since 1981. He was joined by his wife Rose when they started dating fifteen years ago. Tony Orso USA imports from South America, Asia, Africa, Europe, and formerly, Australia. The company has brought a number of first time imports to the states.

Tony and Rose still enjoy the excitement of opening boxes of fish from around the world and feel seeing something new is akin to the feeling of a child on Christmas morning! They live in Vernon, New Jersey with two Labradors and two Labrador mixes, their four four legged children.

Asian and Aussie fishes will be the topics of Tony's programs.
NEC 42nd Annual Convention Postcard

Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies

42nd Annual Tropical Fish Convention

March 10–12, 2017 • Rocky Hill CT

The Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies
42nd ANNUAL TROPICAL FISH CONVENTION
March 10–12, 2017

The Sheraton Hartford South Hotel, Rocky Hill, Connecticut
Speakers–Vendor Room–Sunday Auction 11am (viewing from 9:30am)
Banquet–Specialty Club Meetings–Multiple Fish Shows & Exhibitions

Visit our Website for all Registration Options and Register Online until March 3, 2017!!
Or mail check to Leslie Dick,
4 Louis Allan Dr., Danbury, CT 06811

• Special Package (T-shirt size ___) $145 **
Includes all Speakers, Fri Dinner with Keynote Speaker, Sat Breakfast w/ Keynote Speaker, Sat Banquet w/ Keynote Speaker, T-shirt
(+ 2XL, 3XL – please add $3)

• Registration $72 **
Includes all Speakers and Saturday Breakfast with Keynote Speaker
**Non NEC club members, please add $10

Postmark Deadline: Feb. 22, 2017
Shirts may be ordered only until this date!

Speakers:
Bill Allen – Ted Coletti – Steve Edie – Gerald Griffin
Ruben Lugo – Tony Orso – Karen Pattist – Greg Steeves
Mark Denaro (ALFA)

For questions and printable registration form, e-mail Leslie Dick
ConventionChair@northeastcouncil.org
www.northeastcouncil.org for details
Call for Nominations

Betty Mueller Memorial Honor
Lifetime Achievement Award

Deadline: January 30, 2017

This special recognition is given to individuals who, over the years, have given overwhelming dedication and support to the aquarium hobby and to the Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies, Inc.

The rules are as follows:
Any NEC member club or NEC member can nominate up to three persons a year. Each nomination should be accompanied with a paragraph explaining why you feel this person is qualified. You cannot nominate anyone who already has received this honor. A committee of persons who have received the honor and are still active in the NEC will make the decision.

Please send nominations to:
mailto:president@northeastcouncil.org

Past recipients:
1979    Betty Mueller
1980    Martin Bernard
1981    Penny Faul
1982    Ray Horn
1983    Lee Finley
1984    Ann & Walter Howe
1985    Kathy Beebe
1986    Jack Adinolfi
1987    Sandy Billings
1988    Al Faul
1989    Dave Quinn
1990    John Galvin
1991    John Stankevitch
1992    Bill Kenney
1993    Aline Brousseau
1994    Faith Quinn
1995    Tony Terciera
1996    Don Johnson
1997    Sue & Wally Bush
1998    Diane Adinolfi
1999    Chuck Davis
2000    Aline Finley
2001    Janine & David Banks
2002    Wayne Leibel
2003    Karen Randall
2004    Mark & Anne Broadmeyer
2004    Honoree, Ray Lucas
2005    James White
2006    Rit Forcier
2007    Christine & Frank Policastro
2008    Joe Masi
2009    Linda & David Giza
2010    Barbara Day
2011    Bill Cole
2012    Claudia Dickinson
2013    Leslie Dick
2014    Richard Pierce
2015    Rosario La Corte
2016    Nancy Villars/Hallgring
Our Annual meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2016 which is also the General NEC 4th Quarter Meeting. Elections will also be held at this meeting for all NEC officers and members at large.

The Nominating Committee is looking for quite a few positions and request NEC member club officers and members consider running for a NEC officer and/or member at large position.

Each position is a 2-year term and its’ description can be found within the NEC Constitution. The NEC Constitution can be found at the following link on the NEC website: http://northeastcouncil.org/NewNEC/index.php/157-nec-constitution. This is the current slate:

Officers: 5 positions up for election

President: 1 position. Candidates to date: Rich Pierce, Bill Gill
Vice President: 1 position. Candidates to date: Russ McAndrews
Treasurer: 1 position. No candidates to date.
Recording Secretary: 1 position. No candidates to date.
Corresponding Secretary: 1 position. Candidates to date: Barbara Romeo

Members At Large: 6 positions up for election
Candidates to date: Leslie Dick, Karen Pattist, Linda Giza, David Giza.

Member clubs have one vote at the December 4th meeting. The member club delegate, alternative delegate, member club president, or designee assigned by the member club president (as long as the NEC President is notified prior) may vote.

Please contact us if you would like additional information, would like to run for a NEC position, and/or have a recommendation regarding someone else running for a NEC position.

The NEC Nominating Committee Members are: Linda Giza at mailto:lgiza@icloud.com, Barbara Romeo at mailto:bromeo1234@optonline.net, Fran Masi at mailto:franc21alliance@optonline.net, Karen Pattist at mailto:pattist@snet.net, and Joe Masi at mailto:president@northeastcouncil.org who is also the Constitution and By-Laws Chair.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Linda Giza
Nominating Committee Chair
NEC Slide and Videos

All video and slide presentations are available to any NEC club to use as their monthly meeting program. Any other use should be discussed with the NEC slide and video chairman prior to the request. Please make requests as far in advance as possible to allow for scheduling and regular mail delivery. The NEC club requesting the program is responsible for actual shipping charges in both directions.

Failure to return the program will result in a $50 replacement charge. Please return programs within 14 days after the scheduled meeting.

Requests should be made to:  David Banks, 315 US RT 2, Grand Isle, VT 05458 Email: dbanks@together.net or 802-372-8716

Last published library listing:  August 15, 2016 NEC Newsletter

NEC Articles Competition Reprint

Our next reprint within this edition was a humor article that won second place in 2015 titled “A Fish Named BO” by Judith Weinberg. It was published within the December 2015 issue of New England Cichlid Association’s publication The New England Cichlid pgs. 5-9.

We intend to reprint the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winning entries from the Breeder Article, Junior, Humor and Open Classes categories of the NEC Articles Competitions. We will reprint in the newsletter as space permits and as we receive approval by the author or per club newsletter policy. If you have won a past NEC Articles Competition no matter how “old” and would like us to reprint it, please contact me at mailto:bromeo1234@optonline.net.

Thanks
Barbara

NEC Articles Competition Winner Entry Reprint
2015 Humor Class – 2nd Place Winner

“A Fish Named BO” by Judith Weinberg
A FISH NAMED BO;
OR THE MAKING (OR UNDOING) OF A CHAMPION

TEXT BY JUDY WEINBERG & IMAGES BY KLAUS STEINHAUS

It started one horrible rainy night, almost ten years ago, when wind-whipping water from the skies came down in drenching sheets. You couldn’t get to your car without getting soaked, no matter how fast you made a run for it. This was the night I acquired my first aquarium fish, the fish you have all come to know as Bo.

Wait, there is a prologue to this remarkable event. Standing before the central 100-gallon tank in Uncle Ned’s Fish Factory in Millis, MA, the winter before, I was mesmerized by the frenetic energy of a medium-sized, velvety-black cichlid. This fish was covered in large iridescent spots, was of a chunky build, and attacked the glass madly whenever I came near, and by this I mean, repeated, vicious, stabbing attacks, up and down the glass. This was the fish for me—I fell in love with that fish. The staff knew little about it, except that it was believed to be female, had been a trade-in because of its nasty temperament, and that it was a primitive cichlid from Madagascar. I had previously kept bettas for many years. I had struggled to breed them and my efforts were largely a failure. The summer before, after what had appeared to be a successful spawn, several hundred larvae were bouncing happily underneath daddy betta’s bubble nest. I counted at least two hundred baby fish that made it to the swimming stage, and from there, things went downhill. The parent fish were very exotic—the male was a red double-tail super delta and the female was a large, turquoise crowntail—and I think this was the factor in the demise of their young. After ten weeks of nursing along with a few remaining babies, it all came down to one lone individual, which I dubbed Intrepid. Intrepid was a beautiful blue-green, looked to be a crowntail, like his mama, but he was a crooked, humped thing, missing a dorsal fin altogether, evidently the result of too much inbreeding. He died after three months, and I mourned his loss. I was ready to move on to other fish.

I went back to Uncle Ned’s to visit the spotted, black cichlid from Madagascar. She was gone! Sold for forty dollars! I put Dan and Ned on notice that I wanted that fish should another appear, and I figured that would be the end of it. But, no—one day I got a call from another customer there, he was looking to unload a 75-gallon tank. So, I drove to his house and shoved the tank and stand and a box of mostly useless equipment into the back seat of my Camry. I took it home and my practical and pragmatic husband helped me lug it into our sunroom, a room we had built off of our dining room. The fact that the price was right was the only thing Neal liked about it.

Still, something told me to set up the tank. I bought a new filter, cover and lights. I read about cycling the water, and diligently followed directions and assiduously tested for ammonia and nitrates. That same week, I got a call from Ned’s. There was another bespangled black cichlid from Madagascar! I started doing research that night: this fish was known as a large spot Paratilapia, perhaps bleekeri, a fish endemic to the east coast rivers of Madagascar. This nomer
has since proved to be an erroneous one, as *P. bleekeri* are extinct in the wild, have not been farmed anywhere else, and have died off among aquarists. This information came to be first-hand from Paul Loiselle, formerly of the New York Aquarium, who was the first to collect these fish in Madagascar, recognizing their extremely endangered status. Bo is among a threatened variety of small spot species.

So, on that fateful, rainy night, I found myself peering into a PVC pipe in the big tank at the back of Ned’s. What looked back at me was Bo; he was, at that time, about 6 or 7 inches, a drab brown-black and covered in small spots. He was nothing to write home about. He was not a *Paratilapia bleekeri*, or any of the other large spot species; he was a *Paratilapia polleni*, small spot, exact species unknown. As it turns out, according to Loiselle, even large spot species found today are *P. polleni*, too, and even they are hard to find. I bemoaned the fact that I had missed out on the large spot I had seen that first time. Bo, who was not beau in the least, checked me out from his hiding spot with large yellow eyes. “This is a *polleni*,” I said, and with those words, our fates were sealed. I took him home in the pouring rain on that dark and stormy night.

His story was this: A man from Rhode Island had raised the fish at home in a mixed cichlid tank. Bo had killed all of his tankmates, save for a red devil, and the guy opted to keep the red devil. He chose poorly, in my book. This is how BO got his name: it is an acronym, short for Bad One. He has proved to be a bad one from that first night. I let him loose in the 75-gallon tank when I got home. Neal’s reaction, “What? That ugly thing?” Bo proceeded to attack his cave, a giant bean pot I had provided for him. He thoroughly shredded his fins and ripped a hole in his lower lip by thrashing around in the gravel between the glass and the cave, as though showing his new home a thing or two. He sulked in a corner, mean and mad, and turned a hideous brown.

The cut on Bo’s lip took weeks to heal. While I worried about water parameters, an unnecessary concern as I learned that *polleni* can survive in tough, brackish conditions, or in practically any water at all. What you want to avoid with these fish is ich or any fungal infection. Treatment at the first white spot is vital; the infection need not be very bad at all, but the fish have a very low tolerance for it and can succumb quickly.

Bo’s injury healed slowly and became a huge, white scab that hung from his mouth. Very attractive. But he was, in fish lingo, “coloring up,” which made me think of what my obstetrician had said after the birth of my son, who “pinned up” after being born blue. Bo was now taking on a velvety, blue-black background and sported shimmering stars of pink, yellow, white and blue. These spots had aurora borealis-like properties, iridescent and undulating, as he swam through the water. Each spot had a tiny black spot, an “eye,” to scare away predators during his dusk and dawn, crepuscular, feeding times. His head started attaining a hump, although it was low and sloping at first. His face was a hazel brown, his eyes were large, wide-spaced and yellow with a huge black iris. He looked as though he were wearing green lipstick on his broad lips. But his large and expressive eyes were the feature that really did me in. He looked at you as though he knew you and what you were thinking.

In fact, he did recognize the members of the family and had preferences, too. Even though I was the one who fed and took care of him, he was in love with my daughter, Abigail. The fish would go into orgiastic frenzies whenever she walked past the fish room. I implored her to go in and visit with him for a moment—a poor, dumb, animal—but she staunchly refused and said we were both a couple of nutcases.

Speaking of being a nutcase—I have been accused of that in my fishkeeping endeavors, especially in the affectionate bond that I developed with
Bo. Or, shall I say, in the bond he forged with me. It became apparent early on that Bo loved the way my hand would brush by his flanks when I was vacuuming the gravel of his tank. Before long, I could pet him like a dog. Anybody with an Oscar or a Red devil knows that this can happen. Well, the members of the club I joined, TFSRI, thought that this was a total riot, a joke, even, until I was filmed petting him at one of the club shows. This was more than a case of a novice trying to treat her fish in some sort of anthropomorphic way—it became clear to them that Bo sought me out. One time, when I was stroking the fish at George Goulard’s store, Aqua-Life in Providence, RI, after George had taken Bo to the Ohio Cichlid Extravaganza, an older gentleman paused in disbelief. I explained, “Bo likes to be scratched behind his hump.” The man replied, “So do I.”

George and Rich Pierce, of the NEC, were my mentors in my early years of serious fish keeping. Since Bo was my first, I ran to them with all kinds of questions. As Bo settled in and started to really grow, he attained a nuchal hump and what looked like a bulge in his nether region, in front of the vent. Fearing something serious, I sent a picture of this area to Rich Pierce, before I reached George. He said that it might be a hernia, as cichlids, particularly obese fish, can develop them, but added that he really didn’t know. He suggested that Bo be put on a diet. So, for a time, I fed poor Bo a paltry diet of a pellet or two of medium-sized cichlid pellets. When I showed George the pictures I had shown Rich, George threw his hand at the notion of a hernia. George said that the fish needed to eat and proclaimed of the spot in question, “That is his manhood.”

As that first year wore on, I was learning to be an aquarist and it was Bo who ultimately showed me the way. My sun room was quickly a real fish room with more tanks skirting the eight, five-foot windows. And herein began a spate of disasters which were the making of my total ineptitude and my unintentional efforts to kill Bo.

I turned to goldfish next, big mistake; I learned the hard way that goldfish are among the hardest fish to keep. Anyway, I got a lionhead first and a big, shiny Hikari bag of Lionhead food. This fish lived next door to Bo and beginner that I was, I would carelessly leave the goldfish food on top of Bo’s tank. Well, do I have to tell you? The metallic, slippery-when-wet bag, at some point, slid into Bo’s tank. It was before I went to bed, already three in the morning, when I noticed the beclouded tank and a gasping Bo on the surface of the water.

I don’t know how or why exactly, perhaps learning by osmosis, as it were, that the words BIG WATER CHANGES came into my line of vision. So, I hooked up the Python and at first, changed 50% of the water. The fish wasn’t dead yet, but still at the top in a corner, looking less than well. Strangely, when I tested the water, the parameters still seemed fine, no ammonia or nitrates and otherwise running straight down the middle of a 5 in 1 test strip, as per usual. I must have gotten to it early enough; if I had gone to bed without checking, the fish would have been dead as the tank crashed. I waited 20 minutes and decided to do another water change. I repeated the 50% change and—Bo seemed better, able to swim a little. Now, the sun was coming up and I went to bed not knowing what I would find in the morning.
Of course, he wasn’t dead. He swam happily toward me the next day, greeting me in the way that is the reason why people keep cichlids. Maybe the goldfish food had easily digestible ingredients, maybe it was the water changes, I don’t know. At any rate, there were no ill effects— that time.

The next mishap, if that is the way I can delicately put this ridiculous blunder, was Bo’s near electrocution. I actually didn’t think such a thing was possible, as fish aren’t grounded in their tanks, and people are much more likely to get seriously zapped from, say, an errant glass heater. In this case, it was Bo’s four-foot florescent light. These were the days when I bothered with lights. Now, I’ve dispensed with them altogether and the fish thrive on the natural, ambient light of the sunroom. That night I was doing a water change and must have jigged the glass tops a little too hard as one side folded, fell into the tank and dragged down the light with it. The light was on, of course, and I jumped quickly to pull the cord from the wall but I was not in time. Bo’s curiosity beat me to the punch and he swam after the light and touched it with his snout.

I watched in complete horror as the fish recoiled sharply and was thrown backward in an arc to the top of the tank. All the color drained from his body and he was a sickening white. Then he fluttered to the bottom of the tank like a dead leaf and lay there, flat out. I started screaming for my husband. “Oh my God, I’ve killed Bo! I’ve electrocuted Bo!” I keep shrieking, “Get me a pail! I’m bringing him to Tufts!” I was out of my head. Bo looked back at me in his blanched state, his eyeballs still moved and there was a faint fluttering of his gills. He was still stretched out on the bottom, like a corpse stretched out on a coroner’s table.

Neal came running over with a bucket. “What are you going to do? Shock his heart with little fishy paddles?” he asked, ever the voice of reason. I was thinking fast, thinking that if I got him to a vet, something could be done. I planned to flush him back and forth in the bucket (as I have done many times in resuscitating a fish) to keep him alive. I don’t know what I was thinking. I was afraid to look—but Bo had somehow raised himself to a half-mast position.

He recovered very slowly. He was upright in an hour’s time, horizontal, but still on the bottom and still grey. Another night was spent in a nervous vigil. He colored up but when I approached the tank he turned a lighter shade of pale. If I attempted to pet him he avoided my hand. He finally came around, but he was royally pissed off—at me. He hardly ate and I feared he was damaged internally. My fears were unfounded. He bounced back, flourished, and became the resplendently beautiful fish he remains today. Alas, there were a few more murderous attempts, and, yet, the fish lives.

There was the time his heater broke and instead of it shutting down, it almost cooked Bo. I understand they are good eating fish, and part of their endangered status is that they are overfished or devoured by invasive species. But, I couldn’t eat a fish like Bo! Then there was the time I dropped him at a show as I removed him from a tank. He flipped and flopped his way across the showroom floor. Then there was the time I crashed his tank after I did a complete 95% water change on a tank that had been left dirty during a vacation. I forgot the siphon was still draining the water. In each of these embarrassing and grossly amateurish scenarios, Bo made a triumphant return, rose like Lazarus from the dead, in spite of me.

George first took Bo to the OCA Extravaganza several years back. I got a last minute call that there was room in George’s van to drive Bo there with his own fish. I did a hasty clean-up of his tank, which he travelled and showed in. My fingernails had grown long, a rarity for me, and
Bo, in his zeal for being petted, met up with a fingertip too closely. I scraped him badly. Still, George dosed him with Melafix and took him to the show, anyway. Bo did very well and won his class. The show chairman later told George that he wanted to assign him Best of Show, but just couldn’t do it, he said—because of the KNIFE wound.

The rest of the story of Bo’s showing and breeding efforts is one for another time. For now, just know that, in a small town outside of Boston, there lives a once-in-a-lifetime fish, a black and bespangled creature, a starry night cichlid, a moving Van Gogh. His good nature is irrepressible and his intelligence obvious. I am resting my head and lips against his tank. His humpy head is up against his side of the glass and his green lips are kissing me back. Two nutcases, indeed.

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**NEC DVD LIBRARY:**

2015 NEC Convention seminars (app. 1 hr each):

- Shane Linder – Exploring the natural habitats of Loricariidae
- Shane Linder – Collecting Uganda
- Brian Perkins – Killifishes of the Madre de Dios Peru
- Brian Perkins – Peruvian Biodiversity: the Flora and Fauna of the Madre de Dios Region
- Brian Perkins – Tropic Beauty: Dart frogs of the forest of Peru and Beyond
- Mike Hellweg – The Great Tetra Renaissance
- Mike Hellweg – Miniature Cyprinids
- Mike Hellweg – Working with the Livebearing Halfbeaks
- Mark Denaro – Nano Aquariums 101
- Mark Denaro – The Namesakes
- Ariel Bornsteind – Uruguay: Hot and Cold
- Ariel Bornsteind – Gabon: Boumango or Bust

2014 NEC Convention seminars (app. 1 hr each):

- Rick Borsetein - Spawning Cichlids
- Rick Borsetein - 60 Tips
- Rick Borsetein - Digital Imaging
- Ted Coletti - Xiphophorus
- Ted Coletti - Water Gardens
- Ted Coletti - Wild Livebearers
- Ted Coletti - Montezuma swordtail
- Ken McKeighen - Evolution of Fish
- Ken McKeighen - Pupfish
- Ken McKeighen - Geology/Paleontology of Abo Pass, NM
- Matt Pedersen - Aquarium Ark
- Matt Pedersen - Marine Fishrooms
- Roxanne Smolowitz - Anatomy/Physiology FW Fish
- Mark Soberman - African Catfish
- Mark Soberman - Cory/Aspidoras/Brochis
- Kris Weinold - NA native plants
- Kris Weinold - Aquascaping
2013 NEC Convention seminars (app. 1 hr each):
Andre Carletto - "Killifish - The Little Known Jewels of the Hobby"
Andre Carletto - "Brazilian Annual Killifish - Ecology and Conservation Status"
Charles Clapsaddle - "American Gambusia"
Charles Clapsaddle - "Hatchery Operation"
Charles Clapsaddle - "Raising Show Quality Fish"
Mark Denaro - "Fishes for the Reef Aquarium"
Mark Denaro - "Wild Bettas and Other Labynith Fish"
Todd Gardner - "Gems of New York: Collecting Your Own Marine Fishes in Long Island Waters"
Todd Gardner - "Carnivorous Plants: Ecology and Propagation"
Lee Finley - "Foods and Feeding of Loricariidae catfishes"
Rachel O’Leary - "Freshwater Invertabrates, a Primer"
Rachel O’Leary - "Freshwater Nano Diversity: More Than Just a Small Tank"
Rich Pierce - "Filtration – Making a DeBruyn Filter and a Working Mattenfilter Demo"
Greg Steeves - "Lake Victoria CARES"
Amanda Wenger - "Nano Planted Tank Workshop"

2012 NEC Convention seminars (app. 1 hr each):
Hans-Georg Evers - Sulawesi
Hans-Georg Evers - Rio Xingu
Spencer Jack - Bolivia
Spencer Jack - Uruguay
Klaus Steinhaus - C.A.R.E.S.
Klaus Steinhaus - Tropheus
Patrick Donston - Healthy Fish
Ken Normandin - Panama
Ken Normandin - Rivulus
Scott Fellman - nano tanks
Scott Fellman - Biotope
Scott Fellman - Workshop, Saltwater
Rhonda Wilson - Easy Plants
Rhonda Wilson - Native Plants
Tony Terceira - Workshop, Photography

2009 NEC Convention seminars (app. 1 hr each):
Bruce Turner - Pupfish
Justin Credabel - Coral Propogation
Rusty Wessel - Thorichthys
Stephan Tanner - Loricarid Nutrition
Wolfgang Staeck – Charachins
Wolfgang Staeck – Tropheus
Ghazanfar Ghori – Cryptocorynes
Karen Randall – Collecting in Thailand
Les Kaufman – Conservation
Ole Pedersen – The Algae-free aquarium
Ole Pedersen – Uptake of CO2 by plants

2008 NEC Convention seminars (app. 1 hr each):
Luis Navarro - aquascaping
Eric Do - freshwater crustaceans
Eric Bodrock - cory breeding made easy
Charles Clapsaddle - new livebearer strains
Chuck Davis - Showing and Judging fish

2007 NEC Convention seminars (app. 1 hr each):
Ingo Seidel - Plecos
Anton Lamboj - Rheophilic African Cichlids
Dr Frank Marini - Marine Fish
Jeff Cardwell - Collecting in Uruguay

Evening with the Legends April 7-8, 2006:
2 ½ hrs, ongoing conversation
Bonus disk with interview footage

2006 NEC Convention seminars (app. 1 hr each):

Disk 1:
Mark Soberman - catfish
Claus Christensen - Aquatic Plants
Bob Goemans - Reef Aquaria
Larry Jackson - Reef Aquaria
Rosario LaCorte - Characins
Wayne Leibel - Amazon Waters

Disk 2:
Ad Konings - Malawi Cichlids
Sallie Boggs - Anabantoids
Alan Fletcher - 3/16/2000, hobby history
Chuck Davis - Banquet
2005 and 2003 NEC Convention seminars (app. 1 hr each):

Vol 1:
30th Convention - 2005:
Christel Kasselmann - Aquascaping
Paul Loiselle - Lake Victoria Update
Rosario LaCorte - Killifish
28th Convention - 2003
Pam Chin - Lake Tanganyika Chichlids
Paul Turley - Reproduction of Catfish

Vol 2:
30th Convention - 2005:
Christel Kasselmann - New Plants
Ian Fuller - Breeding Corydoras
Gary Lange - Rainbowfish
Anton Lamboj - West African Characoids
28th Convention - 2003:
Karen Randall - Aquascaping
Randy Carey - Spawning the Scatters
Anthony Calfo - Coral Propagation

NEC VIDEO TAPE LIBRARY:
Aquatic Maestro #1, Equipment and setup
Aquatic Maestro #2, Set up and water quality
Aquatic Maestro #3, Feeding, food, nutrition
Aquatic Maestro #4, livebearers
Aquatic Maestro #5, salt water
Aquatic Maestro #6, Barbs and Tetras
Aquatic Maestro #7, Disease
Aquatic Maestro #8, Gouramis
Aquatic Maestro #9, Live Plants
Aquatic Maestro #10, Catfish and Bottom gang
Aquatic Maestro #11, Cichlids
Aquatic Maestro #12, Aging Aquarium
Aquatic Maestro #13, trickle filters

Tetra Cichlid Aquarium, 20 minutes
Tetra fish Nutrition, 12 minutes
Tetra’s video for a Successful Aquarium, 27 minutes
Tetra’s video for a Successful Garden Pond, 22 minutes
Tetra’s video for a Successful Marine Aquarium, 30 minutes

Raising Livebearers Fry, by Mike Reed, 35 minutes
How to Setup and Maintain Marine Aquariums, 20 minutes
Aquarium Maintenance 1 & 2
Wet Dry Filtration
Koi Handling #1
Koi Classification
Get the Most out of Your Reef Aquarium
Harro Heironomous, Catfish
Harro Heironomous, Rainbowfish
Derek Lambert, Livebearers
Peter Lewis, Shell Dwellers
Dan Logan, Northwest Natives
Kathy & Erik Olson, Amazon Adventure
Dave Sandford, Killifish
Stan Weitzman, Characins

2003 NEC Convention Seminars, each approx 1 hr:
Anthony Calfo, Reef Gardening- Coral Propagation
Randy Carey, Patterns for Spawning the Scatters
Ed Champigny, Koi
Pam Chin, Lake Tanganyika
Dr Paul Loiselle, Aquarists and Conservation
Dr Paul Loiselle, Madagascar Rainbowfish
Dr. Gene Lucas, Update of Variation in Betta splendens
Charlie Nunziata, Plant Spawning Killifish
Karen Randall, Sunken Gardens
Mike Schadle, Banquet
Paul Turley, Reproduction of Catfish

Additional videos available (TFCB library):
Fish People, BBC production
TFCB beginners video
ACA, ICC video of selected speakers ( Stawikoski, Bleher, Ribbink, Barlow, Konings, Dieckoff)
ANGFA, 1998 Convention ( Hieko Bleher, Gerry Allen, Neil Armstrong )
ANGFA, 1998 Convention ( 3 presentation by Gunter Schmida )
Collecting in Townsville and Queensland, Australia, Kevin Hosmer
Dandy’s Orandas, tape 10, 120 minutes
Dandy’s Orandas, tape 11, 120 minutes
Dandy’s Orandas, tape 15, 125 minutes

Reference: Posted on NEC Facebook by Ted Coletti on October 27, 2016.
https://www.facebook.com/notes/northeast-council-of-aquarium-societies-nec/rent-a-speaker-video-program-for-nec-member-clubs/10153992968382322

Club Events

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More info: http://www.liasonline.org

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It all started at the age of five when my father came home with a plastic fish tank and an angelfish named Angel. Angel did not last very long since it was such a small tank and was replaced many times without my knowledge. One day on my way to my Grandparents house my mother told me Angel was already there and when I arrived, Angel had more then doubled in size to my surprise. I ran to my mother and said "Look mommy, Angel GREW!!" We all know with little kids, the extent we go through to keep children from getting upset when something passes away but that was just the start of my fish keeping experience.
A few years later after upgrading from the plastic tank to a 30 gallon community tank, my love for the hobby continued to grow. My grandpa also shared his love of this hobby with me and always used to talk about his old 75 gallon tank with his angelfish and more importantly his beloved Discus fish. He would tell me stories about the beautiful Blue, Red, and Stripped Discus he used to have. How big and peaceful the Discus used to be, he also mentioned there was nothing like them since each one had their own personality. I was amazed by his stories and the passion he had for these Discus fish. A few weeks later, I needed something for my tank and my grandpa took me to my local fish store. With excitement he called me over to one of the main tanks and said Chris, look here they are, my Discus! From that moment on I fell in love. That day I went home with another tank, 2 Discus, and the addiction began.

After my first discus the obsession began. One tank turned to 2 tanks turned to 4 until before I was a senior in High School my bedroom became a wall to wall aquarium with only a bed inside. At the age of 15 was when I first ordered discus on-line and got to know my current supplier, mentor, and now longtime friend Rodney Sonoda of Hawaii Discus. This is when Island Discus was born. Island Discus has grown a lot over the years from a few tanks in my parents house to what it is today. Currently Island Discus is operated out of my home with over 35 tanks, 21 breeding pairs, and 2000+ gallons of water and still growing. We specialize in healthy, high grade rare discus as well as breeding these beautiful fish. Discus have become my passion. I hope everyone can experience them and share the love for them as much as my grandpa and I have.


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2016-2017 Club Meetings

Please note that all NEC clubs are listed on the NEC website’s homepage, and have a link to each of the local club’s websites if you need additional information for any of the club meetings.

November

November 16
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
George Goulart
“The Fish Business”
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/

November 16
Central New York Aquarium Society (CNYAS)
Kapil Mandrekar
“Swimming with Wild Discus”
More info: http://cnyas.org

November 17
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Peter George / Mike Liu
“Lake Victorian Cichlids for the Non-Specialist or Why Not Victoria?”
More info: http://www.njas.net

November 17
Norwalk Aquarium Society (NAS)
Open Discussion & Pizza Night
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November 18
Long Island Aquarium Society (LIAS)
Guy Van Rossum
“A Fish Keeper Goes to Australia & Moorea”
More info: http://www.liasonline.org
November 25
Danbury Area Aquarium Society (DAAS)
Fishy Bingo

December

December 7
Greater City Aquarium Society (GCAS)
Holiday Party & Award Banquet
More info: http://www.greatercity.org

December 8
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington (TFCB)
Holiday Party
More info: http://www.tfcb.org

December 9
Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY)
Holiday Party
More info: http://www.basny.org

December 10
New England Cichlid Association (NECA)
Mathew McGee
“Victorian Cichlid Speciation and Extinction”
More info: https://www.facebook.com/events/591837334330599/?notif_t=plan_user_invited&notif_id=1473036228523932

December 12
The Jersey Shore Aquarium Society (JSAS)
Holiday Party
More info: http://www.jerseyshoreas.org/
December 13
Nassau County Aquarium Society (NCAS)
Holiday Party
More info: http://www.ncasweb.org

December 14
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Holiday Party
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/

December 14
New Hampshire Aquarium Society (NHAS)
Holiday Party
More info: http://www.nhaquariumsociety.com

December 16
Danbury Area Aquarium Society (DAAS)
Holiday Party

January 2017

January 13
Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY)
Michael Barber
“Tropical Fish Collecting...”
More info: http://www.basny.org

January 18
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island (TFSRI)
Kirk Amidon
“Sumps- What They Are and How to Use Them”
More info: http://tfsri.net/tfsri-wp/
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Connecticut Aquatic Plant Enthusiasts CAPE
Connecticut Betta Club       CBC
Danbury Area Aquarium Society DAAS
Greater City Aquarium Society GCAS
Greater Hartford Aquarium Society GHAS
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society JSAS
Koi Organisation International K.O.I.
Long Island Aquarium Society  LIAS
Long Island Killifish Association LIKA
Nassau County Aquarium Society NCAS
New England Cichlid Association NECA
New Hampshire Aquarium Society NHAS
Northeast Livebearers Association NELA
North Jersey Aquarium Society NJAS
Norwalk Aquarium Society      NAS
Otter Valley Aquarium Society OVAS
Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society PVAS
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Organization (Assist / New Groups) ............. Open
Raffles (Fund Raising) ...... Open
Shows ................................ Open
Workshop ...................... Leslie Dick

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Articles Competition .......... Artie Platt
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Betty Mueller .................. Joe Masi
Breeder Participation Program Richard Pierce
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Historian ..................... Dave Banks
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