



Hi – Fin January 2010



Cambarellus Patzcuarensis sp. “orange”

Freshwater invertebrate of the month

Photograph by: Udo Rohmann

Presidents Message

Welcome 2010! Hopefully this will be the beginning of a new chapter for the Peel Region Aquarium Club due to all the great help and effort the members are putting in. The Christmas party was a great success with everybody bringing in the delicious food and with Bob ordering and picking up the chicken. Again great teamwork, thanks. This party was a little different in it became a more personal “get to know your neighbor” talk/discussion. These usually make for a great evening. Mitch started the discussion with a story, and others followed suit, and the stories were great, this personalizes the evening.

The executive will be meeting on Jan 13, to discuss the financials of the club and what are next steps are going to be, we need the March Auction to be a success to bring in the much needed funding (I hope everybody has paid their membership dues).

I’d also like to thank Udo for the great job of the High Fin newsletter, putting it together, again getting my message to him. If anybody has an article or picture that they would like published please send it to Udo.

I hope to see everybody on the 21st, pass the message around, and even bring a friend!

Be Safe,

Ed Czuchnicki

Editor’s Message

Hello again! Happy New Year to all!

In this January’s issue we have 3 articles; the first will be a report on Corydoras Weitzmani, the second a report on Anentome Helena and last but not least “Future Hobbyists in Germany”.

I’m also looking for original articles and or information and photographs which can be used to write an original article.

Enjoy!

Udo Rohmann

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CAOAC Calendar

February 14, 2010

Tropical Fish Club of Erie County Auction

February 28, 2010

Peel Regional Aquarium Club Auction

March 14, 2010

Hamilton & District Aquarium Society Auction

March 28, 2010

Brant Aquarium Society Auction

April 11, 2010

Durham Region Aquarium Society Show and Auction

April 17, 2010

Sarnia Aquarium Society Auction



May 21-23, 2010

CAOAC Convention

Corydoras Weitzmani



Photo by Udo Rohmann

The rediscovered Corydoras!

Originally discovered in 1949 by C. Kalinowsky and then lost for 55 years! This seemingly elusive little fish was rediscovered by Lance and Belinda Peck (of Aquarium Gonewild in Peru) in September of 2004. As you may well imagine this little Corydoras was not affordable for the average hobbyist at that time, with prices as high as \$1000.00 US when sold in Japan in November of 2004! As luck would have it the spawning of this fabulous little Corydoras was found to be relatively easy. Spawning was recorded in Japan, the United States, Great Britain and Germany within a few months of the rediscovery.

In the summer of 2008 I was able to obtain a group of 8 Corydoras Weitzmani in a trade. This group originated from Charlie Drew in Burlington some 8 months earlier and had not previously spawned. This group was housed in a 10 gallon aquarium (filtered with a Hamburg Mat Filter). The water parameters were as follows: ph of 7.0, temperature of 74 degrees Fahrenheit conductivity of 150. The tank was decorated with a sand substrate, java moss and an acrylic spawning mop.

The fish were given a diet of Tetramin tablets, Sera wafers and blood worms. To induce spawning 50% of the water was changed weekly with slightly cooler water. After 6 weeks the first eggs (14) were found one morning after a water change.

Since I did not have any extra space at the time I decided to leave the eggs in the spawning tank and hope for the best. I'm pleased to report that the adults did not touch the eggs or fry! Corydoras Weitzmani is easily spawned and makes a great addition to any community or planted tank.

By: Udo Rohmann



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Anentome Helena

Also known as the assassin snail is beautiful member of the Family Buccinidae. First described by Rudolf Amandus Philippi in 1847, this snail first became available in 2006 and originates comes from south East Asia where it has a wide distribution.

Since its introduction in the aquarium hobby it has become very popular with hobbyists due to its ability to control "pest" snails. A. Helena feeds primarily on other snails, but will also accept other animal matter. A Helena is very adaptable as far as environmental conditions are concerned and should therefore not prove difficult to keep in the average aquarium.

Reproduction has been widely reported by hobbyists, but note that this snail requires both sexes to be present!

At 15mm A. Helena reaches its maximum size and exhibits beautiful light and dark coloured stripes over its shell. You will find that A. Helena is active both day and night and can be found moving around the aquarium with its extended siphon moving from side to side in

search for food, This siphon allows A. Helena to “smell” it’s prey. Once its prey has been located it will bore a hole into its victims shell using its rasping tongue (radula) and then consumes its prey. A. Helena also employs an ambush tactic, where it will bury itself in the substrate and extend its siphon out of the substrate waiting for its next meal.

By: Udo Rohmann

Future Hobbyists in Germany

Over the last 2 years I have had the pleasure of reading several articles in DATZ Magazine (a German aquarium and terrarium publication) about various activities undertaken by Aquarium Societies, Universities, Aquarium Product Manufacturers, Schools and Zoo’s in an effort to promote this wonderful hobby to the next generation.

The activities described were as follows:

The establishment of a class or school aquarium for primary grades. This aquarium is then used actively in the lessons for students, including life cycles, nitrogen cycle, ph, fish types, habitat etc. These lessons were supported by local members of an Aquarium Society!

Special weekend events held for junior club members and guests (6-16). These events were organized by the local club, manufacturers as sponsors and the local university provided speakers. Publicity was provided by the local club, university, manufacturer (thru retailers) and DATZ Magazine!

Special club meetings with sessions geared specifically towards junior members. These meeting were highly interactive and hands on. Door prizes supplied by the LFS.

These types of events attract large numbers of future hobbyists. That my friends are how all of the stake holders in Germany have coordinated their activities for maximum impact!

I think we can do better! What do you think? Please provide feedback to your local Club, CAOAC, LFS and any other interested parties!

By: Udo Rohmann

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About the Hi-Fin or Peel Regional Aquarium Club? Please contact any of the Club Executive Members as listed above and share your thoughts. This is a club run by volunteers for the benefit of all members. That includes you!

Strong member participation is what has allowed this Club to continue for over 39 years!

Come and join us and make a difference!

About us

The Peel Regional Aquarium Club (PRAC) is a progressive, non-profit organization whose purpose is to share with our members the many wonders of the best hobby in the world, fish keeping and to promote our hobby in the community.

PRAC started out as the Brampton Aquarium Club in 1971. Since that time it has increased in numbers to what is a well run and successful club today. Membership is only \$25 per year for adults and families, and \$10 for students.

Our members come not only from the Region of Peel, but also as far away as Collingwood and Huntsville. Anyone can become a member who wishes to share the excitement of fish keeping.

In early 2008, we changed our name from Brampton Aquarium Club to Peel Regional Aquarium Club to better reflect who we are and the community in which we operate.

If you want to find out the latest information on fish keeping or have a problem that needs a solution, come to our meeting and ask the experts. Our friendly environment has attracted many new and experienced hobbyists. We hope that you will be the next member.

Our Motto

Giving back to the community is a PRAC priority. We have set up many aquariums at schools and hospitals. Building enthusiasm about the hobby in youngsters is important to us. As well, we have participated in Pet Shows, promoting fish keeping in the greater community.

Monthly Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month except during July and August

Our meetings are held at Turner Fenton Secondary School, 7935 Kennedy Road, South building, located at Kennedy Rd. and Steeles Ave. in Brampton.

The meetings start at 7 P.M

Our meetings consist of an interesting presentation, door prizes, guess the fish contest, monthly auction of live fish, plants and related equipment and of course time to talk to other hobbyists.

Club members have access to our extensive Club Library

Visitors are always welcome!

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