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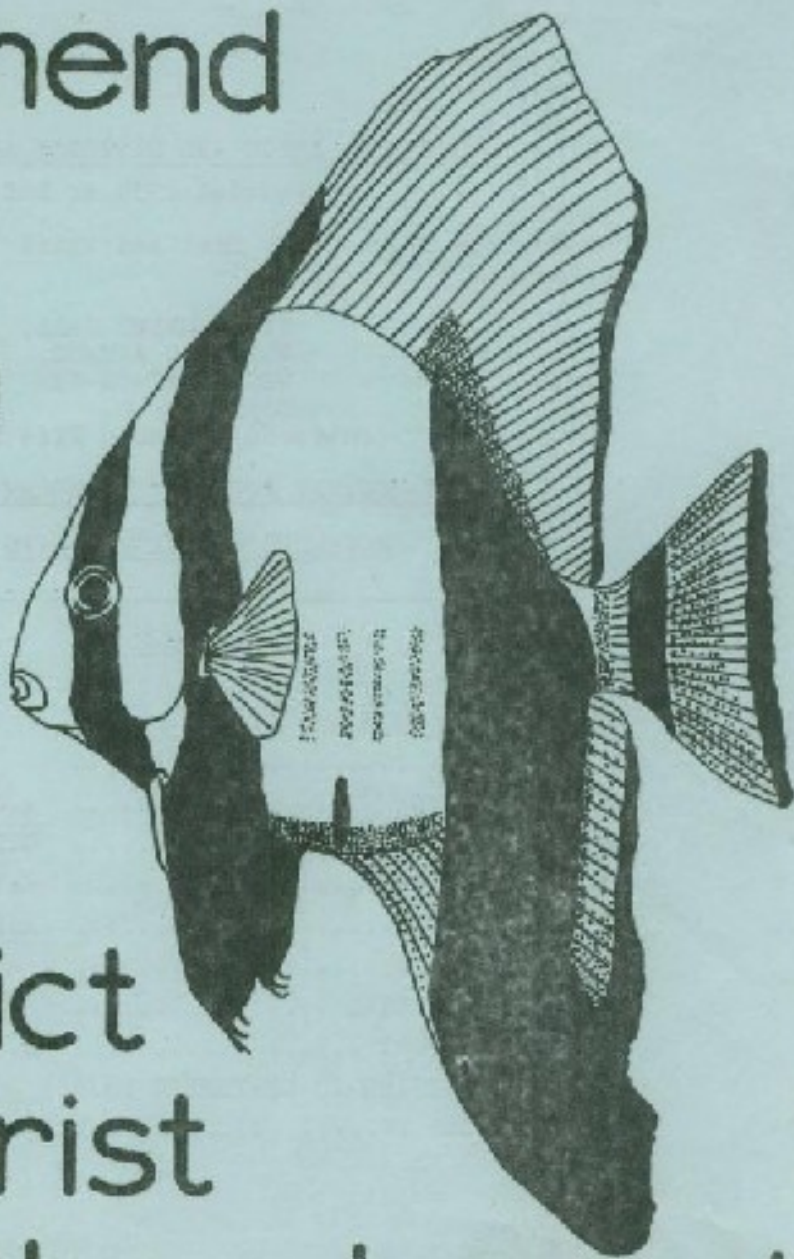
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# SOUTHEND AQUARIST HISTORY

## SLADAS JOURNAL For 1976



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Southend, Leigh and District Aquarist Society was formed as far back as 1935, prior to World War II it was known as Southend Aquarist Society. We have only been able to trace the Society back that far. But it is possible it existed before that date but we have so far been unable to find any documentary evidence.

At the out break of World War II the Society had to be disbanded as the Southend area became a militarised area as it lies on the Thames estuary offered a direct route to London for any invading enemy. With the whole area under military control it became impracticable to hold our meetings as movement was severely restricted especially after dark. In addition many of our members were conscripted into the armed forces. Imagine trying to explain to a sentry that the box that you were carrying so carefully under your coat was just a jar of tropical fishes!

After the hostilities four members of the old committee met and reformed the Society and decided to call it Southend, Leigh and District Aquarist Society. The first Monthly Journal was published in 1948 under the editorship of Edgar C. Day. In 1948 Edgar was also the club secretary. The Journal was then published for a number of years, It was resurrected in the early 1960's by Howard Preston.

Howard, incidentally was one of the first English aquarists to travel to Mexico to collect livebearing fishes in the 1960's. He first flew to New York and thence by Greyhound bus all the way to Mexico City where he and Chris Lyons hired a car to explore for fish.

The Journal was then published in either a bi-monthly or quarterly form until the 1980's. This issue, 1976, is our third attempt to save copies of the Journal for posterity in both printed and digital form on CD. No attempt has been made to update the nomenclature so many fish names may be strange to a modern audience. We have also resisted the temptation to change any information that doesn't agree with present day thinking.


It is hoped that in the future more issues will be made available but not all issues are still in existence although we do understand that Volume one has been scanned by the British Library. Although today the Society no longer publishes a Journal the Society is one of only two clubs remaining in Essex if one includes Ilford club in what is now Greater London. The Society is still able to hold an annual show every May with entrants from as far as Port Talbot in Wales & Corby in Northamptonshire. SLADAS members visit other clubs shows to return with prizes in many instances.

### **Please note**

Although each issue contained advertisements we have only included one example of each rather than bore you with six repeats. Also committee members on page 3 of each issue are only repeated where there has been a change

Anyone with any information about the history of Southend, Leigh & District Aquarist Society - particularly in the 1940's and 1950's and also pre-war in the 1930's when the club was known as Southend Aquarist Society is invited to contact Peter Capon at:-

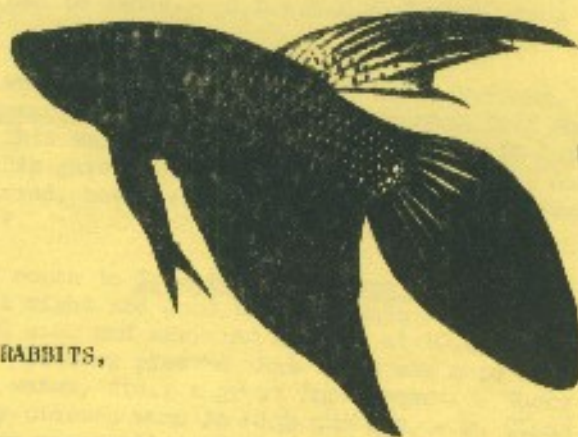
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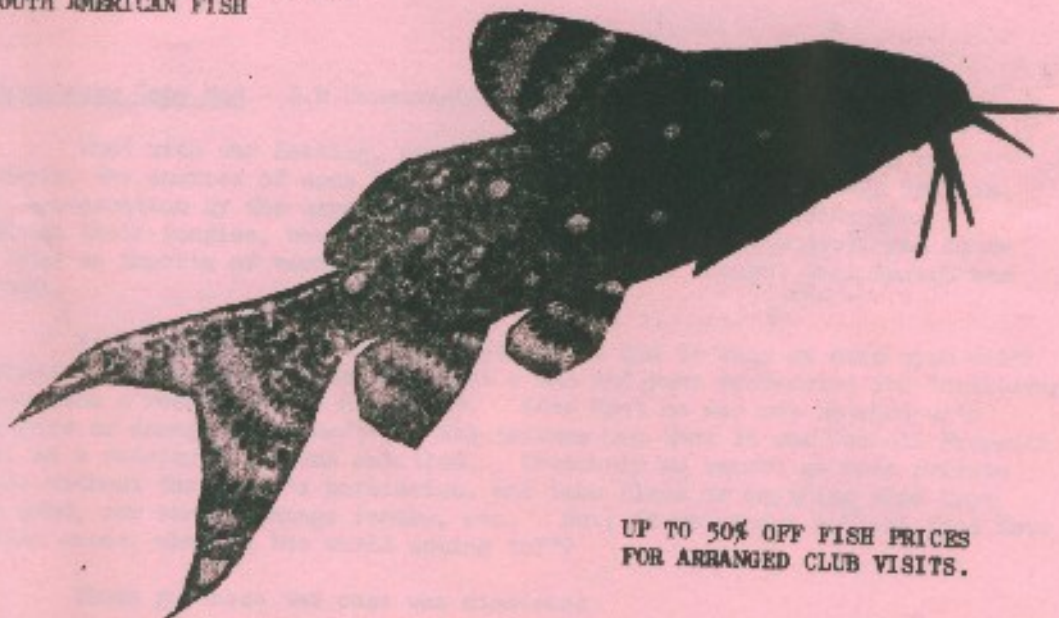
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## EDITORIAL

Please note lopsided heading must be significant of the Editor's methods !

First of all let us welcome Dereck or is it Derek , it's about time we found out, to the editorial board of this JOURNAL.

That's the posh way of saying that-Mr Durrant has agreed to become Chief Handle turner to S.L.A.D.A.S. I am sorry for you Dereck but you little know what you have let yourself in for nor we believe does Elizabeth! Chief Handle Turners rarely last more than two years - ink on the wall-paper and staples all over the floor do take their toll.

Well, welcome again Dereck One thing that worries your Editor is that you are bigger than most of your predecessors we might end up getting flattened.

On the subject of getting flattened Dereck has indicated that this issue might not come hot off the presses if we don't make one fact known, he seems to have got the idea that the article in our last issue by a certain D.C.M.Danio could be attributed to him- Regular readers of this learned volume will be well aware that Dereck doesn't know which end of a pen should be put to the paper so the similarity is purely coincidental after all there must be thousands of fish keepers with the initials of

D.C.M.D. mustn't there?

Still on the subject of D.C.M.D. we would remind reader's that the Open S-how is on. the date is the 8th of May the venue St Clement's Hall, and the Show Sec' is D.C.M.Durrant of 1?2, Trinty Road, Southend

### A Letter on the New Sex Laws

Sir,

I notice from your program and from various F.B.A.S. , publications that you still discriminate between the sexes in the hobby.

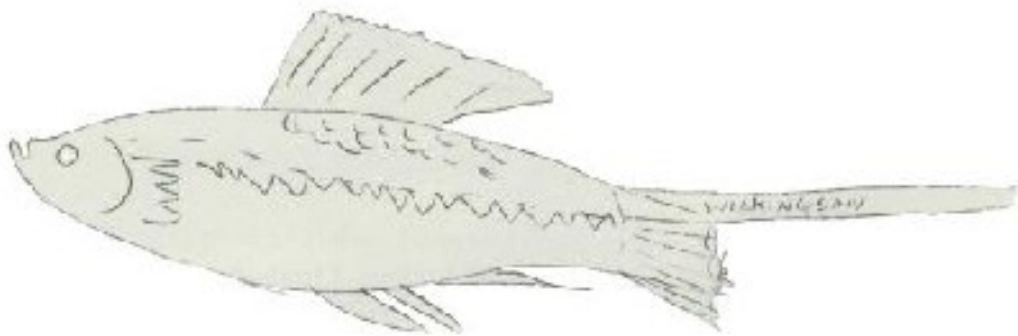
May I say that as an ill used female I am not intending to stand for this discriminatory gest in,the future too long have those of my gender been reported in the aquatic press as being inferior in colour and display. The law is now on our side so be warned.

Unless both S.L.A.D.A.S. and the F.B.A.S. desist from having separate classes viz 0 and P I shall find it necessary to instruct my solicitors.

signed. Ms Preticulata.

## Know Your Committee Fishes

( new series )



### *Presidentialis edwardi*

(Top Sword)

**HABITAT.;** Low lying marshland in Thames Estuary, often to be found in other fishes territory during hours of daylight moving earth and bricks to new locations.

**FOOD s** In spite of it's size this species only takes food when necessary, some authorities state that it can exist solely on a diet of coffee and potato crisps.

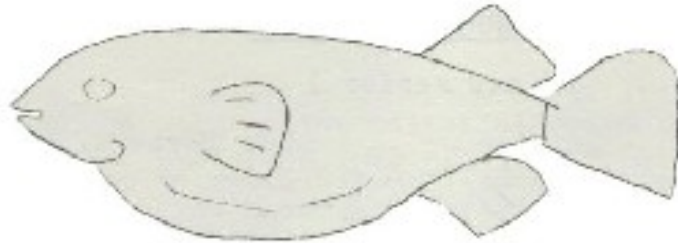
**DESCRIPTIONS** One of the larger species of committee fishes commonly kept. This is one of those fishes that has had several name changes several years ago it was known as *P.edwardi* then it suffered a name changeto *Memberus edwardi* and now ickyolygists have decided it's name should really be *P.edwardi*

This species is one of those that tend to dig these excavations are known to ickyolygists as footings. It also has the habit of piling bricks one on another in other species territory.

Whilst it is now indigenous to the Thames marshes ickyologists it was introduced from colder waters to the North.

When first discovered it was thought to be a marine..



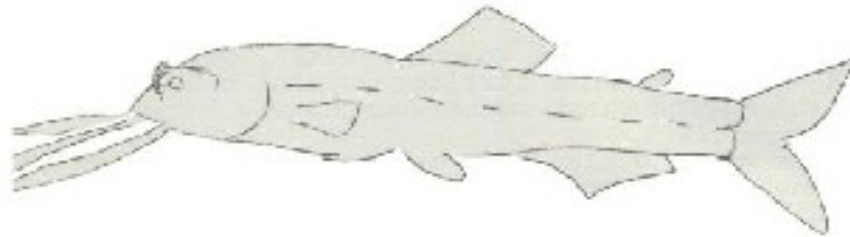


**Vicepresidenton finchatus** !  
(puffer)

**HABITAT;** Usually found floundering along unmade tracks in Rayleigh,

**FOOD;** All foods freely taken.

**DESCRIPTION** You're joking 1



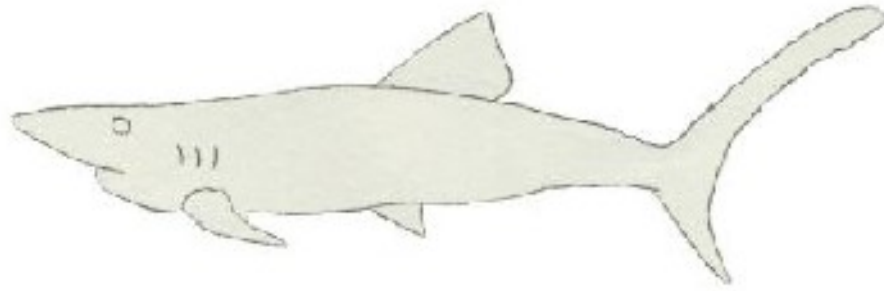
***Secretarius cheswrighti***  
(Inky-catfish)

**HABITATS** Slow moving back-waters of Essex.

**FOOD** Mainly consists of rectangular pieces of green paper supplemented with small round pieces of metal. Recently has been observed to feed other fishes white paper with black marks on.

**DESCRIPTION;** This Impressive fish has a normal body colour of grey which changes to brilliant red when caught unawares Numerous long barbels on lower jaw. Unfortunately has poor eye-sight. Emits loud croaking noise if his favourite food.is taken by other species.

**SYNONYM;** *Presidentialis cheswrighti* (GARDNER) see this Journal Number 39



***Moneygrabus\_chapmani***

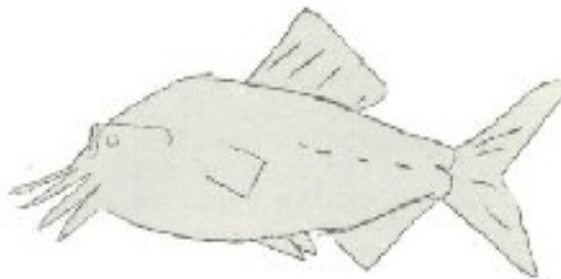
(Purse fish)

**HABITAT** Anywhere green rectangular paper is seen.

**FOOD** Large amounts of the above plus small round pieces of metal.

**DESCRIPTION;** Voracious species which swoops on -It's food with unerring accuracy. Often taking it from other species. Is said to become nervous if kept in captivity for too long.

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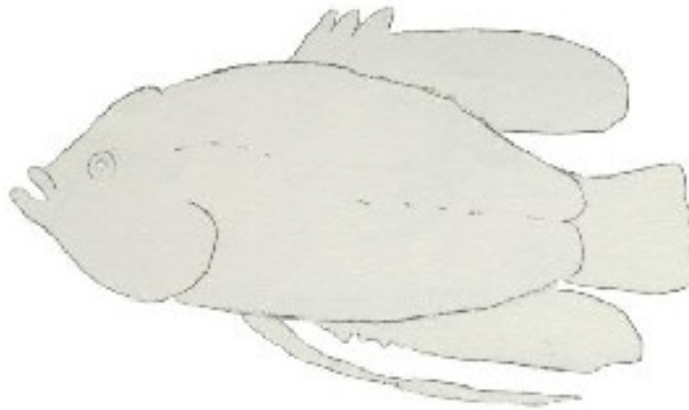
***Editoras caponatus***

(Laughing Catfish)

**HABITAT** Anywhere he can hear the voices of scandal fish.

**FOOD** Digests small rumours and spits them out as gross exaggerations.

**DESCRIPTIONS** Libellous.

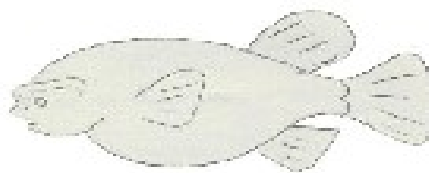


***Ospherdurranti dereckae***  
(Giant Handle Turner)

**HABITAT**Holes in pavement (large holes). Anywhere near fresh tea.

**FOOD**; Vast quantities of almost anything. Fresh tea.

**DESCROPTION** Likes to move from one fishes territory to another in search of fresh tea. Emits a noise sounding something like "Woteversupi" A large species, will grow to enormous proportions if fed large amounts of fresh tea. Should be watched carefully in May rather inclined to be masochistic leaping from tank to tank, can be calmed with more regular supplies of fresh tea.

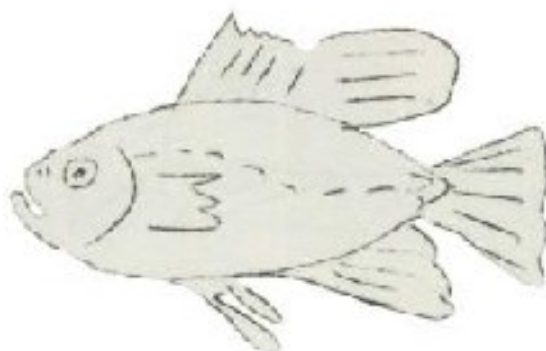


***Bookydon joycei***  
(lesser puffer)

**HABITAT**; Found in libraries and holes in pavements .

**FOODS** Known to prefer underground wires, this habit annoys other species trying to communicate.

**DESCRIPTION**; A good specimen should be heavy bodied with perfect! proportioned teeth. Our previous suggestion that large prominent teeth are a feature is now known to be incorrect

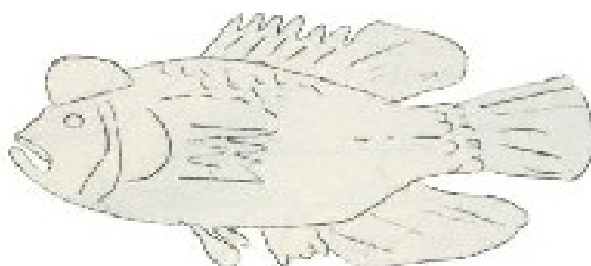


***Bookoichthys wickmani***

**HABITAT;** Usually up creeks.

**FOOD;** Little is known of this species feeding habits the suggestion is that text books might be acceptable.

**DESCRIPTIONS** Since this is a new import little is known of it, when first imported it went under the name of *Editoras assisti* but was reclassified late in 1975-

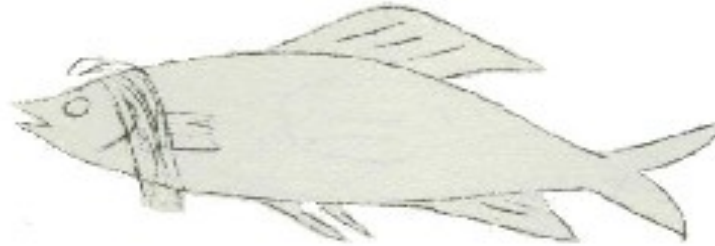


***Publicatus relatae* LITTLE**

**HABITAT;** This species should be on;the protected list as it is only collected from the Hawk Well.

**FOOD.** Chips and mushrooms.

**DESCRIPTION;** A quiet yet friendly species, normally the species that befriends new introductions to the tank. Travels at high speed; the hump is said to be of bony-matter as a protection.

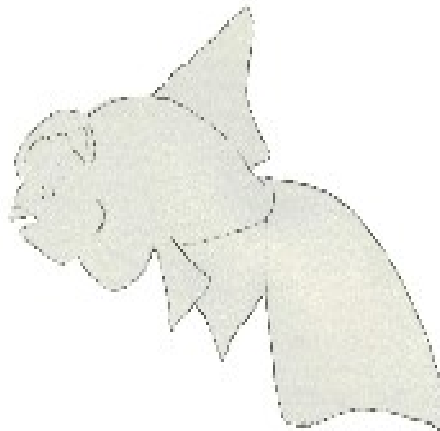


***Tableshowus moltino***

**HABITAT** s Frequents areas rich in tressels and jars.

**FOOD;** Since this is a new introduction try all brands, possibly "Coke" might be taken.

**DESCRIPTIONS** A cheeky species, eager and as yet unsure of itself. In the larval form hides on a sheaf of multi-coloured papers bearing numbers.



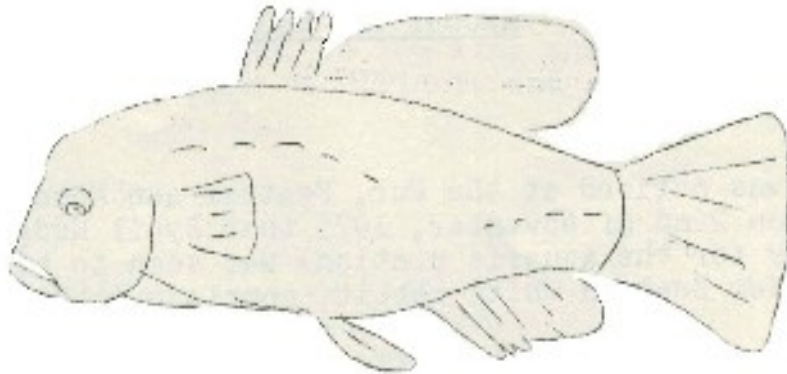
***Socialus dotii***

**HABITAT** s Low lying marshland in the Thames Estuary

**FOOD;** Kind and amount varies according to fishes body shape.

**DESCRIPTION;** Body and fins can be impressive but will not display under normal conditions. Reclassified in 1974 previously known as *Secretarlus dotii*.





***Psuedotablateshowus adamsae***  
(common committee fish)

**HABITAT**; Low lying marsh in Thames Estuary, particularly areas where methane is evident

**FOOD** Types not known aquarist is advised to experiment.

**DESCRIPTIONS** A retiring species spends most of its time in the shadows occasionally darting out to grab trophies. Colours indistinct, sometimes red when females are present. Some authorities state it is also to be found in the Red Lion creek in company of various species of Federoidac fishes

***Caffeinea margi* (EDWARDS)**  
***Caffeina audrei* (CHES)**

Both these species of *Caffeinea* are not strictly Committee fish but are regularly to be seen in the community tank particularly where hot water is available. Their food is small pieces of bronze which they accumulate only to have it taken by *Moneygrabus chapmani*. Occasionally the species *Caffeina christina* is found in their company.

These supplements are to be placed in your loosely leafed copy of "Exotic Committee Fishes of Southend", tear them out and place them in your next door neighbour's dust-bin along with the rest of the Journal.

Acknowledgements are due to that retired ickyologist GARDNER for with-holding permission to borrow from his original paper on Committee fish first published in this Journal

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## AROUND THE SHOWS

by Dave Cheswright.

It was noticed at the Fur, Feather and Aquaria Show at Hackney on 22nd of November, 1975 that Sybil Hedges (Show Secretary for the Aquaria section) was seen to be leading about a New Zealand White rabbit, complete with jewelled harness.

On being tackled on this strange happening Sybil said that she had entered it in the Fur section and won highly commended. The rabbit answers to the name of Sheeba (hence the jewels) and lives in a " four by two foot". We hope that this is a hutch and not an aquarium!!!  
Incidentally, Sybil didn't enter at all in the fish section !!

## CLUB NEWS

Meeting November 18<sup>th</sup>

### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Elections;-

PRESIDENT.....D.Edwards, unopposed

VICE-PRESIDENT.....PROPOSED A.Chapman, D.Finch, elected D.Finch

TREASURER.....elected with difficulty from A.Chaaman sorry again Alan,A.Chapman.

SECRETARYs.....D.Cheswright unopposed.

JOURNAL EDITOR.....P.Capon, unopposed.

ASSISTANT EDITOR...D.C.M.Durrant unopposed.

LIBRARIAN;-..... .E. Joys e unopposed.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.- G.Wickman,& A. Moltino, G.Wickman elected

P.R.O.:- .....D.Little unopposed.

TABLE SHOW SECRETARY. A.Moltino, & T.Blackmore, elected A. Moltino,

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER K.Adams unopposed.

SOCIAL SECRETARY Mrs D. Chapaman. sorry done it again Chapman

Our thanks are again due to Tom King and John Cooper for overseeing the election of Officers and acting as auditors,

**Raffle winners were:-**

A.J.Smith.....fighter  
R.J .Brown. ....fighter  
Ted Joyce,,.....box of chocs  
J.Barton.....bag of Indian Fern  
Alan Chapman.....spider plant  
Ken Dyke,,. ....filter  
D.Nice.....aquarium heater  
J.King.....Aquarium plant book  
R.Mott.....fungus cure  
A. Rodgers.,.....white spot cure  
Mr King.... ,.....Aquarian food  
Mr Leahy.....Aquarian food

**MEMBERS BEST FISH**

1...D.Cheswright,.....Het' bimaculatus.....80 pts  
2..-T.Blackmore.,.....Corydoras anaeus.....79 pts  
3...D, Little.....P.playfairi.....76 pis  
'4...R.Davis.....silver hatchet.....74..pts

judge C.Wood F.B.A.S.

**JUNIOR MEMBERS BEST FISH**

1... P.Tolmle,.....anostomus.....74 pts  
2. ,N.Connelley.....rosy tetra.....73 pts.  
3...S.King.....Honey Gourami.....,70 pts  
4... J-Lcahy.,.....kr.ibensis .....68 pts

judge C.Wood F.B.A.S.

**MEMBERS BEST ALGAE**

1.. R.J.Brown. .... blanket weed (flanelette). .50<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> pts  
2.. C.Cheswright.....49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> pts  
3...J.Leahy.....,39<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Pts  
4... ,N.Connelley.;.....18<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pts

.... judge Bladderwort Capon A.S.S.

Meeting December 2<sup>nd</sup>

A visiting speaker, one that can be relied upon to turn up, Pete Cottle, Pete spoke on a group of his favourite fishes the Pencils

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Raffle winners:-

Mr Miele.....pair of pulchers.  
Mr Dyke.....pair of spray tetras.  
R.J.Brown....heater.  
Wally Hadkiss.. Aquarium plant book  
P.Sayle.....Inside filter.

### **HARD LUCK TABLE SHOW**

1. .. S.Press
- 2.... S.Press
- 3... J.Wimbush
- 4...

### **HARD LUCK Juniors**

- 1...M.Tench.
- 2...D.Butler.
- 3...A.Barfield.
- 4...

Judge D.Durrant,

Meeting December 16th . , . - . . .

The high (low?) light of the evening was a quiz poorly prepared by your editor. The points gained were Team A. 22points Team B 23i points, Team C 29 points, and Team D 18 points.

Suprise was expressed that the editor was even able to present a "straight" quiz. Comments from Mr Cheswright about the editor not having the answers written down were correct but uncalled for,

An extra table.show was arranged for plants, this show will not count for points over the year.

### **TABLE SHOW PLANTS**

- 1...J.King.....77 pts
- 2.. .R.Davis.....75 pts
- 2...P.Capon.....75 pts
3. .R.Davis.....69 pts
4. ..P.Capon.....64 pts

### **TABLE SHOW PLANTS Junior**

- 1...S.Spicer.....62 pts
- 2...C.Cheswright,.....61 pts
- 3...C.Cheswright.....60 pts
- 4...J.Barton.....53 pts

The judge was D.Finch , whose remarks on your editor's Bladder-wort were completely uncalled for after all Don cannot. Grow bladderwort nor breed snails so how was he to .know that this plant only .grows well in ;the company of molluscs. :

### **JUDGING COMPETITION**

First.....D.Little.  
Second..... F.Tolmie

.Meeting: January ,6 .1976

The auction, need more be said. We think however that we should point out that in order to make bids you should be fully paid up members.

In the back room the first round of the Members Challenge was being judged,.the results? you'll just have to wait until the fourth round I

### **The Elusive Rose Bowl** by D.Little.

First of all, I had better make it clear that this article is not intended to read like a biography of D.Little but act more as a booster for those members of S.L.A.P.A.S. who have been with us for only a short time.

The "Rose Bowl" by the way is the trophy for the highest points added up from the table shows over the year, and consequently very hard to win.

I first started in the club about seven years ago, and for the first eighteen months I, like most of you, sat at the back of the hall and thought, " What & cliquy lot! I am not going to stay here very longi" (I am right aren't I?). But persevere, my friends, and you like me, and you like me will grow to like S.L.A.D.A.S. and your fellow members.

I did not enter many tableshows in the. beginning, but watched listened and learned about fish, the size, colour and most of all the types of classes. But then it happened, I entered the mollies table show, and lo and behold was awarded first place. The thrill I got from that moment lives with me even now.

Over the years I have won quite a few table shows, and a lot of .place cards 5 (this does help to boost the morale no endl)



But I, have never been able to -win enough points to win that elusive .Rose Bowl. I did, however, come runner up last year, and thought to myself , "I don't reckon that I shall ever get any higher than that.

To my utter amazement when looking down the league chart this year I found that I was well in the running to win that much sort after Rose Bowl. However, as time went by my fish did not do so well in the table shows 5 and I thought to myself, "Well you have 1 let you chance slip away once more.". Especially as Inter-club points count as well, and I did not participate in Inter-Club competitions, a thing that I am not proud of, but time is not on my side.

Those of you who are able to go to Inter-Club meetings and are a bit shy, I can assure you that they are both interesting and worthwhile.

Meanwhile, it was getting close to the A.G.M. , and prize- giving, and I did not know where I stood in the league, so you can imagine how excited I felt on prize night.

At last the names of the prize-winners were read out, and at last those words that I had waited so long to hear were read out, -- "Highest pointed Senior and winner of the Rose Bowl--- D.LITTLE". There it was ambition achieved I

So to all of you, new and not so new members, I say, If I can do it so can you! All you have to do is to put your fishes in as many tableshows as possible. If you have any queries don't hesitate to ask.

One day it may be your turn 'to win that Elusive Rose Bowl I  
Good luck I

### **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

Meeting; held at 5b, Fairlop Avenue, Canvey on September 30.

Present were:- President, Vice-President, Secretary, Mrs Chapman, Messrs Capon, Little, Adams, Blackmore, Wickman and Durrant. Apologies from Treasurer and Mr Joyce.

The non-return of a Library book and a Trophy were discussed. Mr Durrant asked if anyone went to Dunmow on the 9th September, the Secretary replied that he and his family went.

Mr Blackmore reported that he might purchase a movie camera which he could use for the club. It was agreed that the Secretary purchase a new screen for the club. The Secretary how man!?

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had been returned for repair, Mr Adams reported that he had one for repair and one for replacement, it was agreed to buy a replacement. The secretary asked if any fry were available for the Fry Rearing Competition. It was agreed that he should ask East London if they had any fry to sell.

Mention was made of low support of raffles.

Mr Durrant mentioned the passing away of Bill London, Secretary to send condolences on behalf of our Society. Secretary has written to Ken Appleyard of Thurrock  
**Meetings,,**

Meeting November 2<sup>nd</sup> held at 365 Grafton Road, Canvey.

Present were President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Messrs Durrant, Joyce, Capon, Wickman, Moltino Adams and Little and Mrs Chapman. The President welcomed the new committee, the only new member being Mr Moltino.

Mr Durrant stated that St Clement's Hall was available for the Open Show on the 8th of May. Mr Finch queried insurance the

Secretary stated that he had written off regarding this. The suggestion from the A.G.M. about Novice and Senior rather than Senior and Junior, it was finally decided that Juniors could elect to enter Senior classes but that they must do so for a full year. Mr Adams asked for Table Show Rules to be brought up to date, Mr Moltino to do this and report back to the committee. Mr Moltino asked for a brief case for table show papers, Mr Chapman agreed to lend him one. Mr Durrant asked if it was possible to hold Socials in Southend, the President replied that it was up to the organisers to decide on a venue.

The Secretary asked if any more F.B.A.S. goods were required It was agreed that Mr Little could use the spare club typewriter. Mr Adams asked if next years program cards could be made clearer so as to separate the table shows from the speakers. Secretary said that he might be able to obtain more adverts' for the program so as to cut costs.

The Inter-Club competition was discussed and it was agreed that the rules should return to the old system.

Meeting closed 11.30 pm.

**SOUTHEND, LEIGH AND DISTRICT AQUARIST SOCIETY**  
(founded 1935 or before)

The Society meets every first and third Tuesday in each month  
at 8.00 pm, at:-

ST ANDREWS HALL  
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WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA  
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ENGLAND  
(entrance in South View Drive)  
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## **EDITORIAL**

THE SOCIETY'S finances are not in a healthy state we are sorry to report -we are not exactly bankrupt but if we are not careful in our spending we could end up that way i

It has been necessary to curtail for the moment the issuing of medals for first place winners in our table shows, we hope that they will be issued latter in the year when our finances are healthier. Many members have already rallied round and offered surplus fish etc for raffle prizes. One of the troubles is that the raffle profit now nowhere near comes to sufficient to cover the rent,

We have had to curtail the booking of so many outside speakers to those already booked will of course still visit us. It is rather unfortunate that having just raised many prices and fees to members we still find ourselves in this state; for instance the subscription went up this year by 50% and the Journal (it's. been loosing money for years) went up by 100%. We trust that with your forbearance the Society will soon be in a better state - we hope that the Open Show will be the usual success and our finances will brighten up after May.

One thing that we can say is that S.L.A.D.A.S. has not caused inflation we are only victims; neither have we borrowed money on the International markets which is more than we can say for our parliamentary masters.

S.L.A.D.A.S. is not broke just short for the time being with your help and support we will weather this storm just as we have done several times before in our history.

## **OPEN SHOW**

Derek is again in charge of the Open Show he wilt be requesting help and exhibits-- do you know the date-----

**MAY 8th 1976**

at:- . **St Clement s Hall Leigh-On-Sea.**

## **PROGRAM DETAILS**

The program should be out any day now (but just in case)

APRIL 6 — F.B.A.S. Tape/Slide lecture Non U Goldfish.  
Members Challenge round two.

APRIL 20th —INTER-CLUB Quiz. Table show Ea, Ez, H.G.M.

## DISASTER

by D.M.Cheswright.

These are extracts from a letter from D.Harms of Burnley to S.L.A.D.A.S. Hon, Sec. Dave Cheswright. Having written half his letter re. coming to Wickford on the 22nd of February when he was bringing amongst others, a ten inch reed fish, he continues .....

"I have had to re-write this letter as the Reed fish has somehow got down the back street during the night and the chap next door has just brought it back dead."

Also..... "The chap with the *milleri* (a livebearer) has had his fish house burnt down on New Years Eve."

Apparently there was £350 worth of shed and equipment which luckily was insured but the loss to him is greater because of the collection of fish built up. Incorrect maintenance of Oil heaters was responsible and it cannot be emphasized too strongly that these should be of good quality and properly maintained - it could have been the house as well as the fish shed. Luckily trouble with oil burners usually results in a nasty smoke-up without Fire, but our Northern Aquarist was less fortunate.

### SAINT PETER ADMITS AN EDITOR

The Editor stood at the heavenly gates,  
his features pinched and cold.

He bowed before the man of fate,  
seeking admission to the fold.

"What hast thou done," Saint Peter asked,  
to gain admission here?!"

I was a fish magazine editor, sir,  
for many a weary year,"

The Pearly Gates swung open wide,  
as Peter pressed the bell

"Come in and choose your harp," he cried,  
"You've had your share of HELL I"

(reprinted from Wet Pet Gazette via N.I.A.S. Bulletin)



## INVITATION TO DUMMOW ~ September 9th 1975

by D.M.Cheswright.

S.L.A.D.A.S. members were invited to Dumnow club to take part in an auction and Class C all characins table show. Unfortunately, only your Secretary, dragging with him his wife and child, turned up. Having visited the hostelry next door to the meeting hall - it is difficult to tell if the meetings are in the pub or the hall they deposited the goods for auction, having been told previously that fifty percent would go to Dumnow and hoping to obtain enough to cover our petrol for the journey home. However the committee had apparently had a quick meeting as we approached and decided that all the proceeds would, be kept at Dumnow.

Having got over this initial shock the auction proceeded at a snails pace, the Chairman purchasing many items as no one else was bidding, A utensil for cleaning Venetian Blinds (or was it Blind Venetians???) failed to go and no decision was made as to what to do with it.. A whole library of paper-backs realized about 20p. Your Secretary came away with a clothes brush and three beacons,

Refreshments were served at half time and a gentleman tried to sell raffle tickets at fifteen pence each. This was assumed to be a joke as your Secretary was already £2.66 down on the auction proceeds donated. It turned out to be a serious offer and many Dumnow member's bought tickets, probably on H.P.

The table show was judged by Mr Cocker.

Results;-

1 <sup>st</sup>	D.Cheswright.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	R.Thoday.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	R.Thoday
4 <sup>th</sup>	R.Thoday

A good time was had by all.

### QUOTE

In a letter to the Editor of the SPLASH from a Mr Michael Bronson on the subject of marines

".It ca safely be said that many of our popular marines are being bred in captivity and some even in commercial quantities (percula clowns, tomato clowns, and neon gobies).

In an Editorial several years ago we forecast this ! All our -readers thought us potty l

## A Bit of CODSWALLOP

by Our Surf Reporter

Throughout the length of the land Friday lunches are changing the coarse fibrous white meat surrounded by batter embellished by hard dried up peas (no spuds either chipped or mashed not with the price at £250 a ton) is becoming rarer and dearer. The "cod-war" with Iceland is removing the fish from the nation's plates; somehow peas, vinegar and salt don't have the same appeal I

The arguments behind the cod-war, some politics and some conservation are not really within the scope of this JOURNAL But we wondered whether our readers know as much of the life of the cod as they do or, their aquarium fishes

The Atlantic cod is classified in the order Gadiformes, family Gadidae, genus Gaddus and species callarias. There is also a Pacific cod *G.macrocephalus* which is similar to it's Atlantic cousin and is abundant in the North Pacific and extensively fished by the Japanese.

The range of the Atlantic cod is extensive, it being found on both sides of the Atlantic as far South as Virginia. It frequents hard bottomed banks in water from thirty to sixty fathoms. Cod taken close inshore average around ten pounds but the really large ones are to be found on the banks. The record for this species is 211 pounds.

The Icelandic cod spawn in the spring when along with specimens that have traveled from Greenland they gather in to spawning shoals many- thousands strong to lay their eggs in the warmer waters off South-west Iceland.

The eggs are buoyant as are the fry which are swept for many hundreds of miles to the North and East of the island by the prevailing currents. A bare one percent of the fry survive this journey. They remain in this area for about seven years feeding on the bottom on such things as worms crabs and shrimps and of course their weaker brethren. On maturing they shoal and turn their attention to larger prey such as eels and herring. In their turn they form the food of halibut and sharks.

At the age of seven or eight they return to their birth- place where the male fish carry out a ritual selection fight with much displaying and butting and grunting (yes they are able to make a noise !). If not caught in a trawl cod can spawn about ten times and it is recorded that a thirty inch female can lay 3 million eggs per year- It you can still find or afford cod we trust these fact will make it a more interesting dish,

***LAMPROLOGUS BRICHARDI***

by Ken Kirkwood

reprinted from Hamilton Canada, Bulletin

This fish is truly one of the most desirable of the species from Lake Tanganyika. It attains a length of four inches, -with the female being slightly smaller. The only noticeable sex difference is that the male has longer filaments on the dorsal, anal caudal and ventral fins. The body colour is hard to describe but here goes, the body is almost opaque and the edges of the fins are lined with white, with a black line running from the eye to the edge of the gill cover where it joins another vertical black line. When spawning the body colour deepens and black blotches appear on the top of the head.

They move very slowly in the water, almost seeming motionless, until disturbed, and then they whisk out of sight into the rocks.

I keep eleven of these fish in a thirty-five gallon tank filled with rocks, sword plants and floating water sprite and this seems to their liking. When ready to spawn, they are separated into trios - one female and two males, I don't know if this is their habit in the wilds I don't think so from what I have read, but mine definitely preferred the trios.

The females choose a suitable site, as do all cichlids, and cleans off the desired location, either a rock, a piece of slate, or a corner of the glass. My first two spawnings -went unnoticed until I saw the fry, but the third spawning was on the side of the glass. About 60 eggs about a sixteenth of an inch in diameter, and similar in colour to the adults but slightly pink, were laid. Hatching took three days and after the young emerged from the shell I never saw them again until they were free .shimming. This took five days. This is when the male took over and the female "was left off to the side as a guard. The fry stay in a school around the males, and upon a signal from them they scatter into the rocks or lie on the gravel bottom until the all clear signal is given.

I added infusoria to the water because the young were so small, but this wasn't really needed as brine shrimp was readily accepted. I didn't want to take a chance with the first spawn by leaving the young with the adults and having them gobbled as a snack, so I siphoned out all the fry I could and put them in another tank,

They are doing quite well and so are the ones I missed, as well as the second and third spawning. The remaining adults which aren't spawning stay clear of the parents and usually hide in the top corners of the tank. I kept three *corydoras* and one small African catfish in with the adults and they

were literally torn apart making -their removal a necessity. The males have two noticeably long teeth on the lower jaw which could account for the damage to the cats as well as the torn fins on the non-breeding *brichardi*. Other than,during spawning, these fish are relatively peaceful and shy.

Their water is slightly alkaline and a third water change is given once a week. At first they wouldn't accept all foods, only white worms and glass larvae but this changed as they grew used .to the tank. I starved them into eating dry food, frozen brine shrimp, beef heart and just about anything else that I put into the tank. Now my initial cost in purchasing these beauties will be covered.. I only wish this was true with my other Africans —— maybe one day l

### **LONG LIVED TROPHIES**

by "Loser"

Many of our Trophies have been around rather a long time, three of them were in use 1948, for instance. They are now awarded for table shows but what was their original use?

**THE "ABBOT" CUP** Presented by E. J.Allcoat of Messrs Abbott and Co Auctioneers and Surveyors. This was won by the member who gained the highest points at the annual show; the first winner at the Annual Show in-1948 was the then Vice-president Horace Giles.

**THE " SAUNDERS" CUP** Presented by C. J.Sanders the then President

The cup was awarded for the Junior member who won the best fish award in the annual show, in 1948 the winner was J.W. Cowan.

**THE "JONES" CUP** Presented by R. H.E.Jones for the best fish in the annual show, the first winner in 1948 was C.J.Saunders.

**C.BROOKS SHIELD** presented by C. Brooks in 1949 for best furnished aquarium at Show.

**FLAMBRO CUP** presented. by R.F.E. Jones for best tropical in show (this trophy appears to have been lost) , presented 1949.

**DOLPHIN AWARD** presented by makers of Dolphin Equipment for best ladies entry (again this trophy has disappeared)

**THE GILES CUP** presented by Horace Giles for best Home Aquarium in 1950

**THE DU-BOISSON CUP** presented in 1950 by Mr Du-boisson for the best black widow (at that time the Black Widow was the clubs emblem

### **HOWARD MUST BE A MONKEY! !**

In the magazine issued by the Calgary A/S of Canada, the "Calquarium" Brian Neuman witting under the headline of "Points to Remember", writes on Swordtails. The article appears in the April and May issues 1975 (I've never received them Calgary what ever happened to our exchanges?).

The classification of swordtails begins with the species known to man. In addition to the helleri, subsequent collecting expeditions have given us *montezumae*, *pygmaeus*, and *clemenciae*. These species are seldom seen commercially and therefore .will not be mentioned again...

Species of Xiphophorus are being traded almost throughout the length of the U.K. Howard Preston has spread his stock far and wide as far as we know the following are regularly being bred - X. *montezumae*. X. *milleri*, X. *variatus* (wild that is) with a few examples of X. *pygmaeus* and X. *maculatus* rather more rarely.

Next time you visit this Isle, Calgary members ask around the clubs and take home some English raised Mexican fishes.

Perhaps the headline is a little unkind to Howard but no human could be expected to spend his Christmas holidays wallowing. in the swamps of the Isthmus.

### **To A Fish**

reprinted from Hamilton D.A.S. Canada Bulletin, author not known.

Consider the fish as a household pet.  
You have nothing to do but keep him wet.  
His bearing is mild, his manners neat.  
His face is calm and his breath is sweet.  
He doesn't bark and he doesn't sing.  
He doesn't bite or scratch or sting.  
He doesn't shed feather or fur or hairs.  
All over the sofa .carpet or chairs.  
You never find him underfoot.  
You put him somewhere and he stays put.  
He asks but little but here below.  
Just food to eat and room to grow.  
If either of these is long denied,  
When you look for him he has quietly died.

Editor's comment - Oh Yea !

### **SPAWNING *HASEMANIA MARGINATUS***

by F. J. Walker. reprint S.L.A.D.A.S. JOURNAL Feb' 1972

I bought two of these small characins some time ago, and I had never been at all sure whether they were actually a pair although one of them would keep chasing all the smaller fishes in my community tank, so I thought at last that I would try to find out one way or another.

On December the 10th in the morning, I thoroughly cleaned a 36" by 8" by 8" with salt and filled it with warm water straight from the hot tap. Then I washed and cleaned some cabomba, bladderwort and elodea and put them in a clump at one end of the tank weighted down with a piece of lead.

I came home from work that night at 11.30 (yes I had come straight home from work !) to find that the temperature had settled down to a steady 80, so I caught the two fishes and put them straight into their new temporary home. I went to bed with my fingers crossed.

On the following morning at nine o'clock they were chasing madly up and down the tank, and looking a bit closer I saw, to my great surprise, some eggs. I drew up a chair to watch and they continued to spawn for a further hour, after which time they began to nose about the bottom, so, feeling that the eggs were no longer their property, I promptly returned the fish to their former home.

The first babies appeared on the 12th, and so on the following day there were quite a few sticking tail downwards on the glass. On the 16th they were darting spasmodically about the tank, and I began feeding infusoria from some old water that had held chrysanthemums. For the next five days they had constant infusoria, made from potato and old banana skin, and on the 22nd I began feeding with brine shrimps and very fine "fry grain", and on the 25th they began to take finely sifted daphnia. By the 28th they were feeding hard on anything and everything small enough for them to cope with and had grown to almost a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in length.

Since then I have spent many happy but fruitless hours trying to count them, and the male who incidentally has now acquired a lovely bronze hue, is spending equally happy hours once more chasing all comers in the community tank.

EDITOR'S NOTE *Haesmania marginatus*, the silver tips is now classified as *Hemmigrammus nanus*. We kept the old name as a title to wet your appetite, hoping you would think it was a new species.

## THE NOT SO MERRY WIDOW

by Mrs K«Outing reprint S.L.A.D.A.S. Journal March 1952

One hears so many theories on how to get fishes to spawn, that I thought that I might record a method I used to spawn some black widows last April, -- an unorthodox method it is true, but it appeared to be a most effective one.

My female at this time was very plump, and seemed in fine condition, so I put her in with one male into a 24 by 12 planted with clumps of elodea and hygrophila in mature water, and awaited results. The male was definitely keen to become a papa and did his most -to instil a little enthusiasm into

his mate by constant nudging, showing off and sly nibbling, but she maintained a shy aloofness which clearly indicated that she considered herself above "that sort of thing". Something, obviously had to be done to encourage things a bit, so I put in another two males; but, alas, this subtle

compliment to her wiles fell on stony ground, and although all three "widowers" flirted around her like flies round the proverbial honey-pot she remained in her corner playing hard to get.

Having lost some of my patience by now, I decided to give the boys a hand, so I filled two enamel jugs, one with hot water, -- it was fairly steaming too -- and one with cold water from the tap, and took up. action stations. Starting with the hot, I poured about a quarter of a pint over her, and she promptly dashed down the tank pursued by her three suitors and took up position as before in the opposite corner, then came a similar douche from the cold jug, and off she went again; this time she wasn't allowed to reach the other end th- hot water came into action again to head her off, and this went on for some minutes - each time she showed up she got an alternate "splash" of either hot or cold water. The males seemed to love this fun and kept after her in true appreciation of my assistance,

At last I notice a change in her attitude she began to flit rather coyly through the plants and sure enough they began to spawn, and what a spawning it was I

Five days later there were swarms of tiny widows swimming happily around - I think 600 would have been a conservative estimate and I felt like having my two enamel jugs mounted.

But, alas, came disaster. A well-meaning friend, from whom I had begged some plants, called next afternoon when I was out and dumped a big batch of assorted plants into the first tank he noticed in the fish house - he couldn't have known.

that -what appeared to be an empty tank actually housed hundreds of -wee -widows; the plants were later moved and two or three days later the numbers of fry began to rapidly diminish, an extra strong light and a close inspection revealed the horrible truth -- the tank was simply swarming with hydra.

One or two club members actually witnessed, with me, the action of hydra catching the fry, and there is no doubt that the fishes while exploring the bottom and sides of the tank for food do bump into the tentacles of the hydra and become enveloped. We actually only salvaged only a small percentage of the fry, and-only eight were finally grown to a reasonable size.

This little account is-not intended of how to spawn widows, but if anyone is warned of the danger of hydra in a breeding tank, then it may not have been unavailing. to be an indication impressed by this humble effort

### **DOES A WHITE WORM MISS IT'S BROTHER?**

by M. C.Mash reprint S.L.A.D.A.S. Journal August 1952

I wandered o'er meadow sweet  
With puckered brow and halting feet.  
The question is I oft repeat.-  
"Does a white-worm miss it's brother?"

The night before with tweezers clenched  
A white-worm from it's lair I wrenched  
Oh ! pondering thought that was not quenched  
"Does a white-worm miss it's brother?"

The family life I had destroyed;  
It's parents must have been annoyed-  
Poor enchytrae the barb enjoyed -  
"Does a white-worm miss it's brother?"

So in this murky world of strife,  
Consider this - you or your wife - .  
When contemplating taking life:  
"Does a white-worm miss it's brother?"

### **FAINT PRAISE , .IN-DEED!**

A member on being offered the last issue, said he had already read it, but thought little of it as there was nothing about fish but he donated 10p all the same? ? ?



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CLUB NEWS

**SL.A.D.A.S. TROPHY WINNERS FOR 1975**

compiled by K.Adams.

Du-Boisson Cup.....	R.Wylie
Len Willis Cup.....	D. -Little
Stan Hyde Cup.....	T.Blackmore.
Windermere Cup.....	D.Cheswright
S.L.A.D.A.S. 4.....	K.Adams
Saunders Cup.....	D.Durrant
Barnes-Oak Cup.....	R.Wylie
Coronation Cup.....	D.Cheswright
S.L.A.D.A.S. 1.....	R.Wylie
S.L.A.D.A.S. 2.....	D.Wylie
Giles Cup .....	R.Davis
POND trophy.....	D.Finch
M.C.Trohy.....	D.Wylie
Ed Nicoll Cup.....	D.Wylie
Stan Halsey Rose Bowl.....	D.little
Southchurch Cup.....	D.Cheswright
Abbott Cup.....	C.Cheswright
Brookes Shield I.....	C.Cheswright & D.Little
Brookes 'Shield II.....	S.Elven.
Hard Luck Cup .....	D.King
Jones Cup I.....	D.Cheswright
S.L.A.D.A.S. 3 .....	D.Cheswright

Why isn't your name on this list, don't you bother to to enter or is it that in common with the editor you only maintain rubbish in your tanks. This latter fact cannot be true for your editor has been at it longer than most of you so he must have a head start in producing runts and rubbish !

**Meeting January 20**

This evening we had the F.B.A.S. tape/slide show "The Verdict is Yours" narrated by C.A. T. Brown; these tapes/ slide shows seem to be popular if the relative hush in the hall is anything to go by,

The raffle winners were:-

- Jim Payton.....set of glasses.
- R.Mott:..... ash-tray. -.
- Mr Miel.....bar set.

**CLASS Q. SWORDTAILS**

- 1...J.Wimbush.....green.....72 pts
- 2...R.Wylie.....red .....71 pts
- 3...A.Moltino.....berlin grren.....70 pts
- 4...D.Cheswright.....,red.....68 pts

**CLASS Qy SWORDTAILS Junior**

- 1...D.Wylie.....green.....76 pts
- 2...J.Leahy.....green.....70 pts
- 3. .R.Mott., .....green. ....67 pts
- 4.. J-. Barton..... green.....66 pts

judge for Q and Qy D.Durrant.

**CLASS B BARBS**

- 1...D.Durrant.....schuberti.....83 pts
- 2...R.Brown .....tiger.....77 pts
- 3...R.Brown.....checquer,.....75 pts
- 4. D.Dodd..... cummingi.....72 pts

**CLASS By BARBS**

- 1.. C.Cheswright..... tiger.....74 pts
- 2...C.Cheswright.....clown.....64 pts
- 3...P.Tolmie.....cummingi..... 59 pts
- 4...P.Tolmie.....chequer.....58 pts

judge for B and By D. Edwards.

**FRY REARING COMPETITION**

- 1...S.Eleven.....50 pts
- 2...S.Spicer.....45 pts
- 3...C.Cheswright.....42 pts

judge D. Edwards.

Meeting February 3

Dave Ches' arranged a slide quiz - the winner -was Jim Wiley who received the magnificent prize of two potatoes

The raffle winners were:-

T.Meyer.....filter.  
T.Meyer.....plants.  
A. Rodgers .....swordstails  
R.Mott.....filter.  
R.J.Brown.....plants.

**CLASS Ez A.O.S. LABYRINTHS**

1.. R.Wylie. .... leeri. ....86 pts  
2...R.Wylie.....leeri.....83 pts  
3...R.J.Brown.....leeri,.....82 pts  
4...D.Durrant.....chuna.....81 pts

**CLASS Ezy A.O.S. LABYRINTHS Juniors**

1...R.Mott..... golden .....83 pts  
2...S.King.....golden.....78 pts  
3..C.Cheswright.....paradise.....76 pts  
4...N.Connelly.....thicklip.....74 pts

judge Ez and Ezy P. Capon.

**CLASS O MALE GUPPY**

1.. T.Blackmore.....77 pts  
2..D.Nice.....76 pts  
3...T.Blackmore.....70 pts  
4...D.Nice.....60 pts

judge D. Little

**CLASS -Oy NO ENTRIES;**

**MEETING February 7 sorry 17:**

This evening February 17 we had a visiting speaker C.J. Skilton from Chelmsford who spoke on "Equipment Old and New" we didn't hear any but the last few minutes but we are told that the talk was more biased towards the new,

Raffle winners were:—

R.Mott... ..angels.  
J.Wiley.....widows and something unreadable  
J.Barton.....2 books  
Mr Dodd.....sagitaria and heater.  
A.Elvin.....crytos' and book  
D.Nice.....bag of sagittaria.

In the editor's usual style the table shows have gotten mixed up those for the second of ..... hang on a minute forget that they haven't ..... it's a touch of the Runawells again !

**CLASS F -E.L.T.C.**

- 1..R.Wylie.....-.....panchax.....77 pts
- 2...D.Cheswright.....chaperi.....76 pts
3. ..D.Nice.....'.....flag.....74 pts
- 4...R.Wylie.....gardneri.....73 pts;

judge D.Edwards

Now they really have got mixed up this show took place on 17/3/76

**CLASS C CHARACINS**

- 1...R.Wylie.....cardinal.....79 pts
2. ..J.King.... . .... headstander. ...77 pts
3. ..R.Davis.....' .silver tetra.....76 pts
- 4 ..R.Wylie.....congo.....74 pts

**CLASS Cy CHARACINS**

- 1..D.Wylie.....pencil.....79 Pts
- 2...N.Connely.....pencil.....77 pts
- 3...N.Connely.....pencil.....74 pts
- 4,..J. Barton.....penguin.....73 pts

judge P.Capon.

**CLASS M A. 0. S. TROPICAL**

1. .R.Wylie.....bedotia.....7^ pts
- 2...R.Wylie.....Aust' Rainbow.....73 pts
- 3...R.Wylie.....R.T.B. shark.....67 pts
- 4...P.Capon/A.Moitino..Jawua Pygmaeus....21-g-pts

judge D.Durrant.

**CLASS My A.0,S. TROPICAL**

- 1...C.Cheswright.....R.F.Shark.....72 pts
- 2...C.Cheswright.....rainbow.....70 pts
- 3..G.Dyer.....R.T.Shark.....64 pts
- 4..J.Barton.....Bumble bee.....63 pts

judge D.Durrant.

**Meeting March 2**

This evening we had a visiting speaker Derek Lambourne speaking with slides on cats - the big'uns

The raffle winners were,-

- R.Wylie.....pair variatus
- J.Payton.....pair variatus
- D.King.....fungus cure.
- T.Meyer. ....colour food . ,
- D.Dodd..... goldfish food
- L.Miel.....fry food

**CLASS F E.L.T.C.**

- 1...R.Wylie.....panchax..... 77 pts
- 2..D.Cheswright.....chaperi.....76 pts
- 3...D.Nice.....flag.....74 pts
- 4...R.Wylie.....gardneri.....73 pts

**CLASS Fy E.L.T.C.**

- 1...P.Tolmie.....flag.....73 pts
- 2...P.Tolmie.....cylindraceus.....69 pts
- 3...S.Elyen.....panchax.....67 pts
4. P.Tolmie... .milesi......65 pts

judge D.Edwards.

**CLASS Ea FIGHTER**

- 1...R.Wylie.....red.....73 pts
- 2...R.Wylie.....red.....7? pts
- 3.. R.Wylie.,.....blue.....73 pts
- 4.. J.King.....blue.....,72 pts

judge D.Cheswright.

### **CLAS3 Eay FIGHTERS**

- 1.. T.Irving.....blue.....81 pts
- 2...S.Eleven.....,blue.....79 pts
- 3...M.Hurrel.....red.....69'pts

judge D.Cheswright.

### **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

Meeting held at 2, Cedar Avenue 5 Wickford on 27th January 1976

Present were:- President, Vice-president 9 Secretary treasurer, Mrs Chapman, Messrs Capon, Joyce, Wickman, Moltino, Adamsm, Durrant and Little.

Mr Durrant asked if the meeting about the Inter-club meetings had been arranged, the secretary replied that he and Mr Moltino would attend this. The President again raised the subject of missing library books - in particular mentioning a certain ex-member. The question of having the annual prize giving at a Social was raised.

The Treasurer in his report pointed out that our finances were unhealthy particularly as there were bills to come in for the Open Show. He said that we were not getting enough in at meetings to cover the rent of the hall. A discussion followed on the financial position and it was agreed that we

should, defer the purchase of table show medals, cut down on outside speakers, and committee members offered to give fish etc as raffle prizes. The Secretary said that R.Wylie has applied for a table show shield having attained 12 medals, also Mr Durrant has 12 medals,

Mr Durrant has been contacted by the water board to the effect that they are proposing to dose water supplies with pyrethrum late in March. They have. been requested to contact the Secretary so that he may keep members posted.

It was reported that the cost of the Hall for the Open Show would be £50 and that the Vicar would not allow us to use paraffin or gas heaters in view of the insurance risk. Whilst there is an oil heating installation at the hall there is no oil in the tank, arrangements are in hand with a member to supply oil. The general public will be covered by insurance during the show at a cost to the club of £5

The club rules drafted by Mr Adams were discussed. The meeting closed at 11.2\$ pm.

**DON'T FORGET THE OPEN SHOW - SEE DEREK NOW --HE NEEDS HELP !**

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**THE NEXT BIG ITEM ON THE CLUB AGENDA ??**  
**THE SOCIAL OF COURSE, JUNE 12th check with Alan Chapman for**  
**details and tickets. The numbers are restricted so get your**  
**tickets early.... ask Alan Now !!!**

## EDITORIAL

Although this Journal hasn't really got a special Show flavour it is the issue that is on sale at the Show (we hope) so we think it only right to say a few words on that subject.

To all our visitors whether you come to compete, to judge or just to view we say welcome for without you this show would be a very small affair. Thank you for supporting us again!. we hope the show meets with your approval and if it were only possible we reckon that you all should win the Grand Draw, the raffle, and win an arm full of trophies.

To the judges we say thank you and we hope that your ears all do sixty miles to the gallon !

To the casual visitor the work that goes on behind the scenes to present this offering to you of fishes of all kinds might seem simple, but the planning and work has been going on since a few short weeks after our last effort in May 1975. Members have hammered, sawn, and sealed and all sorts of other things for months. Last night if you had entered the hall you would have thought that instead of a church hall you had entered a Victorian assylum (you'll get used to the spelling by the time you've read this Journal right through.) Sheets of glass scattered the floor, tanks laid in precariously balanced piles, water slopped from buckets and dripped from leaky tanks, boxes full of bags of fish filled every aisle making progress impossible, if previous years are a precedent one exhibitor was no doubt chasing a fish across the floor with one foot stuck in a bucket, you would have thought it could never be opened in time at all- never could order be made out of such chaos.

But there at a table sat a round shaped fellow handing out little buff envelopes to hopeful exhibitors somehow he managed by the time you entered the hall to make the chaos disappear and the fishes to swim serenely in their tanks.

Of course the round one, Derek Durrant by name, didn't do it all by himself but his was the guiding light that lead the team of raving nuts that we all have to thank for putting on such a fine show.

Please don't take offence any of you "nuts" but you must agree that no person of sound mind could actually want to help at a Show -- how can we thank all those willing hands which didn't do it for gain but to the glory of S.L.A.D.A.S.

Thank you all you nameless hands that made this Show possible !!



## **PRESIDENT'S PAGE**

by D. Edwards reprinted from No 43

I am going to use a bit of space on this page to labour a point that I keep bringing up at the club, it's the Inter-club shows. Now we usually get a good turn out as far as people is concerned, nice healthy males and some very attractive females, but we don't get points for them !

What we need is fish, the more the merrier. We would like you to look through the Inter-club dates, check what you have to enter, if you haven't got anything, but have room to accommodate a couple more fish, why not look for something that has the makings of an entry.

If you think to yourself how on earth am I going to pick a winner, it's not always as hard as it sounds. It doesn't have to be spectacular as long as it's a good fish of it's type I've seen neons beat bigger characins, and cherry or chequer barbs beat the larger fish, so don't think that it's beyond you to get some points for your club. We have won the Gavel and Block trophy before, we can do it again but only by making sure that we are well presented on the Show bench.

Apart from the fun of competing, inter-club nights are always enjoyable. The host club always do their very best to see that their visitors have an interesting evening, and it's also a chance to swap fish talk with some nice people.

I said I was going to use a bit of space !; still it's all in a good cause.

## **BANNED EXPORTS**

by P. F.Capon.

Columbia and Peru have banned the export of shovel-nosed catfish (*Sorubim lima*). Presumably the Governments have banned to export to safeguard stocks, we hope this is the case, we all surely wish for the conservation of as many species as possible.

The government of Guyana has banned a wide range of exports including many of our aquarium fish such as *anostomus*, *anableps*, hatchetfish, neons, *corydoras*, and a large number of dwarf cichlids.

You must breed these fish before they disappear!1

## OPEN SHOW REVIEW

by D. M.Cheswright

The Open Show season started in April and will continue through until about November.

I hope that you will be reading this after having seen the Southend Show on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May as this gives members who have not seen such a show a good (I hope) example of how to run one, what it provides to the public in the way of general interest and (I also hope) encouragement to join

our Society, and the facilities provided to aquarists from a large area who are enthusiastic enough to spend at least a day, preparing their fish and tanks and bringing them to be entered in the Show. Most entrants hope to win a card, a trophy or two (or more) but they also come to meet other aquarists and see their fish.

Support for our Show at Southend should, I feel, encourage more of us to visit other Societies' shows and perhaps win for Southend a few of the trophies given at all shows. There is a trophy awarded annually for the S.L.A.D.A.S. member who wins most points over the year at Open Shows. Members receive one point for entering each show and 4,3,2, and one point for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes respectively, double points are awarded for Furnished tanks and breeders classes.

Many Open Shows are held a long way from Southend but there are some that are not too distant.. At Corringham on April the 3rd, thanks are due to the following who entered:-

Robert Wylie, Dave Little, Terry Blackmore, Ron Davis, Stephen Spicer, Chris Cheswright and yours truly. Between this group eight trophies were won.

Future Open Shows within reasonable distance are:-

25<sup>th</sup> July Brighton (possible club trip as in 1975?)

5<sup>th</sup> September Bethnal Green

12<sup>th</sup> September Harlow

2nd October East London

3rd October Chelmsford (date to be confirmed)

14th November Walthamstow

For the really keen there is also the Aquarium Show in London, 29th to 31st of October.

Schedules to enter these shows are usually available at our meetings prior to the respective dates. You have to provide your own tanks at most shows, but water is always available and heating is provided by way of heating the hall itself, sometimes to an unbearable temperature. Judging usually takes about four hours and you can explore the surrounding area and sample the local brew and/or food during this time. Petrol costs are high but can be kept down by car sharing.

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**OPEN SHOW 1977 .....contact A.Smith Open Show Secretary**

## EDITORIAL

This will be the last editorial of ours that you will have to read; your edtuer (had to spell that wrong for old times sake !) has accepted a new post in Yorkshire and obviously has to hand in his dictionary. I would have liked to be able to finish out the club years but this will not be possible as it not really on to carry on the post whilst commuting from Wickford to Yorkshire on a weekly basis.

Obviously I have mixed feelings over packing in the editors chair after all I have been pounding the keys and threatening people for copy since I took over the JOURNAL in October 196?. For those of you that haven't enough fingers that's eleven years this coming October. I have always said that the only way to get out of the job was to leave the club or move away !

Do you realize that the Journal (surely it MUST continue) will now lack regular scandals and surely the spelling will improve,

What worries me most is the future of the Journal after worrying over it regular (sic) publication for eleven years I can hardly imagine S.L.A.D.A.S. without it's bi-monthly publication on topics aquatic and the doings of the club both Show-wise' and meeting-wise.

Now, it requires all members to think (?) of some poor soul to take on the editor's job - they should have S.L»A.D.A.S.'s well-being and future at heart; they should be thick-skinned enough to ignore all the peculiar remarks that readers who haven't written a word for the Journal always seem to make about the quality of the articles, (still at should be quality); above all they should be stark raving bonkers -this is the most important qualification!5 oh ! Yes ! they should also know which end you put the food in a fish.

Now, a few words to Derek - do you realize Derek that I shall be moving to F.N.A.S.-land? It takes a great deal of- courage or is it fool-hardiness to settle amongst the enemy. I hope once settled in to act as a missionary for the F.B.A.S. you know how I always seem to seek out trouble. In the past. I have often criticized many of the policies of the Federation but all in all I reckon that it's a really worthwhile organization.

The system for judging in particular I really believe cannot be beaten - after all fish cannot be judged like rabbits in a hall with the judge surrounded by spectators - all the fish DO deserve to be pointed not just those that take the judges FANCY.

**EXCHANGE MAGAZINES PLEASE** send your magazines to the Secretary until further notice see page 3

Well goodbye friends that was the hardest page I have ever writ ten !

## **PRESIDENT'S PAGE**

After missing a couple of Pres' pages and then Peter ringing a re-run on me. I suppose I am duly into witting this one, but it does come at a very convenient time because I can get a fair bit of mileage out of the Open Show.

I mean that really was something to write home about wasn't it, it went off with such a smooth style that anybody looking from outside would be tempted to think what a lovely easy job. But it's no cake-walk, it takes organization, dedication, and frustration. But when all the nail-biting is done there is a lot of satisfaction in a job well done. To those that organized it we must say a big thanks, but also we must say a big thanks to everybody that helped no matter what it was, however little you may have thought you did it all helped.

Another good start to the year was the Inter-club, again S.L.A.D.A.S., done well, keep it up we may even get that trophy back, but that's only possible with the co-operation of everybody. When we get this kind of response it's far more enjoyable trying to administer the clubs affairs.

## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Mr Editor

We would like to thank, through the JOURNAL, all the stewards and many other people who may have assisted at the OPEN SHOW.

Thanks to everyone for doing their jobs well even when there was no obvious reason for a particular task.

Many Thanks,

Derek Durrant  
Ken Adams

**OPEN SHOW 1977** May 14 St Clements Hall, Leigh.

## OPEN SHOW REVIEW

by D. M. Cheswright,

The Open Show season is well under way; on the 24th of April we entered at Chingford A.S. who had not held a show for some years. A first, a second, a third and two fourths were won by S.L.A.D.A.S. members. The show was a fairly small one but a good standard was reached. On the second of May Dave Cheswright and a couple of other members entered at Medway A.S. , Kent. This show was in a large hall and included various stands from the B.K.A. etc. The exhibits were, however, benched at table level which made viewing very difficult - the hall looked like a meeting organized by the hunch-back of Maidstone. Your reporter managed to slip on the polished floor, smash a cover-glass and almost break a finger - a visit to the local hospital was suggested but we were waylaid and lead to a local hostelry to recover Two firsts, a second and some thirds and fourths were won by S.L.A.D.A.S.

Sudbury's show was held at Wembley on the sixth of June Chuck Martin won a first and F.B.A.S. TROPHY and Steve Spicer a second and a fourth. The first prizes at this show were eighteen piece tea sets and I understand that a certain gentleman from Orpington is thinking of opening a restaurant.

S.L.A.D.A.S. was well represented at Dunmow Show on the 13th of June. Apart from myself and Chris Cheswright those entering were P. Tolmie, D. North, R. Smith, R. Wylie, and S. Spicer- Between us we collected six firsts, three seconds, three thirds, and four fourths. Whilst the judging was going on some of us went to Hatfield Forest where there is boating and fishing (when in season). The lake there appears to be well stocked with large Mirror Carp, Silver and golden rudd and many pike many of these fish could have taken a prize. at the show.— one carp was as large as any of those at London Zoo. Jim Wylie and family were seen heading for a large fish and garden centre near Cambridge and some members to view the house at Audley End, etc; there always seems to be plenty to see in this area of Essex,

In the last issue of the JOURNAL I said that double points were allowed for breeders entries. This has now been cancelled from the 1st of January 1976, at the F.B.A.S. meeting of 5th of June 1976. As the S.L.A.D.A.S. delegate I abstained from voting on this as no prior notice had been given of the resolution. I understand that the F.B.A.S. is shortly sending out proposals for various alterations to Open Show rules for discussion by Societies before they are voted on.

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## THE EXCHANGE MAGAZINES

by P. F. Capon.

For the past few issues we have not had our regular exchange review column, hang your head in shame ! Ted So we thought we ought to remind readers that we get a wide range of Society magazines and newsletters not only from clubs around this country but from the States and Australia.

These magazines are all available in the library but for some reason they are rarely checked out. Do please ask for them it is incredible the amount of information they contain; often they contain accounts of new imports or rare breeding's months before the Professional Magazines get around to printing. Many times they carry information that is NEVER made available through the "slick" journals.

East London Aquarist and Pondkeepers Association have revived their magazine, after Ron Dodkins gave up the editorial chair we think the magazine was allowed to die but has now been revived on a MONTHLY basis. The editor, T. Waller we think, has taken on a thankless task if our own contributors are anything to go by; no club member seems to be able to relate his experiences -nothing ever happens in S.L.A.D.A.S. tanks I

I am sure Mr Waller will not mind me printing his address for the benefit of our American and Australian exchanges it is:-

1, Sparsholt Road, Barking ,Essex.

One idea we note in this magazine is that East London hold a Jumble sale to aid club funds, the last one netted £100. -interested Alan? They have reprinted Dave Ches's article "Invitation to Dunmow" with credits to Dave and S.L.A.D.A.S. of course. They also do a fullscap page on our Show, they say some very nice things about it but do have one criticism about the catering a complaint that the only drink suitable for an hot afternoon was lemon or orange juice they would have preferred something stronger. Incidentally, we don't recall seeing Frank Vicker that afternoon in May perhaps that's why I

The Federation do also publish a magazine as well you know -try reading "Things'll get worse before they get better!" in the Summer 1976 issue. For our exchanges the address is;- F.B.A.S, Bulletin, C/o R. C.Mills, 70 Lee Road, Wembley, Middlesex, UB6 7DB.

Don't forget to check some exchanges from the library.

## OPEN SHOW 1976

The Open Show which we held on May the eighth was our best Show to date. There were 697 exhibits in 43 classes and in addition to it enabling us to sign up more new members and show local enthusiasts who visited the scope of our Society it also enabled us to put our finances on a more even keel.

Thanks are due to the F.B.A.S. judges :-

Messrs Esson, Cottle, Blake 5 Carney, Carter, Lambourne, Appleyard, Bowes, Saxby, Wood, and Nutt.

Thanks are also due to the Mayor of Southend for presenting the awards.

The **Special Awards** were as follows:-

D.Durrant Trophy, best livebearer.....	P. Moye
Southend Sports Centre Trophy Best Characin.....	J.Brown
Stan's Aquarium Trophy, best coldwater.....	A.Bullock.
Best Koi Trophy.....	K.ADams.
F.B.A.S. Trophy, furnished aquaria.....	R.J.Hard.
S.L.A.D.A,S. Trophy, best in show.....	Mrs M. Nethershall ( <i>S. clarius</i> )
Studio One Trophy, best Rasbora.....	D.Durrant.

Other results were:--

### CLAS3 Aa-b Club Furnished Aquaria

- 1... Bethnal Green A.S.
- 2...Riverside A.S.
- 3... S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 4... East London A.P.A.S.

### CLASS Ag Miniature Furnished Aquaria

- 1...R.J.Hard.....Hazelmere
- 2... M.Goss.....,Riverside
- 3... W.R.Dale.....Bethnal Green,
- 4., J.Leahy.....S.L.A.D.A.S.

### CLASS Ak Individual Aquascape.

- 1... D.C.North.....Corringham
- 2... S.Hedges.,.....Bethnal Green
3. . M.Goss.....Riverside
- 4...S.Emptage..... Walthamstow.



**CLASS B A.O.S. Barbs**

- 1...D.C.M.Durrant.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 2...P.Moye.....Sudbury.
- 3...V.Green.....Ipswich
- 4...P.Moye.....Sudbury

**CLASS Ba** (for species see F,B,A.S. booklet )

- 1.,A.Chandler.....Walthamstow
- 2...T-Wooley.....
- 3'. D.Nice.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 4...D.Nice.....S,L,A.D.A.S.

**CLASS C A.O.S. Characins**

- 1...J.Brown.....Croydon
- 2.,P.Moye.....Sudbury
- 3...C.& B. Finnis.....Strood
- 4...G.Wickman.....S.L.A.D.A.S.

**CLASS Ca** Hypessobrycon, Hemmigrammus, Cheirodon

- 1...R. Thoday.....Braintree
- 2..R. F. Thoday.....Braintree
- 3...J. Randell.....Hazelmere
4. •B. D.Line.....East London.

**CLASS Cb** Nannostomus, Poecilobrycon

- 1..Mrs E.Greenhalf.....Bexley Heath
- 2...T.Frazer.....Basingstoke
- 3...P.Moye.....Sudbury.
- 4...T.Wooley..... —

**CLASS D** Cichlids

- 1..May Nethersell.....Riverside
- 2...R.A.Jones.....Romford & Becontree
- 3...P.& L.Hills.....Aylesbury
- 4...K.Collins.....S.L.A.D.A.S.

**CLASS Da** Pterophyllum

- 1...C.&B.Finnis.....Strood
- 2...A.C.Best.....Strood
- 3...R.J.Wylie.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 4...K.Bertie.....Walthamstow

**CLASS Db** *Apistogramma, Pelvicachromis Nannacara*

- 1...Mrs A. Greenhalf.....Bexley Heath
- 2...L. Wooler.....Hazelmere
- 3...J. Leahy.....S.L.A.D.A.S
- 4...D. Wallington«..... - - -

**CLASS Dc** see F.B.A.S. booklet 5

- 1...A.E. Noronha..... Orpington
- 2...R.A. Jones,..... Romford & Becontree
- 3...D.C. North,..... Corringham
- 4..E. Wiffen. ....'.....Aylesbury

**CLASS E** Labyrinths

- 1.J. Brown.....Croydon .
- 2.A. Chandler..... Walthamstow
- 3...D. Finch,.....S.L.A.D,A.S.
- 4...W.R. Dale.....Bethnal Green

**CLASS Eb** *Colisa, Ctenops, Helostoma Osphrememus etc*

- 1.. R.J. Wylie. ....S.L.A.D.A.S
- 2.. R. Rowland.....'.....Braintree
3. .R.F. Thoday.....Braintree
4. •B. Meech.....Braintree

**CLASS Ea** *Betta splendens*

- 1...R.J. Wylie.....S.L.A.D.A.S,
- 2...T. Wooley..... - - -
- 3...C. W. Goddard.....Sudbury
- 4...R.J. Hard,.....Hazelmere

**CLASS F** Egg-laying Toothcarps

- 1...V. Green..... Ipswich
- 2...R. & I. Shiner.....B.K.A..
- 3...K. Martin.....Thurrock.
- 4...R.C. Smith.....Romford & Becontree

**CLASS G** Tropical Catfish

- 1...May Nethcrsell.....Riverside
- 2...T. Wooley.....-----
- 3...K. Adams.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 4...Mrs D. Raggett.....

**CLASS H** *Corydoras & Brochis*

- 1..P.Moye.....Sudbury
- 2.. May Nethersell.....Riverside
- 3...W.R.Dale... ..Bethnal Green
- 4..Mrs A. Greenhalf.....Bexley Heath.

**CLASS J** *Rasbora*

- 1.D.C.M.Durrant,.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 2.,D.Edwards.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 3..G.Sandgate.....Reigate
- 4..Mr & Mrs Fry.....Bexley Heath

**CLASS K** *Danio & W.C.MM.*

- ! .P.Moye.....Sudbury
2. P.Moye.....Sudbury
3. R.J.Wylie.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 4..Mr & Mrs.Fry.....Bexley Heath.

**CLASS L-** *Loach*

- 1...B.Nichols.....Mid-Kent
- 2..T.Frazer.....Basingstoke
- 3-P.Moye.....Sudbury.
- 4.,G.Sandford.....Reigate

**CLASS M** *A.O.S Tropical Egglayer*

- 1...Mr & Mrs Cooper.....Corringham
- 2...R.Thoday.....Braintree
- 3...K.Adams.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 4...G.Biggs,.....Riverside.

**CLASS Nb-m** *Pair egglayer*

- 1..T.A. Cruickshank.....Ealing
2. .K.Dryden-.....Croydon
- 3...R.F.Thoday.....Braintree
- 4...R.J.Wylie.....S.L.A.D.A.S.

**CLASSNo-t** *Pairs livebearers*

- 1.. D.Chesv/right..... S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 2..G.Smith.....Walthamstow
- 3..D.Cruickshank.....Ealing
- 4..A.E.Noronha.....Orpington.

**CLASS O** Guppy Male

- 1...C.Martin.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 2...C.Martin.....S.L.A.D.A.S
- 3..J.Randell.....Mid-Herts
- 4..B.Reynolds.....Romford & Becontree

**CLASS P** Guppy Female

- 1...A.E.Noronha.....Orpington
- 2...J.Randell.....Midhurst
- 3...D.C.North.....Corringham
- 4...B.Reynolds.....Romford & Becontree

**CLASS Q.** *Xiphophorus helleri*

- 1...A.E.Noronha.....Orpington
- 2..A.E.Noronha.....Orpington
- 3...A.E.Noronha.....Orpington
- 4...A.E.Noronha.....Orpington

**CLASS R** Platy

- 1..P.Moye.....Sudbury
- 2..B.Reynolds.,,.....Romford 8r Becontree
- 3...C & B Finnis.....Strood
- 4...R.A.Jones.....Romford & Becontree

**CLASS S** Molly

- 1...D.W.Crowe.....unattached
- 2...S.Spicer.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 3...D.E.Little.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 4...P.Moye.....,Sudbury

**CLASS T** A.O.S. Livebearer

- 1...K.Dryden.....Croydon
2. .K.Dryden.....Croydon
- 3...A.E.Noronha.....Orpington
- 4..A.E.Noronha.....Orpington

**CLASS U** Singletail Goldfish

- 1...Mrs S.Hedges.....Bethnal Green
- 2...Mrs S. Hedges.....Bethnal Green
- 3...Mrs S. Hedges.....Bethnal Green
- 4...Mrs S.Hedges.....Bethnal Green

**CLASS V** Twintail Goldfish

- 1,2,,3,& 4 A.Bullock.....Bethnal Green.

**CLASS W** A.O.S. Coldwater

- 1...Mrs S. Hedges.....Bethnal Green
- 2...J.Randell.....Midhurst
- 3...Mr & Mrs Fry.....Bexleyheath
- 4...Mr & Mrs Fry.....Bexleyheath

**CLASS Wa** Hi Goi. Koi, Leather & Mirror Carp

- 1. .K.Adams.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 2...K.Adams.....S.L.A.D.A.S
- 3...Mrs F.Perry.....British Koi Keepers
- 4...G.Wickman.....S.L.A.D.A.S

**CLASS Xb-m** Breeders Egglayers

- 1...R & I Shiner.....B.K.A.
- 2...M.Strange.....Basingstoke
- 3...M.Strange.....Basingstoke
- 4...R& L Shiner.....B.K.A.

**CLASS Xo-s** Breeders Linebearers

- 1...A.E.Noronha.....Orpington.
- 2...B.Reynolds.....Romford & Becontree
- 3...Mr & Mrs Fry.....Bexleyheath
- 4...A.E.Noronha.....Orpington.

**CLASS Xt** Breeders A.O.S. Livebearers

- 1...A.E.Noronha.....Orpington.
- 2...A.E.Noronha.....Orpington.
- 3...A.E.Noronha.....Orpington.
- 4...M.Strange.....Basingstoke

**CLASS Y** Marines

- 1...D.Cheswright.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 2...J.Leahy.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 3...D.Cheswright.....S.L.A.D.A.S.

**CLASS Za** Rooted Plants

- 1...S.Emptage.....Walthamstow
- 2...W.F.Woodward.....Bexleyheath
- 3...D.Cheswright.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 4...PCapon.....S.L.A.D.A.S.

**CLASS Zbc** Cuttings & Floating Plants

- 1.. D.C.M.Durrant.....S.L.A.D.A.S.

- 2...P.Capon.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 3.. G.Smith.....Walthamstow
- 4..S.Hedges.....Bethnal Green,

**CLASS B-My Egglayers Juniors**

- 1..P.Barratt.....E.L.A.P.A.S.
- 2.. M.O'Reilly.....Symonds A.S.
- 3...R. Wooley.....- - -
- 4...P.Barratt.....E.L.A.P.A.S.

**CLASS O-Ty Livebearers Juniors**

- 1...G.Crosby.....Ilford
- 2. .G.Crosby.....Ilford
- 3...R. Wooley.....
- 4..S.Cooper.....Corringham

**CLASS U-Wy Coldwater Junior**

- 1...G.Crosby.....Ilford
- 2...R. Wooley.....-
- 3 .D. Wiley.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 4..P.Brett.....Bexleyheath

Of our exhibitors we believe those from Aylesbury and Peterborough travelled the furthest to bench their fish: indeed the group from Peterborough returned to the district on the Sunday morning to buy fish from a well know establish not a few yards from the show hall -there's keenness for you:

**WORMS IN YOUR WATER?**

According to the Echo for the 10th of June the worms have turned - worms are again issuing from the district's taps. Although the Chironomid larvae (blood-worms) appear to have succumbed to the onslaughts of pyrethrin there is according to the paper yet another "worm" in water in the Hockley area. This is called according to the Echo a Nais worm and they "quote" Gordon Spencer of the Water Board, We may be wrong but we've never heard of a Nais but we have heard of a naid could the Echo be copying this Journal in a competition for the greatest number of typographical errors? A naid is not a worm at all but the larvae of the may-fly! Mind you the Chironomid larvae may look worm-like but they are not worms either!

The cure according to the Water Board is extra chlorine so **beware** aquarists !!

In addition to our S.L.A.D.A.S. Trophy for the highest pointed member - report your results to the Show Secretary sometime prior to the A.G.M. - the F.B.A.S. runs a broach scheme. For twenty firsts since January first 1975 you receive a Bronze brooch, 5 a further twenty five entitles you to a silver in exchange for the bronze and a further thirty making a total of seventy five produces a gold broach in exchange for the silver. This is a considerable achievement and the gold brooch becomes your property. Details of this scheme can be had from the Table show secretary.

### **Future Open Shows**

25th of July Brighton, S.L.A.D.A.S. is running a coach.  
1st of August Tonbridge .Kent.  
7th of August Tottenham.  
21st of August Hounslow  
5th of September Bethnal Green.  
12th of September Harlow  
2nd of October East London, Breeders Show.  
29/31st October Aquarium Saow.London, possible S.L.A.D.A.S. coach.  
14th of November Walthamstow  
27th of November Fish, Fur and Feather at Hackney.

### **WELL DONE JIM!**

You probably all have read of Jim Wimbush's brood of *Xenocara dolichopterus*. We all wish Jim well in raising the fry let's hope he is successful -that'll really put S.L.A.D.A.S. on the map !

We can't really understand the article in the Evening Echo. Jim's *Xenocara* fry are really worth recording but since when are Oscars difficult to breed - you usually can't stop `em - the only suitable story for any paper would be if the other fellow raised all of a five hundred egg batch. Next thing we know the Echo will praise it's Editor for having a guppy born !

Next what has Fishy Business to do with Jim's *Xenocara*; Jim bought his fish at Studio One Aquatics if any shop should have a free plug then in this case it should be Studio One.

Yet again the Echo`s up the wrong Lane !

**CLUB NEWS**

Meeting May 4<sup>th</sup>

The program this evening was billed as Annual Show preparations - hands up those who thought this meant a talk and not the humping of tanks an equipment that actually took place. Seriously though, the club owes all those willing hands a sincere thank you. Incidentally the editor kept his hands clean only turning out of the back room when all the graft was finished,

The raffle winners were:-

- A.J.E. Smith.....white spot cure
- J-Barton.....Bacopa
- Mr Press... .. colour food
- R. A. Mead .....bag of bacopa
- J. Wiley.....trio of black widows,

The table show results seem to have gone missing if they turn up before the Journal is finished we will print them.

Meeting May 18<sup>th</sup>

This evening we had the ever popular auction little can be written about the precedes (left an "e" out) except to give you food for thought --why do you think the change is always assmall as possible is it just sadism or what?

The raffle winners were:-

- Steve Elvin.....pair of thick lips.
- Leadsham (?)......Auto-feeder
- Mrs King. .... Aquarian food
- Mrs King. .... Aquarian food
- Mr Dyke-.....Aquarian food

We must apologize to winner of the auto feeder we couldn't read our own writing as usual.

**CLASS F TOOTHCARPS**

- 1..R.Wylie.....A.lineatus.....76 pts
- 2..D.Nice.....American flag.....72 pts
- 3. .T.Blackmore.. .....Rivulus milesi,..... ,70½ pts
- 4...T.Blackmore.....R.milesi.....70 pts

judge D.Cheswright



**:CLASS Fy TOOTHCARPS Juniors**

- 1, . P.Tolmie.....American flag.....70½-pts
- 2..N.Connely.....Rice fish.....70 pts
- 3...N.Connely..... .E.chaperi. ....69½ pts
- 4. .N.Connely.....Rice fish.....69 pts

. judge D.Durrant

**NOTE OF NEW SHOW RULES**

The F.B.A.S. have declared that the Rice fish (*Oryzias*) are no longer regarded as being toothcarps and from now on they will be shown in Class M A.O.S. Tropicals.

Meeting: June 1

Pond night with slides show by Dave Ches` and the talk on construction of ponds. An interesting series of slides were t:hose on Ken Adams new koi pond using the new technique of a brick form lined with fibre-glass

The raffle winners were:-

- Steak set.....Mrs A.Smith
- Box of Black Magic.....R.Mott
- Perfume set. ....Mr dark
- Pond iris.....Howard Preston.
- Unreadable.,.....S.Eleven
- Bag of Bacopa.....Mrs Fawkes

**CLASS G TROPICAL CATFISH**

- 1...J.King.....*X. dolichotera*.....70 pts
- 2...A.Barfield.....*P.gracilis*.....59 pts

judge D.Durrant.

**CLASS Gy TROPICAL CATFISH Juniors**

- 1...J.Barton.....Banjo.....67 pts
- 2...C.Cheswright.....glass cat'.....64 pts
- 3.,3.Elven.....glass cat.....?9 pts
- 4...J.Barton.....pimolodelia,.....56 pts

judge D.Durrant

**CLASS No-t PAIRS EGGLAYERS**

- 1...R. Wylie.....leeri.....69 pts
- 2...D. Wylie..... W.C.M.M.....68 pts
- 3...R. Wylie.....frankei.....60 pts
- 4..J.King.....Dwarf Gourami..58 pts

judge P.Capon.

**CLASS No-ty PAIRS BGGLAYERS Juniors**

- 1..-C.Cheswright.....Aust rainbow,.....63 pts
- 2..S.Spicer.....Rice fish.....61 pts
- 3..S.Elven.....Neon.....57 pts
4. C.Chsswright..... chequers.....56 pts

judge P.Capon,

**June 12 the SOCIAL**

You may now expect a run-down on the Social but you are not to be so lucky 1 If you want to -know what happens at our Socials there is only one way to find out -attend! The next one is arranged for December the. fourth see Alan Chapman now and wish him a Happy Christmas ! .

**Meeting June 15<sup>th</sup>**

This evening we had another of the ever popular F.B.A.S. slide show on Practical Aquarium maintenance.

The raffle winners were:-

- |                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Mrs Wood.....  | Aquarian food        |
| T.Irving.....  | Algarde autofeeder.  |
| T.Irving.....  | Najas                |
| S.Webb.....    | filter.              |
| K.Dyke.....    | Aquarian food        |
| J.King.....    | ,A.lgardc autofeeder |
| Mrs Elvon..... | plant.               |
| Mr Faulks..... | plants               |

**CLASS No-t** Pairs of Livebearers

1...D.Cheswright.....2 spot.....	77 pts
2..R.Wylie.....red platy.....	76 pts
3...D.Cheswright.....X.eiseni.....	75 pt5
4...D.Nice. ....sunset platy.....	71 pts

D. Durrant judge

**CLASS No-ty** Pairs of Livebearers Juniors

1..S.Elven.....platys.....	75 pts
2..S.Spicer. ....red swords .....	73 pts
3..S.Spicer.....gold sail fin.....	72 pts
4.,S.Elven.....green swords.....	70 pts

D.Durrant judge.

**CLASS Am** Aquascape

1...Mrs Elven,.....	76 pts
2.,D..Durrant.....	69 pts

**CLASS Amy** AQUASCAPE Juniors

1..S.Spicer.....	61 pts
2.,S.Spicer.....	58 pts
3..Fab Bingo Bros.....	22 2/16 pts

judge P. Capon.

The exhibit put in by the Fab Bingo Brothers got top points for originality. Perhaps a few judges points might be in order. The exhibit was labelled an obscure creek on Canvey Island. Fish and other animals, one point a lump of freeze dried tubifex appeared to be on the point of crawling away. **Plants**, few points were gained in this category (1/16) as only one blade of grass was apparently alive. **Design** 1 1/8 points we believe the contents were thrown in and some missed and the judge objects to slippery unidentifiable objects on the floor of the hall. **Balance** one points, it gained this because the exhibit failed to fall off the table even when the judge rocked it violently. **Originality** here it gained a maximum of 20 points- maybe it'll start a fashion . Other criticisms were that the judge was not allowed by the F.B.A.S. to give points for odour (92 out of 20), the tea bags were short on perforations; the fish fingers decomposing in the centre fore-front showed poor department and. body. The beer can was not rusty enough..

For aquarists aiming at opting out or self-sufficiency this iquascape makes a good methane generator !

**INTER-CLUB AT CORRINGHAM. June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The venue for this meeting, the United Services Club. proved ideal the evening was one of. the hottest for years it must have been well into the 90's since daytime temperatures had reached 95°F. The bar was well patronized and almost the whole of the S.L.A.D.A.S. contingent ajourned to the balcony.

Unfortunately the entertainment for the evening a slide talk from the F.B.A.S. on Labyrinths came to grief the slide holder and the plastic mounts of the slides melted in the projector presumably through the heat.

**CLASS Cz A.O.S. Characins**

- 1...P.Line.....East London.
- 2..G.Eaton.... ..,Corringham.
- 3..Mrs Cooper.....Corringham
- 4..Mrs Cooper.....Corringham

**CLASS Cab HyrhessobryQono Hemmigrammus,, Cheirodon**

- 1..R.Smith.....Corringham
- 2...C.Cheswright.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 3...P.Line.....,East London.
4. .Mrs Cooper.....Corringham

**CLASS O Male Guppies**

- 1...D.North.....Corringham
2. .D. North. ....Corringham
- 3...P.Line.....East London.
- 4..A.Shark.....Corringham

**CLASS T A.O.S. Livebearers**

- 1...P.Capon.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 2..D.Cheswright.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 3..D.Chcswright.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 4...D.Cheswright.....S.L.A.D.A.S.

**CLASS F Toothcarps**

- 1...P.Tolmie.....,S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 2..D.North.....Corringham
- 3..D. North.....Corringham
- 4..C.Cheswright.....S.L.A.D.A.S.

The points earned at this round were:-

East London 685, S.L.A.D.A.S. 1308, Corringham 1509

The grand total for the rounds so far played were thus:-

Corringham 2927½, S.L.A.D.A.S. 2766½-, East London 1884½

The Best Fish in the Show was awarded to your editor ("I don't believe it") who also walked off with a bottle of bubbly from the raffle (no ! he won it he didn't knick it).

The rub for Dave Cheswright was that your editor wasn't sure whether he would, be able to make it to the meeting as he had an afternoon appointment in Newark-On-Trent so he asked Dave to take his fish to the Inter-club. You did a marvellous job on that fish Dave-how about you entering .all my fish for me?

Meeting: July 6

This evening another auction, rather close to the previous one on May 18 but very well supported for all that.

The table show was the third round of the Members Challenge Competition judge by Ken Saxby for the results you!!! have to enter the last round on October 5.

### **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

Meeting held April 27, held at 40, St Georges Park Avenue, Westcliff-On-Sea. The ENTIRE committee was present and the meeting commenced at 8.15 pm.

The library books unreturned were discussed again, Mr Wallings now stated that he had passed them on for return to "some-one" in Trinity Road (not D.C.M.D.). No further information had been received from the Vicar about the use of the hall on Tuesdays by the Scouts, The President expressed thanks to all those who donated food for the Inter-club on April 20.

Further arrangements were made concerning the Open Show, particularly as the use of St Andrews Hall as a polling station posed some difficulties in the removal of the equipment to the Show Hall.

Mr Durrant queried the measurement for the Mini-tank table shows it was agreed to change the size to read :-

"...4" by 4" by 6" long to 4½-" by 4½" by 7"..." the latter being the size of the F.B.A.S. tanks. Mr Adams said the he had obtained a replacement for the Cichlid book, he also reported that he had some of his tanks for sale. Mr Joyce reported that Mr Bardfield had lost the hard-back T.F.H.book at a cost of £8.50.

The secretary mention the fact that there would only be 200 tickets for the F.B.A.S. convention on the 11<sup>th</sup> September. He also mention that each club should present the F.B.A.S. with a book of Green Shield stamps to finance a Christmas draw and F.B.A.S. funds , it was agreed not to support this.

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

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Meeting held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 3<sup>rd</sup> Holmstead Way, Hadleigh.

The meeting commenced at 8.00 pm, present were:-

President, Vice President, Messrs Wickman, Joyce, Durrant, Adams, Moltino, and Capon.  
Apologies from the Secretary, Treasurer, Mrs Chapman, and Mr Little.

Mr Finch stated that the-"lost" library book had been returned. Mr Joyce said that the library now had a spare Cichlid book which had been purchased at the auction.

A discussion followed on the difficulties arising from the use of the Hall by the scouts and our subsequent late starts to our meetings. It was decided that we should try to negotiate to try to regain our 8.00 pm start, or failing that should seek to change our meeting night.

The Vice-President stated that it was time to start the Pond and Home Furnished Aquarium Competitions, The Home Furnished competition judges to be the Vice-president and Secretary; the Ponds competition judges to be The President and Mr Adams.

The Vice-president said that it was time to consider the Appointment of a Show Secretary for the 1977 Open Show; Mr Durrant refused to accept the post; it was agreed to ask at the next General Meeting for suggestions for the post.

Mr Durrant stated that Thurrock had closed but hoped to restart later in the year. Mr Durrant stated he had provisionally booked Sit Clements Hall for the Open Show for May 14 1977,

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm.

### **WHO'D STEAL A SCORPION**

date line 14/7/76 by our special reporter

Last night a thief stole a Scorpion fish (*Pterois volitans*) from a Belfast aquarium shop. Police have warned the thief that the fish is deadly and to seek medical advice if stung.  
The editor suggested a copy of our issue Number 63 be offered free.

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## **EDITORIAL**

This copy of what has been up to now a very good magazine, will be something of a collectors piece (a refuse collector) it will rank amongst the great first Editors of our time, what will make it even more unique it will be a last Editor as well.

I agreed to put this mag together, simply to give Peter a nice little Ego "boost, when he compares it with his work he'll well pleased,

Well that`s enough humble pie, lets get down to matters to hand, this Edition will be the last one before the A.G.M., so a word on that meeting is called for, and the word is participate we have a new Open Show Secretary, we will need a new Editor, who can follow Peter, Ted Joyce has resigned from the Committee after many years of helping to run our Club, we're all sorry to see him go, but that's another stalwart of the Committee which has to be replaced.

There is at least one more post which I know for certain will have to be filled, so some of you Club Members are going to change to Committee Members«

So think about it, talk about it and act on it, find out who would like to have a go and nominate them.

Some of you are probably holding back, simply because you do not wish to appear pushy, well forget it, and get pushing you will get nothing but thanks for helping out.

## **PRESIDENTS PAGE**

Just a brief word this time, on table shows, support for these seems to have sagged over the last few meetings - could be because of holidays. some of our stalwarts not being around, but there are still plenty of people coming to meetings, so there should be plenty of entries, some of the newer members are probably holding back to weigh up the opposition, well if they get in now with some decent fish they'll start collecting cards, there's a nice steady enthusiasm for the Meetings, so lets see it for the Table Shows as well.

### **Bureaucracy Gone Mad**

by D.M.Cheswright

What with our Heating, etc wiring being changed at pains to our packets, the sources of some Species of Fishes drying up (although this is for conversation by the exporting countries who then build roads etc. through their jungles, bent on destruction of their own, species), and hints of bans on imports of various species, I would have thought that enough was enough.

Listening to the Radio the other day I had to keep my ears open with disbelief as the news reader said that a man had been prosecuted for "collecting fleas from a reservoir for his fish". Note that he was not charged with trespass or damage but "theft". His defence was that it was Council Property and, as a ratepayer, he was entitled. Obviously we cannot go onto private Land, without the owner's permission, and take fleas or anything else from his pond, nor can we damage fences, etc. But, if we cannot collect food from public areas, what is the world coming to???

Thank goodness the case was dismissed,

## **COMMITTEE MEETING 29th JUNE, 1976**

At this meeting ANDY SMITH was a guest (prior to being elected as Open Show Secretary),

A final word on the new times at the hall it appears there is hardly any difference at the moment at least not enough to get excited about so things are to be left as they are.

The table show medals were discussed and it seems there is some difficulty in getting a price, but when it is settled they will be back dated.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

This was a welcome relief the Club is now solvent, thanks to a good outing, and good Social and a very good Open Show money now held £269 •00.'

It was suggested that a float from this be held against next years Open Show.

### **NEW TROPHIES**

These were suggested to Encourage more table show entries for Snrs & Jnrs to be called the "Enthusiasts Cup". These could not, of course, be started until next year so it was left for future discussion.

### **P.R.O.**

Mr. Little has been unable to attend Committee or Club meetings owing to work, Mr. Cheswright agreed to stand in as P.R.O.

The meeting closed at 11.20 p. m.

**MEETING JULY 20th**

This meeting yours truly endeavoured to tell of some of the snags in buying fish.

Peter told of ways of getting Diseases or was it curing them.

**RAFFLE WINNERS**

Andy Smith	Fish food
D.Nice	T.F.H. Mags.
A.Chapman	Fish Food
Mr.Neane	Pump
Mrs.Elvin	Fish Pood
Andy Smith	Filter
P.Sayle	Auto Feeder
K.Edwards	Auto Feeder
Mr.McWilliam	Bag of Najas

**MEETING AUGUST 10th**

This meeting being a team quiz.

Three teams all of whom did very well - the pointing was very close the team that won shared a prize of some Black Widow fish.

**TABLE SHOW**

**CLASS T A.O.S. LIVE BEARERS**

1st P.Capon.....	<i>X. milleri</i>	....	77 pts
2nd D.Cheswright..	<i>Ameca Splending</i>		76 pts
5rd D.Cheswright.....	<i>X.Eiseni</i>	.....	76 pts
4th D.Oheswright. .	H.B.Limia	.....	75 pts

D. Durrant - JUDGE.

**CLASS J RASBORAS**

1st D.Durrant....	Green Eyed	.....	79 pts
2nd D.Durrant....	Red Line	.....	75 pts

**CLASS J RASBORAS - JUNIORS**

1st C. Cheswright.....	Dwarf Ras.....	69 pts
2nd C Cheswright...	Red Line.....	68 pts
5rd C . Cheswright	.....Dwarf Ras.....	67½ pts
4th S.Elvin.....,	Red Line.....	67 pts

**RAFFLE WINNERS**

Mrs. Wood.....	Encyclopedia
R.Mott.....	Auto Feeder
Mr.Wimbush.....	Auto Feeder
D.Cheswright.....	Filter
Mr. Dyke.....	Fish Food.

**MEETING 17th August - Contd,**

**RAFFLE WINNERS**

K.Dyke.....filter  
T.Blackmore.....Auto feeder food  
J.Barton.....Auto feeder food  
S.Spicer.....Fish food  
T. Irving.....fish food  
A.Roberts.....2 pictures

**POND COMPETITION**

There were seven entries in this years competition, and some of these were more or less pushed in to it just to make the number up, their Ponds were either to new or owing to extreme conditions this year were just not up to there usual standard, as it fell to me to judge them with the able help of Ken Adams who took some very nice pictures of them as we judged them. I'm speaking from first hand when I say that I know some of these Ponds could have been far better but its not been an easy Summer for Pondkeepers.

The results were:-

1st M. Warren..o.....80 Pts. .  
2nd D.Finch.....77 pts  
3rd G.Prior.....76 pts  
4th D.Cheswright.....57 pts

**WELL DONE JIM (AGAIN)**

Jim Wimbush is at the moment looking after the second brood of *Xenocara dolichopterus*, if you keep this up Jim the`re going to be classed (easy to breed),

*Poecilia (Limia) vittata*

This fish when it is in really good colour, is probably one of the most colourful of the live bearing fishes

The best coloured, fish of this species that I have seen was a very small specimen. A male not much more than an inch long, and -was covered in many black spots and the bright yellow, which normally is limited to the lower body covered the rest of the fish. The normal grey-green colouring of the upper body conspicuous by its absence

According to the F.B.A.S. the female should reach 4½” and the male which has a larger dorsal fin should be 2½” though as yet I have only seen one female approaching the correct size at the Pet Fish show 3 years ago.

Colour wise it was a very drab and colourless fish,, and looked none to happy in its tank. Males usually reach about 2”.

Breeding is the same as for most live bearers. The male having a short thick gonopodium, with which to fertilize the female. Young are born about every 4 ~ 5 weeks. Successive broods will be produced even after the male has been removed. This fish is not the easiest to breed..as several people report the females getting fat but no young: are produced

Possibly this could be caused by wrong water conditions or the female eating her young as soon as they are born, Recently I have experimented. In keeping the fish in slightly salty water and the fish appear to do much better, and they have begun to produce fry- These fry seem to grow very rapidly in these conditions.

Feeding the *vittata* is no problem as it will take all live foods as well as flake. A good amount of green stuff is also essential, especially algae..

*Limia* Species are in general timid fish and like well planted tanks. *Limia vittata* is no exception.. Perhaps this is one of the reasons that such fish are rarely seen. in most Tropical fish shops.

These fish are usually only kept as a rule by true livebearer fanatics, who are always on the look out for different and rare live bearers.

Terry Blackmore.

**OPEN SHOW REPORT –** D. Cheswright.

The hot weather is causing problems at Open Shows in transporting fish and in lack of oxygen due to temperature rises whilst on the bench. Some fish at the 1st Open Show held by South East London A. S. at Greenwich on 4th July, suffered and many tanks were very murky by prize-giving time. The Temp. of the tap water (cold) was 72°f. and the many windows in the hall let in plenty of heat. There were, however, battery Air Pumps supplied by the society for emergency use. These small pumps were well worth having for Show use and can also be used when bringing fish home from shops. Dave and Chris Cheswright and Steve Spicer showed up, perspiring.

The journey took 1 hour from Wickford and traffic was very light. Considering that this was the 4th July with a 1776 exhibition on at Greenwich we were surprised at the lack of traffic - it must be the heat. Entries were low in some classes but the standard seemed quite good. The Hall had Lounges, refreshments were reasonable and there was a Trade stand, together with Killifish, Catfish & F.B.A.S. stands. We all lost money on the raffle and Tombola. There was plenty to see during the judging. Cutty Sark, Gypsy Moth (yacht and Pub), the Maritime museum etc. There is also the Observatory in Greenwich Park,

Prizes were given out by the Mayor but this was marred by competitors starting to de-bench early, there was, however, the heat problem and also a coach from Brighton which had to leave. S.L.A.D.A.S. members took 1 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1 4<sup>th</sup>.

The hot weather continued and only Derek Durrant, as far as I know, entered the Romford & Beacontree A. S. Show at the Dagenham Town Show, on behalf of S.L.A.D.A.S. This was a one day Show on 10th and 11th July. Derek gained 11 points and this gave S.L.A.D.A.S. 6<sup>th</sup> place. Well done. His visit to the show was marred, however, by the loss of 1 entry, temperatures were apparently up in the 90°s F.

We ran a coach to Brighton & Southern A.S. Show on 25th July. The weather was just right and good time was made on the outward journey, leaving Southend at 7.50 a.m. and arriving at Hove at 10.45 so that Members had ample time to bench. We were pleased that there was more room this year than last to sort out tanks, water, etc., a great improvement. There was a total of 682 entries and many classes were in high numbers, e.g. Class P, 50 and Class T, 25.

Many entries were apparently received on the day and the Show Sec. had to make last minute changes to the line-up on the benches. S.Spice, S.Elvin, myself and C.Cheswright entered and we picked up a 2<sup>nd</sup>, a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2 4<sup>th</sup> s. I suppose this is not bad considering the fish were caught at about 6 a.m. and were not benched until after 11. Dave Sharp and Bob Smith from Corringham also entered, having come by Car, and they won 1 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 2<sup>nd</sup> and 2 3<sup>rd</sup> s. There were stands from the B.K.A. (Killifish) and Catfish A., and also a Trade stand from a local trader. We could not stay for the prize-giving, which was by their President, Dora Bryan, as the coach had to leave. The homeward journey, leaving at about 6.15 p.m. should have been enjoyable, as traffic was light, and we all expected a half-way stop for refreshments. Unfortunately, the driver had a memory slip - will you believe Brighton to Southend via Croydon, Brixton, London Bridge, etc??? - some of us thought that the people at the front of the coach were helping him either to find or lose the way and those at the front did not realize that some of us at the back could have given

directions, (we will have to have a liaison committee for future trips). Anyway, having seen Tower Bridge and the Tower of London, we finally made Tarpots, Benfleet by 9.40. p.m. What happened after that I do not know but hope that all arrived home safely,

Was it true? a) that Dave Edwards was looking for me who was looking for Mr. Kilmaster and family, b) some members walked from the Pier back to the Show and had to employ the Police to find the way - others gave up walking half-way and took a taxi, c) I had a swim—— also young Keith Edwards - where was Dave at the time??

A S.L.A.D.A.S. tee-shirt was raffled in the coach and we hope to see this at future meetings,

Chris Cheswright, myself and Steve Spicer went to Hounslow A. S. Show on 21st August, There was quite a good entry and the only thing we did not like was the angle-iron staging which could easily have been covered in polythene to make the layout look more tidy, We spent the judging time in Kew Gardens at the price of 1p each to get in. This must be the cheapest place anywhere to spend a day. Our entries took 1 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2 3<sup>rd</sup> -s one of the latter being for a specialist entry of 6 fish in 1 class, including at least 4 difference species,

In the last issue I said that the F.B.A.S. had resolved to cancel the double points for places in Breeders' Classes. I have now had confirmation that this applies only to the Brooch Scheme and not to points at open or table shows. Table Show Sec, please note. Do not forget to let our Show Secretary have details of Open Shows you have entered and places taken since November, 1975 so that he can work out who wins the Open Show Trophy - this includes entries in our own Open Show.

#### **Future Shows**

Petfish - 29th to 31st October, 1976

Walthamstow - 14th November,

Hackney - 27th November, (Fur, Feather & Aquaria)

#### **FLY THE FLAG.**

The name S.L.A.D.A.S, appears at a few Open Shows as seen from above by courtesy of (names as above) - I salute their enthusiasm, by the way if those at the back thought I was giving directions, they should know better its all I can do to find my way around Canvey,



**Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> Inter-Club at East London:**

Classes B Barbs

Db Dwarf Cichlids

Dz A.O.S.Cichlids

J.K. :0anios W.G.M.M. & Rasbora

Q,. *Xiphophorus helleri*

There was a good turnout of S.L.A.D.A.S. members on this the last of this years Inter-Club shows but unfortunately there just was` t the fish to take the cards as you can see we were not far behind the winners but when taken into consideration we were beaten by a Club that is boasting only about four members (YES 4) at this time it just shows what determination can do, well done Corringham,

**JUDGES:-** P.Cottle K.Saxby T.Noronha

The points were as follows:-

**Db DWARF CICHLIDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> R. Smith.....Corringham
- 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Smith.....Corringham
- 3<sup>rd</sup> R. Smith ..... Corringham
- 4<sup>th</sup> T..Waller, ..... E. London.

**Q XIPHOPHORUS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> : R. Smith,.....Corringham
- 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Smith.....Corringham
- 3<sup>rd</sup> R. Smith.....Corringham
- 4<sup>th</sup> R. Smith.....Corringham

**D, A.O.S. CICHLIDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> P.Barrett,.....E.London
- 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Beale.....E. London
- 3<sup>rd</sup> F.Vicker,.....E. London
- 4<sup>th</sup> ...D.North.....Corringham

**B. BARB**

- 1<sup>st</sup> R. Smith.....Corringham
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs,P. Harris, .....E.London
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs. R.Boss.....E.London
- 4<sup>th</sup> D.Durrant,.....S.L.A.D.A.S.

**J.K, DANIO, RASBORA, MINNOW**

- 1<sup>st</sup> D,Iurrant,..... S.L.A,D.A, S.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> T.Blackmore.....S.L.A.D.A.S.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> D.North,..... Corringham
- 4<sup>th</sup> D. North.....Corringham.

**INTER-CLUB EAST LONDON - continued**  
**BEST FISH in SHOW..... R. Smith.... .Corringham.**

As usual East London put on an entertaining evening with good refreshments, a good raffle that included, a large can of beer, which went to a good Hoime (cheers Frank), and a talk by F.B.A.S, Vice Chairman - C.A.T, Brown, the subject being the judging of fishes, many questions came to mind. but few came to voice.

One well known connoisseur of dead. lock repartee did manage to get the beginnings of a discussion under way but it fizzled out, still it was a good try.

**FINAL POINTS**

Corringham.....	4333.....	1 <sup>st</sup>
S.L.A.D.A.S.....	4079.....	2 <sup>nd</sup>
E.London.....	3012.	...3 <sup>rd</sup>

**Committee Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> July 1976**

A further report on the Table Show medals, it seems there is still a problem of finding a supply at the right price, but never fear we will get them eventually

A report on the Pettish Tableau, not enough volunteers, so this year w will give it a miss.

Now that our finances are more stable, the Secretary will be booking some visiting speakers for future meetings

The Table Show Secretary said that there had been a suggestion to enlist another member as assistant Show Secretary, it was decided that this was unnecessary at this time as there was usually another Committee member available to stand in if need be,

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Don't forget the **Social** on the 4th December, hurry and get your ticket now from Alan - it really is a good evening take it from me,

Dot Chapman..

## BREEDING CORAL FISH

Any customer of the Lagoon, Canvey may have been lucky enough to see a pair of *AMPHIPRION XANTHRUS* caring for a spawning of about 150 youngsters.

I was lucky enough to see them at the wriggling stage still attached, to a rock and being defended quite fiercely by the parents.

The set up is a very large tank approximately 8' x 3' x 2' and populated by several species of Coral fish including a fair sized Bat fish,

The parents are approximately 2½" to 3" fish and follow a similar breeding pattern to Cichlids

As near as can be ascertained the fish spawned on the 8th September, the eggs were orange in colour, they took about 48 hours to hatch then a further 48 hours attached to the rock, the fry started to try to move, the parents decided it was time to move house and started to transfer them to a darker comer of the tank, while this was going on I asked Ken Adams to come down with me to try and get some pictures, he jumped at the chance so now we have got our fingers crossed that they come out al right.

It's obvious that all the fry will die, as soon as they start moving about because of the difficulty of trying to isolate them in a tank this size, but I was told that spawning the fish will be tried again under more favourable conditions,

Dave Edwards.

### TABLE SHOW POINTS.

JUNIORS	SENIORS	
C, Cheswright.....75	D. Durrant.....86	G. Pryor.....4
S. Spicer.....54	R. Wylie.....77	A. Smith.....4
S. Elven.....48	D. Cheswright.....32	A. Cheswright...4
P. Tolmi.....23	T. Blackmore.....16	M. Wood.....4
N. Connely.....22	J. Jing.....12	K. Dyke.....3
J. Barton.....11	R.J. Brown.....12	D. Finch..... 3
D.Wylie.....8	P. Capon.....11	D. Little.....3
S. King.....6	D. Nice.....10	A. Moltino.....3
T. Irving.....6	S.J. Press .....10	D. Edwards.....2
R. Mott.....6	Mrs Elven.....8	R. Elven.....1
J. Leahy.....5	K. Adams.....8	
M.Tench.....4	J. Wimbush.....8	
M. Hurran.....4	D. Holliday.....7	
D. Butler.....3	A. Barfield.....5	
G. Dyer.....2	R. Davis.....4	
A. Elven.....2	L. Morris.....4	
A. Rodgers.....2	M. Warren.....4	
Fab bingo bros.....2	R. Neale.....4	

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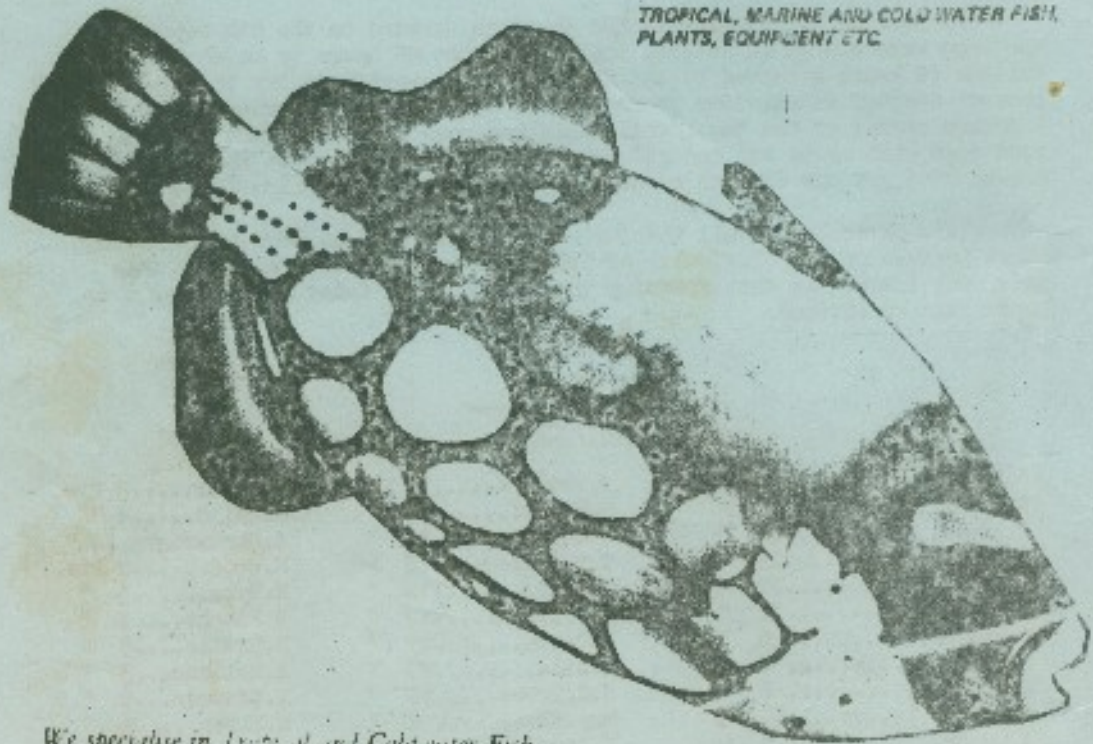
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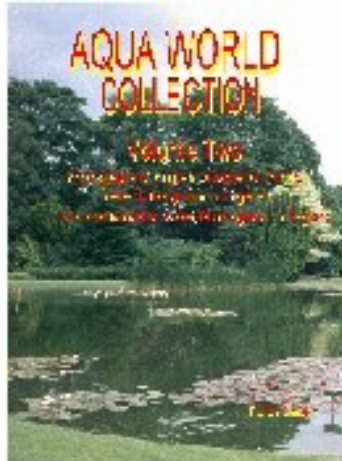
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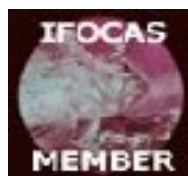
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