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**Welcome  
To the  
2018  
CAOAC Convention  
Burlington Holiday Inn  
& Convention Centre  
May 18-20, 2018**

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## Welcome Message from Your President

I would like to welcome all of the attendees of the 2018 CAOAC convention. Welcome back to all of our regular attendees. I know we will see many familiar faces. Welcome to all of the new attendees as well. I hope that this convention will be the first of many for you. It is great to see so many people from overseas who have made the time to visit our country and our convention. I hope your stay with us is enjoyable, and you get a chance to see some of the wonderful things that Canada and CAOAC have to offer.

I would like to welcome the wonderful speakers that are here to entertain, as well as educate all of us. Thank you for sharing your expertise and time with all of us.

It has been a great honour to be the President of this fantastic association. I have enjoyed working with an amazing executive and committee chairs. Each person has, in their own way, contributed to the success of CAOAC and this convention.

I hope you all enjoy the venue, speakers, hospitality and friendship this weekend. We may not know you all by name yet, but we all have common interests, which have brought us together, and hopefully we can develop friendships that can last forever.

Ron Bishop  
CAOAC President

## Speaker Information

### Greg Steeves



As a life long aquarist, Greg Steeves is known for his fascination with the family cichlidae, in particular haplochromine cichlids. He has written three books, authored many articles in a dozen languages and speaks on the subject internationally. Together with Lee Ann (Mrs. Steeves), they maintain a fairly large collection of

cichlids, catfish and other lineages of aquatic creatures. Greg is the founding member of the Hill Country Cichlid Club and president of the Federation of Texas Aquarium Societies (FOTAS). He is a fellow of the Haplochromis Society based in France as well as the Cichlidroom Companion for whom he has contributed nearly since its inception. He considers his greatest accolade his association with the CARES Conservation Program where he coordinates the Lake Victoria cichlid species.

His love of cichlids and people, together with his message of conservation can be heard (with an ever present humorous undertone) loud and clear on his internet radio show called "Let's Talk about Cichlids".

Native South Texas aquatic plants and animals have been an interest of Greg's for many years and he has both explored and written on the diverse life found in this area, particularly the out flows of the Edwards Aquifer.

Greg and Lee Ann travel to fish events around the country whenever possible meeting old friends and making new ones at every stop. Fish and fish people are a large part of his life as is spreading his message about the joys of working with haplochromine cichlids and the importance of ensuring that they survive for the next generations to enjoy.

## Speaker Information Cont'd.

### Rick Borstein



Rick Borstein is the Webmaster of the Greater Chicago Cichlid Association (GCCA), President of the Chicago Livebearer Society (CLS) and President of the Federation of American Aquarium Societies (FAAS). Rick was the Chairman of the successful 2006 American Cichlid Association Convention held in Chicago, IL. Rick has spawned over 200 species of cichlids and is one of only fourteen people to hold the

title of Master Breeder in the GCCA. Rick's basement fishroom has 44 tanks ranging in size from 5 gallons to 240 gallons. Rick is primarily interested in cichlids and livebearers.

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## Speaker Information Cont'd.

### Mike Hellweg



Mike has been fascinated by fishes all his life, and has had various fishes as pets since he could barely reach the top of the goldfish bowl; he has been successfully breeding and trading fish with local shops since he was 9 years old. Over the past four decades plus he has specialized mainly in miniature fishes, and has had successful spawns from various miniature fishes totaling over 400 species from 32 families of fish. He currently owns a small fish hatchery

and maintains about 3000 gallons divided into 100 tanks. He is the top ranked breeder of all time in the Missouri Aquarium Society, Inc. (MASI) BAP and the top ranked aquatic horticulturist of all time in MASI's HAP with over 300 submissions from 50 families, including more than a dozen by seed. He is an ALA Century Breeder, with over 100 species of Livebearers spawned. He credits his success to large regular water changes, keeping live plants in every tank and culturing and feeding an assortment of live foods daily for feeding his breeding stock and for growing the fry of these diverse fish.

Over the past three plus decades, Mike has given well over 325 talks to classes, clubs, groups and conventions all over the USA and Canada, has documented many of his keeping and spawning successes in over 300 articles published in hobby publications around the world, and he has had two books on live foods published by TFH Publications.

## Speaker Information Cont'd.

### Jeff Cardwell



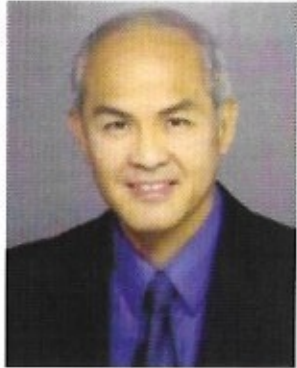
Jeff Cardwell has been active in the aquarium hobby for more than 40 years. He maintains over 60 aquaria and his interests and expertise extend to catfish, killies, rain-bowfishes and cichlids. Jeff has traveled extensively to collect aquarium fishes on more than 40 trips to Brazil, Peru, Bolivia, Colombia, Suriname, Uruguay, Mexico, El Salvador, the Bahamas and the U.S. Virgin Islands. An enthusiastic keeper of North America's native fishes, his collecting trips have also taken him to many parts of the United States.

Both as a speaker and a judge, Jeff has been a familiar figure at shows throughout the Midwest for more than thirty years. He is an active member of the American Cichlid Association, the American Livebearer Association, and the Circle City Aquarium Society.



## Speaker Information Cont'd.

### Bryan Chin



Bryan Chin graduated from the University of California, Davis with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering with Analog Systems and Biomedical degree. He has won International Fancy Guppy Association (IFGA) Best in Show awards in tank and delta categories. Also he has won in guppy color class awards in Greens, Multicolor, Blue, Reds, Purple, Blue-Green Bicolor, and Breeder Male. In 2013 he was named Guppy Man of the Year. He has written fancy guppy articles published in Tropical Fish Hobbyist

(TFH), the IFGA newsletter and his Guppywest website (guppywest.com). He has also spoken at aquarium clubs regarding the breeding of show guppies. His fish photographs have been used in multiple websites and have been published in Tropical Fish Hobbyist and Amazonas magazines. He has also published books: Breeding Show Guppies and Healthy Freshwater Aquarium Fish.

**Sponsored by the Trans Canada Guppy Group**



## CAOAC 2018 Convention

### Gold Sponsors



### Bronze Sponsors



### Other Sponsors





## Schedule of Events

Time	Event
<b>Friday, May 18</b>	
4:00-8:00PM	CAOAC Show Registration
4:00-7:00PM	Convention Registration—Foyer
7:00-8:00PM	Udo Rohman, Brian Glazier and Haydn Pounder - Showing Fish and Plants from the Judge's Perspective
8:00-9:00PM	Greg Steeves – Haplochromines from the Lake Victorian Region: A CARES Perspective
9:00-10:00PM	Bryan Chin – Show Guppies Breeding Techniques

We would like to thank all the vendors present in the dealers room. The companies below have helped to make this convention a successful one. They supported us; please support them!!

Big AI's Pet Supercentre Hamilton      NorthFin

Lisa's Lair Bookstore                      Miracles Aquarium

Buce520                                        Cat's Fish Caves

For the Reef

Special thanks to the American Cichlid Association for sanctioning the show and providing the medallion for Best Cichlid..



We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the following for their donations that will be in the auction.

Zoo Med                                        NorthFin

For the Reef                                    Lisa's Lair Bookstore

Cat's Fish Caves                              Big AI's Pet Supercentre Hamilton

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<b>Saturday, May 19</b>	
8:00AM-12:00PM	Show Room Open
8:45-9:45AM	Rick Borstein - Sixty Tips in Sixty Minutes
10:00-11:00AM	Mike Hellweg - The Joy of Goldfish
11:15AM-12:15PM	Jeff Cardwell - Back to Brazil: Adventures on the Abacaxis - 2015 (discus)
12:15-1:30PM	Lunch
1:00-5:00PM	Show Room Closed for Judging
1:30-2:30PM	Rick Borstein - Collecting Goodeids in Mexico & the Goodeid Working Group Conferences
2:45-3:45PM	Mike Hellweg - Cyprinids in the Aquarium
4:00-5:00PM	Jeff Cardwell - Colombia 2016 Atabapo and Beyond: Search for the Altum Angelfish
5:00PM	BBC Auction (time approx.)
6:30-7:00PM	Cocktails
7:00-8:30PM	Dinner
8:30-9:30PM	Greg Steeves - Creatures of the Comal
9:30PM	TGCC Auction (time approx.)
<b>Sunday, May 20</b>	
8:00-8:30AM	
8:30-9:30AM	CAOAC Annual General Meeting
10:00-11:00AM	BBC Auction
9:00AM-11:00AM	CAOAC Auction Registration
11:00AM-5:00PM	CAOAC Auction

Please come and visit our vendors! Dealers room is Halton Hall B.

## 2017-2018 CAOAC Executive



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Thank you to the Hamilton and District Aquarium Society for organizing and running the auction on Sunday.

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	NAME OF CLASS CAOAC 2018	SPONSOR
1	Anabantids ( other then Betta Splendens)	Mountjoy Family
2	Betta Splendens – Half Moon – Male	Carla MacDonald/Garnet Lott
3	Betta Splendens , All other forms , Male	Hamilton & DAS
4	Betta Splendens - Females	BBC
5	Guppies – Males	TCGG
6	Guppies – Females	TCGG
7	Killifish	
7A	Aphyosemion	SOKS
7B	Fundulopanchax	SOKS
7C	A.O.V. Killifish	SOKS
8	Corydoras, Brochis, Aspidoras & Scleromystax	Udo Rohmann
9	Suckermouth Catfish	From My Tank to Yours
10	A.O.V. Catfish	Petland, St.Catharines
11	Characins	Barry McKee
12	Minnows & Rainbowfish	Petland, St.Catharines
13	Barbs	SCAAS
14	Sharks & Loaches	KWAS
15	Swordtails	Phil Barrett/Cindy Golden
16	Platies and Variatus	Glenn Roberts
17	A.O.V. Livebearer	PRAC
18	Goldfish & Koi	CAOAC
19	Any Other Variety	Cat's Fish Caves
20	Angels & Discus	Tom & Pat Bridges
21	Dwarf Cichlids (not Rift Lake)	Finatics
22	Rift Lake Cichlids	Finatics
23	A.O.V. Cichlids	Zenin Skomorowski
24	Invertebrates/ Aquatic animals	Carolina Bergles
25	Junior Class - Live Bearer	KingFish
26	Junior Class - Egglayer	Bob Wright
27	Family Class	London Aquarium Society

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	NAME OF CLASS CAOAC 2018	SPONSOR
28	Plants	520BUCE
29	Novelty	BRASS
30	Arts and Crafts	CAOAC
31	Photography / Prints	CAOAC
32	Shrimp Specialty classes	
32A	Neocaridina Rili Type	Shrimp Fever
32B	Neocaridina A.O.V.	Shrimp Fever
32C	Caridina: Crystal Red/ Crystal black	Shrimp Fever
32D	Caridina: Tiger Type	Shrimp Fever
32E	Caridina: Taiwan Bee	Shrimp Fever

Class Name	Sponsor
Best in Show	Big Al's Pet Supercentre Hamilton
Best Egglayer	Big Al's Pet Supercentre Hamilton
Best Livebearer	Big Al's Pet Supercentre Hamilton
Best Cichlid	Tropical Fish Room
Best Killifish	SOKS
Best Shrimp	Shrimp Fever
Best Junior	Big Al's Pet Supercentre Hamilton
High Aggregate	Tropical Fish Room
People's Choice	Big Al's Pet Supercentre Hamilton





# 2018 CONVENTION

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## MAY 18 TO MAY 20



### TICKETS

Full Convention (Up to April 14) \$85

Full Convention after April 14 \$100

\$60 Dinner Only

\$50 Speakers only

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HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE  
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### FEATURES

CAOAC Show (with special killi classes!)

Betta Breeders Canada presents the IBC Sanctioned Betta Show

Trans Canada Guppy Group presents : The Great Canadian Guppy Showdown

ShrimpFever presents the All Canada Shrimp Show

2nd Canadian Biotope Aquarium Contest 2018

Large auction of tropical fish & supplies

Vendor Show Room

Saturday Banquet

CAOAC Annual General Meeting



### SPEAKERS

**Greg Steeves** *Haplochromines from the Lake Victoria Region; a CARES Perspective & Creatures of the Conial*

**Mike Hellweg** *The Joy of Goldfish and Cyprinids in the Aquarium*

**Rick Borstein** *60 Tips in 60 Minutes & Collecting Goodeids in Mexico & the Goodeid Working Group Conferences*

**Bryan Chin** *Show Guppies Breeding Techniques*

**Jeff Cardwell** *Back to Brazil Adventures on the Abacaxis 2015 discus  
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