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Message from Matt

a few words from the President of CAOAC

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs (CAOAC) I would like to welcome you to Convention 2000. This is shaping up to be one of the best Conventions in CAOAC history. Not only will you be attending the Millennium Convention but it is also the Hamilton and District Aquarium Society's 50th anniversary.

CAOAC has had a very good year. We have been in the process of launching a Fish Rescue Program which I feel is one of the most important things CAOAC has ever been involved in putting together. I say involved in, because so many other organizations have been giving us their ideas, or getting directly involved. We have realized that this project is much bigger than first imagined. We have learned that a great part of this is educating the public and this can be accomplished with the help of manufacturers, local pet stores and yes, you the hobbyist. With everyone's help we can stop people from releasing their family's fish, plants and anything else back into the environment. You can learn more at our web site. CAOAC this past year, has consisted of a great group of people without whom these accomplishments would not be possible!

The Hamilton club has always been a first rate organization. They consist of a great executive team who work very hard to keep a top-notch club running for its members. Whenever they host a show or auction it is done with few hitches. Their events are always well attended by other clubs as well as local spectators. This winning combination just reinforces the fact that you don't want to miss this Convention. They also have a fantastic line up of speakers and entertainment throughout the weekend. So come and be a part of history in the making!

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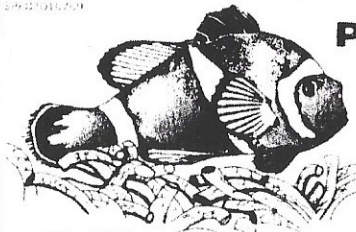
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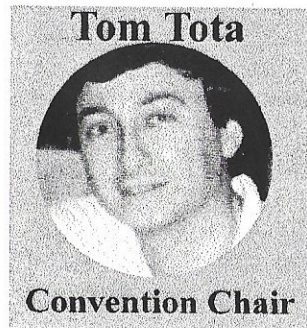
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Message from the Club

The Hamilton And District Aquarium Society invites you to join us as we celebrate our Golden Anniversary by hosting the forty-first annual Convention of the Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs (CAOAC). We have several members who have been in the club for many years but none from the very beginning. There are few records of the very early club as it was formed BC (before computers). However, we have evolved into a large, active club with members at all levels of experience.

An interesting weekend is planned at the Convention including games, dancing, four excellent speakers, a fish show, auction and two banquets.

The hotel is in downtown Hamilton within easy driving distance of pet shops and shopping malls.

There is a sauna, indoor pool and for the young at

heart, a two storey high water slide. Pets are also welcome. Hamilton Place and Cops Coliseum are within walking distance, as is the GO station. The Royal Botanical Gardens are beautiful in May; the tulips should be in bloom and the Lilac Gardens are the best in North America and well worth seeing. A short drive away in Mount Hope is the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum and for those interested in animals there is the African Lion Safari. For those with the urge, Niagara Falls and its casino, are forty-five minutes away. We hope that some will come early or stay on awhile to enjoy some of the attractions of the area.

The reason for the Convention is the Annual Meeting and election of officers of CAOAC as well as education, entertainment, the renewal of old friendships and the making of new. We hope that you have a wonderful and unforgettable weekend.



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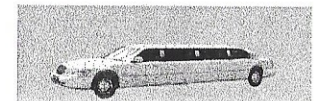
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Speakers

Gary Hater

Gary is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. He started his hobby in the early 60s. From a hobbyist point of view he and his son have kept and in most cases bred every class of tropical, and cold water fish. For the last 15 years his interest has been focussed on Exotic Goldfish and to a lesser extent Cichlids and Rainbows. He was on the Board of Directors of the Goldfish Society of America and Co-Chairman of that society for many years. Gary's hobby consists of 60 to 70 aquariums, 10 outside tanks over 250 gallons, and seven ponds that range between 800 and 7,000 gallons.

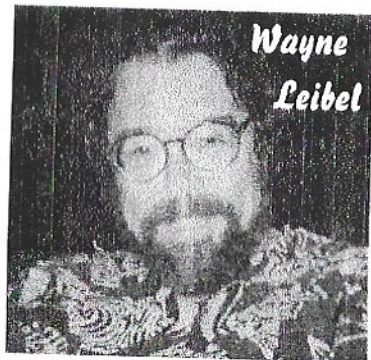
Primary focus in the hobby is breeding, culture, and genetics of goldfish. Accomplishments include creation of viable matte Veiltails, outcrossing and recovery of the Blue Philadelphia Veiltail, development and preservation of a personal line of Red Cap Orandas that was started in the mid 80s and much more.

Gary has a masters degree in biology and has been employed in Biological Development of Bioremediation Systems for the last ten years. He will present two talks at Convention 2000 - one on GOLDFISH and one on POND DESIGN.

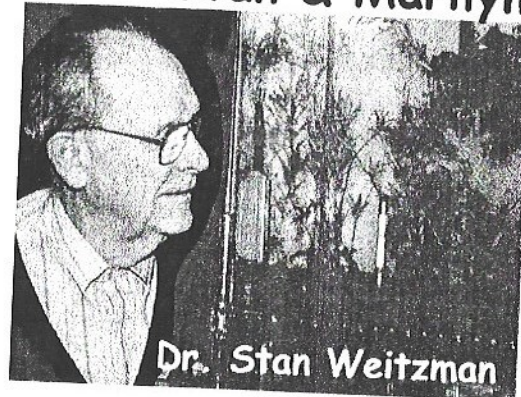


Dr. Wayne Leibel

Back by popular demand after speaking at the CAOAC Convention in Brantford last year, Wayne will be presenting a brand new program prepared especially for Convention 2000. Wayne is well known within the world of Cichlids for his many articles, his numerous appearances at conventions, meetings and workshops as a speaker, and his efforts on behalf of the American Cichlid Association. His great love in life (or one of them anyway), is Cichlids - especially Neotropical Cichlids. Wayne will be presenting a program Saturday on APISTOGRAMMAS & OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN CICHLIDS. As well as for Cichlids, Dr. Leibel is known for his long involvement in the organized hobby and so you won't want to miss his Saturday after-dinner talk on THE HISTORY OF THE AQUARIUM HOBBY.



Stan & Marilyn Weitzman



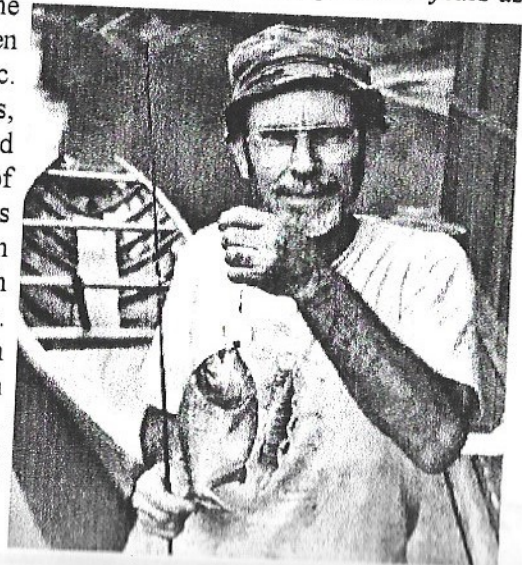
Dr. Stan Weitzman, curator of fishes at the Smithsonian Institute will be a featured speaker at the Convention. Dr. Weitzman will be accompanied by his wife Marilyn, a well known and respected ichthyological researcher in her own right.

Stan Weitzman is one of the world's foremost experts on Characins and will present a program on this subject on Saturday. Friday night he and Marilyn will talk about their fishy experiences in the Atlantic Coast Rainforests of Brazil during their many trips there.

Stan and Marilyn are the only ichthyologists at the Smithsonian who keep fish in large numbers in their home. Both have had fish named in their honour - *Poecilocharax weitzmani* and *Nanostomus marilynae*. Hobbyists as well as scientists, they have kept fish, mainly tetras, for many years and enjoy breeding the rarer species.

Dr. David Schleser

A hobbyist for over forty five years, David began his professional life as a dentist before seeing the light and turning to biology. He spent five years as the curator/aquatic biologist at the Dallas Public Aquarium and then helped found Nature's Images Inc. and as part of his activities, regularly leads fish study and collecting trips to various parts of North and South America. He has written two books, one on Piranhas and one on north American Native Fishes. Dr. Schleser will present two talks on Saturday, one on the Peruvian Amazon and one on Native Fish. Don't miss this opportunity to find out what piranha really tastes like!



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- ▶ You need not be a member of an aquarium club to buy or sell items at this auction. Admission is free.
- ▶ The auction will **begin at 09:30 am on Sunday May 21, 2000 and will end at 5 pm sharp**. All unsold items must be picked up by the owner at that time. H&DAS will assume no responsibility for items left.
- ▶ Items to be auctioned will be **fish & aquatic plants only** with the exception of donated items.
- ▶ Items must be listed with the auction committee for sellers number between 8 am and 9:30 am. **To obtain numbers in advance call Sarah Langthorne (905) 575-1236.**
- ▶ H&DAS will provide item labels, **which must be used**. These will be available at the auction.
- ▶ This will be a **CASH ONLY AUCTION** with PST (8%) charged as each item is purchased.
- ▶ H&DAS will retain 1/3 of the selling price. Payment to the owners will be made **only** by mail, ASAP after the convention.
- ▶ All fish must be in leak proof containers which will be sold with the fish. Please bag you fish properly and bring a few spare bags. A charge of \$1.00 will be levied for each "leaker" we have to rebag. Zip-lock bags and twist ties are not allowed. Buckets may be appropriate for larger fish. The auction chairman may reject any item not meeting these standards.
- ▶ H&DAS reserves the right to limit items & refuse unacceptable items for sale.
- ▶ All items must be labeled with the name of the fish/plant, quantity in bag, sex if possible, club auction label and minimum bid amount where applicable.
- ▶ An auction form is included with the convention bulletin. This may be filled out in advance to save time at the auction. **PLEASE PRINT YOUR COMPLETE NAME, MAILING ADDRESS, POSTAL CODE AND PHONE NUMBER ON THE FORM AS THIS IS OUR ONLY RECORD OF WHERE TO SEND PAYMENT.**
- ▶ The auction will use a 20 table system; therefore, a lot consists of no more than 20 items. Each seller is allowed a maximum of two lots and the first lot **must** be full (20 items) before a second is begun. Here is how it works. Sellers number their items using the letters of the alphabet starting with letter A through V (excluding I & O).

Auction Rules (continued):

- ▶ Label each item with our convention sticker; these will have your seller's number on it and the table letter (e.g. seller #4 and the second item in the lot will be labeled "4B"). Each item will be placed on the table having the same letter of the alphabet. The auctioneer will sell all items on table "A" then continue to table "B" and so on until all items are sold. ONLY when a seller's first lot is full (20 items), will a second seller's number be required.
- ▶ Once entered, auction items **MAY NOT BE WITHDRAWN**. Minimum bids will be allowed but may not be changed without the consent of the auctioneer.
- ▶ H&DAS reserves the right to group same items and sell them at any point in the auction. (e.g. grouping 5 bags of Java Moss)
- ▶ All buyers will need a buyer's number. Payments by buyers must be made in cash at the time of receiving each item. PST will be charged.
- ▶ H&DAS assumes no liability or responsibility for any items bought or sold, or any personal injury occurring during the event.
- ▶ H&DAS reserves the right to inspect baggage and/or containers leaving the auction room.
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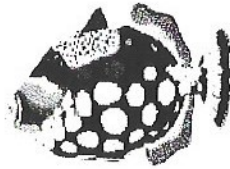
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| 10. Suckermouth Catfish under 8" | Jennifer Bawden-Miller |
| 11. Suckermouth Catfish 8" & under | Brant Aquarium Society |
| 12. AOV Catfish | Tropical Fish Room |
| 13. Characins | Charles & Janet Drew |
| 14. Minnows | KingFish Services |
| 15. Rainbowfish | Sarnia Aquarium Society |
| 16. Barbs | Durham Region Aqu. Soc. |
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| 18. Swordtails | Brampton Aquarium Club |
| 19. Mollies | Frank Hyodo |
| 20. Platies & Variatus | Bob Lanktree/Peter Landry |
| 21. AOV Livebearers | L. J. Takes & Co. (B & S Glazier) |
| 22. Goldfish | Willowdale Aqu. Soc. |
| 23. Koi | Golden Horseshoe Koi & Pond Club |
| 24. AOV | St. Catharines Aqu. Soc. |
| 25. Native Fish - Canada or USA | Dave Boehm |
| 26. Angels & Discus | Discus Study Group (Bob Wilson) |
| 27. Dwarf Cichlids | Tom Mason/Carl McCleary |
| 28. Rift Lakes Cichlids - Mouthbrooder | Rift Valley Fish Breeders |
| 29. Rift Lakes Cichlids - Substrate | Mac's Antiques (P. McIntosh) |
| 30. AOV Cichlids | Krissy and Joe |
| 31. Male/Female Pairs | Jim & Linda Brown |
| 32. Matched Trios | KingFish Services |
| 33. Junior | Frank Buhagiar |
| 34. Family Egglayer | Peter Naef |
| 35. Family Livebearer | KingFish Services |
| 36. "Golden" Fish | H&DAS |
| 37. Fish With An Attitude | Canadian Rift Lake Cichlid Association |
| 38. Novelty | Paul & Sally McFarlane |
| 39. Plants | Aquatic Plants Canada |
| 40. Amphibians & Turtles | Murray Best |
| 41. Invertebrates | Jae Hovius |
| 42. Arts & Crafts | James Holland |
| 43. Photos (prints) | Tony Bernard |
| 44. Aquarium Beautiful | Saskatoon Aquarium Society |
| 45. Marine Fish | Wayne & Brigitte Block |

SHOW RULES

1. Everyone is eligible to enter. You need not belong to an aquarium society.
2. No limit to the number of entries per exhibitor.
3. While all possible provisions will be made for the well-being of the entries, H&DAS and CAOAC accepts no responsibility for losses or damage during the show.
4. H&DAS and CAOAC will provide the main air supply for classes 10 to 45 inclusive, excluding classes 42 & 43.
5. Entrants will supply their own tanks, airline, airstone, valves, etc. No open airlines will be allowed. All containers should be appropriate to the size and number of fish they house. Fish containers must have one flat, undistorted side. Bettas and Guppies may be displayed in drum bowls.
6. Stands (tables and racks) will be provided for all exhibits where tank size is 10 gal. and under. Exhibitors must provide their own stand for any tank over 10 gal.
7. An air driven filter may be used for the comfort of large fish at your own risk.
8. No entry may be entered in more than one class.
9. Fish displaying any disease or deformity will be disqualified.
10. The show will be judged by CAOAC certified judges or other qualified people. Their decisions are final and binding and not subject to appeal at the show. If in their opinion, the entries in a class do not come up to show standards, a no contest may be called. If there are, however, 1 or 2 entries that are satisfactory, then any combination of 1st, 2nd or 3rd may be awarded.
11. Family classes: Entry will consist of one spawning pair and at least 10 young from the pair, under 3 months of age and bred by an entrant, they will be judged on condition and size of parent and young. Difficulty of spawning and raising will be taken into consideration. Tank dividers and pots may be used if needed. (Fish must be of the same species and variety).
12. No snails or ornaments, etc., may be present in the tank with the exception of Novelty Class. (Snails may be shown in class 41).
13. It is the responsibility of the entrant to make sure their fish are entered in the correct class. The chairman will assist upon request.
14. Novelty class consists of a display tank of any size decorated according to some theme, containing at least one live fish.
15. Junior class is open to entrants 16 years of age and under.
16. Tanks may have a plain, one colour background supplied by the entrant.
17. Class 31 "Pairs" means male and female fish of same species and type.
18. Class 32 "Trios" means three identical fish (i.e., same: sex, species & type).
19. Class 36 "Golden Fish" (in honour of H&DAS's 50th anniversary) includes any fish with "gold" or "golden" in the common name.
20. Class 37 "Fish with Attitude" includes any fish an unusual personality, look or behaviour.
21. Class 42 "Arts & Crafts". Entries must be made by the entrant.
22. Class 43 "Photography" includes prints only and must be the original work

of the entrant. Subject matter of entries will be limited to fish, invertebrates and/or aquatic plants.

23. Class 44 "Aquarium Beautiful" requires **ONLY** 10 gallon tanks. Power will be supplied within 10 feet, one outlet only per entry. (Note: bring cords and power bar. Heaters are limited to 50 watts).
24. Show entries may not be auctioned.
25. Water available in Hamilton has pH of ~7.5 and a hardness of ~135.
26. Registration is **free with full weekend ticket** otherwise:

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28. Set up can be any time the show room is open prior to judging (4:00 p.m. Saturday).
29. Judging will take place from 4:30 p.m. Saturday until complete and in general will be based upon Body shape and size, Colour, Condition, Deportment and Finnage.
30. Tear down will take place on Sunday from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. , after the banquet and on Monday from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

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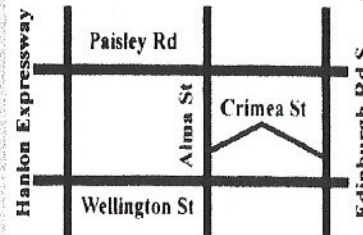
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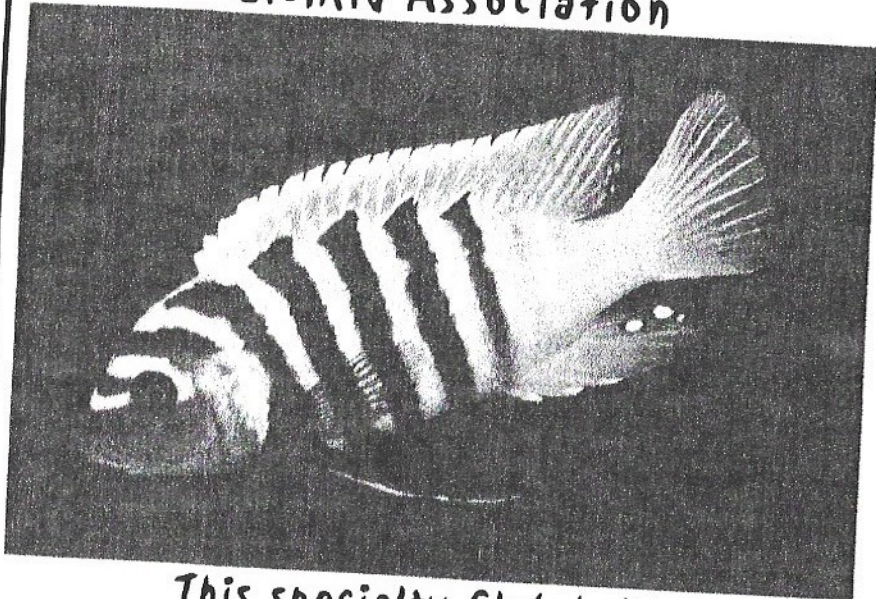


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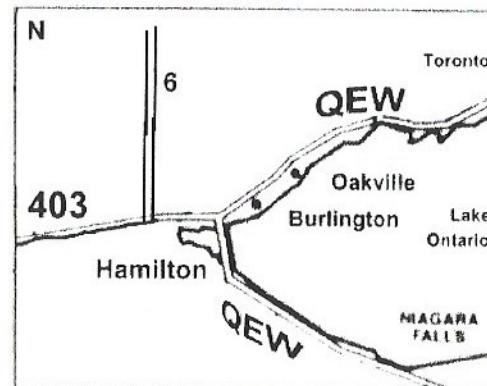
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After the Saturday buffet, party the night away with your hostess "Jungle Val" Gallagher, to the music of *Al's Party Time DJ*. Dance music, karaoke, music videos and requests - join your friends and party on!

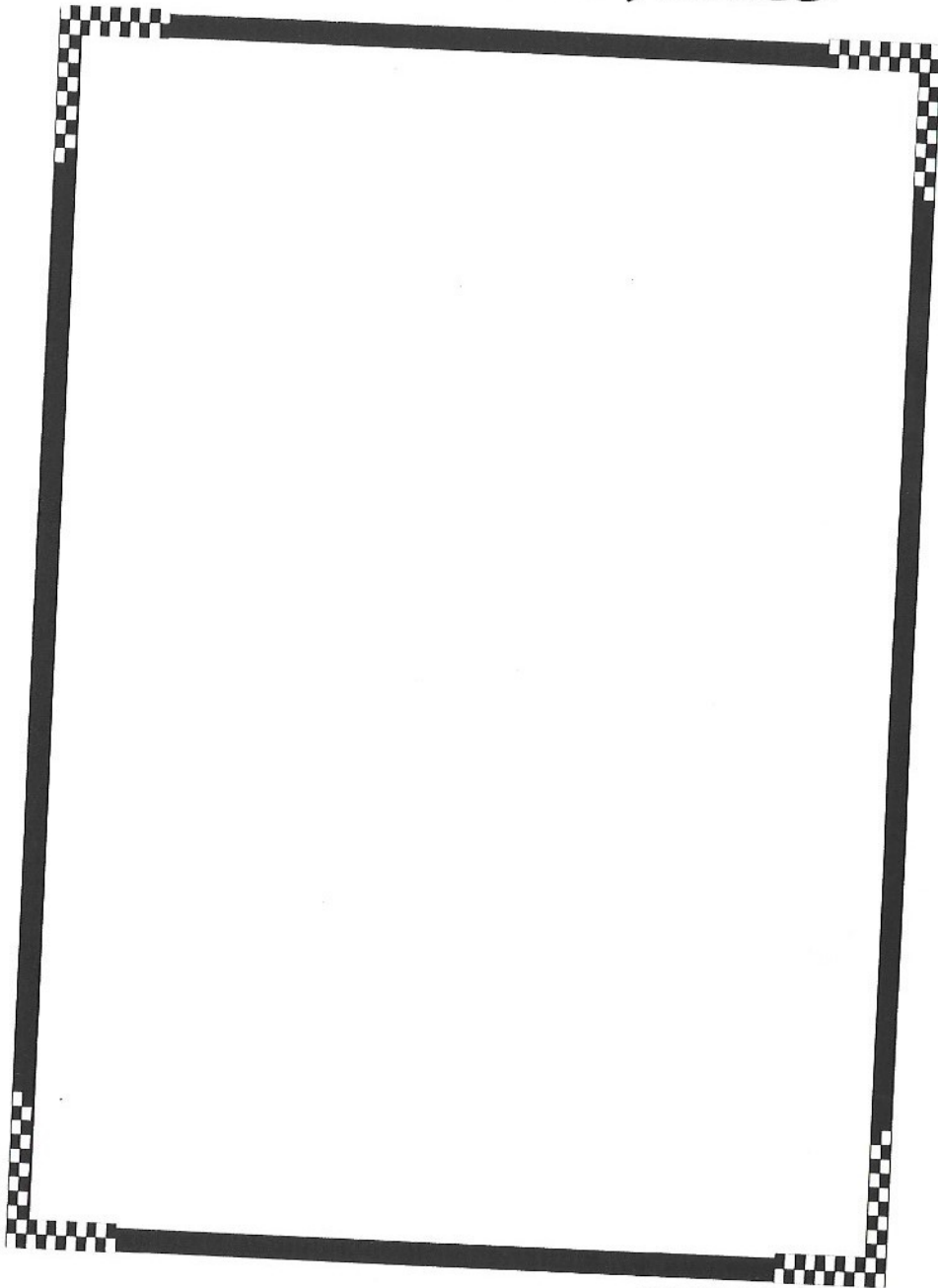


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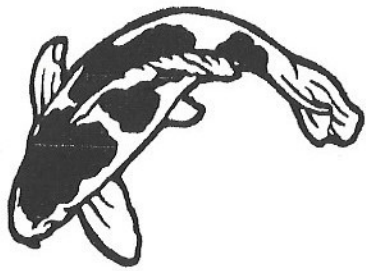
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Canadian Rift Valley Cichlid Association: representatives from this newly formed association specializing in Rift Lake Cichlids will be present to tell you everything about the organization. Email: cichlids@golden.net

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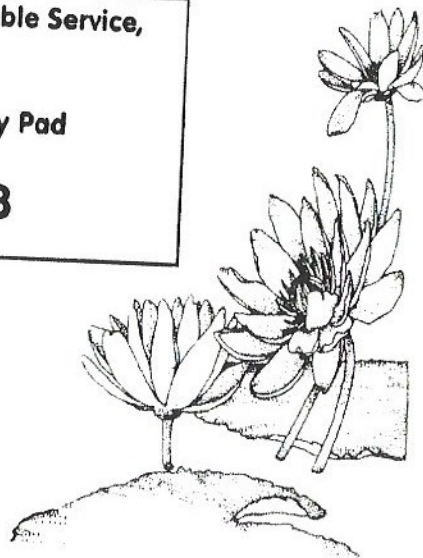
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Friday, May 19, 2000

Convention Registration Desk -----	12 - 6 pm
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Speaker - Weitzman (Brazilian Atlantic Rainforest) -----	8 - 9 pm
Fish Races -----	9 - 10 pm
Fun & Games -----	10 - ????

Saturday, May 20, 2000

Convention Registration -----	8 - 11
Show Entries -----	9 - 4 pm
Trades Room Open -----	9 - 6 pm
Speaker (D. Schleser) -----	9 - 10:15 am
Speaker (Gary Hater) -----	10:15 - 11:30am
Speaker (Wayne Leibel - Apistogrammas) -----	11:30 - 12:45pm
Lunch Break -----	12:45 - 2 pm
Speaker (Weitzman - Characins) -----	2 - 3:15 pm
Speaker (Gary Hater) -----	3:15 - 4:30 pm
Speaker (David Schleser) -----	4:30 - 5:30 pm
Judging of Show -----	4:30 - 6 pm
Cash Bar -----	6:30 pm
Buffet Supper -----	7pm
Banquet Speaker (Wayne Leibel) -----	8pm
Karaoke Party -----	9 - 1 pm

Sunday, May 21, 2000

Trade Rooms Open -----	9 - 5 pm
Auction Registration -----	8 - 9:30 am
CAOAC Annual Meeting and Elections -----	9 am
Auction -----	9:30 - 5 pm
Show Open to Public -----	9 - 4 pm
Cash Bar -----	6:30 pm
Awards Banquet -----	7 pm
Pool Party -----	After Banquet
Show Entry Removal -----	4 - 5 pm
-----	After Banquet
-----	Mon. to 10am

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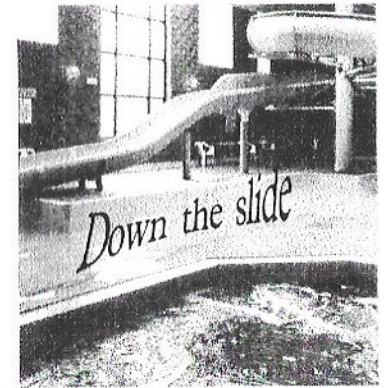
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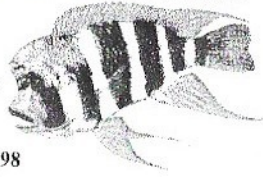
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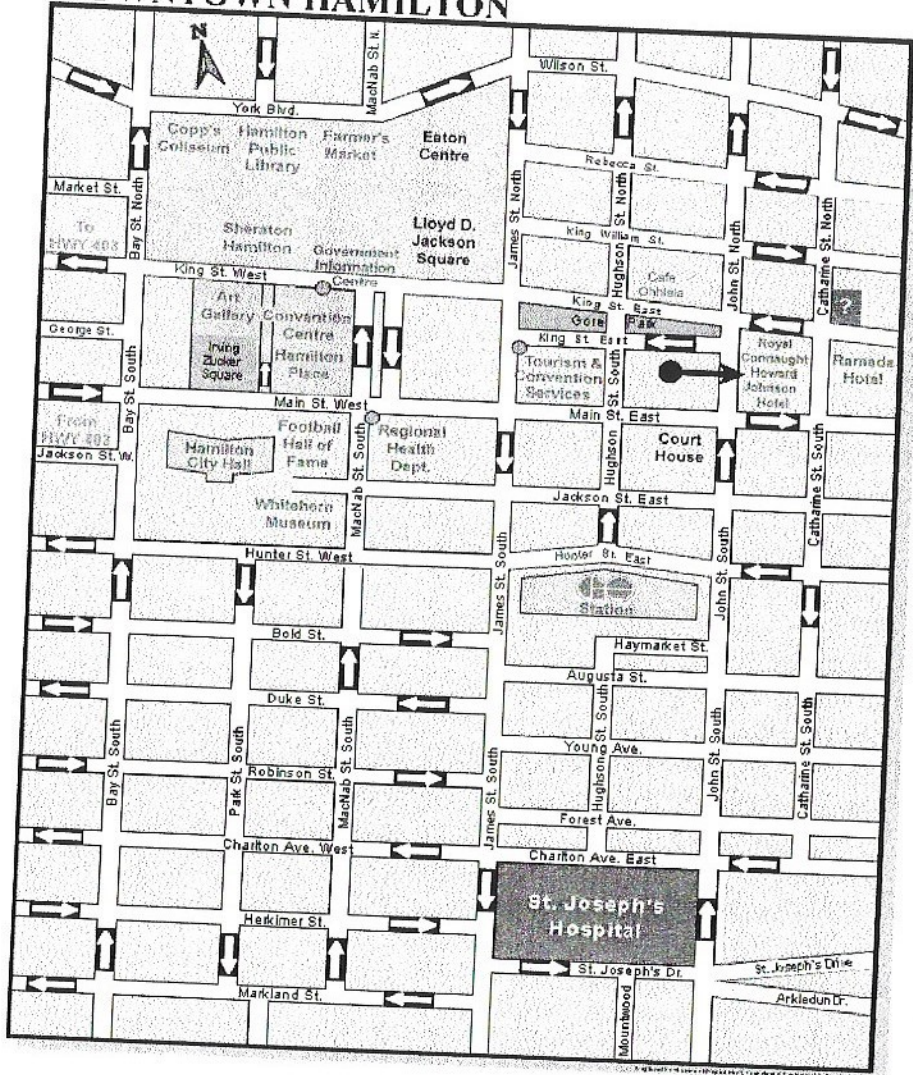
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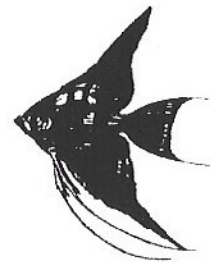
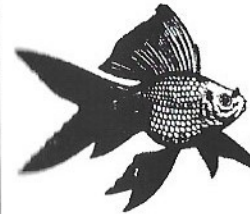


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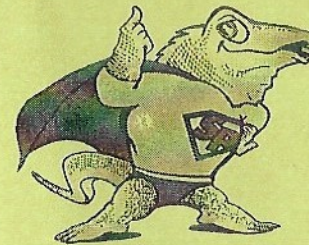
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