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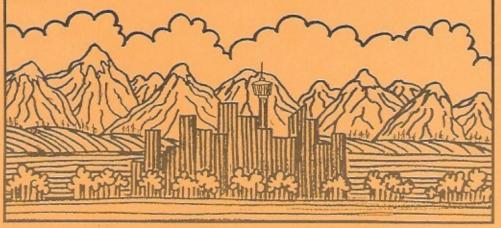


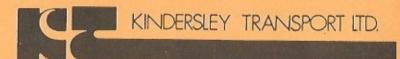
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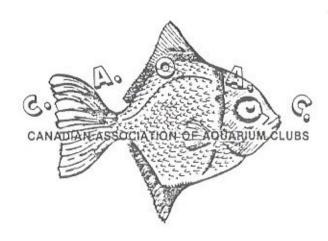
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An Invitation, Rein Breitmaier, president Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

The 31st annual convention of our organization looms ahead of us and symbolically does more to illustrate the Canadian aspect of our Association than any convention that has gone before. It is with great pleasure that I recommend this convention as a "must" for hobbyists from across North America and especially for those like me who have never ventured far from the Ontario Border at Convention time.

The efforts of long time CAOAC supporters in Flin Flon Manitoba and relative newcomers in Calgary Alberta and Saskatoon Saskatchewan are blending to create CAOAC's most western and most northern convention. I could not be more pleased and encourage hobbyists near and far to join in this special occasion for the hobby in Canada and for this moment in the history of CAOAC.

Hats off to our three CAOAC host clubs, to their executives and to their entire membership.

Join me in Calgary for Convention '90 and witness CAOAC's traditions of education, entertainment and friendship.



GREETINGS FROM

On behalf of the C.A.S., I would like to invite all delegates and guests to the 31st C.A.O.A.C. Convention.

Bring your skiis, fishing rods and other sports gear as Calgary offers a wide range of sports facilities. The Bow River is one of North America's top trout streams. Spring skiing is only a one hour drive west and we have world class theatres and museums.

As you can see by the list of speakers, you may need more than a weekend

to taste Calgary's brand of hospitality.

May is one of the best months to see Alberta. The prairies are in full spring colour and yet the heavy snows are still on the mountains. Springtime in the Rockies cannot be believed. It must be seen and once seen, is not easily forgotten.

Ernie Inglis President - Calgary Aquarium Society

The 1990 C.A.O.A.C. Convention is being hosted by the three western clubs. This is a first for us and for C.A.O.A.C. I can promise you a great weekend with lots to do. Our club members have put in a lot of work so that the Convention will be a mixture of fun and learning.

On Friday, May 18th 1990 - 11 PM until you drop - the Flin Flon members will be hosting a 'get-acquainted' Pool Party. Come and meet with fellow hobbyists, speakers and the C.A.O.A.C. Executive. Beer and snacks courtesy of the N.M.T.F.S. and the M.B.A.

We are looking forward to meeting with hobbyists from Canada and the States.

Jim Griffiths
President - Northern Manitoba Tropical
Fish Society

The Saskatoon Aquarium Society is very pleased to be a part of the organizing committee for the 1990 CAOAC Convention. The decision to hold this convention in Calgary generous and historic move on the part of the CAOAC to accommodate clubs in western Canada. This is the event of a lifetime for aquarists in the prairies, and we intend to make it a milestone event for all delegates. Welcome, everyone; we trust that you will make new firends, gain new knowledge from our illustrious speakers and enjoy the competitions, auction, etc. Above all, have fun!

Doug Forsyth President - Saskatoon Aquarium Society

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY MAY 18th

3:00 pm	- 10:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Fish room open for PRE-REGISTERED entries Convention registration in the lobby
7:00 pm	- 8:00 pm	Speaker (Paul Speice)
-8:00 pm	- 11:00 pm	Auction (Dry Goods)
11:00 pm		'Get-acquainted' pool party hosted by Flin Flon

SATURDAY MAY 19th

8:00 am	-	Noon	Fish room open for PRE-REGISTERED entries
9:00 am	-	Noon	Convention registration in the lobby
9:00 am	-	10:00 am	Speaker (Ray Lucas - Public relations)
-10:00 am	**	11:00 am	Speaker (Jim Robinson - Aquatic Plants)
11:00 am	-	Noon	Speaker (Lee Finley - Catfish)
Noon	-	1:30 pm	Lunch break
-1:30 pm	-	2:30 pm	Speaker (Brian Watters - Killifish)
		3:30 pm	Speaker (Bob Cashin - Livebearers)
3:30 pm	-	4:30 pm	Speaker (Jim Robinson - Lake Tanganyika)
4:30 pm	-	5:30 pm	Judges' seminar
6:30 pm	-	255 255 25 7 March	Cocktails
7:00 pm			Dinner
8:00 pm	***	9:00 pm	Dinner Speaker (Paul Speice)
9:00 pm	-	1:00 pm	Dance. Hospitality suite open

SUNDAY MAY 20th

8:00 am	-	10:00	am	Auction Registration
8:00 am	-	Noon		Fish Show judging
9:00 am	-	10:00	am	Speaker (Brian Watters - Nothobranchius)
9:00 am	-	Noon		C.A.O.A.C. meeting
-10:00 am	-	4:00	pm	Auction
Noon	-	5:00	pm	Fish show open to the public
6:00 pm	-		7	Cocktails
-6:30 pm	-			Awards Dinner
-9:30 pm	-			Breakdown of fish room

MONDAY MAY 21st

10:00 am - 11:00 am Speaker for those staying in Calgary for the day (Jim Robinson - Lake Malawi)

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INTRODUCING THE SPEAKERS

BOB CASHIN

Bob is a forty year hobbyist from Erie, Pennsylvania. By eduction, he is a Chemical Engineer and works in Manufacturing Engineering. His special interests are livebearers and plants.

He is currently President and CAOAC/FAAS Rep from the Eric Aquarium Society. Through the years he has been Vice-President, board member and Program, BAP and HAP Chairman. He also created the EAS HAP Program.

With CAOAC, he is a regional representative for the Awards Committee and served two years as co-chairman of the Judges Committee. Bob also authored the Livebearer Specialty Section of the CAOAC BAP.

For the past four years, Bob has been on the Board of directors of the American Livebearer Association. He is Chairman of their BAP Committee and was part of the group that formed it. He is also the Convention Liason for clubs wishing to host the ALA Convention.

LEE FINLEY

Lee has been active in the hobby for almost twenty-five years and for the past ten years, devoted almost exclusively to catfishes. He also has an interest in aquarium literature and the early history of the hobby.

He is active in local and national societies and has in the past owned a

He not only writes for a number of aquarium magazines (U.S. & foreign), but also does a book review column for AQUARIUM FISH magazine. He has also been on two recent collecting trips to Peru and Brazil.

JIM ROBINSON. B.A., MSc, Ed.

Jim is married with three children and is a teacher with the Peel Board of Education. He teaches learning disabled adolescents.

He has been in the hobby for twenty years and is the past owner of Rift Imports Co Ltd.

Jim has bred over 200 species of cichlids and was the first recipient of C.A.O.A.C. Grand Master Horticulture Award.

He currently keeps about 175 aguariums and is currently working with cichlids, kilies, livebearers, synos, corys and gobies.

> Saskatoon chairman John Tomchuk - 1-306-242-8215

Flin Flon chairman Jim Griffith 1-204-687-5662

INTRODUCING THE SPEAKERS

RAY KINGFISH LUCAS

Ray has been a tropical fish hobbyist for over 25 years, with raising all types of tropical fish. Livebearers are his favourite along with the red tail sharks. Over the past 8 years, Kingfish has been raising live aquatic plants with the expert advice from Plant Lady Dorothy Reimer, James Robinson and many others. He received his Grand Master Horticulurists Award last year.

Ray's other hobbies include Public Relations. He does wonders attracting crowds to fish shows and local club meetings. In his early years in the Public Relations field, Ray worked for the Oak Ridge Boys Country & Gospel musicians along with other big names in the entertainment field. Ray now takes his PR talent to local clubs to gain attention to the tropical fish hobby.

Ray has plenty of experience of success with crowds of 25,000 to see a local fish show. Six hours of radio and TV time announcing the event sure pays off. Ray has also put together the 1986 CAOAC Convention, 1988 FAAS Convention and has also worked with many clubs to host these events.

Ray is 1st Vice-President of CAOAC and has served for the past four years as well as being a representative for the many clubs Ray is a member of. Last word goes to Ray -- "Don't be late for CALGARY IN 90."

PAUL SPEICE

Paul is married to wife Lois and they are the parents of one son and five daughters and the grandparents of eight grandchildren. He has been with General Electric for 29 years in various middle management positions and supervisory roles in advertising and sales promotion, computer systems and customer education. He has taught math, computer sciences and mechanical design for 12 years on the General Electric/Gannon University Co-Op program.

On the PBS Station WOLN-TV, he did 8 years of on air fund raising and grant solicitaion activities. He also hosted the nationally distributed television series "Guppies to Groupers" consisting of 78 half hour shows produced for the tropical fish hobbyist.

Paul has extensive toastmaster and after dinner speaking experience on communications and volunteer support development.

He is a monthly contributing editor for Freshwater & Marine Aquarium

Magazine (FAMA) since 1978.

His 45 years as a tropical and marine fish hobbyist makes Paul an excellent choice as a speaker which he does regularly at aquarium society meetings and seminars. He is a technical consultant to Mardel Laboratories,

Not only active in the hobby, Paul has been on the Board of Directors of Camp Notre Dame-Brie Catholic Diocese youth and family camp for 28 years and has been the Manager of Camp Notre Dame for the past four years.

Recent achievements include hosting the new "Aquatic Maestro" series consisting of 13 half-hour shows for cable television and currently developing and testing aquatic science material for 4H Club use.

BRIAN R. WATTERS

Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

Biographical Note

Brian was born in South Africa and moved to Canada 15 years ago. He holds a Ph.D degree in Geology and is a Professor at the University of Regina. With an active interest in tropical fish going back about 35 years, he has kept mainly killifish during the past 18 years. While he has bred a wide variety of killifish (more than 100 species), he presently specializes in annual killifish of the genus Nothobranchius. His interest in fish of this genus extends to collecting them in the wild and he is engaged in a study of Nothobranchius populations of the country of Malawi in southeastern Africa.

Brian is a long-standing member of the American Killifish Association (AKA), the British Killifish Association and the German Killifish Association. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the AKA.

Brian will give two presentations on killifish:

"KILLIFISH" - This will be an illustrated talk on killifish in general, including an overview of the major genera, their natural distribution and habitat conditions, and maintenance and breeding as based on personal experience.

"COLLECTING NOTHOBRANCHIUS IN THE WILD" - This will be an account of collecting Nothobranchius killifish in the African country of Malawi. During the course of this expedition, Nothobranchius were collected from 13 different localities, including most documented sites as well as some new locations. All populations collected have now been introduced to the hobby and, as a result of the field work, the distribution and classification of the Malawi Nothobranchius' are better understood. The talk will be abundantly illustrated with views of collecting activities, fish, habitats and local scenery (and may even include something of interest to the cichlid enthusiast!)

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GENERAL RULES

- Anyone may enter the show; those persons who are not members in good standing of a recognized aquarium society are subject to increased entry fees as described in the page listing entry fees.
- Registration for the Show and Auction will not be accepted if postmarked later than May 1.1990.
 Entry fees must accompany entry forms and are not refundable.
- 3. All entries must be the property of the exhibitor on the date entered.
- Figh entries will be accepted for setup by Show Chairman starting at 2 p.m. Friday, May 18, 1990 until 9 p.m. and Saturday May 19, 1990 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

***** NOTE ***** These hours are not flexible, and any deviation may result in disqualification, unless previous arrangements have been made with the Show Chairman.

OUT OF PROVINCE: All mail-in entries should arrive two weeks in advance of the show to allow for acclimatization. Calgary water is hard and alkaline, ph 8.4.

- 5. Fish showing any type of disease may not be shown. Show Chairman's decision will be required and is final. Tanks will be covered from public view at the discretion of the Show Chairman if the fish are displaying symptoms of disease or stress and including cloudy, unheathly looking tanks.
- The sponsoring Societies are not responsible for losses, injury or damage of any kind to entries, equipment, or to persons.
- Each entrant must make arrangements to ensure entries are set up, unless previously arranged with the Show Chairman.
- All entrants must register with the Show Chairman by 12 noon Saturday, Hay 19, 1990. No changes will be allowed in classes or show-entry auction items after 12 noon Saturday.
- All entries will be under the full control of the Show Chairman and may not be fed, tampered with, or tended to except with permission by the Show Chairman. Entries may not be removed from the show prior to 9 am Monday. May 21, 1990 without special permission.
- Decisions of the judges appointed by the Show Chairman shall be final in all cases and not subject to review.
- Interference with the judges will not be tolerated and will result in the disqualification in that class.
- 12. The Show Chairman reserves the right to:
 - 1. split classes as necessary
 - 2. refuse entry
 - 3. specify class entered
- Auction column on entry form must be filled out if the entry is to be sold.
 No changes will be accepted after entry deadline.
- 14. Any situation not covered by any of the Show rules will be decided upon by the Show Chairman whose decision will be final.
- 15. Entrants will be responsible for providing their own airstones for each entry.

HIGH CUMULATIVE POINTS

To be awarded to the entrant(s) who accumulates the most points on the following basis. Photograph class excluded.

- 1. First place 3 points
- 2. Second place 2 points
- 3. Third place 1 point
- 4. Best Decorated Tank 3 points
- Best Cichlid, Guppy etc. 4 points (NOTE: Points for first place are eliminated).
- Best Fish in the Show 6 points (NOTE: Any points already earned by the fish are eliminated).
- If any entry is owned by more than one individual (excluding a family entry; for example, Joe Green and Mary Brown), the earned points are split between entrants. They cannot be allocated to just one of the entrants.
- Entries by an individual cannot be combined with entries noted as a family entry. For example, Joe Brown's points cannot be totalled with Joe and Mary Brown's points. They will be considered as separate and distinct entries.

THE SHOW COMMITTEE WILL PROVIDE:

- Stands for all entries will be provided. Odd-shaped tanks, and tanks exceeding 12° X 12° X 12° must have own stand, lights, extension cord, and air supply.
- Air and airlines will be provided for all tanks on club stands. Note: Airstones must be provided by entrant for each entry.
- Adequate lighting will be provided for classes I to 35, unless excluded in previous rules.
- 4. Tap water will be available. Calgary water is hard and alkaline, pH 8.4.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

- Ribbons will be awarded at judges' discretion for first, second and third in each class.
- Plaques will be awarded for:
 Best fish in show
 Junior award
 Best Betta in show

Best Betta in show Best Catfish in show Best Cichlid in show

Best Cichlid in show

3. Show sanction has been applied for from:

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ENTRY FEES

Members In good standing of any aquarium society ----- \$1.00 per entry.
Nonmembers------ \$2.00 per entry.

ENTRY FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORMS

JUDGING

The following criteria will be used to evaluate all fish.

- 1. Body size and shape.
- 2. Colour.
- 3. Finnage.
- 4. Condition and health.
- 5. Deportment.
- 6. Maturity.

In problem cases, a point system may be used at judges' discretion.

MAIL IN ENTRIES

- 1. Tanks, water, gravel, backgrounds, and lighting will be provided.
- 2. All entries will be returned if adequate postage is provided.
- 3. All fish should be sent to:

Anna Stevenson 3 Bencroft Place Cochrane, Alberta Canada TOL 0W0 (403) 932-5818

On all fly-in entries, telephone number MUST be marked on the outside.

- 1. Gupples Male (can be shown with female; male only will be judged)
- 2. Gupples Female (single fish only)
- 3. Swordtails
- 4. Platles
- 5. Mollies
- 6. Any other varieties livebearers
- 7. Cichlids New World (North, Central, South America NO Angels or Discus)
- 8. Cichlids New World Dwarfs (North, Central, South America)
- 9. Cichlids Old World (Asia and Africa NO Rift Valley)
- 10. Cichlids Rift Valley Lake Tanganyika
- 11. Cichlids Rift Valley Lake Malawi
- 12. Angels and Discus
- 13. Sharks
- 14. Loaches
- 15. Corydoras and Brochis Catfish
- 16. Any other variety Catfish
- 17. Goldfish and Koi
- 18. A.O.V. Cyprinids (Rasboras, Danlos, and White Clouds)
- 19. Tetras
- 20. A.O.V. Characolds (Metynnis, Piranhas, Pacus, Mylossomas and others)
- #21. Barbs over 3 inches
- *22. Barbs under 3 Inches (Including Rosy Barbs)
- 23. Killiflsh New World
- 24. Killifish Old World
- 25. Bettas
- 26. Anabantids (excluding Bettas)
- 27. A.O.V. Egglayers
- 28. Pairs Egglayers
- 29. Pairs Livebearers
- 30. Parents and Fry
- 31. Marines vertebrates
- 32. Marines invertebrates
- 33. Species
- 34. Aquarium Beautiful
- 35. Aquarium Plants
- 36. Photographs

^{*}Denotes standard length. Reference book used for sizing is The Aquarium Encyclopedia by Gunther Sterba.

CLASSES 1 TO 32

Except where noted, fish can be shown singly, in pairs, in trios, or in schools. If more than one fish is shown where not required by rules, then all fish will be judged and the points averaged.

CLASSES 28 AND 29 - PAIRS

Any MALE and FEMALE of the same species, or two fish that cannot be sexed will constitute a pair. Show Chairman's decision is final.

CLASS 30 - PARENTS AND FRY

Must be or have been registered with any aquarium society Breeder Award Program. Must include both parents and at least five (5) fry, which can be up to five (5) months of age. They can be shown in a divided tank at entrant's discretion.

CLASS 33 - SPECIES

To be a display of five (5) breeding-size fish of one (1) species. A combination of males and females to show color matching and uniformity in size.

CLASS 34 - AQUARIUM BEAUTIFUL

To be a display of fish and plants showing how well an aquarium can look. Entrants will supply everything, unless entry can be accompdated on show stands.

CLASS 35 - AQUARIUM PLANTS

To be a display of one (1) aquarium plant. A rooted plant is to be planted or potted. Pots must be buried or covered (not visible).

CLASS 36 - PHOTOGRAPHS

A display of photographic prints depicting aquatic life as related to the aquarium hobby. These prints may be color or black and white. All photographs must be mounted. Minimum size is 5 X 7.

TANK RULES

1. Tanks will be provided for mail-in entries only.

- Bettas must be shown in a single tank. NO DIVIDED TANKS, BETTA BOWLS, OR GOLDFISH BOWLS ALLOWED.
- Wo round containers, acrylic, or plastic containers will be allowed in classes I to 35.
- 4. Heaters will not be allowed unless by prior approval of Show Chairman.
- All tanks must be clean and have a background and a COMPLETE glass cover.
- 6. Clean gravel or sand is MANDATORY in ALL classes.
- Two or more entries in the same tank must be entered in the same class, and must have a solid divider (one that does not fall over).
- 8. The use of plants and limited aquascaping is optional but is recommended in all classes. Please bear in mind that a fish that cannot be seen cannot be judged. All entries in classes 1 to 33 will be eligible for the Best Decorated Tank award.
- 9. No tanks shall exceed 12' X 12' X 12'.
- All tank sizes specified on your entry must be strictly adhered to.
 In case of emergency, contact the Show Chairman.
- Fallure to comply with any of the above rules may result in disqualification at the discretion of the Show Chalrman.

SUGGESTIONS TO OUT-OF-TOWN PARTICIPANTS

- READ ENCLOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS CAREFULLY, making sure that you fully understand them.
- Pass along these rules to any other hobbyist who you think might want to enter.
- Arrange to have your entry form in on time and your fish to arrive on the date stated.
- 4. Calgary water is hard an alkaline; pH 8.4.
- 5. If at all possible please allow your fish to be auctioned after the Show.
- When shipping your fish mark each bag with your name, fish name, and class number. If any changes are made due to death or disease include a packing note indicating the changes. DO NOT CHANGE CLASSES.
- Be sure to mark shipping containers 'LIVE TROPICAL FISH' and 'KEEP WARM.'
- 8. Be sure to include payment for entry fees.
- Clearly mark Anna Stevenson's name, address and telephone number on all shipping containers.
- When you arrive on Friday with your entries, please register any entry changes with the Show Chairman.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU VISIT CALGARY AND HAVING YOUR ENTRIES IN THE 1990 CAOAC CONVENTION SHOW.

SET UP FOR ENTRANTS

Friday, May 18, 1990 from 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.
Saturyday 9:00 a.m until 12:00 noon.
Bring your tanks and fish down and set them up in the spaces provided.
If you have any problems, they can be answered by the Show Chairman, Steve Bissell at 280-7232.

AUCTION RULES

- 1. The auction is open to entrants or members in good standing of an aquarium society.
- 2. A limit of fifty (50) Items including show entries per consignor will be observed.
- 3. All auction items must be registered by May 1, 1990 using enclosed auction registration form.
- 4. All livestock and plants must be delivered to auction site between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday, May 20, 1990.
- 5. Strong fish bags must be used. No filmsy bags such as "Baggles" will be allowed. If auction committee finds it necessary to rebag a fish for any reason, then consignor will be charged 50 cents per repagged item. Caution should be exercised in giving fish an ample amount of air and water for the size of the
- 6. All bags of fish and plants must be labelled and identified with ballpoint pen as to contents.
- 7. Once an item has been registered for sale, it may not be withdrawn. The auction committee has the authority to pull any fish from the auction deemed unfit for sale; for example, fungus on a fish, deformity, etc.
- 8. Turtles and other restricted species will not be offered for sale.
- 9. Please combine small items as much as possible for package sale. If this is not done, then auction committee reserves the right to do so. If six (6) or more identical items are for sale, one will be auctioned and the rest offered at the same price.
- 10. Reserve bids will not be accepted.
- 11. Viewing of items will be allowed prior to auction. Once auction is in progress no browsing is allowed.
- 12. Bidders must register with auction committee before the auction. When Items have been sold, the buyer must show registration number.
- 13. The Convention Committee retains 30% of selling price.
- 14. While all possible precautions will be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of all items, the Convention Committee and its representatives will assume no responsibily for loss or damages incurred as a result of the auction.
- 15. The Convention Committee will only accept minimum bids of \$1.00 increments.
- 16. Once the auction is over, buyers will be taken in numerical order of bidder registration numbers. Payments may be made either in cash or by cheque. All cheques must be accompanied by two(2) pieces of identification.
- 17. After receiving receipt of payment, the buyer should then proceed to pickup area. Buyer will give list of purchase numbers to a member of auction committee. Items will then be given to and should be checked by purchaser.
- 18. Any Items sold in the auction, except show Items, must be picked up at close of the auction.
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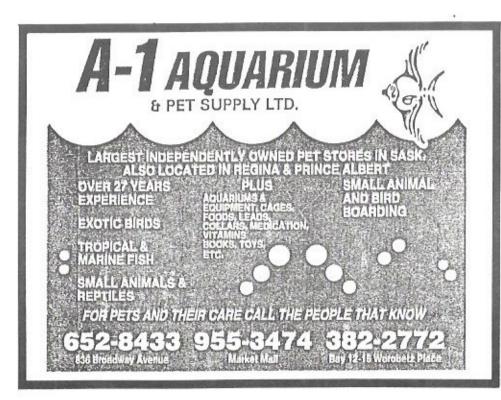


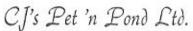
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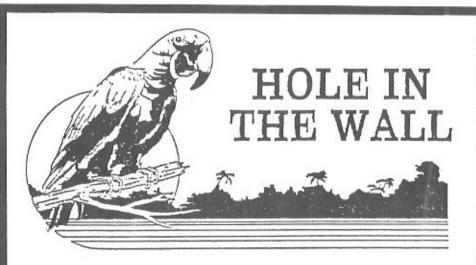




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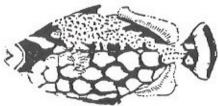
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