

Hi Fin News

Peel Regional Aquarium Society– Dec 2010

Members Musings

Setting Up a Salt Water Set Up Without Going Broke

In our November meeting we heard an informative presentation from Lawrence about setting up a salt water set up without spending a lot of money.

Some helpful tips were:

- Check out the online wants ads. Many individuals start a salt water set up and then for multiple reasons have to give up the hobby and sell off their equipment inexpensively
- A tank with live coral has much higher maintenance and set up requirements than a tank that only contains fish
- Look for overseas shopping opportunities (e.g. in the orient) as even with shipping costs there can be a dramatic cost savings
- Consider functional set ups. It is easy to get carried away with very fancy, elaborate filter set ups that are more than is needed in order to maintain fish health and well being.

2011

Meeting Dates

Jan 20th 2011

Feb 17th 2011

*Mar 24th 2011

Apr 21st, 2011

May 19th, 2011

*June 16th, 2011

*note that in March and June the meeting are **not** on the third Thursday of the month.

If You Have to Miss A Meeting

Be sure to log on to our web site and post your questions and comments in one of our fish forums

<http://peelaquariumclub.org/>

Welcome fish club members to a New Year. Our goal this year is to focus on club meetings that are interesting and enjoyed by members. We will also be increasing our recruitment efforts to ensure the our club remains growing and vital. We look forward to hearing any suggestions or ideas.

Mitch Kennedy; President Peel Regional Aquarium Club (AKA ...The Brampton Fish Club)

Events

For the Birds

Our club was able to have an information booth at the National Bird Show in November. Many people popped by the booth to express interest. It is interesting to note the number of people who share the same hobby of bird keeping and fish keeping.

US Fish Club Trip

A trip to several fish stores in the United States was organized by club members for the weekend of December 11th

Remember that in the New Year it will be come increasingly difficult to bring tropical fish into Canada from the US.

Club Annual Auction :November 14th, 2010

We are pleased to report about another successful fish auction.

The auction was well attended and the items moved quickly. Feedback from attendees was positive.

A warm thank you is extended to all of the volunteers who help to make this an event a success. See you next year!

Forum Topic of the Month

This is a new feature to the club. Each month will be a different topic of discussion related to an issue related to fish keeping. Please feel free to share your ideas for future forum topics. This month the topic will be on the forum under the Fish Health and Nutrition section.

December Topic: To add salt or not to add salt. There is an abundance of articles that argue both perspectives on whether or not adding salt to a fresh water aquarium , assists in disease prevention or in the curing of ailments. What is your perspective and experience?

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Something's Fishy

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AUCTION	HOBBY
BREED	ICK
(water) CHANGE	LIFE
CICHLIDS	LIGHTING
FILTER	PEEL (region)
FINS	PLANTS
FISH CLUB	PUMP
FISH TANKS	SALTWATER
FOOD	TRADE
FRESHWATER	
FRY	
GUPPY	
HABITAT	

Fishy Word Scramble

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Questions? Comments? Concerns?

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

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

Come and join us and make a difference!

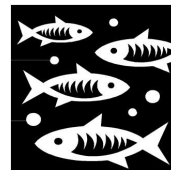


Monthly Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month except during July and August

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

The meetings start at 7 P.M

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



Our Motto

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

Fish Club Meeting Minutes . Thursday Nov 10th Minutes -700

(Minute highlights– full minutes available on request)

Mitchell Kennedy , Gary Peacock, Denise Antler, John Van Rompu , Glen Smith , Tim Antler, Bob Wilson Debbie Bate-Travis Regrets: Udo, Lloyd

Minutes

1. **Auction** – There was a detailed discussion of the equipment and resources needed for the auction.

2. **Web Site**, User viewing has been highest ever seen in the last month. Need to keep the momentum going. Looking to give Debbie access so that updates can be made if I can't make them.-

3 - **Newsletter** – Debbie will give a copy to John copy of October newsletter for posting.

4. **November Meeting**

- Update web site- done by Jon , • Lawrence is giving presentation on salt water set up
- Guess a fish- who is bringing the fish- Debbie • Raffle or give away for new members- Debbie has the small item bag from John .John and Gary will not be able to attend the Nov meeting due to personal and work commitments

5 . **December executive meeting date**- book well in advance avoid last minute emails whenever possible. Next meeting Dec 8th or 9th. Denise indicated that the Wednesday before the meeting has worked in the past. The meeting will be at John's home

6. **Speakers** -January meeting- need an external speaker –all .

Perhaps aim for a speaker of note every other month. With club presenters for the other months.

Ideas from October club members attendees:

Tips and Time savers, Goldfish and Ponds, DIY projects, DIY aquarium lighting, Bob on Discus, Guppies and Killies (maybe John presenting?) Bettas, Doug White-guppies

Ideas I would suggest to get Zenin from KWAS, he has a good presentation on Loaches (Udo0

John was willing to do a session on Killi fish in March, also some consideration given to doing a later session on collecting in Peru. Claude Choud (sp?) from Durham was also proposed. Can someone confirm the correct spelling and the topic that he speaks on. Suggested it would be a good idea to have the speakers booked and the information posted on the web site

-Financials-

- reimbursement- Debbie school fees, Tim web fees
- CAOAC Renewal Fee due in December (approx \$240 membership and insurance)
- From last minutes: Names on Bank Account
- Mitch and Bob will need to go to the Royal Bank on Sandalwood to get their names added onto the account. Tim is familiar with the physical location of the bank and will be able to provide details.

8.- **Forum** - Each month put in a topic of the month for each and everyone to comment on add their 2 cents worth etc. Topic for November- John has posted a new topic

9. **Club promotion** –membership drive, promotion, etc.

Update on participation in the Bird Show-

Mitch announced that participating in the Bird show was a good idea and that we have have stimulated some interest . Mitch will be sending along a thank you note to Jeremy the bird club organizer and we will need to promote the Bird Club when ever we have an opportunity.

Flyers and membership forms will be available at the auction

Debbie has submitted a request for the Booster , but we didn't get in last time she submitted. (I checked tonight and the homeless cats made it in, but not us)

Recruitment initiatives will be resumed in January

10. **December Club Meeting**

Pot luck- yes main course supplied by club, desserts, salads appetizers from members Swap a fish, plant or aquarium accessory (bring something, get something)

11. **Early December fish store trip** to Upper NY state.

Dec 4-5 or Dec 11-12. Date to be confirmed. Two members for certain going.

12. **Additional items**- Concern voiced about the legislation that was just passed that will significantly impact the ability to bring in fish from the US. Also is another legislature being proposed that uses the definition “exotic animals”. The Bird club is actively working to modify this legislation through the Bird club members who are lawyers.

Club Name- there was a brief discussion about the new club name (Peel Regional Aquarium Club and the older name Brampton Fish Club. A new icon is needed as the current icon does not replicate well