



ATLANTA AREA AQUARIUM SOCIETY:
Breeder's Award Points
Program Guide

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PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Breeders Award Program (BAP) is established to recognize the accomplishments of AAAA members, to promote members' involvement in breeding fishes, to gather and share information on breeding, and to provide a wide range of fish to the membership during auctions.

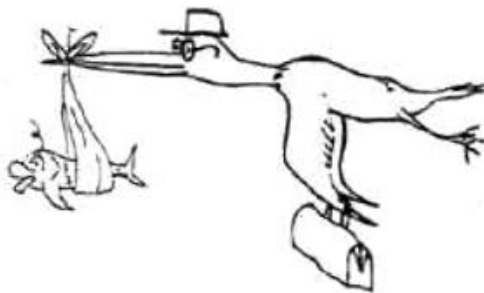
In order to obtain points for fish a member must bring in a minimum of five young, at least sixty days old and put them up for the auction. The member must fill in the required information on the BAP Data Sheet. Point classification of fishes spawned (10, 15, 20, or higher) is determined according to level of difficulty for breeding and/or raising the fry. Points are awarded only once for each species submitted by a member.

A plaque is awarded at the following point levels:

- Breeder (100 points)
- Advanced Breeder (200 points)
- Superior Breeder (350 points)
- Expert Breeder (600 points)
- Master Breeder (900 points)
- Grand Master Breeder (1200 points)

Note that members and the Atlanta Area Aquarium Association benefit financially when they submit BAP fish for the auction. Members receive 70% of any auction proceeds while the association garners 30% to offset club expenses.

It is important to note that there is one other way that members can earn points towards their breeder awards. An additional five points can be earned when an article is written on a ten, fifteen, or twenty point fish submitted to the BAP Program. These articles will be kept in our reference library and will also be published in our Association Newsletter. While these guidelines don't have to be strictly followed, an essay of approximately 250 to 400 words discussing the fish characteristics, the breeding environment, water parameters, and the growth cycle of the fry would be appreciated. In other words, what would someone need to know in order to breed a particular species provided that they have a mature pair?





WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO SUBMIT FISH?

- Bring at least five 60+ day-old fry bagged and ready for the auction to our regular monthly meeting or to one of our annual Saturday auctions. The bag should be labeled clearly with the scientific name and common name if known.
- The fish, along with a filled out BAP Data Sheet should be given to the BAP Chair person or their delegate at the start of the meeting. You can also submit any articles at that time, a printed and a copy on a diskette for the editor of our newsletter would be appreciated. Note that a BAP Data Sheet is on the next page of this guide for your convenience.
- The fish will be logged and marked for the auction so that you will get credit and the information will also be entered into our BAP Log Book so that all of your entries can be tracked.
- Members' status in the Breeders Award Program will generally be published in the following month's newsletter and would appear in the standings table below:

BAP – Points as of December 2003

| | Breeder | Points | Level | | Breeder | Points | Level |
|---|---------------------|---------------|--------------|----|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | Ken Davis | 260 | Advanced | 6 | Ron Reisinger | 70 | Member |
| 2 | Andrew Hebert | 210 | Advanced | 7 | John Bradfield | 60 | Member |
| 3 | Tom Taveras-Koranda | 155 | Breeder | 8 | Mark Allen | 40 | Member |
| 4 | Brian Revennaugh | 125 | Breeder | 9 | Susan Davis | 20 | Member |
| 5 | The Cekis Family | 85 | Member | 10 | Your Name Here! | | |



BAP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. Points are awarded only once for any species per member. In other words, many different members can submit the same species, however, one single member cannot submit one species more than once. For example, the one time presentation of guppies would be awarded 5 points.
2. It is recommended that one species of fish not be housed with similar species so that hybridization can be prevented.
3. Eggs must be spawned by fish in breeder's own tanks; eggs may not be obtained elsewhere and then hatched.
4. Any fish not included in the BAP Point Qualification list will be assigned points by the BAP Committee upon request. The point value for spawning any fish can be re-evaluated at any participant's request by the BAP Committee.
5. Following a successful spawning, it is the breeder's own responsibility to see that his points have been properly recorded.
6. In the event of any confusion in the identification of a fish in a complex of similar fishes, reference to a published photograph must be made for each member of the complex in order to get credit for that species. In the event no published photograph exists, a color photograph shall be taken and filed with the BAP Data Form. In the event of a disagreement as to the identity of the fish spawned, the decision of the BAP Committee shall be final regarding the awarding of points.
7. The similarity between related species when juvenile fish are involved may require further growth beyond 60 days before verification.
8. Suggestions, Questions, and Concerns can be directed to the BAP E-Mail address: atlaquariumbap@bellsouth.net or the BAP Chairperson and escalated to the Atlanta Area Aquarium Association Board of Directors as appropriate. We want this to be the best program for all involved. Please let us know your thoughts.
9. A member may petition the BAP Committee in order to submit a lower number of fry when it is known that a particular species produces small broods.



BAP POINT QUALIFICATIONS

The following information, while not comprehensive, should serve as a guideline regarding species and the points awarded for that species in the BAP Program.

Livebearers

- 10 pts Poecilia, Gambusia, all others
- 15 pts Goodeids, Xiphophorus
- 20 pts Halfbeaks
- 30 pts Anableps, Belanesox

Killifish

- 10 pts Aplocheilus, Aplochecheilichthys, Cubaaichthys, Cyprinodon, Fundulus, Oryzias, "Chroma-Aphosemion" (= A. bivittatum complex), Rivulus, all others
- 15 pts Aphanis, * Aphysemion, * Epiplatys, "Fundulopanchax" (= Aphyosemion sjoestedti, gardneri, filamentosum, other peat-spawning Aphysemions requiring drying out), Jordanella, Pachypanchax, Cynolebias
- 20 pts Pterolebias, Nothobranchius, Epiplatys lamottei, E. annulatus, "Para-Aphyosemion" (= A. lucense, geryl, othre tiny cold water Aphyosemions)
- 25 pts Austrofundulus, Rachovia, "Rolloffia" (=Aphyosemion occidentalis, schmidti juarzon, others with very long drying periods)

Cyprinids

- 10 pts Danios, White Cloud, Barb, (Cherry, Gold, Tiger, Rosy, Ruby, Half-banded, Checkerboard, Ticto), all other cyprinids
- 15 pts * Barbs, Goldfish, Koi, North American minnows
- 25 pts Scissortail, Brilliant rasbora, R. maculata
- 30 pts * Rasbora, Tinfoil barb
- 50 pts Labeo, Flying fox, Bala shark, Osteochilus

Catfish

- 15 pts Corydoras eaneus, paleatus, hastatus, pygmaeus including Albino
- 20 pts * Corydoras, all other catfish
- 30 pts Otocinclus, Bristlenose, brochis, Farowella, Banjo, Plecostomus, Whiptail, Hoplosternum, Callichthys
- 50 pts Doradids (talking Rafael), Pimelodids, Schilbeids, Irridescent shark, Bagrids, Mochokids (upside-down), Electric, madtoms



Characioids (Tetras)

- 15 pts Black, Head & Tail light, Von rio
- 20 pts Congo, Glowlight, Emperor, Penguin, Moenkhausia, Copeina, all others
- 30 pts Arnoldichthys, Crenuchus, Silver Dollars, Rummynose, Neon, Cardinal, Hatchets, Chilodus, Pencilfish, Exodon, Copelia
- 50 pts Anostomus, Abramites, Leporinus, Pacus, Piranhas, Chalceus, Hemiodus, Prochilodus, Distichodus

Cichlids

- 15 pts * Malawi mouthbrooders, (Melanochromis, Labeotropheus, Psuedotropheus, Peacocks), * Haplochromis, mouthbrooding Tilapias, Jewel, Convict, Kribensis, Jack Dempsey, Rainbow, Chanchito, Black Acara, Geophagus brasiliensis
- 20 pts Hap. moori, * Lamprolongus, Julidochromis, Nannacara, Neetroplus, Callochromis, substrate brooding Tilapis, hemichromis thomasi, fasciatus, * Aequidens, Hero (* Cichlasoma), Pelvicachromis
- 25 pts Oscar, Heros severum, managuense, umbriferum, dovii, festivum, Chocolate, Orange chromide, Geophagus jurapi, daemon, surnamesis, Acarichthys, Acaronia, Apistogamma, Lamprologus, sexfasciatus, tretocephalus, compressiceps, cynlidricus
- 30 pts Green chromide, Discus, Uaru, Cichla, Petenia

Gobies

- 20 pts Bumblebee, Tateumdina
- 30 pts All others

Anabantiods

- 15 pts Betta, Colisa, Trichogaster, Macropodus, all others
- 20 pts Trichopsis, Belontia, Anabas, Mallipulutta
- 30 pts Sphaerichthys, Osphronemus, Paroshronemus, Helostoma

Other Family Groups

- 15 pts Rainbowfish
- 30 pts Pantodon, Darters, Sunfishes, Leaffishes, Puffers, Sticklebacks, Seahorses, Pipefishes
- 45 pts Loaches
- 50 pts Polypterus, Arunanas, Mormyrids, Knifefish, Glassfish, Archerfish, Monos, homalopteris



PROGRAM NOTES:

- The Atlanta Aquarium Society will be adding this formal BAP Program to the program that is currently in place. Each year those three breeders who have submitted the most BAP fish into the auction will be given awards based on their contribution on an annual basis.
- Also, our hope is that fish will now be checked in, assigned a number, and then placed on a viewing table. This will allow members and visitors to view the fish before the meeting, during the breaks, and prior to the auction.
- BAP Submissions will be posted each month in the Newsletter along with the current standings of our breeder program.
- Your suggestions and participation are always welcome. If you can help check fish in at the meeting or set up the viewing table, help is ALWAYS appreciated.