

# Columbus Area Fish Enthusiasts (C.A.F.E.)

## Breeders Award Program (BAP)

### Purpose

- To provide an organized methodology that promotes the spawning of fish through friendly competition.
- To encourage the hobbyist that desires to enhance the hobby by breeding and then disseminating fish and aquatic animals to other hobbyists.
- To share information concerning the best conditions under which to breed specific species of fish and other aquatic animals.
- To make the proliferation of a wide variety of fish more readily available to the general membership.
- To recognize the achievements of CAFÉ members with prizes and awarding certificates of recognition.
- To promote greater interest and participation by hobbyists in the activities of CAFE.

### Procedure

- Points will be awarded to the participant for each qualifying submission. The points are predetermined based upon the difficulty of spawning that specific species. (Refer to the *BAP Point List*)
- The BAP Chairman will have the responsibility to verify that a BAP submission meets the requirements of the rules and will keep a written record of species spawned and points awarded to the CAFÉ member.
- The participant must submit a *BAP Report Form* to the BAP Chairman for all spawns (and written articles) to obtain credit in the form of BAP points. (*BAP Report Form* available on the CAFÉ web site.)
- Points will be recorded for each individual CAFÉ member for the calendar year as well as the lifetime point accumulation. The year to date BAP standings are generally reported in the *CAFÉ Newsletter* as well as the CAFÉ web site.
- The spawn may be submitted at any regularly scheduled meeting as well as any CAFÉ activity that is designated as accepting BAP submissions for auction.
- The spawn will be auctioned at any CAFÉ activity accepting submissions. The proceeds from the sale will be split 70/30 with 30% of the money going to CAFÉ.
- Awards are given for both yearly and lifetime accomplishments at the last CAFÉ activity of the year.
- BAP points will also be awarded for original articles written for the CAFÉ newsletter and then published.

### Rules

1. Participation in the BAP is open to all CAFÉ members in good standing. (all dues current)
2. No hybrids will be accepted in the BAP program.
3. All fish submitted to the BAP program will be subject to visual inspection by the BAP Chairman. Any fish found to be unhealthy, defective or not properly bagged, will not be accepted.
4. Both parents of the fry must be alive and owned by the member. All fish submitted to the BAP program must have been bred and raised to an acceptable size in the member's aquarium. Eggs may not be obtained from another source and then hatched and raised. (Pictures are encouraged.)
5. Credit for a valid spawn will be given for the submission of six fry (exceptionally 4 fry) at least two months old and approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch total length or mature enough to be distributed safely. Special consideration will be given for smaller fish species or species that are rare and expensive.

6. A participant may submit a given species for points up to two times. In addition, species identified on the BAP list as critically endangered may be submitted once per year, every year. No member will be awarded points for submitting two bags of the same species at the same CAFÉ venue.
7. For the purpose of BAP qualification, a fish species with locational color variants will be considered a different species for BAP submission. (Example; white lab & yellow lab, etc.)
8. Point values have been established by the CAFÉ board of directors and published on the CAFÉ web site. New point values may be petitioned by submitting reasons for disputing the current point value or suggesting points for species not listed to the BAP Chairman for consideration.
9. The CAFÉ board of directors may periodically review and revise the BAP point values as they deem appropriate. Any point changes will not be considered to be retroactive to any previous year.
10. An article that discusses your observations on maintaining a genus or species of fish, written for and published first in the CAFÉ newsletter, will be awarded the following BAP points;
  - a. 250 words or more = 10 points,
  - b. 300 words or more with publishable pictures taken by you = 20 points,
  - c. 500 words or more with publishable pictures taken by you = 30 points.

### **BAP Lifetime Awards**

Beginner	50 total accumulated BAP points from any group
Advanced	200 total accumulated BAP points from any group
Accomplished	500 total accumulated BAP points from at least 5 different groups
Master	750 total accumulated BAP points from at least 5 different groups and one 25 pt. fish
Grand Master	1000 points from at least 12 different groups, five 25 pt. fish or two 25 pt. fish & one 30 pt. fish
Supreme Grand Master	1000 points from all 16 groups, five 25 pt. fish or two 25 pt. fish & one 30 pt. fish

### **BAP Yearly Awards**

Rookie of the Year	New BAP participant who acquires the most BAP points *
Breeder of the Year	Participant who spawn the most species in a year *
BAP Article of the Year	BAP participant submitting the best BAP article of the year, as judged by a non-biased panel.

\*All ties will be recognized.