

# PERUSING THE PERIODICALS

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If any of the articles that appear in this column interest you please contact a board member to receive a copy of those articles.

I'm starting this issue with an article from TANK TALES, Vol. 34, No.4. The article is titled, "The Fish Files, Episode 1," By Dennis Heltzel. This appears to be the first in an ongoing series of articles. Dennis starts by giving us a tour of his fish-room, and providing useful tips on organization and what to include, as well as a review of the fish he is raising at the present time. The article contains a useful "tip of the Month," and a myth buster that could be important for those of us interested in using live foods when feeding our fish.

Then I found a gold mine in SWAM, May-June '05. The first article selected from this issue is, "ALA Convention 2005---The (fish) Race in Indianapolis!," by Darrell R. Ullisch. Since we just had a presentation on live bearers I thought you might be interested in what the organization's convention is like. Darrell gives a fairly direct examination and evaluation of the convention, leaving out the little side issues that would only be of interest to his fellow club members. Since we were provided with information on the ALA last month this article may help you decide if a convention should be included in your vacation plans.

In the same issue I found, "Spawning the Rosy Tetra, *Hyphessobrycon Rosaceus*," by Chase Klinester. The author feels that, "Breeding the Rosy Tetra is a bit more of a challenge than some setras, but well worth the effort." Yes, this is a breeding article, but a good one. He starts with information on how to sex the fish, includes problems he encountered, and provides solutions that should make the experience more enjoyable for us.

From the same issue we have, "A book Review," by Mark Schlechty. The book in question is "Trout, Trout, Trout! (A Fish Chant)," by April Pulley Sayre, illustrated by Trip Park, Northwood Press. The author considers this a creative book that will provide interest, information and fun for children. This might be a great way to get your own children interested in fish.

My final article from this issue is, "Aulonocara Jacobfreibergeri," by Pam Chin, reprinted from

CICHLIDAE COMMUNIQUE, Jan./Feb. '05. If you are interested in a peaceful Lake Malawi cichlid that is easy to breed, this may be the fish for you. Pam goes into detail about how to prepare these fish for breeding, and when the female is holding eggs, even gives you several options on how to handle the situation. When reading this article it is obvious that she loves these fish, and as added bonus, includes her email address so you can contact her if you have any questions or problems.

From CICHLID CHATTER, March '05, we have, "Archocentrus sp "Honduran Red Point" A convict, or Not?," by Sam Borstein, age 13. The young author does a bit of rambling concerning his experiences with these fish, and then focuses very clearly on his decision. Are they or not? He gives his decision and five very clear reasons for it. I have one question? Why don't we get more articles from our young members?

In I'A O HAWAI'I, I found, "On The Use of an Artificial Diet as a Forst Feed for Goldfish, *Carrasius auratus*, Larvae," by Kathleen McGovern-Hopkins and Clyde Tamaru. This is a very interesting article for those of us who are interested goldfish, and are very scientifically inclined. A scientific study was done, complete with control groups, and the results were carefully tabulated. This is NOT your typical breeder's article!

In REPORTER, March 05, I found, "Flying Fox.....Two Great Fish," by Chuck Davis. This is a short article about *Epalzeorhynchus kallopterus* and *Epalzeorhynchus siamensis*. Chuck claims they are "kissing cousins" that are often labeled as the same fish. Most of the article is based on how to tell them apart, although he concludes with a paragraph on their care and maintenance.

From the same issue we have, "A Review of Labyrinth Fishes---Part One," by Chuck Davis. The author provides us with a background on labyrinth fishes in general, and then zeroes in on certain specific types. Included in this article are: *Trichogaster trichopterus*, *trichogaster leeri*, *Macropodus opercularis*, *Belontiidae*, *Macropodus Concolor*, *Belontia signata*, *Anabas testudineus* *Ctenopoma ansorgei*, *C fascioiatum*, *C. kingsieyae*, and *C. acutirostre*. There is not a lot of detail, just enough to wet the appetite and get you interested in these fish