

THE OFFICIAL HANDBOOK
OF THE
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The Long Island Aquarium Society Inc. (LIAS) is the oldest organization devoted to tropical fish on Long Island. It is a not for profit corporation dedicated to the breeding and showing of aquatic life, to promote interest, exchange ideas and encourage the breeding and showing of aquatic fishes. The membership is made up of men, women, and children of all levels of expertise, including nationally renowned individuals who are eager to share their expertise in all phases of aquarium management and fish breeding.

LIAS meets at 8 PM on the third Friday of the month except the months of July and August. Meetings feature programs covering all phases of fish keeping by noted guest speakers. A bowl show is featured every month, with ribbons awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention, culminating in the annual Bowl Show Champion Award. A get-together, social atmosphere is enjoyed by all during refreshments. This is the time members “talk fish”, exchange ideas and secrets, invite each other to see their fish rooms, trade fish and establish friendships. The meetings resume with the auction of rare and home bred fish or equipment at bargain prices. After the auction there is the raffle of donated materials. Visitors are always welcome and of course are encouraged to participate in the auction and raffle. The nominal membership dues allow voting privileges, a subscription to the award winning Paradise Press (LIAS official monthly publication), and an ID card entitling the holder to discounts at local pet shops.

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Long Island Aquarium Society. This booklet is both your introduction to the club and it's programs, and your reference book if you have a question about the rules of the programs. Please take care of this booklet and file it where you can find it when you need it. Your first copy is free when you join the club or when an updated version is printed. There is a charge for any additional copies requested.

The information in this booklet will allow you to participate both for your own enjoyment and to benefit the club. The first part of the book explains how meetings and activities are run. The second part contains a copy of our by-laws. These are the basis of operation of our club and much of the responsibility of the officers and committee chairpersons is summed up in these pages.

There is room for improvement in all organizations and this one is no exception. please tell an officer if you have a suggestion to improve the operation or service of the club. Complaining to a friend doesn't do the club any good. Perhaps you should attend the next board meeting and explain your idea to the board.

Become an active member in the club. You will learn more from your participation by meeting more hobbyists who can answer questions you might have. You will also help spread the work so no one person will be overburdened. Typically a certain group of people will do most of the work until they get frustrated and give up. There is always someone to take over the work but normally they don't come forward because they thought the others were doing such a good job that they weren't needed.

One area in which you may want to participate is in the elected officers. They only have a one year term and the work is not complicated. Experienced people are always around if you need help. You do not have to be an expert on fish to be an officer. Too often an officer would like a change after holding office for a few years but since no one else will run they accept again.

Committees are another place where new blood is continually needed. Most of the committees are general labor type positions with a little creativity once in a while. There are only two committees requiring experienced hobbyists in the chair position. They are the publication and show committees, however,

plenty of inexperienced labor is also required. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

The society encourages breeding and other educational activities by awards programs such as the bowl show, breeders award, annual show, and the society publication, Paradise Press.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

LIAS is an organization for hobbyists to get together and share knowledge and experiences. The general membership meeting is held on the third Friday of the month. Meetings start at 8:00 PM but many people start arriving earlier to set up the meeting room and the bowl show entries. All bowl show entries must be in place by 8:00.

One of the first things is a drawing for the door prize, awarded to a member that is present. Important issues and announcements of upcoming events and any other business needing the club's attention shall follow. The main event of the evening is a guest speaker on some aspect of the hobby showing slides on the topic for the night. The program usually lasts approximately an hour with a question and answer session following. Refreshments follow the program. This is the time when members get together and socialize. The bowl show is judged during the break and the awards presented after the break. Raffle tickets are sold throughout the break so be sure to have yours before it's over. The meeting resumes, bowl show awards are presented and any judging comments are reviewed so we all learn what judges look for in a contestant.

A mini-auction of donated fish and equipment follows. A member has the option of either donating items with 100% of the proceeds going to LIAS or splitting the proceeds 50/50 with LIAS. Donors share of the proceeds shall be paid at the following general meeting. The moneys collected go to the club so a special salute of thanks goes to those members who regularly donate fish for the auction. If so desired a minimum bid for an item in the auction will be honored. The seller will have the option of taking the item back if the bid is not met. Otherwise the item is sold for whatever it will bring.

The last item of the night is awarding the raffle prizes, the room is returned to normal amid bowl show breakdown and parting fish stories.

BOARD MEETINGS

The board of trustees is the governing body of LIAS. It is responsible for the financial management of the club as well as planning all of the clubs activities. The board meets once a month to plan discuss and review the activities and programs. They do this to maintain and improve the club. The board is made up of officers and appointed members but the meetings are open to all members.

The board meeting is also a continuation of the general meeting. The club business occupies most of the evening. Meetings are sometimes held at a members home including a tour of their fish tanks. This is the place where new ideas for doing something in the fish room get exchanged or invented. The work gets done and there is a large amount of fun along the way.

The president supervises the meetings. There will typically be a discussion of possible future programs or special events and a report from the treasurer. Committees will report on their progress.

The annual auction is a topic that will require one or more special meetings. If there is to be a show ,this topic will be addressed at board meetings. Budgets for these events will be established by the board.

Board meetings are held the week after the general meeting.

You can attend if you are a member of the club. Please be sure to let a board member know you will be attending and be prepared to get involved. Wouldn't you like to have a say in what happens in your club?

BOWL SHOW RULES

The bowl show is a min-fish display held at each general meeting. LIAS rewards participation by ribbons and points towards Hobbyist of the Year and towards a plaque for most bowl show points accrued by a member during the calendar year.

1. The bowl show is open to all members in good standing.
2. All entries must be in place before the meeting starts. No entries accepted after this time.
3. No more than three entries per person per month.
4. One fish shall constitute an entry, either egglayer or livebearer.
5. Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and honorable mention. Points towards the annual bowl show competition shall be as follows
1st place 7 points, 2nd place 5 points, 3rd place 3 points, honorable mention 1 point.
6. All tanks or bowls must be flat faced (i.e. drum bowl) and clean. They must be bare, no gravel, plants or backgrounds. Heaters and or filters will be permitted if necessary for the showing of very sensitive species-i.e. Discus or marine fish.
7. There is no charge to enter the bowl show.

PARADISE PRESS

The *Paradise Press* is the publication of the LIAS. It is used to keep the members informed about club activities and to communicate lessons learned. When the aquarium hobby was in its infancy, the hobbyist was the one responsible for the major breakthroughs in maintenance and breeding of the many now common tropical fish. The small club journal has often recorded history making spawnings long before the trade magazines. Since the hobby has become large enough to be considered an industry, many hobbyists feel that the large companies are the only ones that can make contributions to the further growth of the hobby. Nothing could be further from the truth! The hobbyist is still the one to experiment to get his / her fish to spawn for fun and challenge, rather than making a profit.

The editor is responsible for putting together a publication each month. He uses articles written by the membership and reprints from other society journals. Your fellow members would rather read an article written by someone they know than one by a stranger. Consider writing a contribution to the publication; it will make the editors job a lot easier. The hobbyist who is interested in seeing the hobby expand is going to help others learn how to be successful.

Share your adventures with the rest of the club members and others in the hobby. The editor and members do not expect your writing to be of professional quality. If you are not sure if the idea you have for an article is a good one, ask the editor. He will be continually receiving journals from other clubs and he will be able to tell you if the topic has been covered recently. He may also be able to help you isolate your idea. Remember to have a single purpose or topic in an article to make it clear. Then just write the article as if you were telling your best friend. This is not difficult but remember that it might take three or four drafts to get the article in the form that you like. Set it aside for a week and then reread it. Make sure it is what you want to say. Maybe you can let someone read it over for comments. The *Paradise Press* is yours to use, so use it to its fullest. You will learn more and so will we.

HOBBYIST OF THE YEAR

The hobbyist of the year award (HOY) is to honor that member who has been most active in the club during the calendar year. The following rules and requirements have been defined to measure contribution and participation of the membership in order to select a winner.

SECTION 1 RULES :

1. Only members in good standing are eligible.
2. Members are evaluated for HOY on the basis of the requirements listed in section 2. (Junior HOY candidates do not have to meet minimum requirements but are evaluated on the basis of points only).
3. In case of a tie, the Board of Trustees (BOT) will make the final decision based on the extent of service to LIAS demonstrated by these members during that calendar year.
4. All records will be maintained by the HOY committee in an accurate and current manner.

SECTION 2 REQUIREMENTS:

1. Attendance:
 - a. Present at 7 out of 10 of the monthly meetings in a calendar year.
 - b. Points - 10 points awarded for each meeting attended.
 - c. Attendance based on the LIAS register. You must sign in at each meeting to obtain credit. There are no exceptions.
2. Paradise Press Newsletter
 - a. A minimum of one article must be written and submitted for publication.
 - b. Points - 25 points will be awarded for each article printed.
 - c. The editor will determine whether a contribution other than an article (i.e. crossword, poem, etc.) qualifies for the full points or portion thereof.
 - d. Articles submitted but not published due to lack of space, time, etc. will qualify for points at the discretion of the editor.
3. Bowl Show
 - a. Requires participation in a minimum of 4 monthly bowl shows.
 - b. Points - 5 points awarded for each entry plus additional points as follows:

1st place	5 points
2nd place	3 points
3rd place	2 points
4th place	1 point
 - c. Bowl Show rules limit members to 3 entries in the monthly class and 1 in the open class at each meeting.

4. Annual Show
 - a. In the event of an annual show the following applies:
 - b. Requires participation in 4 monthly bowl shows and at least 1 entry in the annual show.
 - c. Points - 5 points awarded for each entry plus additional points as follows:

1st place	5 points
2nd place	3 points
3rd place	2 points
4th place	1 point

Additionally:

Best of Show	10 points
Best fish in open class	5 points

This point schedule also applies to participation in an annual show of another society recognized by the BOT. Members wishing to participate are required to submit to the BOT in a timely fashion the show entry form and show rules for evaluation and a ruling. Where possible, a list of recognized shows will be provided to facilitate our members participation.

5. Service to LIAS
 - a. Requires participation in a minimum of 2 areas from the following list.
 - b. Service in other areas will be considered by the BOT.
 - i. Sponsor a new member.
 - ii. Donate fish (100%) or aquarium equipment to LIAS or a junior member.
 - iii. Serve on a committee (BAP, HOY, etc.)
 - iv. Serve in any volunteer position (refreshments, raffles, etc.)
 - v. Secure an advertisement for the newsletter.
 - vi. Give or provide a program.
 - vii. Typing, collating, mailing, etc. of any society materials.
 - c. Although no points are awarded for service, this requirement will be used in the final consideration of the HOY award.
 - d. Bonus points will be awarded to members in the following circumstances: Annual elections: All members listed on the ballot and presented for voting will receive 25 points. Write in candidates will not receive any points. Those members elected and still serving at the end of the calendar year will receive an additional 25 points.
 - e. The Junior HOY candidates do not have to meet minimum requirements but are evaluated on the basis only of points.

BREEDER'S AWARD PROGRAM

The Breeder's Award Program (BAP) of the Long Island Aquarium Society Inc. has been in existence since January 1979. The BAP is a hobbyist oriented program with the object of rewarding members for the successful spawning and rearing of fish. Several categories of participation are available so this program will appeal to a wide spectrum of members. The categories are as follows: BAPJ-Junior Hobbyist; BAPH- Hobbyist; BAPS - Specialty Breeder.

SECTION 1. RULES

1. Participation in the BAP is open to all LIAS members in good standing and at no charge.
2. The prospective BAP participant must fill out the registration form choosing the category in which they wish to participate and return same to the BAP chairperson. This form will be kept on file with the committee. A participant may choose both the BAPH and BAPS categories while a junior is limited to the BAPJ category.
3. Fish must be the participant's own and spawned at the participant's facility.
4. Accumulative standings and achievements will be published periodically in the society's newsletter. Achievement awards will be presented at general membership meetings. Points earned will be considered in determining the LIAS Hobbyist of the Year (HOY) award.
5. Each year the BAP participant accumulating the most BAP points for only that calendar year will receive the Breeder of the Year award acknowledging that achievement. This annual award is based solely on the BAP points awarded for all spawning verified in that calendar year, not cumulative point standings.
6. Each BAP participant is responsible for keeping accurate records regarding, but not limited to, the scientific name of the fish spawned, dates of spawning, hatching and free swimming. If needed, the committee will assist the participant in identifying their fish. Unidentified fish as well as crosses between two different species or hybrids will not be awarded points.
7. All spawning claims must be reported as soon as possible to a member of the BAP committee. A suitable witness will be named and arrangements made to witness the breeding pair and fry as soon after free-swimming as possible. If one or both parents die they must be preserved for witnessing. A minimum of 10 fry must be raised to 60 days to gain credit.
8. The Committee reserves the right to revise these rules in accordance with the By-laws. All decisions of the committee shall be final and binding.
9. A species may be reclassified as more information becomes available to the committee. The reclassification will become effective immediately if no points have been awarded for that species during the current year. Otherwise, reclassification will take effect the next year. These reclassifications have no effect on points awarded in previous years.
10. Sub-species will be considered a different species. Color varieties/morphs will not be considered as a different species.

SECTION 2. THE COMMITTEE

1. The committee shall consist of a Chairperson and a minimum of two other LIAS members in good standing.
2. The chairperson will be appointed by the President with BOT approval. The chairperson will be responsible for the selection of the additional members of the committee. Contact the chairperson if you are interested in being a committee member.
3. The chairperson will be responsible for maintaining all records of verified spawning and related achievements, and point standings.
4. The chairperson's term will be a minimum of but not limited to one calendar year.
5. A committee person can not verify the spawning of their own fish.

SECTION 3. CATEGORIES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. **BAPJ - JUNIOR HOBBYIST**
 - a. Participant must be between the ages of 6 and 17 years of age.
 - b. 50% of the scheduled point award is made upon verification of the fry in the free swimming or wriggler stage. If the fry are raised to the 60 day stage, 100% of the scheduled points will be awarded.
 - c. Points earned as a junior are carried forward to the senior category.
2. **BAPH - SENIOR HOBBYIST**
 - a. The participants shall be any member 18 years and older.
 - b. There is a maximum on the points that can come from a single group of fish as defined in Table 1 (see the Point Schedule Chart).
3. **BAPS - SPECIALTY BREEDER**

This category provides three areas of achievement:

 - a. **Species Line Improvement**
 - i. The single species approach of the Species Line Improvement specialty requires the participant to demonstrate his/her ability to develop a strain that shows an obvious improvement in that species.
 - ii. No points will be awarded as numerous spawns of the specialty species will be produced in order to qualify for this category
 - iii. Multiple levels of achievement are currently available
 - (1) Specialty Breeder - awarded when 1 species meets the requirements
 - (2) Senior Specialty Breeder - awarded when 2 species meet the requirements
 - (3) Master Specialty Breeder- awarded when 3 species meet the requirements
 - (4) Participant must maintain for one year from the date of registration at least 6 tanks devoted to the specialty species.
 - (5) A consistent production of the species must be obtained and documented with a minimum of two observations made by a committee member in any calendar year

- (6) A minimum of one article on the specialty species must be made available for publication in the society newsletter.
 - (7) The participant must demonstrate compliance with the requirements to the committee and show an improvement in the species.
 - (8) Species Line Improvement is awarded when the spawning requirements have been achieved and documented
 - (9) It is suggested that the participant make donations of the specialty fish to LIAS for monthly or show auctions or for distribution to junior members.
- b. Multiple Group Specialty
- i. This category permits the participants to focus their attentions to a broader range of fish groups.
 - ii. Two levels of achievement are currently available:
 - (1) Senior Specialty Breeder - awarded when the spawning requirements have been achieved and documented in 4 groups of fish.
 - (2) Master Specialty Breeder - awarded when the spawning requirements have been achieved and documented in 7 groups of fish.
 - iii. Table 1 lists the number of species that must be spawned from each group to qualify in a given group.
 - iv. The participant must demonstrate compliance with the requirements to the committee.
 - v. Multiple Group Specialty is awarded when the spawning requirements have been achieved and documented.
 - vi. It is suggested that the participant make donations of the specialty fish to LIAS for monthly or show auctions or for distribution to junior members.

TABLE 1

Group	(*)	# of Species Required and Notes
1	2	
2	8	- No more than 3 from one family
3	6	
4	4	- One species must be other than Corydoras, Aspidoras or Brochis
5	7	- At least 2 species must be annuals
6	8	
7	4	
8	8	- Old World max. of 4 mouthbrooders
8	8	- New World (North, Central & South America)
9	6	
10	7	- No more than 3 from one family

(*) See Point Schedule Chart for groups

- c. Single Group - Multiple Genus Specialty
 - i. This specialty provides for the participant who is interested primarily in one group of fish. eg. catfish - group 4.
 - ii. Two levels of achievement are currently available:
 - (1) Senior Single Group Specialty Breeder - awarded when the spawning requirements have been achieved and documented with 6 genus of fish.
 - (2) Master Single Group Specialty Breeder - awarded when the spawning requirements have been achieved and documented in 10 genus of fish.
 - iii. The participant must demonstrate compliance with the requirements to the committee
 - iv. Single Group - Multiple Genus Specialty is awarded when the spawning requirements have been achieved and documented.
 - v. It is suggested that the participant make donations of the specialty fish to LIAS for monthly or show auctions or for distribution to junior members.

SECTION 4. LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT

Awards are given in the Junior and Senior Hobbyist categories as follows:

TITLE	POINTS	AWARD
Junior	50	Certificate
Junior Master	150	Mini-Plaque
Senior Novice	50	Certificate
Intermediate	100	Certificate
Advanced	130	Certificate
Senior	175	Certificate
Master	250	Mini-Plaque
Senior Master	500	Plaque
Grand Master	700	Plaque (*)

(*) Additional plates presented for every 150 points earned above Grand Master.

SECTION 5. POINT AWARDS

1. Spawning points will be awarded as per schedule. This will be updated as new information becomes available. Any species not listed will be assigned a value by the BAP committee and added to the list.
2. First ever reported captive spawning of any species by a participant will be awarded a bonus of 100% of the scheduled point value. The chairperson should be notified as soon as possible to qualify for bonus points that will be awarded after the 60 day observation period.
3. Points are awarded one time only for spawning any given species.

SECTION 6. POINT SCHEDULE

The committee would appreciate feedback. All class placements are best effort decisions as many reference sources disagree on the difficulty of spawning and raising certain fish. Your experiences with these fish will help in reviewing the point schedule. Only major discrepancies may warrant a change.

The Point Schedule follows:

SECTION 7. POINT SCHEDULE

NOTE: This is not a complete list of fish available in our BAP but rather a list of those fish to which points have been assigned. Any fish that are spawned by a participant in the program and are not on the list will be assigned a point value and added to the list.

GROUP 1

<u>PSEUDO-BONY and NAME</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>SCIENTIFIC NAME / GENUS species</u>	<u>TRADE (Common)</u>
CARTILAGINOUS FISHES			
1.1-Lung-Fish	5 points	None	
1.2-Freshwater Rays	10 points	None	
1.3-Lobe-Finned Pike	20 points	None	
	30 points	<i>Polypterus palmas</i>	Marbled Bichir (Lobe-
Finned Pike)			
	50 points	<i>Erpetoichthys calabaricus</i>	Snakefish (Lobe-Finned
Pike)		<i>Polypterus delhezi</i>	Armored Bichir (Lobe-
Finned Pike			<i>Potamotrygon</i>
<i>laticeps</i>	Freshwater Stingray	<i>Potamotrygon motoro</i>	Ocellated Freshwater
Stingray			

GROUP 2

<u>CHARACINS</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>SCIENTIFIC NAME / GENUS species</u>	<u>TRADE (Common)</u>
2.1-Tetras	5 points	None	
2.2-Brycinus	10 points	<i>Nematobrycon palmeri</i>	Emperor Tetra
2.3-Characins	20 points	None	
2.4-Headstanders	30 points	all <i>Anostomus</i>	
2.5-Hatchetfishes		Curimatidae Family: Prochilodinate Sub-Family	
2.6-Leporinus		<i>Exodon paradoxus</i>	Bucktoothed Tetra
		Hatchetfish Family	
		<i>Hyphessobrycon herbertaxelrodi</i>	Black Neon
		<i>Paracheirodon axelrodi</i>	Cardinal Tetra
		all <i>Phenacogrammus</i>	

GROUP 3

<u>CARP-LIKE FISHES NAME</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>SCIENTIFIC NAME / GENUS species</u>	<u>TRADE (Common)</u>
3.1-Loaches	5 points	all <i>Danios</i>	
3.2-Thorneyes Fish		<i>Tanichthys albonubes</i>	White Cloud Mountain
3.3-Carp	10 points	None	
a.-Barbs	20 points	<i>Barbus nigrofasciatus</i>	Black-Ruby Barb, Purple-
Headed Barb			
b.-Danios Barb		<i>Barbus semifasciatus</i>	Green Barb, Half-Striped
c.-Rasboras		all <i>Loaches</i> , Thorneyes	
d.-Sharks		all <i>Rasboras</i>	
	30 points	<i>Barbus schwansfeldi</i>	Schwanefeld's Barb,
Tinfoil Barb		all <i>Epalzeothynchus</i> and <i>Labeo</i> 'Shark Koi	

GROUP 4
CATFISH

5 points	None	
10 points	<i>Corydoras aeneus</i> <i>Corydoras paleatus</i>	Bronze Corydoras Peppered Corydoras
20 points	all other <i>Corydoras</i> not listed in this group all <i>Ancistrus</i>	Suckermouth Catfishes
	all <i>Aspidoras</i> , <i>Brochis</i> , <i>Dianema</i> and <i>Hoplosternum</i>	Armoured Catfishes
30 points	'Whiptail' <i>Loricariinae</i> None	

GROUP 5
KILLIFISH
NAME

	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>SCIENTIFIC NAME / GENUS species</u>	<u>TRADE (Common)</u>
Lyretail	5 points	<i>Aphyosemion australe</i> (both color forms) <i>Aphyosemion gardneri</i> (all color forms)	Lyretail, Cape Lopez
all <i>Oryzias</i>		<i>Aplocheilichthys</i> and <i>Aplocheilus panchax</i> <i>Epiplatys dageti</i> (all color forms)	
<i>Epiplatys sexfasciatus</i> (all color forms)		Six-barred Epiplatys all other <i>Rivulis</i> not listed in this group	
	10 points	None	
	20 points	all annuals <u>except</u> : <i>Nothobranchius guentheri</i> all other annuals not listed in this group <i>Fundulopanchax sjeestedti</i>	Gunther's Notobranch Red Aphyosemion,
Golden Pheasant		<i>Pseudoepiplatys annulatus</i> all <i>Procatopus</i> <i>Lamprichthys tanganicanus</i> <i>Cynolebius dolichopterus</i> <i>Nothobranchius rachovii</i> (all color forms)	Longfin Killifish Sabre Fin Rachow's Notobranch
	30 points		

GROUP 6
LIVE-BEARERS

6.1-Guppies	5 points	None	
6.2-Mollies	10 points	all <i>Goodeids</i> , <i>Belonesox</i>	
6.3-Platys	20 points	all livebearing 'Halfbeaks	
6.4-Swordtails	30 points	<i>Anableps anableps</i> <i>Anableps dowi</i> <i>Anableps microlepis</i>	Four-eyes Dow's four-eye Four-eyes
6.5-Halfbeaks			

GROUP 7
LABYRINTH FISHES
NAME

	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>SCIENTIFIC NAME / GENUS species</u>	<u>TRADE (Common)</u>
7.1-Bettas	5 points	None	
7.2-Gouramis	10 points	None	
7.3-Paradise Fish	20 points	all <i>Macropodus</i> (except <i>opercularis</i>) all <i>Betta</i> (except <i>splendens</i> , <i>macrostoma</i>) all <i>Belontia</i> , <i>Trichopsis</i> , <i>Helostoma</i> <i>Osphronemus gorami</i>	Common Gourami
	30 points	all <i>Sphaerichthys</i> <i>Betta macrostoma</i>	Chocolate Gouramis Brunei Beauty

GROUP 8
CICHLIDS

	5 points	<i>Cichlasoma nigrofasciatum</i> <i>Herotilapia multispinosa</i>	Zebra or Convict Cichlid
	10 points	None	
	20 points	all Lake Tanganyikan Cichlids not listed <i>Cichlasoma labiatum</i> all <i>Etroplus</i>	Red Devil Orange, Green/Banded
Chromides			
	30 points	all <i>Apistogramma</i> , <i>Apistogrammoides</i> , <i>Nannacara</i> all <i>Geophagus</i> all Lake Victoria Cichlids <i>Cyrtocara moorii</i> all <i>Symphysodon</i> , <i>Uaru</i> , <i>Crenicara</i> <i>Astronotus ocellatus</i> (all color forms) all Lake Tanganyikan mouthbrooders except: <i>Tropheus</i> , <i>Tilapia</i> all <i>Cichlasoma/Parapetenia</i> (except <i>salvini</i> , <i>trimaculatum</i>) all Madagascar Cichlids	Oscar

GROUP 9
PERCHES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>SCIENTIFIC NAME / GENUS species</u>	<u>TRADE (Common)</u>
9.1-Perches	5 points	None	
9.2-Badis	10 points	<i>Badis badis</i> Badis	
9.3-Sunfishes		<i>Chanda ranga</i>	
9.4-Glassfishes		<i>Chanda buruensis</i> Buru glassfish	
9.5-Flashers (Datnioides)		<i>Chanda baculis</i> Burmese glassfish	
9.6-Fingerfishes (Mono)	20 points	Centrarchidae Family Sunfishes	
9.7-Nandus (Leaf-fish)		<i>Chanda commersonii</i> Commerson's Glassfish	
9.8-Argusfishes (Scat)	30 points	<i>Monodactylus argenteus</i>	Fingerfish, Mono
9.9--Archerfishes		Nandidae Family	Leaf-fishes
		all <i>Etheostoma</i>	Darters
		all <i>Scatophagus</i>	Argusfishes (Scats)
		all <i>Toxotes</i>	Archerfishes

GROUP 10
TRUE BONY FISHES

10.1-Blue-Eyes	5 points	<i>Chilatherina bleheri</i>	Bleher's Rainbowfish
10.2-Bony-Tongued Fishes Barred Rainbowfish			<i>Chilatherina fasciata</i>
10.3-Butterfly Fishes		<i>Glossolepis incisus</i>	Rainbowfish
10.4-Featherbacks		<i>Melanotaenia boesemani</i>	Boesemani Rainbow
10.5-Four-eyes		<i>fluviatilis</i>	Australian Rainbowfish
10.6-Gobies		<i>maccullochi</i>	McCulloch's Rainbowfish
10.7-Sleeper Gobies		<i>monticola</i>	Mountain Rainbowfish
10.8-Knifefishes		<i>Melanotaenia splendida tatei</i>	Rainbowfish
10.9-Speckled Knifefishes North Nerw Guinea Rainbowfish	10 points		<i>Melanotaenia affinis</i>
10.10-American Knifefishes		<i>goldiei</i>	Goldie River Rainbowfish
10.11-Mormyrids		<i>lacustris</i>	Lake Katubu Rainbo
10.12-Mudminnows Rainbowfish		<i>maccullochi</i>	Dwarf or Black-Lined
10.13-Needlefish		<i>nigrans</i>	Dark Australian

Rainbowfish			
10.14-Pipefishes	10 points	<i>Melanotaenia splendida australis</i>	Western Splendid
Rainbowfish			
10.15-Pufferfish		all Sticklebacks	
10.16-Rainbow Fishes		<i>Tateornina ocellicauda</i>	Peacock Goby, Eye-Spot
Sleeper Goby			
10.17-Silversides		<i>Chlamydogobius eremius</i>	Desert Goby
10.18-Snake-heads	20 points	<i>Chilatherina lorentzi</i>	Lorentz's Rainbowfish
10.19-Spiny Eels		<i>Glossolepis maculosus</i>	Spotted Rainbowfish
10.20-Sticklebacks		<i>Iriatherina wernerii</i>	Thredfin Rainbowfish
		<i>Melanotaenia eachamensis</i>	Lake Eacham
Rainbowfish			
		<i>gracilis</i>	Slender Rainbowfish
		<i>herbertaxelrodi</i>	Lake Tebera Rainbowfish
		<i>Melanotaenia papuae</i>	Papuan Rainbowfish
		<i>Pantodon buchholzi</i>	Butterflyfish
		Umbridae Family unless listed elsewhere	Mud-minnows
		in this group	
	30 points	Atherinidae Family	Silversides
		all <i>Apteronotus</i>	Speckled Knifefishes
		<i>Cairnsichthys rhombosomoides</i>	Cairns Rainbowfish
		Channidae Family	Snakeheads
		<i>Dallia pectoralis</i>	Mudminnows
		Eleotridae Family unless listed elsewhere	Sleeper Gobie
		in this group	
		Gobiidae Family unless listed elsewhere	Gobies
		in this group	
		Mormyridae Family	Mormyrids (Elephantnose)
		Notopteridae Family	Featherbacks &
Knifefishes			
(includes Arowana)		Osteoglossidae Family	Bony-Tongued Fishes
		Rhamphichthyidae Family	American Knifefishes
		Tetraodontidae Family	Pufferfishes
	50 points	Belonidae Family Needlefishes	
		<i>Chilatherina campsi</i> Highlands Rainbowfish	
		<i>Chilatherina sentaniensis</i>	Sentani Rainbowfish
		Mastacembelidae Family	Spiny Eels
		Syngnathidae Family	Pipefishes

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION: LONG ISLAND AQUARIUM SOCIETY

(Under Section 402 of the Not- for- Profit Corporation Law)

The undersigned, being natural persons of at least eighteen years of age and acting as the incorporators of the corporation hereby being formed under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, certify that:

1. The name of the corporation is: LONG ISLAND AQUARIUM SOCIETY, INC.
2. The corporation is a corporation as defined in subparagraph (a) (5) of section 102 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.
3. The type of corporation which the corporation shall be under Section 201 of the Not- for- Profit Corporation Law is type (A).
4. The corporation is formed for the following purpose or purposes:
 - a. To promote interest, exchange ideas and encourage the breeding and showing of aquatic fishes.
 - b. To encourage cooperation and free intercourse among hobbyist, academics and experts and purveyors of aquatic life; to promote the study and improvement and breeding of aquatic life; to conduct lectures.
 - c. To foster a development in the community of an appreciation of the hobby of aquatic life keeping and breeding by taking part and sponsoring activities having that end in view.
 - d. To publish a journal for the benefit of the members, other similar societies and hobbyist. To raise funds for the promulgation of these purposes in all lawful manner.
 - e. To do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or in advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its members, directors or officers except as permitted under article 5 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. In furtherance of its corporate purposes, the corporation shall have all general powers enumerated in Section 202 of the Not-for-Profit Law, together with the power to solicit grants and contributions for corporate purposes.
5. The office of the corporation is to be located in the Suffolk County, State of New York.
6. The name and address of each of the initial directors of the corporation are as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

VINCENT KREYLING

163 Wilfred Blvd. Hicksville, NY 11801

MARY EVE BRILL

1 Dianne Court Nesconsett, NY 11767

GLENN PETERSON

528 Leader Ave. No. Babylon, NY 11703

7. The duration of the corporation is to be perpetual.
8. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the corporation upon whom process against the corporation may be served. The post office address within the State of New York to which The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the corporation served upon him is: 163 Wilfred Blvd. Hicksville, NY 11801
9. For the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation, it is hereby provided: The corporation shall be authorized by resolution of the Board of Directors to accept subventions from members or nonmembers, including any unit of government, on terms and conditions not inconsistent with the provisions of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law and to issue certificates thereof. Signed on May 27, 1997

Vincent Kreyling

Mary Eve Brill

Glenn Peterson

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION ISSUED ON JULY 13, 1997

BY-LAWS OF THE LONG ISLAND AQUARIUM SOCIETY, INC.

ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE

1. The corporation shall be dedicated to the mutual exchange of facts, experience and instruction in the care, feeding, raising and breeding of fish and plants for the home aquaria.

ARTICLE 2: PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES OF THE CORPORATION:

1. Such activities as may be determined by the Board of Trustees in order to further the purposes of the corporation as set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation & BY-LAWS
2. Ongoing Activities:
 - a. Hobbyist of the Year award.
 - b. Junior Hobbyist of the Year award.
 - c. Annual Junior Art & Coloring competition.
 - d. To encourage members to experiment with the propagation of fish and plants by entering award programs.
 - e. Promote the prevention of cruelty to animals by encouraging aquarists to care for and handle pets properly.
 - f. Encourage the propagation and protection of endangered species.
 - g. Publication of the Official Club Newsletter.
 - h. Exchange of publications with other societies.
 - i. Accept and encourage members to write original articles for publication in those publications.
 - j. Annual auction & or show.

ARTICLE 3: Membership

1. Membership is available to anyone interested in Ichthyology, Botany, or in any of its applied phases, and the objectives of the corporation. No person shall be denied membership because of race, creed, religious, or political affiliation, national origin, marital status or sex.
2. Honorary Membership may be granted to an individual by a majority vote of the members present at a regular general meeting. Such award shall be based on the contributions of the individual through their efforts in helping to bring about a better corporation. An Honorary Member shall retain full voting privileges while not being required to pay dues. Past Presidents shall automatically be granted an honorary membership after 1 full term.
3. General Membership is open to anyone 16 years of age or older. Entitled to one vote.
4. Junior Membership is open to anyone not having reached their 16th birthday. They must have an adult member as a sponsor and must be accompanied by an adult to all functions. Entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE 4: DUES

1. Dues for the membership shall be determined by the general membership. They shall be payable annually. Any member whose dues lapse beyond their anniversary date will lose their privileges until said dues are paid in full.

ARTICLE 5: MEETINGS

1. General society meetings shall generally be held on the third Friday of each month of the year, time and place to be determined by the Board of Trustees.

2. Board of Trustees meetings shall be held periodically. Members and non-members may attend the board meeting..
3. Special Meetings of the general membership or a board of trustees may be called at anytime by the president of the society, or by 3 members of the board, when it is deemed that a special meeting is warranted.

ARTICLE 6: ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

1. Election to the offices listed below will be held at the regular general meeting of the society in June annually.
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Corresponding Secretary
 - d. Recording Secretary
 - e. Treasurer.
2. To be eligible to hold an elective office, a candidate must be in good standing in the society for at least 3 months. Each office shall be voted upon separately and by secret ballot unless there is no contest. Voting must be in person; no proxies shall be permitted. An eligible member may be nominated to any number of offices, but may accept the election to only one office. Transfer of material and responsibility shall take place at the June Board of Trustees meeting.

ARTICLE 7: DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

1. President: The President shall preside over all meetings, appoint chairpersons of all committees, be ex-officio of all committees except the nominating committee, shall have the authority to co-sign checks with the treasurer or Vice President.
2. Vice President: The Vice President will preside in the absence or incapacitation of the President and perform all duties of that office. The Vice President shall act as the Program chairperson.
3. Corresponding Secretary: The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for letters and other correspondence. These shall be kept on file and be available to the BOT.
4. Recording Secretary: The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate and permanent records of the minutes of the General meetings and BOT meetings. Minutes shall be read at all BOT meetings for necessary review and approval.
5. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all funds collected and bills approved by the BOT. The Treasurer shall report at all BOT meetings on the progress of financial affairs. The Treasurer shall have the authority to co-sign checks with the President.

All officers and Committee Chairpersons shall be responsible to the Board of Trustees. Ultimate authority rests with the general membership.

ARTICLE 8: VACANCIES:

1. All vacancies of elected office shall be filled by appointment by the President of the society, or by special election, should he relinquish his rights to appointment. All appointees must have the same qualifications as candidates of that office.
2. Vacancies on the BOT are to be filled by appointment of the President.

ARTICLE 9: BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

1. The BOT shall consist of the following members who's term shall end with the election of a new President. The BOT shall always consist of an odd number of individuals.
2. Elected members:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Corresponding Secretary
 - d. Recording Secretary
 - e. Treasurer.
3. Appointed members:
 - a. Editor or Editors of the official publication
 - b. Membership Chairperson
 - c. NEC Delegate
 - d. FAAS Delegate
 - e. past President for 1 term.
4. Other Members:
 - a. Three or four members in good standing, not holding an elective office, appointed by the President.
5. DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 - a. The BOT is the governing body of LIAS. The Trustees are responsible for the management of the society as well as planning all activities.
 - b. To be responsible for the financial management of the club & to approve all expenditures over \$100.00, except for those designated monthly,(i.e., refreshments, Paradise Press, postage) and those pre-authorized expenditures under authority of committee chairpersons.
 - c. To approve, amend, or reject the minutes and other reports.
 - d. The BOT is responsible to the general membership to further the society's purpose as per Article 2, to enforce the By - Laws. All BOT members are required to attend the Board Meetings regularly. Failure to attend will constitute grounds for removal from the board as in accordance with Article 10.

ARTICLE 10: EXPULSION OR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE:

1. For the removal of Officers or Trustees the following conditions shall constitute grounds for removal from office.
 - a. Absence from 3 BOT meetings. (unexcused absences by BOT)
 - b. Mishandling of funds or membership property
 - c. Conduct which in any way shall be deemed detrimental to the society.

The President shall appoint a committee of 3 or 4 (not including himself) to investigate charges made against any member of the BOT or any elected officer concerning the conditions above. Such action shall be initiated upon signatures of 6 members in good standing (currently paid in full) calling for removal from office. This committee shall, within a reasonable period of time recommend whether or not a hearing shall be held to remove the Officer or Trustee. Should a hearing to remove be deemed necessary, the accused and the entire BOT shall be notified and a meeting date set. At that meeting the BOT shall come to a decision by a vote of the majority present. Removal or expulsion is immediate. Procedure for the replacement of a removed officer shall be the same as that for vacancies.

2. Expulsion of general members. Conduct considered to be detrimental to the society and its general members shall result in the immediate expulsion of a member upon the majority vote of the members of the BOT.

ARTICLE 11: DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. All committee chairpersons, except for the program chairperson, shall be appointed by the President. They shall serve for the same term as the officers unless reappointed. Each chairperson is responsible to the BOT.
2. Editor:
 - a. Will be responsible for the publication of the Official club newsletter.
 - b. To make sure that it is mailed before the general meeting day.
 - c. The Editor shall have the final decision as to what will be printed, except regarding committee reports, club notices, and other club business.
 - d. Controversial matters will be decided by the BOT, if not practical the Presidents decision stands.
3. Membership committee:
 - a. The membership chairperson shall be responsible for maintaining the clubs membership records in a business-like manner. He / she shall also be responsible for providing the Corresponding Secretary and the Editor with a list of the current and delinquent members each month.
 - b. Dues collected shall be promptly remitted to the Treasurer.
 - c. The chairperson shall verify candidates “good standing” at nomination and election time.
4. Exchange Editor:
 - a. Shall oversee the care and the maintenance of the library.
 - b. Materials shall be loaned to club members only.
 - c. Accurate records shall be kept of materials included in the library as well as those loaned out.
5. Bowl Show Chairperson:
 - a. Shall be responsible for obtaining awards for this program.
 - b. Shall insure compliance to the entry rules and provide a copy of those rules to club members upon demand. At the chairpersons discretion it is desirable to have the guest speaker act as judge of the bowl show.
 - c. The chair shall also keep accurate records of the winners, and points earned as necessary for the annual Bowl Show awards and for other award programs.
6. Program Committee:
 - a. The Vice President shall chair this committee.
 - b. Shall be responsible for planning and obtaining programs for each meeting of the general membership.
7. Refreshment Committee:
 - a. Shall be responsible for the purchase, preparation, and serving of refreshments at each general meeting.
8. Show Committee:
 - a. The Committee Chairperson(s) shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to the annual show. Meetings to plan the show are held regularly.
9. Raffle Committee:
 - a. Shall purchase tickets as necessary.
 - b. Handle the sale of tickets for the raffle.
 - c. Proceeds shall be remitted to the Treasurer or in his absence to the President or Vice President at the conclusion of each meeting
10. Auction Committee:
 - a. Shall be responsible for conducting the auction at the general meetings, soliciting merchandise and livestock for the auction.
 - b. All proceeds are to be remitted to the treasurer or the President at the conclusion of each meeting.
 - c. Information about splitting donation proceeds is also given to the Treasurer at the conclusion of each meeting.

11. Ways & Means Committee:
 - a. Shall study and recommend ways of raising funds for the society.
12. Sergeant at Arms:
 - a. The Sergeant at Arms shall be responsible for maintaining order, setting up, breaking down, and cleaning up after each meeting.
 - b. The Sergeant at Arms may appoint a staff either permanent or temporary to help with those tasks.

ARTICLE 12: SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. Opening of the regular meeting by the President.
2. Announcements & the award of the door prize.
3. Program presentation.
4. Refreshments break and bowl show judging.
5. Bowl show awards & any other awards.
6. Auction & raffle.
7. Solicit comments & suggestions from the floor.

ARTICLE 13: OFFICIAL PUBLICATION:

The official publication shall be named the “Paradise Press”. It shall be generally published monthly. It shall include monthly meeting notices and other club business as designated by the BOT. In addition to articles, it shall contain other pertinent information of interest to the membership.

ARTICLE 14: RULES OF ORDER:

Robert’s Rules of Order, as revised, shall be used except where they conflict with the By- Laws of the club.

ARTICLE 15: AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS:

1. Amendments may be made as follows:
 - a. A proposed amendment shall be presented in written form as a resolution, read on the open floor of the general meeting to the membership at large, and duly seconded by a member in good standing.
 - b. All members shall be advised, in a timely manner, (a minimum of 1 month in advance) of the proposed amendment(s) in the official publication of the club. Also included shall be the date the discussion and voting shall take place.
 - c. All amendments shall be considered adopted if approved by a two/ thirds vote of the members present at the pre-announced meeting date.

Article 16: COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS, TRUSTEES, AND OFFICERS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered. Such compensation shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.

Article 17: DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision to pay all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation. These assets shall go to any organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes, and at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future Internal Revenue code of the United States), as the board of Trustees shall determine.

THE JOE STRYJEWSKI AWARD

Joe Stryjewski was someone that always had a smile and hello for everyone. He never wavered in his dedication towards LIAS. When he took on a task you knew you could depend on him to follow through until completion. With these attributes in mind this award was created. It is not presented on a regular basis, it is awarded to recognize a special dedicated LIAS member.

THE WRITE STUFF AUTHORS AWARD PROGRAM

1. We are pleased to announce that we are instituting an “Author’s Award Program”. The purpose of this is to recognize the contributions of our members and to do as much as possible to encourage the sharing and disseminating of information.
2. Based upon the well known “Breeders Award Program”, we feel that recognition of tips , hints, methods, and novel ideas is every bit as important to a dynamic societal experience as successful husbandry. And just as a successful spawn is tangible proof of accomplishment, so is an article or photo-essay which shares your experience with the rest of the membership.
3. Points will be awarded to authors based upon submission criteria, and culminate with the following recognitions
 - a. One “Author of the Year” will be honored with a recognition certificate in addition to points for raffle, see below
 - b. Every contributing author will be acknowledged with points for a special raffle once per year.
 - i. the raffle will be held at the awards banquet of our December meeting
 - ii. each 5 points will qualify the recipient for a ticket
4. Eligibility
 - a. ALL club members are eligible.
 - i. Board members’ obligatory columns and reports are **not** eligible.
 - ii. Board members’ unique articles and submissions **are** eligible.
 - iii. Members are permitted to submit as many contributions as they can provide and are only limited by their time and efforts, and as space allows in the Paradise Press.
 - b. Only contributions that meet the “Original Content” definition apply
 - i. Created and owned by the author
 - ii. No previous printing here or elsewhere
 - iii. Significantly revised articles are ok: see 1 and 2 above
5. Types of and components of submissions
 - a. Article
 - i. a predominantly text item with or without illustrations
 - ii. may be a narrative, a simple list of tips and hints, or otherwise
 - iii. Text portion
 - (1) 5 pts per page
 - iv. Illustration portion
 - v. photos
 - (1) 2 pts per up to 5 max = 10
 - (2) drawing, graph, etc
 - (3) 5 pts per up to 3 max = 15
 - b. Photo Essay - a predominantly graphic item with explanatory captions
 - i. photos with captions
 - ii. 4 pts per up to 5 max = 20
 - iii. drawings, graphs etc with captions
 - (1) 10 pts per up to 3 max = 30
 - c. Photo for use on Cover
 - (1) 10 pts
 - d. Other, ie. jokes cartoons, puzzles,
 - i. 2 pts