

Diamond State Aquarium Society

Breeders' Award Program

The purpose of the DSAS Breeders' Award Program is to promote the breeding of freshwater/saltwater fish and invertebrates.

Rules/Requirements/Points

- Breeder must be a member of DSAS
- Minimum of six fry must be brought to a general meeting for verification by a member of the BAP Committee. The fry must be approximately 30-180 days old. The fry must be entered into the auction. If entered as a donation an additional 5 points will be issued.
- A completed BAP spawning report must be submitted at the time of verification. It is the breeder's responsibility to complete the form and to correctly identify the species of the fish spawned. The BAP Chair or a BAP committee member should be consulted if there is confusion as to the currently accepted scientific name.
- The spawning report must assign the fish to the appropriate BAP Class.
- The spawning must have occurred in the breeder's own tank(s).
- A brief article (minimum 150 words) on how the species was conditioned, spawned and fry reared may be submitted for publication in the Gravel Gossip. An additional amount of points equal to the original entry amount will be awarded to the breeder after the article is published.
- A presentation on the spawning may be given at a DSAS meeting to receive an additional amount of points equal to the original entry amount.
- Rules and requirements may be waived for individual circumstances at the discretion of the BAP chairperson, with Board approval.
- Within each class, fish are divided into groups based upon the relative difficulty of spawning and/or difficulty in raising the fry. Groups are assigned values of 5 (Group A), 10 (Group B), 15 (Group C) or 20 points (Group D).
- The BAP committee will maintain records for individual members listing all species spawned, fry submitted, articles submitted, classes credited and points awarded. It is the breeder's responsibility to ensure that they receive the proper credit for their accomplishments.
- C.A.R.E.S. species will receive 5 bonus points. Points awarded will be the value at the time of the spawning. Previous spawns will not be awarded additional points if a species is upgraded in point group due to changes in this program.
- Breeder of the Year Award - Most Points - Framed Certificate - Each year an award will be presented at the annual awards presentation to the BAP participant who has achieved the highest number of points in the BAP program during the period from January 1 through December 31.

Lifetime Achievement Awards

Rookie Breeder - requires 100 points - Framed Certificate

Novice Breeder - requires 200 points and 1 completed class - Framed Certificate & \$50 DSAS Bucks

Advanced Breeder - requires 500 points and 2 completed classes – Framed Certificate & \$50

Expert Breeder - requires 750 points and 3 completed classes - Plaque & \$75

Master Breeder - requires 1000 points and 4 completed classes – Plaque & \$100

Grand Master Breeder - requires 2000 points and completion of 5 classes. Plaque and a lifetime membership to DSAS.

Class Specialist Awards

Advanced Class Breeder - Framed Certificate - Member must have completed two times (2X) the class requirement and written an article for Gravel Gossip or given a presentation at a DSAS meeting about the keeping and/or breeding of a qualifying class species in the class.

Expert Class Breeder – Framed Certificate - Member must have achieved "Advanced Class Breeder" status in the class, completed three times (3X) the class requirement, and written two articles for Gravel Gossip or given two presentations at a DSAS meeting, or one article and one presentation.

Master Class Breeder - Plaque - Member must have achieved "Expert Class Breeder" status in the class, bred a total of 4 times (4X) the class requirement and written three articles for Gravel Gossip or given 3 presentations at a DSAS meeting, or a combination of articles and presentations totaling three.

Classes & Completion Requirements

Class 1: Livebearers - 6 species

Group A - Xiphophorus helleri, maculatus and variatus, all Heterandria, all livebearers not listed in other point groups

Group B - All species in the family Goodeidae not listed elsewhere, all Xiphophorus not listed elsewhere, all species of the genera Limia and Phallichthys species not listed elsewhere

Group C – All halfbeaks, All Characodon species, All Allotoca species

Group D – Belonesox belizanus, Allophorus robustus, All freshwater stingrays, all Jenynsia sp., Anableps anableps, Skiffia francesae, Hubbsina turneri

Class 2: Catfish - 4 species

Group A – none

Group B - Corydoras aeneus and paleatus and all Ancistrus

Group C - all other Callichthyidae, Synodontis multipunctatus and all other cuckoo spawning Mochokidae, Otocinclus and its allies, Ricola, Sturisoma, Sturisomatichthys and Farlowella

Group D - All other catfish, any Doradid, Pimelodid, Panaque, Liasomadoras oncinus, Akysidae sp., all Panoquolus sp.

Class 3: Cyprinids – 6 species

Group A - all danios, all Tanichthys, all Pimephales

Group B - Rasbora trilineata, Rasbora borapetensis, all barbs under 7" maximum size, all minnows not listed elsewhere

Group C - all rasboras not listed elsewhere, all North American minnows not listed elsewhere,

Group D - all barbs over 7" maximum size, bitterlings, Trigonostigma species not listed elsewhere, Tinfoil Barbs, Bitterlings, Welaka, Trigonostigma heteromorpha

Class 4: Characoids - 4 species

Group A - Gymnocorymbus ternetzi

Group B – All Hyphessobrycon sp., All Hemigrammus sp.

Group C - All Nematobrycon sp., all characoids not listed elsewhere

Group D - Silver Dollars and their allies, all hatchetfish, all Exodon sp., all Crenuchid characoids not listed elsewhere. Piranhas and their allies, Phenacogrammus interruptus, Paracheirodon axelrodi, Distichodus, Thoracocharax sp., all Poeciliocharax sp.

Class 5: Killifish - 6 species

Group A - Fundulopanchax gardneri and nigerianum; Aphyosemion australe; Epiplatys dageti, Aplocheilus lineatus

Group B - All Killifish not listed in any other group

Group C - Micropanchax, Neofundulus species not listed elsewhere

Group D - Callopanchax species not listed elsewhere, Cyprinodon species not listed elsewhere, Fundulopanchax amieti, Fundulus lima, Micropanchax antinorii, All Moema sp., Nothobranchius rachovii, furzeri, orthonotus Pantanodon sp. Poropanchax myersi Rachovia stellifer, Simpsonichthys magnificus

Class 6: Anabantoids - 5 species

Group A - Macropodus opercularis, Trichopodus trichopterus

Group B - Betta pugnax, all bubble nesting Bettas not listed elsewhere, all Trichopodus not listed elsewhere, Colisa, all Macropodus not listed elsewhere, Parosphronemus cupanus, Parosphronemus dayi,

Group C - all mouthbrooding Bettas not listed elsewhere, Bettas of the B. coccina complex; all species of the following genera: Trichopsis, Belontia, Helostoma, Ctenops,

Group D - Betta channoides, All Sphaerichthys species, All Osphronemus species, All Malpulutta species,- Betta macrostoma and albimarginata, Sphaerichthys osphromenoides, all Parosphronemus species not listed elsewhere, all Ctenopoma species

Class 7: New World Cichlids - 6 species

Group A - C. nigrofasciatum

Group B - Pterophyllum scalare, Geophagus steindachneri, all substrate spawners not listed elsewhere

Group C - Astronotus, Apistogramma and its relatives not listed elsewhere, Acaronia, Neetroplus, Caquetaia, Chaetobranchopsis, Chaetobranchus, Crenicara, Crenicichla, Gymnogeophagus, Hypselacara, Retroculus, Tahuantinsuyoa, Symphysodon, Taeniacara, all mouthbrooders not listed elsewhere

Group D – Amititlania altoflava, Roccio spinosissima, all Retroculus sp., Apistogramma kullanderi , All Uaru species, Taeniacara candidi, All Biotecus sp., All Tomocichla sp., Apistogramma cruzi

Class 8: Old World Cichlids - 6 species

Group A - Hemichromis, mouthbrooders from the genera Tilapia and Sarotherodon, Hap. burtoni and closely related species

Group B - all cichlids from Lakes Malawi, Victoria and Kivu not listed elsewhere, Neolamprologus brichardi and its relatives, Julidochromis, all West African riverine cichlids not listed elsewhere, Pseudocrenilabrus

Group C - all species from Lake Tanganyika not listed elsewhere, all Etroplus species

Group D – All Boulengerochromis species, Lamp. compressiceps and its allies, Lamprologus sexfasciatus, Lake Tanganyika 'featherfins,' - Cyathopharynx furcifer, Lamp. tredocephalus, Tanganyikan goby cichlids, Teleogramma brichardi, All Paretroplus sp.

Class 9: Rainbows and Blue Eyes - 6 species

Group A – none

Group B - *Melanotaenia axelrodi*, *boesemani*, *lacustris*, *praecox*, *splendida* and *trifasciata*, *Bedotia madagascarensis*

Group C - All rainbows not listed elsewhere

Group D – All rainbows and blue - eyes listed as CARES. *Iriatherina wernerii*

Class 10: Sharks, Loaches & Eels - 1 species

Group A – None

Group B – None

Group C - None

Group D - All species

Class 11: Other Aquatic Animals - 6 species

Group A - all freshwater snails

Group B – All *Neocaridina* sp., all freshwater invertebrates not listed elsewhere

Group C – All other freshwater shrimps; aquatic frogs

Group D – All newts, axolotls, *Pipa pipa*

Class 12: U.S. Native Species - 6 species

Group A - *Gambusia affinis*, *Heterandria formosa*, *Poecilia latipinna* and all livebearing species native to the United States.

Group B - *Cyprinodon variegatus*, *Elassoma evergladei* (pigmy sunfish), *Jordanella floridae* (Florida flag fish), and all other egg-laying species native to the United States not listed elsewhere.

Group C – All *Cyprinodon* species not listed elsewhere, All "sunfish" except *Elassoma evergladei*, and all "minnows"

Group D - All other pupfish. All Darters and Sculpins

Class 13: Marine Fish & Invertebrates - 3 species

Group A - *Aiptasia*, all brittleworms and their allies

Group B - pigmy seahorse, all soft corals, colonial anemones, mushrooms, brittle starfish, all worms not listed elsewhere

Group C - Pomacentridae, neon gobies, tropical seahorses, *Pseudochromis*, small polyp stony corals, large polyp stony corals, univalve mollusks

Group D - Coldwater seahorses, all marine fish species not listed elsewhere, large polyp stony corals reproduced sexually, all other invertebrates not listed elsewhere, dragonets, firefish, *Centropyge*, bivalve mollusks, cephalopods, echinoderms other than brittle stars

Class 14: All Other Freshwater Fish - 4 species

Group A - None

Group B - All Badis, & Dario species, all rice fishes and fish not listed elsewhere

Group C - *Carassius auratus* (goldfish: all varieties), *Tateurndina ocelicauda*, and *Chlamydogobius eremius* (desert goby)

Group D - Koi, *Pantodon*, *Polypterus*, leaf fish and their allies, *Mogurnda Mogurnda*, Nandids, Tetraodontidae, mudskippers, scats, monos , - *Pantodon buchholzi*, All *Brachygobius* species, *Monodactylus sebae*, and all gobies/gudgeons not listed elsewhere