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MEETING NOTICE

The General Meeting will be held
Wed., March 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM
at the Somersworth High School
in Somersworth, N.H.

Next BOD Meeting will be held on
Monday, March 20, 2017
at 7pm
at Sandy and Chuck Smith's home

MARCH MEETING

**Wednesday,
March 8, 2017**

GET READY FOR NHAS AUCTION!

bowl show • photo show
auction

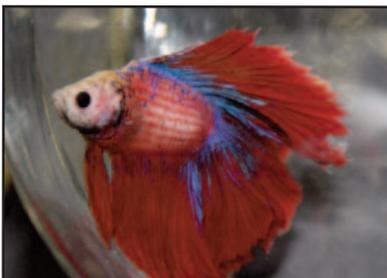
refreshments and raffle prizes

Everyone is looking forward
to seeing you there!

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Denise Brown.....(603) 436-0788

Faxline to Editor.....(603) 431-5714



Bring in your fish photos for
NHAS Photography Contest!

PREZ SAYS!



Greetings and Happy Almost Spring! We are just about to turn the calendar over to March and there is lots of excitement in the air! Spring is right around the corner but even better... our Annual Auction is less than a month away!! That's right – Sat., March 25th will be our annual auction at St. James Church in Portsmouth, NH! This is our annual fund raiser and we are looking forward to our best yet!! Now is a great time to start looking through your fishy stuff... have 1 to many tanks (is that even possible)? Bring one to the auction! Bunch of fry you don't have room for? Bring them to the auction!! Plants overcrowding your tank? That's right – bring them to the auction! It's a great opportunity to organize your stuff, put a few bucks in your pocket and help out the NHAS!

Our March meeting will be about getting organized, making signs and signing up volunteers to help at the auction – we look forward to seeing everyone at the monthly meeting on the 8th AND the Annual Auction on the 25th!!

— Keith Richardson, NHAS President

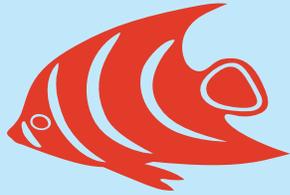
PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP SET UP & BREAKDOWN AND MISC... AT NHAS AUCTION

Share your stories – Write an article.
Your might win the Bill Janetos Editor's award!

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**New Hampshire
Aquarium Society**



**Welcome
New
Members**

**Congrats to
Raffle Winners!**



Denise
won the
mixed bag
of goods

**Buy Raffle
Tickets to
Support our Club.**

NHAS BOD MEETING FEB. 20, 2017

The February meeting of the NHAS board of directors was held at the home of Jennifer and Keith Richardson on February 20th, 2017. In attendance were Denise Brown, Joe Dreckman, Jennifer Richardson, Keith Richardson, Chuck Smith, Don Van Pelt, and Anita Weidnecht. The first order of business was to pay bills. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Denise \$175.50 for plaques and \$24.00 for award certificates giving a total of \$199.50. The motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Don \$75.00 for the cost of the application to the state to reinstate our nonprofit status. The motion passed.

Chuck reported on programs for future meetings. The March meeting will be used to prepare for the annual auction, April Richard Pierce will give us a virtual tour of his fish room, at the May meeting Ann Whitman will speak on back porch ponds and in June Richard Ross will tell us about Sting Rays. This is an impressive line-up and the results of some really good work by Chuck Smith. **Thanks Chuck!**

Other committee reports went quickly with little discussion. It was noted that in the future the photo contest will be digital. All entries should be sent by noon on the Sunday immediately preceding the monthly meeting. These should be sent to Keith using the President's contact on the NHAS website, mhaquariumsociety.com.

There was considerable discussion concerning the annual auction in March. A motion was made and seconded that the prize for the special member raffle would be an Aqueon Evolve desktop tank. The motion passed. It was decided to create a list of fish and plants that will be available at the auction. Members are asked to submit a list that will be compiled by Keith and then sent out as a form of advertisement for the auction. There will be a meeting at the Richardson's on Sunday, March 19th, 2017 to process all of the pre-registrations.

A trip to Ken's Fish in Taunton, MA on March 4 was discussed and a motion was made and seconded that we spend \$300.00 at Kens to purchase hardware for our monthly raffles and auctions. The motion passed.

The next board meeting will be held at the home of Sandy and Chuck Smith on March 20th, 2017. Remember, all members are welcome at all board meetings.

— Respectfully submitted by Don Van Pelt, Sec. NHAS

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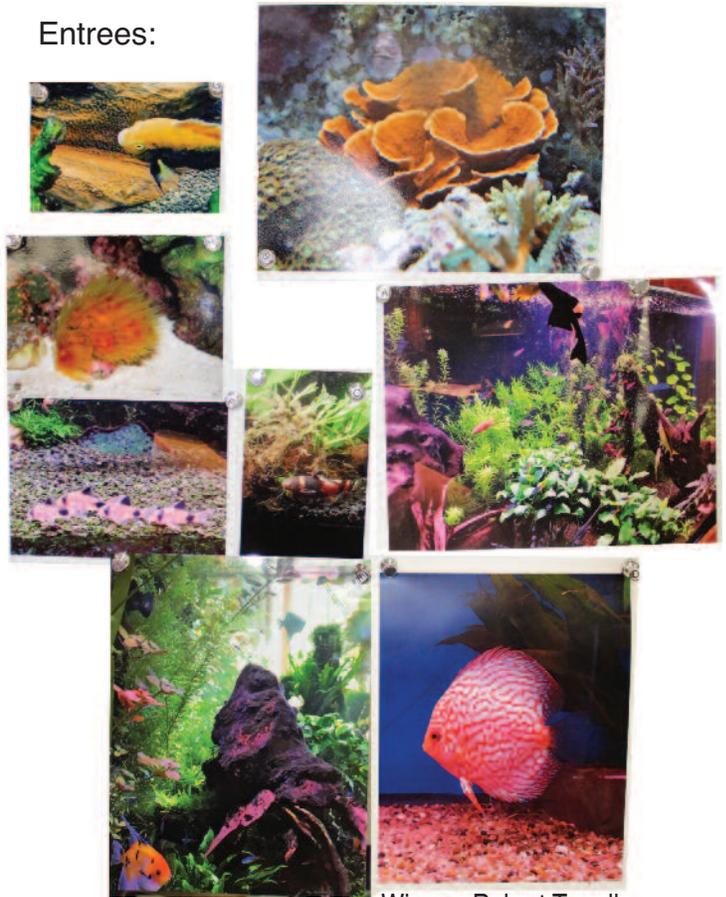
Share Your Fishy Stories & Pictures
Send in your fishy stories and photos to the editor
BY THE 25th of EVERY MONTH.

It's fun to see your news & photos in the Granite Fisher!

2017 Best of Best Photo Show

**Congratulations to
2017
Winner
Robert Tyrrell
for his
Discus photo**

Entrees:



Winner: Robert Tyrrell

February 2017 Bowl Show Winners

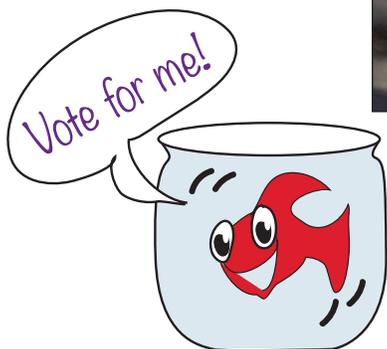
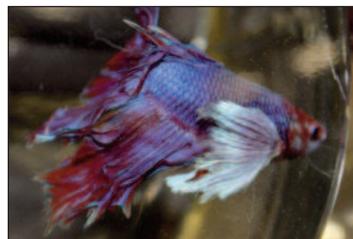
**First: Don Van Pelt
Austral Lyretail Killi**

**Second: Don Van Pelt |
Blue Betta**

**Third: Martha Bonney
Blonde Guppy**

Bowl Show Rules

1. The bowl show is open to all members and all entries must be accompanied by their owner.
2. Members may bring up to three fish.
3. Members must have owned the fish for three months prior to the entry.
4. Containers must have one flat side.
5. There are to be no decorations on or in the container.
6. The fish will be judged by all present and awards will be given for first, second, and third place based on popular vote.
7. Points will be given for each place (first-4 points, second-3 points, third-2 points).
In the case of a tie, tying members will be given equal points.
8. With the exception of the Best of the Best, first place winners may not be reentered in future bowl shows within the calendar year.
9. At the end of the year awards will be given to the members with the most points.
10. Bowl show points are to be awarded on an individual basis, not on a family membership basis.
11. No fish that has been surgically altered (Examples of which are, but not limited to, dying, tattooing or trimming of fins) may be entered in any "NHAS" bowl show.



**Will you be the next
Winners**

**Bring in your most spectacular fish
and enter the Bowl Show!
See you next month —Martha**

Thank You NHAS Supporters 2016/2017!

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Aquarist Points as of 2/2017

Please let Don Van Pelt know if
any question on this information:

NAME	Feb.	YTD
BONNEY, MARTHA	16	18
BROWN, DENISE	2	4
CARLETON, ELI	0	0
CASE, JASON	0	0
CLICK, AMY	0	0
DESMARAIS, I	0	2
DRECKMAN, JOSEPH	0	2
DUDLET, CAMERON	10	10
HAYES, MARK	0	0
JONES, SHAWN	0	0
KLICK, AMY	0	0
KOOKEN, JASON	0	0
PEARSON, JOHN	0	2
RICHARDSON, JENNIFER	0	2
RICHARDSON, KEITH	8	10
SITEK, ALEX	6	6
SMITH, CHARLES	8	10
SPOFFORD, STEPHEN	0	2
STIRK, BEN	0	2
TERRIL, RICHARD	0	0
TYRRELL, ROBERT	4	4
VAN PELT, DONALD	9	11
WASIEWSKI, ED	3	5
WEIDNECHT, ANITA	2	4

GENERAL MEETING: February 2017

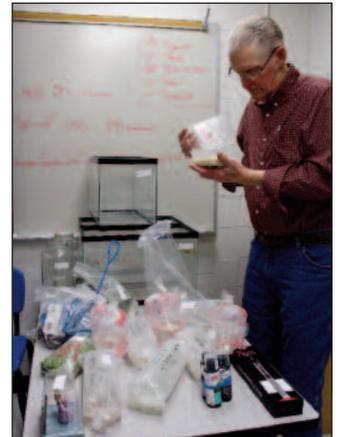
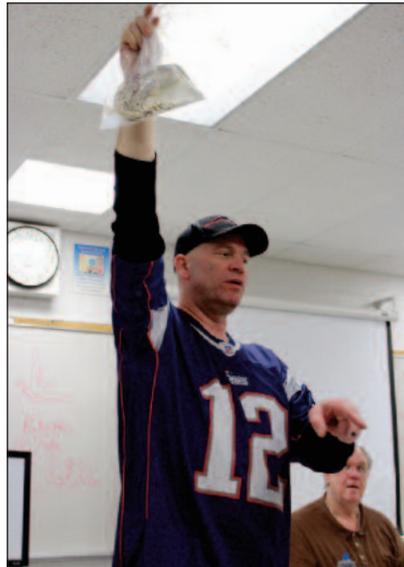
Around 7:20 PM on February 8th, 2017, president Keith Richardson called the monthly meeting of the New Hampshire Aquarium Society to order by saying, "Let's eat". With twenty people in attendance the delicious pizzas were quickly distributed and eaten. This meeting was our annual home video night with the added attraction of pizza. Before the showing of the videos Keith had a few announcements. First, there was a brief replay of the fifty-first Super bowl (which really was super) and then comments mostly concerning the annual auction on March 25th.

Following the announcements it was video time. No exact count was taken but there must have been videos from six to eight people. Between munching on pizza and enjoying some really nice videos everyone seemed to have a fun evening. After the videos there was lots of 'fishy' talk along with voting on the bowl show and the best of the best photo show.

The winner of the Annual Best of the Best Photo Contest was Bob Tyrrell. Nice going, Bob.

The evening ended with the drawing for the raffle, announcement of the winners of the bowl show and the monthly photo contest. The final event was a rather large auction with some beautiful fish and the usual great buys.

— Respectfully submitted by Don Van Pelt, Sec. NHAS



Is it time to Volunteer?

All positions are open and maybe it's your turn
to step up and help the club as an officer or director
on our Board. Think about volunteering2017!

It's easy and fun!



**Bring in your
pretty fish
and compete
in the Bowl Show!**

**The deadline
for articles and
photos is the 25th
of every month.**

Treasurer's Report

Financial Report - February 2017

Beginning Balance: \$3,834.48

February Income \$127.30

Raffle	\$12.00
Member Dues:	
Cam Dudley	\$20.00
Monthly Auction:	\$44.00

February Expenses \$375.93

Kendall Pond Pizza	\$116.78
(Pizza/Movie Night)	
Rollinsford Postmaster	\$58.00
2017 PO Box Renewal	
Central MA Aquatics	\$149.85
Fish for 2017 Club Auction	
Central MA Aquatics	\$51.30
Balance of order for Jennifer Richardson	

Ending Balance: \$3,585.85



**Welcome
New Members**

Hey, Take my picture!

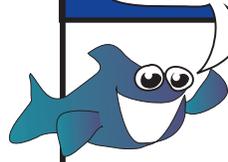


Photo Contest Rules

**February 2017 Winners:
First - Keith Richardson - Orange Plate Coral**

First: Keith Richardson
"Mandarin"

Second: Martha Bonney
"Long Fin Bristlenose
Plecostomus"



**Please EMAIL your entry from now on.
DO NOT bring a PRINTED photo to the next meeting**

1. **The Photo Show** is open to all members. Members must take the photograph and accompany the entry to the show.
2. Members may bring up to two photos, unframed, measuring up to 8.5x11 inches per meeting.
3. Photos will be judged by all present and awards will be given for first, second and third place based on popular vote.
4. The First Place photo cannot be reentered for the current year. NHAS will hold on to all First Place photos until the November meeting. Second and Third Place photos may be reentered in future shows.

At November meeting all first place photos will be judged for the Best Photo of the Year. A plaque will be awarded to the Best Photo of the Year winner.

**Email YOUR PHOTO SHOW Entry
DIGITAL FORMAT**

**We now accept and digital photos! Please Do NOT
bring in printed photos for the photo show.**

NHAS T-Shirts Pick Up:

Club t-shirts will be at March meeting!
Featuring three angels and the Old Man of the
Mountain by 2016 President, Robert Tyrrell.

S-XL = \$8.75 XXL-XXXL = \$11.75



**Make check to Denise Brown
or cash for your order at the
March meeting.**

**Shirts will be black with
white ink or order at
denise@adceteragraphics.com**

New Hampshire Aquarium Society

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President.....Keith Richardson
Vice-President.....Martha Bonney
Secretary.....Don Van Pelt
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Joe Dreckman • Larry Feltz
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Refreshments.....Martha Bonney
Photo Show Chairperson.....Keith Richardson

New Hampshire Aquarium Society is a non-profit organization comprised of local aquarists. It meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, except July and August. The Granite-Fisher is the official publication of the New Hampshire Aquarium Society and is published monthly except July and August.

The Bill Janetos Editor's Award 2016-17

The Editor is soliciting original entries from NHAS members to be published in the Granite-Fisher. Any drawing, poem, cartoon, puzzle and article will receive an entry in the drawing at the November general meeting 2017. (YEAR SUBSCRIPTION TO AMAZONAS MAGAZINE)

Bring a friend to our next meeting and get an Aquarist point for a first time guest. Find out more about Aquarist points and the year end prize! See you at the NHAS meeting.

MEMBER APPLICATION

Date:
Name:
Address:
City: State: Zip:
Email:
Phone:

What is your main interest in the hobby?

What fish do you keep, if any?

- [] New [] Renewal
[] Family [] Individual
[] Subscription Only

How did you hear about the club?

Dues are \$15.00 per year for an Individual or \$20.00 per year for a Family, and includes a one year subscription to the "Granite Fisher". Subscription only is \$10.00 per year.

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