Next NEC Event: NEC 4th Quarter BOG Meeting  
November 19, 2019 @ 7:30 PM  
Conference Call: (712) 451-1055 (916159#)

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*Non-NEC Events are shown in Italics*  
(F2F)= Face to Face  
(CC) – Conference Call

*General NEC meetings are held at 7:00 PM and BOG meetings are held at 7:30 PM (unless otherwise noted)*  
The NEC does not coordinate dates for club events, but does publish this monthly calendar for your convenience. Prior to selecting a date for your club's next event, please check the NEC calendar for availability, and then notify me of the new date immediately at BRomeo1234@optonline.net or by phone @ 914-433-2556. The NEC advertises for NEC clubs and National/International Organizations in the NEC calendar.
The North East Council is your council. We exist for you and we could not exist without you. We act on behalf of you, our member clubs. We keep tract of legislation which might impact the hobby, thereby giving power to your collective voice. We bring in speakers from afar to give you an opportunity to see and hear expert experience you wouldn't have otherwise been able to access. We run numerous programs, competitions and contests for you, some with cash prizes. We have a library of recorded programs for you. We gather once a year in a central location to encourage inter-club communication and camaraderie. Your newsletter keeps all in touch and informed. All this and more is designed, administered and operated by volunteers, You!

Won't you help us help you? If your happy with our efforts join the team. If your unhappy with our efforts join the team! There is always room for improvement and we know it. All we need is YOU.

This is a special year for the Workshop. The 45\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary shows that along sequence of caring volunteers have been doing something right. Just as the word sequence implies, new people are needed to replace those who wish to retire, people who care enough to take on a job that needs doing. No-one can deny that Leslie is one of those people. She has tirelessly, steadfastly and reliably shouldered the burden of Convention Chair. Unfortunately this will be her last year in that job. No-one has done more during her tenure and we cannot thank her enough. Filling her shoes will require a whole team of us, and that's no joke. Fortunately, her advanced notice gives us the opportunity to train her replacement(s) but only if you come forward soon. If you care to see this tradition to which so many have devoted so much continue, step up, come forward, work with her. Learn from her and she will teach you what to
do and how to do it. The job is big and will require time, you'll have help, guidance and a team. You won't have to do it all yourself, as I said no-one person will be expected to fill these shoes.

I know that several of you have issues with the Red Lion Hotel, some of them quite serious. The Hotel has had issues, there's no denying it. Even they know it. They have agreed to ease our contracted minimums. This is very good news. I am pleased to offer this year’s Workshop attendees new options, which we would have been penalized for before. Across the street is a Quality Inn with less expensive rooms. On the corner is a Super 8 with even less expensive rooms. Both are a very short walk, but please take care crossing the street.

Happy Holidays!!
Russ
(339) 235-2545
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Convention Update

Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies

APRIL 17-19 2020 CROMWELL, CT 45TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
SPEAKERS * SHOWS * VENDORS * AUCTIONS * ALL WELCOME!

Date: April 14-17, 2020, our 45th Annual Convention!
Location: Red Lion Hotel, Berlin, CT

Vendors: If you would like to vend at the convention, please contact Nancy Villars at NECConvention@ao.com.

Donors and Sponsors: if you would like to donate product or sponsor the convention, please contact Barbara Romeo at bromeo1234@optonline.net.

Club Presidents: IMPORTANT - Please send me the club member who will be the contact to be listed in the convention booklet, and for those clubs that don’t have a generic half-page club
ad in the booklet, please send an updated ad as soon as possible. Unless this information is not sent to me, the information from last booklet will appear in this year’s booklet. I need your help this year to update the convention booklet!

If you have held club officer elections, please send your current list of officers to Barbara Romeo at bromeo1234@optonline.net so that she can update the NEC contact list. Thank you!

**Speakers:** I am pleased to announce the current group of confirmed speakers to date! This year, we will be joined by Mike Hellweg, Les Kaufman, Gary Lange, Anthony Mazaroll, Jack McCarley, and Greg Sage. We will be learning about rainbow fishes, livebearers, visit Cambodia and the Peruvian Amazon, and Lake Victoria, and we will learn about two types of planted tanks construction.

![Pictures](Images)

Pictures (left to right):
- Mike Hellweg
- Anthony Mazaroll
- Les Kaufman
- George Sage
- Gary Lang
Volunteers: This convention, our 45th, is my last year as convention chairman. We need volunteers to join the convention Committee and take on one of the jobs/responsibilities that are crucial to hold a successful convention. Many thanks to Artie Platt for stepping up and assuming the Sunday Auction Chairmanship!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Leslie
NECConventionChair@gmail.com

Aquatics Update on Legislative and Regulatory Matters
By Peach Reid, PIJAC Board Chair

HAWAII – The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been completed, and this comprehensive 400+ page document is set for publication. PIJAC’s Bob Likins, Vice President of Government Affairs, is working with our attorney and various government and legislative parties. It will be about another 6 months before the Oahu EIS is completed (Hawaii – “the big island” - and Oahu are the 2 major areas for fish collection).

CITES – The 18th Conference of the Parties to CITES, attended by Bob Likins and Marshall Meyers, proposed a one year study to assess the entire marine aquatics trade. The proposal is primarily from and supported by anti-aquatics and animal trade activists, who were unfortunately in the majority of those in attendance (well-funded activist groups could send as many representatives as they wanted, while the pet trade does not have that kind of funding). The proposal calls for a one year study (too short a time to be meaningful) which would include assembling inaccurate and out-of-date material. Additionally, much available information does not separate aquarium fish from food fish. An accurate and through assessment would take more time and needs the significant input of the marine trade (requiring time and money). Since the conference, PIJAC, OFI (Ornamental Fish International) and OATA (Ornamental Aquatic have composed a letter stating that “if this proposal is undertaken in a well-considered manner, a viable and long-term sustainable future for our sector could be achieved – a desire we all share and one which goes to the very heart of CITES.”

For further information on all PIJAC activities, to join PIJAC, or to donate to the Aquatic Fund, please contact www.pijac.org/
It is with deep sadness as we learned of John’s Todaro’s passing. John was past president of Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY). John also created and was the editor of BASNY’s publications Bulletin and The Aquatic.


Many of us socialized with John at the annual NEC conventions. He will be greatly missed.
NECA has added a Forum and Trading Post to their website to make sure their members can buy and sell fish as well as ask questions and get answers on a venue other than Facebook. Go to www.necichlids.org and sign up for the Forum/Trading Post and look over what fish are already listed. And, obviously, feel free to list yours too!

**NEC Articles Competition Winner Entry Reprint**

**2017 Junior Class Article – 1st Place Winner “My Experience at the NEC Fish Auction” by Oliver Mackinnon**

Our next reprint (on the following page) won 1st place in the 2017 Junior category by Oliver Mackinnon. It was published within Tropical Fish Club of Burlington’s April 2017 publication *In Depth* pg 14.
My Experience at the NEC Fish Auction

By Oliver Mackinnon

For weeks I had been looking forward to the auction at the NEC Fish Convention, which was held on the third day of the conference. When my mom and I first arrived at the Sheraton Hotel in Rocky Hill, CT, we immediately went into the large room where the auction was held.

My mother checked in to get our number for placing the bids, and I went over to look at the 500+ fish that were laid out on multiple tables in the front of the room. I wrote down which fish I might be interested in, and how much I would be willing to spend. We got our number, went to the back of the room, and sat down.

“The first time I bid, it was hard for me to hold up the sign because I didn’t like the feeling of knowing that I was about to get caught up in an auction. Sadly, I didn’t win my first item but I did get more comfortable each time I bid. I bid about five times before I won four bronze cory cats for $14. I then made two more bids before I won three kuhli loaches for $12. I thought that I had gotten a good deal for the kuhli loaches and an average deal for the bronze catfish.

When we left the auction, it was 6:00 PM, which meant we had been there for four hours. Before we drove back to our house in New Haven, I decided that it would be a good idea to put my fish underneath my coat so they would stay warm. When we arrived, they went into a 10-gallon quarantine tank. I’ve had them for 10 days and all the fish seem very healthy.
For Your Generous Donation towards KHV Research!
If your club would like to make a donation, go to:
https://koiorganisationinternational.org/koi-donations

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Get Supplement #7 for your Guide!
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New Class of “Group” Water Quality Students from the British Koi Keepers Society!

Did you know:
K.O.I. Offers GROUP Courses at 1/2 PRICE?
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Would your club like to offer a GROUP Course?
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ALL NEW Course!
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Topics Include:
- Air lifts
- Heating a pond
- Dissolved organic carbon
- Trickle towers/Bakki showers
- Ozone
- Improving basics, and TONS more
Check the web site often and sign up!
NOVEMBER 2019 MEETING

Saturday November 16, 2019 at 1:00 PM

Speaker, Raffle, Door Prize, Auction and Refreshments

This Month’s Speaker:

Rick Borstein

No Buckets, No Hoses: Automating Water Changes in Your Fishroom

Rick Borstein is the Webmaster of the Greater Chicago Cichlid Association (GCCA), President of the Chicago Livebearer Society (CLS) and President of the Federation of American Aquarium Societies (FAAS). Rick was the Chairman of the successful 2006 American Cichlid Association Convention held in Chicago, IL. Rick has spawned over 200 species of cichlids and is one of only fourteen people to hold the title of Master Breeder in the GCCA. Rick’s basement fishroom has 44 tanks ranging in size from 5 gallons to 240 gallons. Rick is primarily interested in cichlids and livebearers.

How would you like to change the water in 35 fish tanks in under an hour . . . automatically? In “Automating Water Changes in your Fish Room”, Rick Borstein will tell you how to build an automatic water changing system. That’s right, no more buckets, hoses or Pythons! You can save hours of time each week. In this talk, you’ll learn about various types of automatic water changing systems and tips on how to drill tanks, set up drain lines and plumb fresh water back to your tanks. This talk includes plenty of animations and video, so you can see how it all works in practice.
If you would like to advertise your monthly meetings or special events, please forward the information to Barbara Romeo @ mailto:bromeo1234@optonline.net by the tenth of each month. Be sure to include all pertinent information (location, time, contact person or website for additional information) in your announcement.
Danbury Area Aquarium Society (DAAS) Meeting
Friday - 11/22/2019
7:30 PM

Presents
"Fishy Bingo & Member Night"

100% of Auction Proceeds to DAAS Vendor Member & 50/50 split for non-DAAS member auction items

At Laura Sprain Memorial Cornerstone Park
1 Fair Street, Carmel, NY 10512

PLEASE PARK IN THE REAR OF THE BUILDING & WALK AROUND TO THE FRONT ENTRANCE

All Welcomed
(1st meeting free for non-members)
Please note that all NEC clubs are listed on the NEC website’s homepage, and have a link to each of the local club’s websites if you need additional information for any of the club meeting.

Nov 2019

Nov 16
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County (ACLC)
Rick Borstein
“No Buckets, No Hoses: Automating Water Changes in Your Fishroom”
More info: https://www.aclcpa.org/

Nov 17
South Jersey Guppy Group (SJGG)
Mike Soda
“IFGA”

Nov 18
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Rick Rego
“Marine Mammals & Sea Turtles of New England”
More info: http://www.bostonaquariumsociety.org

Nov 20
Central New York Aquarium Society (CNYAS)
Eric Maxwell
“Adventures in Fish”
More info: http://cnyas.org/

Nov 21
Norwalk Aquarium Society (NAS)
Tom Allison
“Zoomed”
More info: https://norwalkas.org/
NEC Slide and Videos

All video and slide presentations are available to any NEC club to use as their monthly meeting program. Any other use should be discussed with the NEC slide and video chairman prior to the request. Please make requests as far in advance as possible to allow for scheduling and regular mail delivery.

The NEC will pay for standard postage to the requesting NEC club. Any NEC club requesting expedited delivery will need to pay for that postage. The NEC club requesting the program is responsible for postage back. Failure to return the program will result in a $50 replacement charge. Please return programs within 14 days after the scheduled meeting.

Requests should be made to: David Banks, 315 US RT 2, Grand Isle, VT 05458, Email: dbanks@together.net or 802-372-8716

Last published library listing: January 15, 2018 NEC Newsletter and on the NEC website: http://northeastcouncil.org/basic-page/nec-lending-library
NEC MEMBER CLUBS:
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County ACLC
Boston Aquarium Society BAS
Brooklyn Aquarium Society BASNY
Bucks County Aquarium Society BCAS
Capital Cichlid Association CCA
Central New York Aquarium Society CNYAS
Cichlid Club of York CCY
Connecticut Aquatic Plant Enthusiasts CAPE
Connecticut Betta Club CBC
Danbury Area Aquarium Society DAAS
Diamond State Aquarium Society DSAS
Greater City Aquarium Society GCAS
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society JSAS
Koi Organisation International K.O.I.
Long Island Aquarium Society LIAS
Long Island Killifish Association LIKA
Metropolitan Area Killifish Association MKA
Nassau County Aquarium Society NCAS
New England Cichlid Association NECA
New England Fancy Guppy Association NEFGA
New Hampshire Aquarium Society NHAS
Northeast Livebearers Association NELA
North Jersey Aquarium Society NJAS
Norwalk Aquarium Society NAS
Otter Valley Aquarium Society OVAS
PA Guppy Club PAGC
Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society PVAS
Pioneer Valley Water Garden & Koi Club PVWG&K
Shore Line Aquarium Society SLAS
Skylands Aquarium & Water Garden Group SAWGG
South Jersey Guppy Group SJGG
Southern New England Killifish Association SNEKA
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington TFCB
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island TFSRI
Upstate NY Killifish Association UNYKA
Worcester Aquarium Society WAS

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