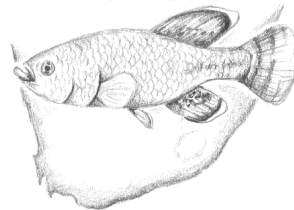


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Nothobranchius ugandensis "Busesa Blue UG 99/5". Photo by Bob Morenski

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Greetings

The last two months have been tough. Not only has Australia hammered us at cricket but the whole country has been baking under the sun for far too long ... I'm sure I'm not the only one who has had fish room woes. The good news for those of us keeping *Aphyosemions* is that autumn seems to be here!

The heat has claimed several of my fish and from what I hear from PE it has also claimed several tanks. Those of us lucky enough to have air conditioners in the fish room have been very fortunate indeed this season. Thankfully, autumn and cooler weather is creeping around the corner. With any luck we will also get a better cricket performance.

This issue is looking a bit thin. Thankfully Otto Schmidt has volunteered some time to put pen to paper and in the next issue we should get a good article all about the *gardneri* N'Sukka strain that has been doing the rounds in South Africa for the last 20 or so years. If anybody else has anything to contribute, please do so! As long as it gets to me before June I can still use it (provided I don't have to type the article in first).

Another topic is the membership rates. The cost of colour printing has gone up. Given that an average issue is about six pages, and with postage worked into the cost, the cost per issue would be around R 8.50. As such the yearly membership for the postal membership package is now R 50. Still precious little...

I've put together a membership roster this issue listing the names of the members as well as their general location (WC, EC, KZN, GT etc...). Henceforth the paid members will receive the full SAKS newsletter and letters. Everyone will get the plain newsletter (like this one) unless the paid members feel otherwise. My goal with keeping the newsletter available to all is to promote trade and communication (the only way to build a club like ours).

Last years SAKS newsletters and Letter have been uploaded to the new website: <http://www.saks.0catch.com> (0=zero!).

I've also put together a brief financial synopsis. Before you climb into the report I would just like to state here that 1) I am not an accountant and 2) a number of people have helped me out killifish wise and so I have "paid" for their membership from my wallet (the same wallet that also enables the internet and network access I use to send this email out every two months). In addition, Prof. Brian Watters has been signed up as an Honorary Life Member in recognition to his work in the killifish hobby. There have also been several journal exchanges.

I hope everyone had a good Easter!

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Membership Roster and Financial Report

Membership Roster

Total number of paid members: 15

Serkan Alasya, Australia (NAKA)
Dirk U. Bellstedt, WC
Andrew Broome, New Zealand (NZKA)
Pieter Els, EC
Tyrone Genade, WC
Jacques Gerber, GT
Ray Lombard, KZN
Ryno Louw, WC
Neil Nathan, FS
Dan Rasiga, Romania
Ryan Reisinger, GT
Otto Schmidt, WC
Errold Scholtz, EC
Rudolph Terblanche, WC
Brian Watters, Canada

Number of unpaid members on the list: 8

Johan Bornman, GT **New!**
Jan du Plooy, GT
Johan Ippel, GT (?)
Jonathan Ivy, KZN
Johan Jordan, GT
Peiter Kerney, FS
Edward Thrash, Zimbabwe
Johan van Heerden, WC **New!**

MIA: Rudolph Koubeck. If anyone has an email or telephone/fax number for him please contact me!

Finances:

Effectively R 120 was taken in as membership dues. Of this R 120, R 60 was cash and the rest was made as trades (food or fish) and journal exchanges for membership. The internet usage to maintain the website came to about R 32. Several letters and issues were sent by post to Mr Koubeck who has not yet replied (although he did send a message down with Neil Nathan earlier this year). Postage came to about R 4 per letter. It may appear that we have R 80 extra but this is not the case. Internet and network access costs me upwards of R 400 per year... Naturally I don't just do SAKS business but have other work too. Preparing the newsletters and webpages does take several hours though. A guess would say that I spend about 5 to 10% of my time behind the computer on SAKS newsletters and general killifish business.

SAKS in essence has 50 to 60 Rand aside for other uses. Any suggestions as what do with this excess?

Fish and Egg Trading List

Please submit your list (by the latest one week before the end of the month) of fish/eggs that you have for sale or would like to acquire. The list can be sent to tgenade@sun.ac.za.

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Available eggs:

<i>Aplocheilus lineatus</i> "Golden Wonder"	R 25/10 eggs
<i>Chromaphyosemion poliaki</i> "Bolifamba"	R 25/20 eggs
<i>Psedomugil gertrudae</i> "Jones Road, Nth Qld"	R 25/10 eggs
Grindal worm culture starter	R 10
Vinegar eel culture starter (5 ml)	R 10

All eggs are shipped fresh. Non-annual eggs are picked consecutively for 3 or 4 days and shipped off allowing three to four days of travel.

The *Pseudomugil gertrudae* are a species of blue-eye a relative of the rainbow fish and is not a killifish. It does have some very nice killifish properties: small size, peaceful, large eggs with long incubation period.

Membership Dues

The membership dues are as follows for Southern African members:

Membership (e-based)	R 10
Postal	R 50

The membership packages comprise of a flat membership rate whereby you get the newsletter and SAKS *Letters* each two months for six issues. This is conveyed via e-mail for R 10 or by post for R 50. (The latter may change as outlined in the Greetings section.)

Same rates apply to foreign members except in regard to the postal membership. In this case the membership fee is R 100.

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