## **Windsor Aquarium Society Breeders Award Program**

The Windsor Aquarium Society Breeders Award Program promotes the captive breeding of fish and invertebrates. The Breeders Award Program is not a competition. It is an exciting way to encourage members to breed fish and invertebrates and to share that knowledge.

Each species spawned are worth points with the more difficult species awarded a higher point value.

## **Rules:**

- 1. There need to be 10 or more healthy fry.
- 2. There are exceptions for fish with low hatch rates or spawns.
- 3. The fry need to be free of any disease or defects. (balloon fish are not allowed)
- 4. The parents must be in the possession of the member and the spawning must take place at the member's home.
- 5. The spawning must be witnessed by the B.A.P. chairmen or someone he designates.
- 6. Spawns must be witnessed during their first week and again at 60 days.
- 7. Pictures are acceptable with permission of the B.A.P. chairperson only.
- 8. B.A.P. Forms must be filled out and are available on our website and The Windsor and Essex County Aquarium Forum.
- 9. Windsor Aquarium Society members will never lose their points due to inactivity and can return to the program at any time and continue where they left off.
- 10. To get your points for a spawn the member must:
  - a) donate 10 fry to the club to be auctioned off at the monthly meetings.
  - b) donate a sexed pair of the same fish to be auctioned off at the monthly meeting.
  - c) write an article of approximately 350 words or more for the clubs website or any future newsletter.
  - d) present a short presentation outlining your efforts to the spawn the fish.
- 11. Participants must be current Windsor Aquarium Society members

## **Unique To Us:**

As a new club we want to get as many members as possible involved therefore we will be doing the following:

- 1. We will be making a list with point values as we go. When you get a spawn and want to know the point value contact the B.A.P. chairperson and you will be provided with the point value. This way we can form our own list of fish, as we go, again unique to The Windsor Aquarium Society.
- 2. We will also allow different tank strains, colour variations and fin types. This way if you only have a few tanks or are just interested in a certain type of fish you will have a better chance to participate in the program. For Example if you are only interested in guppies your possibilities are endless in this program. The same goes with other livebearers, angelfish etc.

- 3. Point values for subsequent spawns of the same species will be awarded 5 points. For example if you spawn black angel fish you would receive 10 points and then you would get 5 points for each different colour variety or fin type,
- 4. Only one B.A.P. submission is allowed per spawn, so if you spawn marble angels and end up with 75% marble fry and 25% black fry you will need to pick one for submission.
- 5. Geographical variants of a species are expectable so long as they are generally acceptable in the hobby. Examples are Rainbow fish, Killies, African Cichlids (including West Africans) etc.

## Awards:

There will be certificates for each and very species spawned as well as plaques for each level of achievement.

Beginner. 30 points

Junior. 50 points

Senior. 100 points

More levels to follow......