

Saskatoon Aquarium Society Public Show 2009

**I. PLACE OF SHOW & ALL FUNCTIONS**

"St. Timothy's Anglican Church" building, 2101 Lansdowne Ave., Saskatoon

**II. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

|   |                            |   |            |
|---|----------------------------|---|------------|
| Entries close   | Sep. 30, 2009 (postmarked) |   |            |
| Set-up  | Oct. 8                     | 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm   | @ Basement |
|   | Oct. 9                     | 10:00 am - 10:00 pm   | @ Basement |
| Plastic goes up   | Oct. 9                     | 10:00 pm  | @ Basement |
| Judging   | Oct. 10                    | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm   | @ Basement |
| Awards banquet  | Oct. 10                    | 6:30 pm cocktails<br>7:00 pm supper<br>8:00 pm guest speaker<br>8:30 pm awards presentation | @ TBA      |
| Show open to public   | Oct. 10                    | noon - 6:00 pm  | @ Basement |
| Informal gathering<br>(meet the judges, speaker and fellow hobbyist)    | Oct. 11                    | 8:00 pm - ???   | @ TBA      |
| Show open to public   | Oct. 11                    | 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  | @ Basement |
| Auction -viewing<br>& registration                                      | Oct. 11                    | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  | @ Upstairs |
| - sale  | Oct. 11                    | 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm   |            |
| Draws, Presentation<br>(raffle prize, door prize, people's choice award | Oct. 11                    | 4:00 pm - 4:15 pm   | @ Upstairs |
| Tear Down   | Oct. 12                    | 10:00 am  |            |

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**III. COSTS OF EVENTS**

|                    |                                    |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Show admission     | no charge                          |
| Awards banquet     | \$20.                              |
| Entries            | \$1 per entry to a maximum of \$10 |
| Informal gathering | no charge - only entrants allowed  |
| Auction            | w/ regular show admission          |

**IV. SHOW CHAIRMAN**

Bill Bishopp, Co-Chairman (306) 343-0156 rbbishopp@shaw.ca  
Fred Oleniuk, Co-Chairman (306) 373-9551  
Kevin Kaschel, Vice-Chairman (306) 382-0554

**V. JUDGES**

Bill Bishopp, others T.B.A.

**VI. ACCOMMODATIONS**

No special accommodations have been made.

**VII. REGISTRATION OF ENTRIES**

Send entry forms to: Bill Bishopp  
2806 Ferguson Ave., Saskatoon, Sask, S7J 1N9  
phone (306) 343-0156, or email at rbbishopp@shaw.ca

Mail-in entries are to be sent to: Don Hamilton  
2193 East Hill, Saskatoon, Sask., S7J 3C8  
phone (306) 374-5600

**VIII. INTRODUCING THE SPEAKER:**

**IX. AUCTION RULES**

1. The auction is open to members in good standing of an aquarium society.
2. A limit of twenty-five items including show entries per consignor will be observed.
3. All auction items must be registered on the auction day using the enclosed auction registration form.
4. All livestock and plants must be delivered to the auction site between during the period designated for viewing.
5. Strong fish bags must be used. NO flimsy bags such as "baggies" will be allowed. If the auction committee deems it necessary to rebag an item for any reason, the consignor will be charged fifty cents per rebagged item. Caution should be exercised in giving fish an ample amount of air and water for the size of the fish.
6. All items must be clearly labeled and identified with a ball point pen as to contents and owner.
7. Once an item has been registered for sale it may not be withdrawn. The auction committee has the authority to pull any livestock from the auction deemed unfit for sale (ie. fungus on a fish, deformity, etc.).
8. Restricted species will not be offered for sale.
9. Please combine small items as much as possible for package sale. The auction committee reserves the right to combine packages. If three or more

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- identical items are for sale, one will be auctioned and the remainder offered at the same price.
10. Viewing of items will be allowed prior to the sale. Once the auction is in progress no browsing will be allowed.
  11. While all possible precautions will be taken to ensure the safety and well being of all items, SAS and its representatives assume no responsibility for loss or damages incurred as a result of the auction.
  12. The minimum bid is one dollar, the minimum increment will also be one dollar.
  13. The SAS will retain 30% of the sales price.
  14. Show entries in auction MUST BE PICKED UP **on the last day of the Show 5:00 PM**, unless otherwise specified.
  15. Cheques will be mailed to consignors for their auction proceeds within ten days of the auction.
  16. The auction committee reserves the right to amend any of the above rules.

### **X. Challenge Trophies**

None

All other classes shall be awarded with certificates.

### **XI. ENTRY RULES**

1. Fees
  - a) An Entry Fee of \$1.00 for each entry must accompany the entry form.
  - b) Only members in good standing of any aquarium society may enter this show. New members may join the SAS in September on payment of the annual fees (\$15.00 Regular, \$6.00 Junior).
2. Closing Date
  - a) Entry forms must be turned in or postmarked by September 30, 2009.
  - b) Late entries may be accepted, at the discretion of the Show Committee.

### **XII. AWARDS**

1. First, second, and third places shall be awarded in all classes.
2. First, second, and third places shall be awarded for Best Decorated Species classes.
3. The following Special Awards will be given:
  - a) Best Entry In Show
  - b) Runner-Up Best of Show
  - c) Best Junior Entry
  - d) People's Choice
  - e) Best Out-Of-Town Entry
4. Keeper trophies will be given for the Special Awards, plus Annual Challenge Trophies where available (see section IX. Challenge Trophies).

### **XIII. GENERAL SHOW RULES**

1. Any exhibitor failing to comply with the show rules may have his entry disqualified.
2. Submitting an entry implies acceptance of the show rules.
3. Show organizers have the right to refuse an entry from an intending exhibitor for cause and in accordance with pre-stated local show rules.

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4. All live materials to be judged shall be the property of the exhibitor.
5. Reasonable care shall be taken of an entry by the Show Committee. However, the SAS shall not be held responsible for any loss to any exhibitor.
6. All advertised classes and awards shall be offered for competition.
7. Advertised classes shall not be combined.
8. Judges may give lower awards than first place or no awards at all if they believe that the quality of entries does not justify a higher award. At the option of the show committee, that committee shall specify in advance that the top (or only) entry in any class shall automatically take first place provided it is alive at the time of judging.
9. DIVISIBLE classes, as listed under section XIV, Current Options, may be subdivided. No such subdivision may be made if it will result in less than five entries, or less than three entrants, in any class so created and no subdivision may be made in advertised classes unless that class was one combining show classes into larger groupings.
10. All advertised awards shall be given to successful entrants.
11. All classes shall be defined in accordance with the classes listed below.
12. All exhibits shall be judged in accordance with the SAS Point System for Judging, see section XVI, Point System for Judging.
13. The top portion of every class, such top portion to be defined by the show committee in their show schedule, shall be pointed by the judges.
14. All judging sheets shall be posted at the conclusion of the posting of awards. In cases where it is not practical to post judging sheets, the Show Committee shall make them available to entrants.
15. All class winners shall be notified and posted.
16. Exhibitors may not interfere with their exhibits after the show has commenced without the permission of the Show Chairman.
17. Exhibits may not be removed before the end of the show without the permission of the Show Chairman.
18. Fish in species classes shall be shown singly unless otherwise stated in the show rules.
19. The decisions of the judges shall be final.
20. No exhibitors or casual public viewers may be present during judging unless permission has been granted by the Show Chairman.

### **XIV. CURRENT OPTIONS**

In compliance with the above General Show Rules, The Saskatoon Aquarium Society has chosen the following options for their Public Show:

8. The top (or only) entry in any class shall automatically take first place provided it is alive at the time of judging.
9. Classes C, Fa, Fb, JL, MN, and OP are considered DIVISIBLE classes and may be subdivided if entries warrant subdivision.

Further to Class F, (KILLIES): The below division is based on the American Killifish Association (AKA) show class system, designed to be automatic, involving sequential binary division of classes as the number of entries and entrants increase. A division will occur on the basis of the criteria listed under item 13 of the General Show rules. The classes and class numbers are those listed in the AKA Business Newsletter, January, 1986. A description of the species in each class can be found in the AKA master index. The division of combined classes would be as follows (unless such division has already been listed in the show rules): given enough participation, the class F would first be divided into New World, and Old World; second, these would each be divided

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into Annuals, and Non-annuals. Subsequent divisions would occur as indicated, until all 15 AKA classes are opened.

13. A minimum of the top three entries in every class shall be pointed by the judges.

**XV. CLASSES TO BE OPENED**

Class A - DECORATED TANKS

- Aaa Junior Small Community - under 55 liters - Reserved for Junior members.
- Aab Senior Small Community - under 55 liters
- Ab Large Community - 55 liters and over
- Ac Special Effects - Anything goes pertaining to the tropical fish hobby. The entry can be in a regular tank or other container. Artificial materials may be used.
- Ad Unusual Containers - The display must be in an exceptional or unusual container. It must be suitable for the survival of the contained fish during the show. Artificial materials may be used.
- Ae Terrariums and Vivariums

Class B - BARBS

Class C - CHARACINS (under 3 inches, over 3 inches)

Class D - CICHLIDS

- Da Angels and Discus
- Db Dwarf Cichlids: Apistogramma, Nannacara, and Pelvicachromis
- Dc Rift Lake Cichlids:
  - Cyanthochromis                      Hemitilapia Melanochromis
  - Cynotilapia                            Idotropheus Petrotilapia
  - Genyochromis                        Julidochromis            Pseudotropheus
  - Haplochromis                        Labeotropheus            Tropheus
  - Hemihaplochromis                    Labidochromis            Lamprologus
- Dz Cichlids not in Da, Db, or Dc.

Class E - ANABANTOIDS

- Ea Bettas
- Eb All other Anabantoids

Class F - KILLIES

- Fa New World (AKA classes 1-3)
- Fb Old World (AKA classes 4-15)

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Further subdivisions, if necessary, will be on the basis of section XIV, Current Options above.

Class G - TROPICAL CATFISH (Not including Corydoras and Brochis)

Class H - CORYDORAS AND BROCHIS

Class JL - RAINBOWS AND ALL OTHER VARIETIES OF TROPICAL EGGLAYERS

Class K - LOACHES AND EELS

Class MN - SWORDTAILS AND PLATIES

Class OP - MOLLIES & AOV LIVEBEARERS

Class Q - GUPPIES

Qv Male guppies  
Qw Female Guppies

Class R - BREEDERS

Ra Fry only (five fry). Fry are defined as fishes between two and six months of age and must be registered with the SAS or other recognized club Breeder's Award Program Committee. (Note: the fish do not have to be entered in a Breeder's Award Program.)  
Rb Parents and five fry (registered as for Ra).

Class S - SCHOOL OF FISH

Entries in this class shall consist of 5 fish of the same species. Decoration is optional.

Class U - ALL OTHER VARIETIES OF COLDWATER FISHES

Class V - MATCHING PAIRS

Class X - AQUATIC PLANTS

Class Y - PHOTOGRAPHY

This class is open to all amateur photographers for photographs of any fish. Competition is restricted to photographs not previously entered in a SAS Public Show.

Ya Black and white prints  
Yb Colour prints

Class Z OTHER AQUATIC ANIMALS

**XVI. POINT SYSTEM FOR JUDGING**

Class A - DECORATED TANKS

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1. Fish (20 Points)

In which is considered the selection, matching in size, and natural characteristics of the species involved in relation to each other. The stage of growth in relation to the variety displayed is also considered (the exhibitor showing all fully grown fish gaining priority in case of a tie in all other respects) except in the case of large fishes where in fully grown specimens their size would be disproportionate to the size of the tank, thereby disturbing the harmony of the display. Any faults in colour, condition, shape, finnage, deportment, and gross overcrowding are penalized.

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Selection of fishes          | 5        |
| Colour density and intensity | 4        |
| Stage of growth              | 5        |
| Deportment                   | 2        |
| Form and condition           | <u>4</u> |
| Total                        | 20       |

2. Plants (20 Points)

In which is considered the appropriate relationship in variety, colour, and texture of the plants to each other. The degree of perfection in colour, texture, and quality; the lie of the stems, and the position of the crown, stems, and leaves is also considered. Overstocking, the indiscriminate mixture of too many varieties, plant weights or roots showing, and all damaged or unhealthy plants are penalized. N.B. If warranted by the layout there may be an absence of plants. In that case these 20 points will be divided and re-allocated: 10 to Artistic Design and 10 to Technique.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Appealing variety of colour and texture | 5        |
| Appealing variety of form (balance)     | 5        |
| Condition                               | 5        |
| Planting technique                      | <u>5</u> |
| Total                                   | 20       |

3. Rockwork (20 Points)

In which is considered the colour and texture of substrate in relation to the rockwork. Natural qualities, texture, colour, character, general suitability and amount of rockwork or other accessories feature.

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Natural texture  | 5        |
| Colour           | 5        |
| Suitable quality | 5        |
| Contour          | <u>5</u> |
| Total            | 20       |

4. Artistic Design (30 Points)

In which is considered the layout (the arrangement of rocks, plants, driftwood, and substrate), the general appearance (the effectiveness of the display, including the fish), and the focal point (the effective use of some main attraction such a large plant, rock, driftwood, a grouping of the former, a school of fish or even the effective use of an unplanted area).

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Layout   | 10 |
| General appearance                                     | 10 |
| Grouping of rocks and plants in relationship with fish | 5  |

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|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| Focal point | <u>5</u> |
| Total       | 30       |

5. Technique (10 Points)

In which is considered the clarity of the water; and that measures have been taken to ensure that a mature, well-established appearance has been achieved; and that the pleasing qualities of the tank will last.

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Clarity of water            | 5        |
| Well-established appearance | <u>5</u> |
| Total                       | 10       |

6. Other Animals (Marine, Novelty, Terrarium) (20 Points)

In which is considered whether the selection is appropriate to the layout and is conducive to a harmonious community. The size in relation to species and the quality of the animals is considered. Any faults in the individual animals and overcrowding is penalized. If there are no other animals in an entry in a class where this division applies to other entries, these 20 points are to be divided and re-allocated, 10 to Artistic Design and 10 to Technique.

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The first five criteria will be used for Aa and Ab, with the points for plants re-allocated as suggested if, in the opinion of the judges, the species contained in an entry warrant the omission of plants.

Classes Ac and Ad shall be judged under criteria 1 and 5, to make up 30 points, and in addition, the following criteria shall be used:

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Class Ac: Special Effects                                      |           |
| Originality, novelty of appeal                                 | 30        |
| Relationship of fish and/or other animals to the overall theme | 20        |
| Overall effect   | <u>20</u> |
| Total  | 100       |

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Class Ad: Unusual Containers   |           |
| Originality, novelty of appeal | 50        |
| Overall effect                 | <u>20</u> |
| Total                          | 100       |

Class Ae will substitute criteria #6 for #1

If a class is established for decorated tanks containing a single species, the following criteria may be substituted for #1:

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Stage of growth              | 5        |
| Colour density and intensity | 5        |
| Form and condition           | 5        |
| Department                   | <u>5</u> |
| Total                        | 20       |

SPECIES CLASSES - CLASSES B TO Q INCLUSIVE AND U

Species classes shall be judged according to the following system:

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| <u>Body</u>                      |           | <u>Fins</u>      |          |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|
| Size                             | 10        | Size             | 10       |
| Form                             | 10        | Form             | 10       |
| Condition                        | 10        | Condition        | 10       |
| Colour density                   | 5         | Colour density   | 5        |
| Colour intensity                 | <u>5</u>  | Colour intensity | <u>5</u> |
| Sub-total                        | 40        | Sub-total        | 40       |
| <u>Department</u>                | 10        |                  |          |
| <u>Symmetry &amp; Proportion</u> | <u>10</u> |                  |          |
| <u>Total</u>                     | 100       |                  |          |

CLASS R - BREEDERS

This class shall be judged by the following system (fry are defined as fish between two and six months of age).

Class Ra - Fry only

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Condition               | 10       |
| Achievement and quality | 20       |
| Matching                | 10       |
| - size                  | 10       |
| - colour                | 10       |
| Size for age            | 20       |
| Colour                  | 10       |
| - density               | 10       |
| - intensity             | 10       |
| Symmetry & Proportion   | 5        |
| Department              | <u>5</u> |
| Total                   | 100      |

Class Rb - Parents and Fry

Point fry as in Ra  
 Point parents as in Class V  
 Add points together and divide by two to arrive at points out of a possible 100.

CLASS V - MATCHING PAIRS

This class shall be judged by the following system:

| <u>Body</u>      |          | <u>Fins</u>       |          |
|------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Size             | 10       | Size              | 10       |
| Form             | 10       | Form              | 10       |
| Condition        | 5        | Condition         | 5        |
| Colour density   | 5        | Colour density    | 5        |
| Colour intensity | <u>5</u> | Colour intensity  | <u>5</u> |
| Sub-total        | 35       | Sub-total         | 35       |
| <u>Maturity</u>  | 10       | <u>Department</u> | 10       |
| <u>Symmetry</u>  | 10       | <u>Total</u>      | 100      |

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CLASS X - PLANTS

1. All plants other than floating species will be shown fully submerged.
2. Rooted plants will be shown in terra cotta or black pots with the crown showing. the planting medium will be covered with a layer of natural brown gravel.
3. Cuttings will not be shown in pots and each cutting will be rooted separately.
4. Floating plants will be exhibited so that the root structure can be judged as well as the leaf structure.
5. One rooted plant will constitute an entry. Three separate cuttings will constitute an entry. A portion of floating plants if a small species, or a plant if a large species, will constitute an entry.
6. Plants shall be classed for judging as falling into one of three groups: Rooted Plants, Cuttings, or Floating Plants. Rooted plants are those which are not normally propagated by cuttings and usually reproduce by division of the root stock, by sending out runners, or by seed. Cuttings are plants which are usually propagated by taking cuttings. Floating plants are those which are usually free of a permanent anchorage.
7. Young immature plants and offshoots may be left attached to the main plant. These, however, will be judged as being part of the main exhibit.
8. Judging of plants will be according to the following system:

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| Size       | 20        |
| Colour     | 20        |
| Leaves     | 20        |
| Condition  | 20        |
| Difficulty | <u>20</u> |
| Total      | 100       |

CLASS Y - PHOTOGRAPHY

Both class Ya and Class Yb will be judged by the following system:

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Quality     | 30        |
| Pose        | 20        |
| Lighting    | 10        |
| Composition | 20        |
| Definition  | <u>10</u> |
| Total       | 100       |

CLASS Z - OTHER AQUATIC ANIMALS

Other aquatic animals shall be judged according to the following system:

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Size                | 20        |
| Form                | 20        |
| Condition of animal | 20        |
| Colour              | 20        |
| Department          | <u>20</u> |
| Total               | 100       |

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**XVII. TANK RULES**

1. Restrictions
  - a) All tanks in species and plant classes must have a flat front.
  - b) Maximum tank size in species and plant classes shall be 20 gallons. Larger tanks may be permitted by arrangement with the Show committee if their stand and lighting is supplied by the exhibitor.
  - c) No restrictions as to the type of lighting apply, but uniform lighting will be supplied in species and plant classes.
  - d) Backgrounds must be used.
  - e) Plants are optional.
  - f) Decorations are optional in species classes. No artificially coloured rocks or gravel, artificial decorations, or artificial plants are allowed.
  - g) Gravel or other substrate is required in all classes.
  - h) The use of heaters is by permission only.
2. Removal and Repair
  - a) Leaking tanks and/or defective equipment may be removed or repaired by either the entrant or the Show Committee, at the option of the Show Committee.
  - b) Dead fish are to be removed by the Show Committee.
3. Entries
  - a) There are no restrictions as to the number of entries in one tank, but all entries in a single tank must be in the same class, and all entries must be separated by dividers.
  - b) Any normal divider of neat appearance may be used.
  - c) Any one tank may be entered in one class only.

**XVIII. JUDGING**

1. Judges will be furnished with reference materials.
2. Judging will be done by a group of judges selected by the judging committee.
3. Only the judges, judges apprentices, the judging committee, and the show chairmen shall be allowed in the judging area during the judging.
4. Judging shall take place during the period described in section II, Schedule.
5. there shall be no interference by the Judging Committee in the decisions of the Judges.
6.
  - a) Judges shall point a minimum of three entries in every class.
  - b) Judges may confer on pointing.
  - c) "Eyeballing" may be used to eliminate non-contenders in each class. The reason or reasons for eliminating each entry from competition shall be noted on the judging sheet.

**XIX. FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE OF ENTRIES**

1. Feeding
  - a) The Show Committee will feed out-of-town entries on request.
  - b) Dry food will be supplied for feeding such entries.
  - c) Exhibitors may feed their own fish.
2. Facilities supplied by the SAS:

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- a) Air
  - b) Electricity
  - c) Stands (except for entries in Class Ab)
  - d) Lighting (except for entries in Class Ab)
  - e) Tanks (for out-of-town entries by prior arrangement with the show chairman only).
3. Facilities to be supplied by the exhibitor:
- a) Airline, airstone and valves
  - b) Extension cords
  - c) Heaters if needed (Permission must be granted by Show Chairman).
  - d) Tank covers (glass in species and plant classes).
  - e) Backgrounds (all tanks must have backgrounds).
  - f) All of the above may be supplied to out-of-town exhibitors by prior arrangement.

**XX. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXHIBITOR**

- 1. The exhibitor must specify which class or sub-class he wishes to enter.
- 2. The exhibitor is responsible for entering in accordance with the show rules.
- 3. Exhibitors must sign their entry forms.
- 4. The exhibitor may not change from one class to another after set-up has begun, unless so authorized by the Show chairman.
- 5. Tampering with the tanks of other exhibitors is grounds for disqualification.
- 6. The exhibitor must furnish all necessary equipment as specified in the rules.
- 7. The exhibitor shall be responsible for maintaining the area around his exhibit in a safe and neat manner.
- 8. The exhibitor shall not change fish, plants, or arrangement after set-up unless so authorized by the Show Chairman.





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**Livestock & Plant Auction Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
(home) (work)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

Member of: \_\_\_\_\_ Aquarium Soc. jr. \_\_\_\_ sr. \_\_\_\_

Registration Information

1. A limit of twenty five items including show entries per consignor will be observed.
2. Show entries for auction are NOT to be included on this form, use the show registration form.
3. All auction items must be registered by the auction day using enclosed auction registration form.
4. All livestock and plants must be delivered to the auction site during the viewing period.
5. Strong fish bags must be used. No flimsy bags such as "baggies" will be allowed. If the auction committee deems it necessary, items will be rebagged and the consignor charged fifty cents. Caution should be exercised in giving fish an ample amount of water and air.
6. All items must be clearly labelled as to owner and contents with a ball point pen.
7. Once an item has been registered for sale, it may not be withdrawn. The auction committee reserves the right to pull any fish from the auction deemed unfit for sale.
8. Restricted species will not be offered for sale.
9. SAS retains thirty percent of the selling price.

COMPLETE AUCTION RULES ARE TO BE REFERRED TO FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

