

PROFILE OF A GUPPY BREEDER

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Dave Polunas THE LIGHT HOUSE

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Dave first joined the South Jersey Guppy Group (SJGG) in 1974 and has remained a member to this day. Many a breeder have come and gone from the SJGG over the decades, but one has been there all along. Dave Polunas the soft spoken mainstay of the South Jersey Guppy Group.

Dave has steadied the ship so that the SJGG club could sail straight ahead... Breeders have come back from sea after years of not raising guppies only to find that the one steady shining light, was still shining. Always to bring those lost ships back to the South Jersey Guppy Group Dave was and is still the one constant.

Shortly after joining the SJGG Dave would win his first IFGA award with one of his all time favorite lines, his Red Female guppies.

Dave Polunas winner of over 700 first place awards in the IFGA, 5 time IFGA Grand Overall Female Champ, too many Best Of Show Female awards to count , a logical minded person and most of all a gentleman.

Dave got involved with guppies as a result of a neighborhood school friend who had a 5 gallon aquarium in the kitchen window. This young lady gave Dave a pregnant female guppy that soon had babies. That simple friendly act launched Dave into the guppy hobby. In 1968 Dave would join the TriCounty Aquarium Club in Central New Jersey. Dave would be the lucky winner of a complete 20 gallon setup at his very first all species show.

Years later in 1972 Dave would visit a local pet shop and purchase some fancy guppies. These fancy guppies came from a local breeder. Dave would make contact with the local breeders. These local breeders were none other than Mike and Alice Regent. Dave purchased a trio of Hutter Greens, his first true guppy show stock. A month later Dave

would venture back to Mike and Alice Regent's house to purchase another trio of guppies, this time being HB-AOC's. I take it that Mike or Alice gave Dave contact information about the South Jersey Guppy Group at this time, and as was mentioned Dave would join the SJGG in 1974.

In the years to come as mentioned Dave would win numerous IFGA first place awards. Dave would also become a certified IFGA guppy judge.

Dave presently has 50 tanks but has had as many as 120 tanks. Dave was the proud owner of Dave's Guppy Hatchery, which was a New Jersey Register business that actually made a profit. Dave had at least 12 different guppy strains for sale at that time. Like I said, presently Dave only has 50 tanks now but manages to raise multiple color strains of guppies. He has Reds, Purples, Greens, Bronzes, etc. Red female, Red delta, Aoc delta(white caudal) are Dave's all time favorites.

Dave can be found at the SJGG monthly meetings judging/assisting at the monthly bowl show entries table.

And from a quote from the movie "Forest Gump", Forest Gump says "And that is all I have to say about that".

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