

BREEDING RECORD SHEET:- LIVEBEARERS

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SPECIES INFORMATION

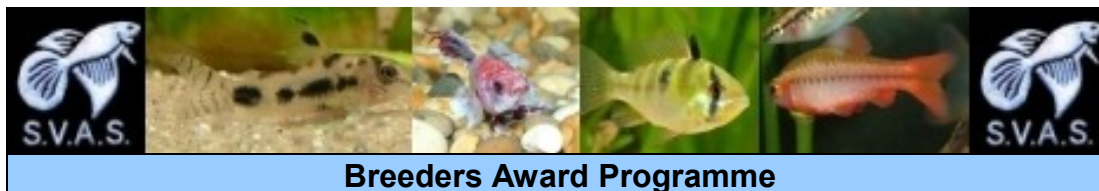
Scientific Name	<i>Girardinus metallicus</i>			
Common Name	Metallic / Black chin livebearer			
Points Awarded/ Class	Points Awarded	10	Class	1
Number of Fish	Male	3	Female	7
Approx Size (cm) SL	Male	2.5	Females	6
Approx Age (if known)	Male	1yr	Female	1yr

SPAWNING TANK / CONDITIONING TANK INFORMATION

Tank Size (cm)	Length	55	Height	30	Width	38
Substrate	Sand and small amounts of gravel					
Decoration	Many floating plastic plants plus java moss					
Water Conditions	pH	7	Temperature	24C	GH	1-4

SPAWNING AND REARING INFORMATION

Mating Date (if known)		Gestation Period (if known)	
Birth Date	23/05/2008	Approx number fry	30



FRY REARING INFORMATION

Tank Size (cm)	Length	45	Height	30	Width	30
Substrate	None					
Decoration	None					
Water Conditions	pH	7	Temperature	25	GH	1-4
First foods (period these fed for)	BBS, microworm, crumble for first week					
Second foods (period these fed for)	BBS, microworm, crumble, crushed flake					
60-90 Day Update	Approx Number of Surviving Fry	30	Approx Size Range of Surviving Fry	1.5cm - 3cm		
Other Comments	The males and females were split as and when they were sexable. The males have very long gonopodiums and black colouration running along the underside of the mouth right into the gonopodium making sexing them at an early age possible.					

<p>General Information</p> <p>Observations or details that may assist another aquarist to breed this species</p>	<p>With 7 females in the breeding tank fry were practically produced each week. Initially I believed the fry were predated a little but I deliberately left them in with the adults in the theory that as the fry grew too large to eat the adults would stop seeing them as a food item any more. Eventually I ended up with approximately 115 fry from the group in a six week period by netting out batches of young after maybe a weeks worth of growth in the parents tank.</p> <p>Please note that the males are very amorous towards the females, more so than guppies/platties, and definitely need keeping in a ratio of more females to males.</p>
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