

All Show Secretaries!

Note the changes made to the Class listings.

- 1) Siamese Fighting Fish, ***Betta splendens***, always used to be available only in 'solid' colours rather than patterned – at least where showing was concerned. Over the years, many multi-coloured variants have become established favourites and are being seen more regularly on the show bench .

Whilst maintaining the simplicity of the original (and at the same time acknowledging the effort required to keep the strain pure) we have decided to **change the pointing system** for *Betta splendens* replacing the **Size** category with **Pattern** and, to avoid confusion with other anabantids and because the sub-division Ea can no longer embrace all the variants, it has been necessary to create a **new class letter** for *B. splendens*.

For this purpose, **Show Class I will be introduced for a year's trial period for 2017.**

Please ensure your schedule reads "**I *Betta splendens***"

- 2) Those societies that split class **H** should note that **Hb** is no longer a valid subdivision ***Aspidoras*** should be shown in **Ha**. To avoid confusion, please make sure your schedule reads "**Ha *Aspidoras & Brochis***".
- 3) As you know over the years Societies have simply listed the Guppy classes in their schedules as **Oa males** and **Ob females** however this is totally wrong as according to the Constitution and Show Rules **Oa** is the subdivision for a male Roundtail and **Ob** for a male Cofertail (see page 4-4). Please ensure you list Guppies thus: - **Oa-q males, Os-z females**.
- 4) Where a Society chooses to sub-divide Classes for their Open Show it is important that the correct Class letters are used, I have come across several instances in previous years where Class P has not been sub-divided correctly and has been listed as Pq Cultivated Swordtails, Pr Cultivated Platies, Ps Cultivated Mollies and Pa Cultivated *Poecilia wingei*. I have also in the past seen them listed simply as P1, P2, P3 etc.

PLEASE NOTE that according to the Show Rules the correct sub-divisions are as follows:-

Pa. *Poecilia latipinna*.

Pb. *Poecilia sphenops*. (cultivated)

Pc. *Poecilia velifera*.

Pd. *Poecilia Mexicana*.

Pe. *Xiphophorus helleri*. (Cultivated)

Pf. *Xiphophorus variatus*. (Cultivated)

Pg. *Xiphophorus maculatus*. (Cultivated)

Therefore to avoid confusion cultivated livebearers should be grouped as follows:-

Class Pa-d Cultivated Mollies

Class Pe Cultivated Swordtails

Class Pf-g Cultivated Platies

**Class P Cultivated Livebearers not listed above
including *Poecilia wingei* (Endlers)**

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR SHOW SCHEDULE LISTS THESE CHANGES
TO THE CLASS LETTERING SYSTEM WHERE APPLICABLE.**