

Florida West Coast Guppy Club Guppy Show and Auction

July 22nd & 23rd, 2023

Accommodations

Fairfield Inn and Suites
Holiday Tarpon Springs
3060 US Highway 19
Holiday, FL 34691
(727)722-9500 Front Desk

The Fairfield Inn and Suites is located on Route 19 in Holiday FL, 26 miles from the Tampa Airport. Uber from the airport is available or a club member can pick you up at the airport with notice.

Please make your room reservations directly through the hotel.

www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1678213551403&key=GRP&app=resvlink

There is a block of rooms reserved until July 7th. Booking prior to July 7th the room rates are \$129 or \$139 per night plus tax and after July 7th the rate will be \$169 per night plus tax.

Show Schedule

Friday, July 21st, 2023

1:00 PM to ??? Setup at hotel

Saturday, July 22nd, 2023

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM Registration

2:30 PM Judging

7:00 PM Hospitality and Barbecue Dinner at Scott Williams Home

Sunday, July 23rd, 2023

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Public Viewing

10:00 AM Fish Auction

12:00 PM De-benching **

*** No one may remove fish early without the consent of the Show Chairman. All entries removed from the bench must be checked out and validated by a member of FWCGC.*

Exhibitors should make certain to read the club assessment comment found later in these show rules.

Show Chairpersons

Scott Williams (314)402-8763 Email: scot.2222@yahoo.com
Jay Shafer (614)562-8809 Email: jay@abmsite.com

Ship All Entries To:

Scott Williams
2648 Grand Blvd
Holiday, FL 34690
314-402-8763
Email: scot.2222@yahoo.com

All shipped-in-entries must be received by 4:00 p.m. Friday, July 21st, 2023, and include completed entry forms with exhibitor's phone number and email ID. **No exceptions!**

All entry fees must also be prepaid. **Use the carrier's 'no signature required' option when available on your shipment form.** Sufficient return shipping fare, bags and return labels must be included, if fish are to be returned. All fish arriving DOA or dying during the show will not be returned due to possible contamination issues. Return bags of minimum size 3" x 10" are required per IFGA rules. Breather Bags may be used to ship fish as long as new, unused Breather Bags are included for the return shipment. Fish with insufficient/no return fare will be placed in the FWCGC Sunday auction. No C.O.D. shipments will be accepted. **Prior notification of your shipment would be appreciated.**

Do not ship your fish to the hotel as there is no facility to receive shipments.

Show Rules:

1. Exhibitor will determine the class of entry. Assistance will be available at the show prior to registration.
2. All entries improperly classified will be disqualified from competition.
3. No plants, decorations or gravel will be allowed with the fish. Females may be added to male entries but will not be judged.
4. FWCGC and the IFGA assume no responsibility for any loss of fish.
5. All entries must be born and raised in the exhibitor's tanks.
6. Fish will be judged against a uniform black background with overhead fluorescent lighting.
7. Judging will be according to IFGA standards and all decisions of the judges will be final.
8. All entry fees must be paid at time of registration. Please make checks out to the Florida West Coast Guppy Club. Shipped-in entries which are to be returned must include return postage fees, new (unused) bags and a mailing label. If using USPS as your carrier and to avoid return shipping problems with the postal service, **kindly pack fish in an unmarked carton.**

9. All tanks for display fish will be supplied by FWCGC.
10. Sale of fish at the show, other than through the official auction, is strictly prohibited and will result in forfeiture of points received at the show.
11. All DOA or DOB fish will not be returned. Returning dead fish can contaminate the live fish in the shipping container.
12. Bags (minimum size: 3" x 10") for returning shipped-ins must be included in the shipment. Breather Bags may be used.
13. The auction will be a standard verbal auction. Entries to be auctioned must be clearly noted on the entry form. **All single male & female entries being auctioned must have a corresponding female/male or the entry will become the property of FWCGC and the breeder will not receive any auction money for the entry.** If you wish to auction additional trios, you must get advanced permission from the show chair and your bags must be clearly marked with the breeder's name and the color strain being auctioned. FWCGC will retain 50% from the sale of all auctioned fish. Any fish not receiving an opening bid will be retained by GAIC. Prior to the auction, all buyers must obtain a Buyer's Number from the auction coordinator.
14. No one, other than those individuals appointed by the show chairman, may move or rearrange tanks already positioned on the show bench prior to judging. Any tanks being benched should be placed in the next available position within the class.
15. **PLEASE SHIP EARLY TO AVOID ISSUES WITH THE USPS DELIVERIES.**

***** Please Note ***** At the Murfreesboro meeting, the IFGA delegates voted to require a \$5.00 assessment of every registrant (non-Juniors) to help defray the expenses associated with hosting a 2023 show. FWCGC has decided to **waive the \$5 fee** and your entry fee payment should reflect the reduced amount. If you include the extra \$5 with your entries, it will be considered a donation to the club and will not be refunded.

Awards

Single Males & Females, Tanks, Breeders
 1st place – Award plaque/plate & Award Card
 Subsequent 1st place entries will receive only a class plate
 2nd through 4th place – Award Card

Best of Show
 1st BOS, IFGA Awards, 2nd thru 4th BOS, Award Cards

Entry Fees

Single Male or Female	\$2.00
Two Matched Males	\$3.00
Breeder Male or Breeder Female	\$4.00
Junior Entries	free

All single male and single female entries will be displayed in plastic tanks. A female may be added to the male entry but will not be judged.

Tanks (two matched male) entries will be displayed in a 1-gallon plastic tank.
One female may be added but will not be judged.

Breeder entries consist of 5 matched males or 3 matched females and will be displayed in a 2 ½ gallon plastic tank. Two females may be added to a Breeder Male entry but they will not be judged.

The Junior class is open to anyone 16 years of age or younger who has raised his/her own fish. All Junior entries will not be charged an entry fee.

The Novice class is open to anyone who has never won a 1st or 2nd place IFGA Annual Award.

Additional information on transportation/hotel reservations

The Fairfield Inn **does not** have limo service from the airport. If you are flying in for the show and need transportation to the show site, you need to contact Scott Williams to get information about transportation available from the Tampa airport to the Fairfield Inn. Uber/Lyft are always options to get from either airport to the hotel.

Hotel reservations must be made by Friday July 7th, **2023**, to ensure room availability. Due to other hotel functions, there are only a very limited number of rooms reserved for FWCGC. If there are any rooms in the FWCGC block that have not been claimed by July 7th 2023, they will be made available to other hotel customers. Should you try to get a reservation after our block of rooms has been sold out, you will be directed to another nearby hotel. When making your reservation, mention that you are associated with Florida West Coast Guppy Club to make certain you get the reduced club hotel rate. Rooms are \$129.00 per night for one King Bed or \$139 per night for 2 Queen beds. The hotel offers a free hot breakfast for all registered guests.

On Saturday night at 7:00pm, July 22nd there will be a Fish room tour and Barbecue Dinner at the home of Scott Williams located only 3 minutes from the Fairfield Inn. Leroy McCreary will be cooking the Barbecue Dinner so you will not want to miss this. Please let Scott know that you will be attending so we can plan on enough food and drinks for everyone.