

Guppy Associates International Chicago Guppy Show and Auction

April 26th & 27th, 2025

Accommodations

**Holiday Inn Express – Naperville
1837 Centre Point Circle
Naperville, IL 60563
(630) 505-3353 front desk**

The Holiday Inn Express is located in a semi-industrial area in Naperville. For drivers taking I-294 or I-355, take I-88 west to Aurora and exit at Naperville Rd. Go South (left) to Diehl Road. Go West (right) past the stoplight at Freedom Dr. and the hotel is in the Centre Point Business Park on Centre Point Circle.

Please make your room reservations directly through the hotel.

Show Schedule

Friday, April 25th, 2025

3:00 PM to ??? Setup at hotel

Saturday, April 26th, 2025

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Registration
3:30 PM Judging
7:00 PM Hospitality

Sunday, April 27th, 2025

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 GAIC.*

Show Chairpersons

Mike Burns, (920) 306-1071, hammer7151@hotmail.com
Bob George, (224) 428-7466, bobpgeorge54@gmail.com

Ship All Entries To:

Tom Allen
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(630) 627-8051
(630) 308-6050 cell (Pat)
(630) 800-0419 cell (Tom)
Email: tgallen40@yahoo.com

All shipped-in-entries must be received by 4:00 p.m. Friday, April 25th, 2025, 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 GAIC 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. GAIC 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. 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 GAIC.
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 GAIC 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. GAIC 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.

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 males) 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 place IFGA Annual Award.

Additional information on transportation/hotel reservations

The Holiday Inn Express **does not** have limo service from either airport. If you are flying in for the show and need transportation to the show site, you need to contact Tom/Pat Allen to get information about transportation available from either O'Hare or Midway airport to the Holiday Inn. Uber/Lyft are always options to get from either airport to the hotel. **However, do not take a Chicago taxi from either airport as the fare will be exorbitant.**

Hotel reservations must be made by **Tuesday, March 25, 2025**, to ensure room availability. Due to other hotel functions, there are only a very limited number of rooms reserved for GAIC. If there are any rooms in the GAIC block that have not

been claimed by **March 25th, 2025**, 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 Guppy Associates International Chicago to make certain you get the reduced club hotel rate. Rooms are \$110.00 per night and there are suites available for slightly more. The hotel offers a free hot breakfast for all registered guests. Phone Pat/Tom if you encounter hotel reservation issues. Also, when you phone for a reservation, make sure you are speaking to someone at the hotel and not the general reservations group as they have no visibility to the rules of the show.

The Chicago suburban area offers other local attractions (shopping, museums, casinos, etc.) and information will be available at the show for those wanting it.