

FISH TALES
THE IFGA ANNUAL

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IFGA ANNUAL: A little history shared. A few decades ago the IFGA Annual was only held in the MidWest. So one day I asked Paul Blood or Ken Blood (all of us SJGG members) WHY? One of the two Blood Brothers was the IFGA Parliamentarian and they made sure that the rules/bylaws/procedures were followed at the IFGA meetings. We (the three of us) had a little sit down at one of the SJGG meetings, then shared this idea with the rest of the SJGG membership. We came up with a plan. Create clubs (one club, one vote) so that this (hosting of the IFGA Annual) could be voted on at the next IFGA Mid Meeting. So the formation of clubs started. (Fancy Finny Friends NJ (Pete Todesco) , Tri-State Guppy PA (Paul Blood), Philadelphia Guppy Group PA (Ken Blood) , Big Apple NY (Frank Schulterbrandt, just before all of this) and I think Garden State Guppy NJ (Jamie Magnifico)) .. Now with the existing "Outlying Clubs" as that is what we were called, we had enough votes to pass a law to have the annual rotate around the USA. The IFGA came up with a plan to divide the country into three regions (East, Mid West, West). Every third year the IFGA ANNUAL would come back to that region. That region would vote on who would have the IFGA Annual ... I told Mike Lastella about the plan and he liked it. The First IFGA Annual outside of the Mid-West was the East Coast Guppy Assoc. The following Third year was SJGG, In Year Nine it was the Big Apple Guppy Group and in Year 12 the fourth IFGA Annual on the east coast was a combined IFGA Annual (East Coast and SJGG). In later years Florida, Atlanta, New England, etc So there you have it. Just added: I think that CA. also created one or two clubs ??? That part I can't remember lol