

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Active Member</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	LUTO	473
2	COLETTI	350
3	ZWERIN	318
4	DE VELASCO	315
5	MAJORINO	260
6	GRAFFAGNINO	230
7	ZILLITTO	168
8	JINKS	145
9	NITZSCHE,PAUL	60
10	DAVIS	35
11	NITZSCHE,PETE	25
	TIGHE	25
12	IVANOF	20
13	BRANDON	15
14	GOLASZESKI	10

Another busy month at the GAP! First up was Paul Nitzsche, outdoing his brother and GAP co-chair, Pete, once again. Two or three more plants and Paul will earn the NJAS title of "Grower of Aquarium Plants." The prolific Allan DeVelasco has earned Specialist Certification with stem plants, and ferns/mosses, and more importantly the coveted "Senior Grower" award and title. Congratulations, Allan. The Brooklyn Boyz, Izzy Zwerin and Joe Graffagnino, all climbed in the standings with many submissions of rare and popular species. Joe will earn 60 additional points pending propagation reports, and Izzy, another 45. Look for these reports in an upcoming issue of the NJAS Reporter. Congratz to Izzy for earning the "Senior Grower" award and title. Last but not least, NJ hobby legend, Dean Majorino, has earned the very first Pond Plant Certification. Like in the BAP, Dean holds more Specialist Certifications than anyone else.

And what about BAP and show star, Larry Jinks? Is he so busy with his fish and fans that he can't propagate another plant for his "Advanced Grower" award & title, and Stem Plant or Floating Plant Certification? But then again, fish are easier to propagate. Me thinks his lovely Joanne told him "no more plaques in the house." Rumor has it they have outsized his trophy case and are now replacing pictures of the children and grandchildren on the walls!

Participating in the NJAS GAP is easy. Even if you think you have a black thumb or bad water, or don't have a fancy CO2 system to put your plants on steroids, there is a GAP program for you. Some enjoy the race and competition, some the individual achievement. Indeed, those who take their time to earn their achievement generally are more knowledgeable about certain species and in my opinion, the real "experts."

Go green, Ted & Pete