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### On the Cover

This month's cover photo depicts *Corydoras venezuelanus* and was once again provided by Carl Olszewski. Carl is carrying the bulletin on his back with all of his excellent photography. Thank you for your monthly submissions Carl!

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# About the Ohio Cichlid Association

The OCA is an organization dedicated to the advancement and dissemination of information relating to all aspects of the biology of cichlids and related aquatic life. Our purpose is to promote the interest, keeping, study, breeding, and the educational exhibition of Cichlids. Additionally, the exchange of ideas, meeting new people, and distribution of information concerning Cichlids is of primary interest.

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- attend the OCA Extravaganza
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## LEW CARBONE: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings, OCA members!

Something that I hinted about last month can now be announced: Andreas Tanke, a German catfish expert, will be visiting the US in October, speaking for three aquarium clubs on 3 consecutive weekends. The OCA, the Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society and the Aquarium Club of Lancaster County, in Lancaster, PA, are working together and sharing transportation costs to make this happen, with the Pittsburgh club taking the organizational lead. Andreas travels extensively to collect, study and lecture about catfish, and was one of the speakers at this year's Catfish Study Group Convention in the UK. Last year, the L398 pleco was formally named *Panaqolus tankei* in his honor. This will be yet another opportunity to see an Extravaganza-quality speaker at a monthly meeting.

This month's speaker is from a little closer to home. Our own Scott Myers, a nationally known cichlid showman, will be sharing with us his secrets for preparing and handling show fish. (Well, SOME of his secrets; if he shared all of them, they wouldn't be secrets, now, would they?) Check out his bio in this issue.

Don't forget the Bowl Show! This month's categories are Peacocks, South American Cichlids over 6", and Freshwater Crustaceans, which means you can show off your Blue Crayfish, or one of your tank-buster Cherry Shrimp. Why not take a shot at a share of the \$70 that are awarded monthly in cash prizes?

Another feature of this month's meeting will be the meatball sandwiches offered as refreshments. Sherry and Carl Olszewski have been doing a great job coming up with a different treat each month, so please help fund their efforts by remembering to "feed the kitty."

I hope to see you at the meeting!

*Lew*

# Letter From the Editor

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Hello OCA Members,

I am now more than a quarter of the way through my first year as editor of this bulletin. I hope you all have found it enjoyable thus far. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please feel free to share them with me.

I would like to thank all the members who have contributed to the bulletin so far. Your contributions make my job easier, and make the bulletin more enjoyable for the rest of the membership. I encourage all members to contribute to the bulletin. Please consider sharing your stories, photos, tips and experiences with the rest of the membership through the bulletin. Please contact me at the address below, or speak with me at a meeting if you have any content ideas or questions.



Until next month,

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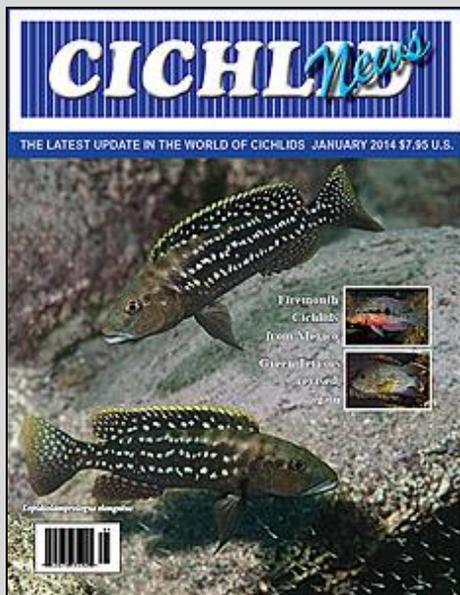
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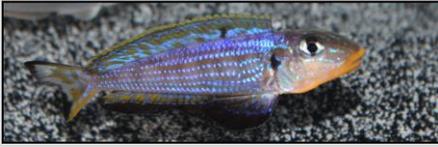
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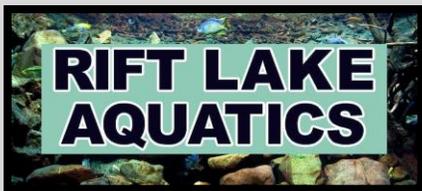
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**The Ohio Cichlid Association Presents:  
Scott Myers on "Preparing Show Fish"  
Friday, April 7**



**Scott Myers** was born in Cleveland, and grew up in Shaker Hts. His dad, Keith, had a few tanks of large Central American cichlids around the house, and Scott's favorite was a big Red Devil. Keith often brought the very young Scott to OCA auctions, and many of us veterans remember Scott standing on the chair next to him, trying to bid on just about everything that came up. Keith kept things under control by signaling the auctioneer with a subtle nod or head shake.

Here is Scott's account of his development into an aquarist in his own right, and the origins of his interest in showing fish:

*My own 1st tank was a 38 gallon that my grandmother bought me, from Pet Supplies Plus, for my 8th birthday. As I started going to more auctions and club meetings, I picked up various other tank setups from club members. As a young kid, I was into keeping display tanks for my own enjoyment, and then I transitioned into wanting to breed fish. I can remember walking into the OCA Extravaganza, at about age 13, and seeing all the show fish. That got me hooked, especially the personality of the *Nandopsis hatiensis* and the colors of the *Aulonocara* Peacocks. At this point, my focus changed to wanting to show fish.*

That *N. hatiensis*, which impressed a lot of people, was being shown by area aquarist Ron Georgeone, who, at the time, was considered the top cichlid showman in the US. Scott often picked Ron's brain for secrets and tips, and is himself now known nationally for his show fish. He won Best of Show at the 2011, 2012, and 2013 Extravaganzas, and at the 2014 and 2016 American Cichlid Association Conventions.

Scott's basement fishroom contains 90 tanks, ranging in size from 10 to 180 gallons. He has 20 more tanks that are waiting to be set up, including four that are over 300 gallons.

Scott is currently on the OCA board, holding the position of Historian. He is also a member of the Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society, NEOFish, and the ACA.

A resident of Twinsburg, Scott lives with his wife, Aprielle, and sons Shaun and James. He works as the Materials Manager at the Flambeau Inc. Plastic Blow Molding Facility in Sharon Center. Besides his aquaristic activities, he enjoys working on his 1969 Pontiac GTO and 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix. He also plays rec league basketball and loves boating and fishing, as well.

Scott will share some of the secrets and tricks of his craft in his talk "**Showing Fish**".

In May, a nationally-known expert in another aspect of the hobby, Mo Devlin, will be here to talk about aquarium photography.

# SOCIAL MEETING INFORMATION

The Next OCA Social Meeting is Friday,  
April 7, 2017 at 8:00 pm

[Middleburg Heights Community Center, Room C](#)  
[16000 Bagley Rd](#)  
[Cleveland, OH 44130](#)



Meetings usually begin with a talk about cichlids or a related subject. The OCA is proud to bring world class speakers to Ohio, not only for our yearly convention, the OCA Extravaganza, but also for our monthly meetings. With Northeast Ohio being the hotbed for cichlid breeders that it is, we have discovered that there seems to be no shortage of world-class speakers locally, a number of which have used the opportunity to talk at OCA meetings to later tour the country with their fantastic presentations. After the talk we usually take a break for refreshments and some socializing among "cichlidiots". This also gives people a chance to look at bowl show entries, and after the break the bowl show winners are announced. Next, Breeder Award Program (BAP) awards are handed out. We have a Breeder Award Program for cichlids and one for catfish, turning our program into probably the largest one of its kind in the country. The entries are subsequently auctioned off, making some of the newest and rarest cichlids in the hobby available to our members at low auction prices! The OCA has had a number of first spawns in the United States and members have donated some very nice stuff to be auctioned off for the benefit of our Jim Smith Fund. Meetings end with a raffle, where we give away prizes that are set up on a huge table, which typically bends to the point of breaking under their load!

## SOCIAL MEETING SCHEDULE

(All times approximate)

7:30	Doors Open
8:00	Social Time
8:15	Call to Order Announcements New Member Welcome & Speaker Introduction
8:30	Speaker
9:30	Break
9:45	BAP Awards Bowl Show Results
9:55	Mini-Auction
10:25	Raffle

# UPCOMING OCA SOCIAL MEETING PROGRAMS

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**2017**

April 7

**Scott Myers**  
"Showing Fish"

May 5

**Mo Devlin**  
Aquarium Photography

June 2

**Ken Davis**  
Honduran Cichlids  
(Topic tentative)

July

No Meeting

August 4

TBA

September 1

**Nick Zarzeczny**  
"Adventure on Lake Tanganyika"

October 6

**Andreas Tanke**  
Germany  
Cory Evolution/New Species in the Hobby

November 3

**Greg Steeves**  
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December 1

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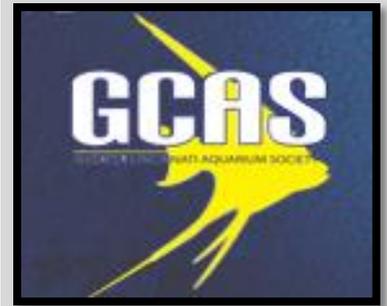
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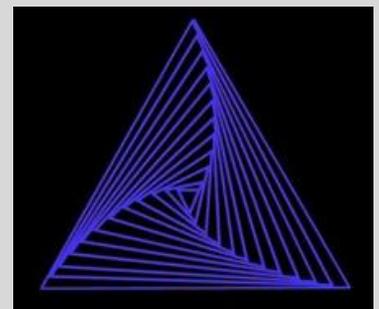


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# MARCH CICHLID BAP

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP submissions for last month. Members successfully bred these cichlids and raised fry to a minimum of 1". Varying point values determined by spawn difficulty were given to members' total Cichlid BAP points.

Congratulations on these spawns and thank you for your participation.

## **Lew Carbone**

Paralabidochromis chilotes "Ruti Island" 10

## **Hilary Lacerda**

Aulonocara baenschi 10

Paralabidochromis sp. "fire red Uganda" 10

Pseudotropheus sp. acei "black Tanzania" 10

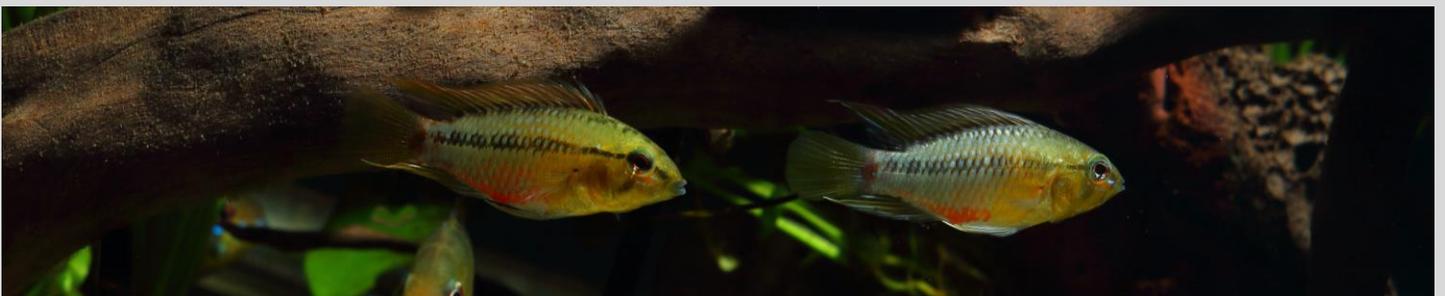
Pseudotropheus sp. acei "blue yellow tail" 10

## **Jonathan Strazinsky**

Andinoacara pulcher 10

## **John Tesar**

Metriaclima hajomaylandi "lilac green" 10



# CICHLID BAP TOTALS

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP grand totals. The information is maintained by Mark Chaloupka. See Mark at monthly meetings for more information about the Cichlid Breeders Award Program. Thank you for your participation.

## CURRENT B.A.P. STANDINGS (2/3/17)

BREEDER	2017	TOTAL
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### MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

Lew Carbone	20	2875
Don & Marilyn Danko	-	2405
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Josh Cunningham	-	1505
Bryan Davis	-	1455
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065
Mark Chaloupka	-	1055
John Tesar	25	1045

### 900 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Tom Swiderski	-	905

### 800 POINT LEVEL

Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	40	870
Jeff Yadlovsky	50	855
Dustin Brummitt	-	840
Jonathan Strazinsky	35	815
Ken & Sue Galaska	-	800

### 700 POINT LEVEL

Gary Mendez	-	790
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### 600 POINT LEVEL

Jeff Natterer	-	690
Bill Schwartz	10	655
Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Bob Blazek	10	610
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600

## 500 POINT LEVEL

Tim Craig	-	540
George Anagnostopoulos	-	515
Ron Georgeone	-	510

## 400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
Phil Hypes	-	475
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	15	475
Kyle May	-	460
Bob Bina	-	435
Tyler Toncler	-	420

## 300 POINT LEVEL

David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Gary Zalewski	-	325
Greg Senn	-	315
Ken & Karen Grimmett	-	310
Jonathan Dietrich	10	300

## 200 POINT LEVEL

Tom & Carolyn Evers	-	285
Andrew Schock	-	280
Dennis Kuehn	-	275
James Shakour	-	275
Dave Esner	-	250
Ken Walker	-	240
Paul Collander	-	205
Justin Way	-	200

### 100 POINT LEVEL

Marc & Dawn DeWerth	-	195
David Hearn	-	195
Ozeal Hunter	-	190
Chuck Carroll	-	185
Mark Kazanoff	25	185
Denis Rozmus	-	185
Andrew Subotnik	-	180
Jason Mylnar	-	170
Charles Nowakowski	-	165
Frank Mueller	-	160
Bob Evers	-	155
Steve Heinbaugh	-	150
David Ayers	-	145
Bill & Janice Bilski	-	145
Greg Seith	-	145
Dan Ogrizek	-	140
Dan Ogrizek	-	140
John Griffith	-	135
Carl Oszewski	20	125
Joe Ring	-	120
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110

### BREEDER LEVEL

Mark Huntington	-	95
Steve Olander	-	90
Dolores Bacisin	-	85
Pete Gembka	-	80
Rick Wood	-	75
Bob Tillman	-	70
Matt Urbin	-	70
Dave Dimond	-	65
Anthony Scarton	-	65
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	65
Jim Jensen	10	60
Paul Palisin	-	60
Chris Jaskolka	-	55
Dave Dimond	-	50
John Kahl	-	50
Alex Gorges	-	45
John Kaminski	-	40
Ethan Wiley	-	40
Matt Lacy	-	35
Christopher Sooy	-	35
Tom Tansey	-	35
Jason Gorges	-	30
Margaret Heifner	30	30

Paul Hutnyak	-	30
Wayne Corman	-	25
Fred Roberts	-	25
Andy Lacerda	-	20
Scott Meyers	-	20
Bill Sensor	-	20
Adam Stallman	20	20
Jason Webb	-	20
Ken Carey	-	10
Jim & Amy Damm	-	10
Ron Drungil	-	10
Ben Jensen	-	10
Cory Knarr	-	10
Michael Meyer	-	10
Mike Trader	-	10

**The points list for the Breeders Award Program has been updated to include only current members. If you are a current member and your name has been omitted, please see the B.A.P. Chairman at the social meeting so we can correct any errors.**

**Please remember: You may only turn in a species or strain of fish for B.A.P. points one time. If you need a list of what you have been credited with, see the BAP chairman at the social meeting.**

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Breeder	Species	Points
Jason Mlynar	Ancistrus sp. "Blue Eyed Lemon"	10

# CATFISH BAP TOTALS

Listed below are the Catfish BAP grand totals. The information is maintained by Steve Heinbaugh. See Steve at monthly meetings for more information about the Catfish Breeders Award Program. Thank you for your participation.

NAME	2017	TOTAL
Dan Ogrizek		410
Steve Heinbaugh		365
Dave Ayres		290
Don & Marilyn Danko		285
Phil Ayres		230
Ken Walker		120
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen		110
Dan Woodland		100
Matt Urbin		90
Bob Blazek	10	80
Hilary Lacerda		80
John Kaminski		70
Tom & Carolyn Evers		70
Justin Way		60

Bryan Davis		60
Phil Hypes		60
Jeff Natterer		50
Ken Galaska		45
Tyler Toncler		45
Matt Lacy		40
Bill Schwartz		40
Josh Cunningham		40
Kyle May		40
George Aganostopoulos		40
Karen & Ken Grimmett		30
Lew Carbone		30
Andrew Schock		30
Bob Evers		30
Jason Mlynar	10	25
Tony Poth		20
Gary Mendez		20
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David Toth		20
Paul Palisin		20
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Carl Olszewski		10
Anthony Scranton		10
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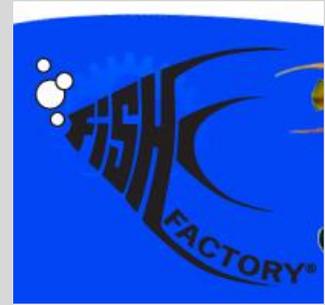


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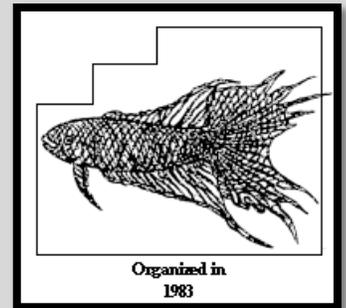
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# OCA BOWL SHOW

Listed below is information about the monthly meeting Bowl Show. The Bowl Show is your opportunity to show off your fish. Each month different categories of Cichlids and Catfish will be judged. Points will be given and prizes will be awarded. All members are welcome to participate. This is great practice for our yearly Extravaganza show! See Carl Olszewski, at a meeting for more information.



## This Month's Bowl Show Categories:

Peacocks

Central Americans over 6"

Freshwater Crustaceans

**1ST PLACE WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$40.00**

**2ND PLACE WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$20.00**

**3RD PLACE WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$10.00**

**AND DON'T FORGET, EVERY MEMBER WHO ENTERS  
WILL ALSO RECEIVE 5 FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

# OCA BOWL SHOW

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This Year's Top Contenders:

Scott Myers – 54 Points

David Hearn – 21 Points

Phil Ayers, Victoria Lacerda and Jonathan Strazinsky are tied with 7 Points

Let's make this a GREAT YEAR FOR THE OCA 2017 BOWL SHOW.

BRING IN THOSE FISH!!!



# 2017 BOWL SHOW SCHEDULE

## January 6:

Tanganyikan Shell- dwellers  
Central Americans under 6"  
Loracariids (Pleco types) over 6"

## February 3:

Victorian Basin  
Angelfish  
Synodontis and other Mochokids

## March 3:

Pseudotropheus, Cynotilapia, Melanochromis  
South Americans under 6"-- exclude Angels, Discus, Apistos  
Catfish—exclude Callichthids, Loracariids, Mochokids (see other classes for explanations)

## April 7:

Peacocks  
Central Americans over 6"  
Freshwater Crustaceans

## May 5:

Tanganyikan Mouth- brooders--exclude Frontosa  
South Americans over 6"  
Loracariids under 6"

## June 2:

Mbuna--exclude Pseudo, Cyno, Melano  
Discus, Uaru  
Open Catfish, limit 3 per participant (all Cats eligible)

## August 4:

Old World—exclude Rift Lakes and Victorian Basin  
Open New World, limit 3  
Open Tanganyika, limit 3

## September 1:

Frontosa  
Open Old World, exclude Malawi, Tang.  
Corys and other Callichthyids

## October 6:

Malawi "Haps"  
Apistos  
Fish Photography

## November 3:

Female cichlids, limit 3  
Loaches and Botias  
Telmatochromis, Chalinochromis

## December 1:

Tanganyikan "Lamps"—exclude Shell-dwellers  
Julidochromis  
Open Malawi, limit 3

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