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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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- submit an article, classified ad or photograph for the bulletin
- put a fish in the bowl show
- attend the OCA Extravaganza
- turn fry in for the BAP program
- attend the social meetings
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- join the board
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# SOCIAL MEETING INFORMATION

The Next OCA Social Meeting is Friday,  
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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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**2018**

August 3

**Birger Kamprath**

“Synodontis and Close Relatives”

September 7

**Mark Sabaj Perez**

The Cope Collection  
Collecting in Colombia

October 5

**Mike Wise**

South American Dwarf Cichlids

November 2

**Jeremy Basch**

Geophagus

December 7

**Christmas Party**

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**2019**

January 4

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM DON DANKO

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Welcome back after the July break! Time to get back in the swing of things with all things Cichlids and Catfish.

This month, our speaker is Birger Kamprath from Calgary in Canada. He'll be speaking on Synodontis Catfish, a subject near and dear to all of our hearts. I got the chance to meet Birger last night during a fish room visit. I'm sure he'll have an interesting story to tell us.

Be sure to book your Extravaganza Hotel and to register for the show. Our shopping cart is open on the website, so you can do it online.

We got a Jim Smith Fund donation of some decorative rock and coral, so if you're in the market for some, a box will be in tonight's auction. Bid high and often!

See you at the meeting!

Don



## **Program Preview August, 2018**

**Birger Kamprath** has been keeping fish of one form or another since the age of ten. Fifty years later this childhood hobby persists as strong as ever, and you will find many aquariums in his home. Most are dedicated to the Mochokid catfishes of Africa (which include Synodontis), a fascinating group of species that offer challenges in understanding the care and breeding of this family of fish.

Supplementing his fish keeping, over the past few years Birger has turned amateur writer and photographer, writing catfish-related articles as another expression of his interest in these fascinating creatures. His interest in catfish brought him to the on-line world of PlanetCatfish in the mid 2000's, where he sits as a Moderator and spends many hours conversing and sharing insights. His first nervously accepted speaking engagement was to the 2012 Catfish Study Group Convention in the United Kingdom, but he's now excited to continue to share knowledge on the fishes of the often mysterious continent of Africa.

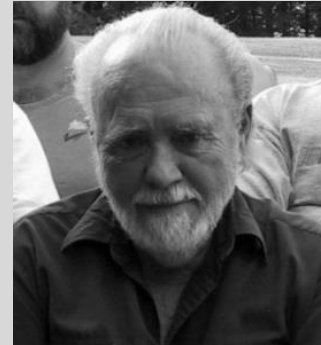
You will find Birger living in the Canadian Rockies, self-employed as a log-fitter and timber-framer in the Bow Valley town of Canmore, Alberta. You will also find him practicing and teaching karate as the Head Instructor of a non-profit karate club, where he engages community youth in age-old teachings focused on self-improvement and humility. Many hours have also been spent getting to know the lakes and streams of Western Canada, with both a fishing rod and dip net.

*The title of Birger's talk will be "Synodontis and Close Relatives".*

*In September, our guest will be Mark Henry Sabaj, from the Drexel University, in Philadelphia. Mark received a portion of the 2016 Jim Smith Award, and used it to update the organization of the historic Cope Collection of South American fish specimens He will report on that project and talk about collecting catfish in Colombia.*



# PLEASE SUPPORT THE JIM SMITH FUND



Throughout the year, we will be running a number of fund raising activities for the OCA Jim Smith Fund for Conservation and Education. These will include the following:

- Raffling off donated livestock or goods
- 50/50 Raffles during OCA events
- Donated bags of fish will be raffled at club auctions
- Sale of shirts and goody bags donated by Omega/Ad Konings
- Donations will be accepted through a button on the club website

***Please consider donating cash, livestock or hardgoods at any OCA event or meeting to help raise money for the Jim Smith Fund. Because of the generous donations of our members and supporters, we have been able provide much needed grants for cichlid or catfish research and conservation! Thanks for your anticipated support!***

The Jim Smith Fund is the OCA's endowment fund that annually awards Cichlid and Catfish researchers and others funds to promote Conservation and Education efforts. To date:

- 2008: \$1,000 was given to support the construction of Anti-Netting Devices in Lake Malawi
- 2009: \$1,000 was donated to the Stewart M. Grant Conservation Fund
- 2010: \$1,000 was donated to the Max Hayes High School to support local education
- 2011: \$2,500 awarded to Jay Stauffer at Penn State to catalog 3,200 collections of Cichlids
- 2012: \$1500 awarded to Jay Stauffer of Penn State University to videograph cichlids in the wild
- 2013: the Jim Smith Fund was able to make two awards, one to Ed Burress for Pike Cichlid research and the other to Ron Coleman for Central American research
- 2014: an award of \$1000 was made to Ad Konings for Tanganyikan breeding facilities
- 2015: Melanie Stiassny received a \$1200 grant to fund attempts to collect live Teleogramma obamaorum. Sam Borstein received \$2000 to study Malawi Cichlid feeding techniques.

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# VISUALLY COMPARING SYNODONTIS PETRICOLA AND S. LUCIPINNIS BY BIRGER KAMPRATH



1. *Synodontis petricola*

Many times the question is asked, "*Synodontis petricola* or *S. lucipinnis*?" These are two seemingly identical species, and until recently, considered to be the same by most. An aquarist armed with some knowledge, combined with a little patience, can learn to differentiate between the two.

Both species come to us from the fascinating waters of Lake Tanganyika, one of the Rift Lakes of East Africa. Well known for its diversity of fishes, the catfish from the lake are no exception. *Synodontis petricola* was first scientifically described by Mathes in 1959. More recently *Synodontis lucipinnis* was described, in 2006, by Wright & Page. Frequently in literature pictures of *S. lucipinnis* have been labeled as *S. petricola* and there were many years when this species was referred to as *S. petricola* sp."dwarf", so confusion is justified. To add to the tumult there still may be more petricola variants, such as what has been introduced as *S. petricola* sp."giant", which has a much larger adult size. Sorting of the types involved with this group may not be complete.

The similarities between these two species are many: Both are covered with black dots on a light brown body which often has a reddish tint, all rayed fins have a white margin on the anterior (forward) rays, and the base of each fin has a black triangle, with the exception of the caudal fin, which has a black bar from tip to base on each lobe. Also, the maxillary and mandibular barbels are white, and each species has the same copper color to the iris of the eye.

For those that are still skeptical as to why these are separate species, a major factor is what is called an axillary pore. "This is an opening that is located between the base of the pectoral fin spine and ventral margins of the humeral process. The function of the axillary pore is unknown"[1]. Other types of catfish can have this, including the North American genus *Noturus*, commonly called "Madtoms". *Noturus* spp. Are well known for the sting they can give, which is thought to be connected to the axillary pore [2]. What is very important is that *Synodontis petricola* has an axillary pore and *Synodontis lucipinnis* does not. This pore can be seen in close up photographs, though I have stared for long periods trying to see this on the fish themselves without much luck, and a person would have to be fairly sharp-eyed to spot this.

I prefer not to get into many of the morphological differences that are present which need dissection or precise measurements to figure out, instead staying with characteristics that can be spotted by the practiced eye of a keen aquarist. For differences you can see without going bug-eyed, let's start with the one that I originally noticed. The feature that made me do a double take the first time I saw true *Synodontis petricola* was the longer leaner looking body; these juveniles seemed to swim in a more serpentine fashion. Only after noticing this slender looking fish did I stop and recognize some of the following features. In comparison, *S. lucipinnis* seem to look a little shorter and deeper bodied, but a fully grown male unfortunately can also have that long and slender look.

When looking at *S. petricola*, its spots are much more distinctly rounded, most are evenly sized, being generally not bigger than the eye. They quite often are set out in what seems like lines in a pattern, but are not always so regimented. As you go forward to the head the dots get very small and numerous.





## 2. *Synodontis lucipinnis*

In *S. lucipinnis*, the spots on the body have less distinct edges, often are irregularly shaped and can be considerably larger than the size of the eye, and dispersal is done in a more haphazard manner. The spots on the head are slightly larger and less densely packed than in *S. petricola*.

It has already been mentioned that both species have a black triangle at the base of all rayed fins (not including the caudal), but in *S. lucipinnis* there is an extra light colored area, or "window", usually present at the base of the dark triangle. I find this to be most noticeable in the anal fin.

For all the items pertaining to pattern there is a certain amount of overlap which does create its challenges when trying to identify a fish one is uncertain of. I have what is obviously *S. lucipinnis* except for the absence of the mentioned window on the anal fin. *S. petricola* could have 2 or 3 of its dots that merge together creating a spot larger than the eye. Patterns in many species of fish do vary and these are no exception; nature has a way of not always conforming to what should be.

On very young fish it would be extremely difficult to visually determine the species, both having just a few random spots on a light background. At



approximately 30 mm (1.25") the juveniles begin to take on adult configuration. Final adult size is quite different: *S. lucipinnis* stays smaller, only reaching 100mm (3.9") SL, that is, from the tip of the nose to the base of the caudal fin. *S. petricola* can reach lengths of 130mm (5.1") SL, keeping in mind the potential of the previously mentioned "giant".

Spawning of these fish is possible, with the use of marble pots working quite well for *S. lucipinnis*. They have also been noted to have scattered eggs among the stones and gravel of aquariums. *S. petricola* is reported to be an egg scatterer, with some success by separating the sexes for a while, then bringing a male and female together in a tank.

If you are reading this hoping to clarify what species you have picked up, I hope it helps. Keep in mind, regardless of which species you may have, they are both excellent fish, generally peaceful, social, more active than your average *Synodontis*, and a wonderful addition to a Tanganyikan community.

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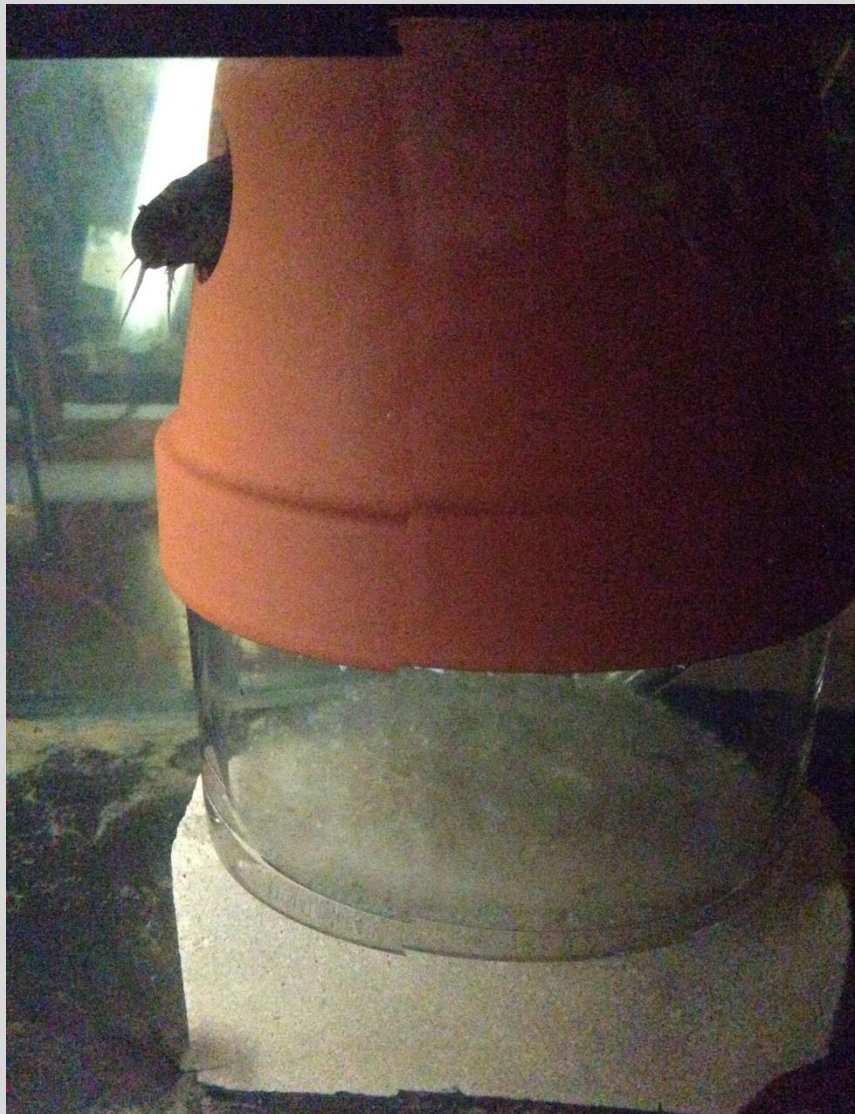
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# SYNODONTIS POLLI

BY DANIEL OGRIZEK

Synodontis polli are widely distributed in Lake Tanganyika along with Synodontis petricola, Synodontis multipunctatus and other synodontis. They are a very peaceful fish similar to dwarf petricola and lucipinnis in their swimming movements and eating habits.

This fish was named after Max Poll, a Belgian ichthyologist who worked with fish from Lake Tanganyika and the Congo drainage system. The word Synodontis comes from the Greek word Syn, meaning together, and odontos, meaning tooth, in reference to the closely spaced lower jaw teeth.



**How do you tell *Synodontis polli* apart from *petricola*?** Being that the fry look similar to dwarf *petricola*, the way you can tell them apart is by looking at the mouth. *Syn. Polli* have a very wide mouth going from side to side, whereas a *petricola*'s mouth is circular. *Polli* are going to get bigger, have a darker chocolate brown cast to their body with slightly larger dark spots and the edging on their fins is dull white. In contrast, the *petricola* is smaller, has a whiter cast to the body, smaller spots with brighter edging on the fins. In both fish, the caudal fin is always forked. In one of my spawnings of *polli*, the caudal fin split into 3 sections. This was an interesting mutation which never appeared again.

**Sexing the fish?** The easiest way to sex *polli* is by looking down on them and from the side. The males are sleek looking and about 5-6 inches long. Females will be slightly smaller, bulge with eggs when looking down on them. Or you can vent them, but usually there is no need to do this as the females are so full of eggs when ready to spawn. The genital papilla of the male is black and small, about the size of an ink pen tip.

Many years ago the OCA brought in a *synodontis* guest speaker for the monthly meeting. He put up a slide that was very interesting. He showed which *syno*'s were related to each other. It was similar to this:

*Syn. granulosus*  
*Syn. dhonti* (all related)  
*Syn. multipunctatus*

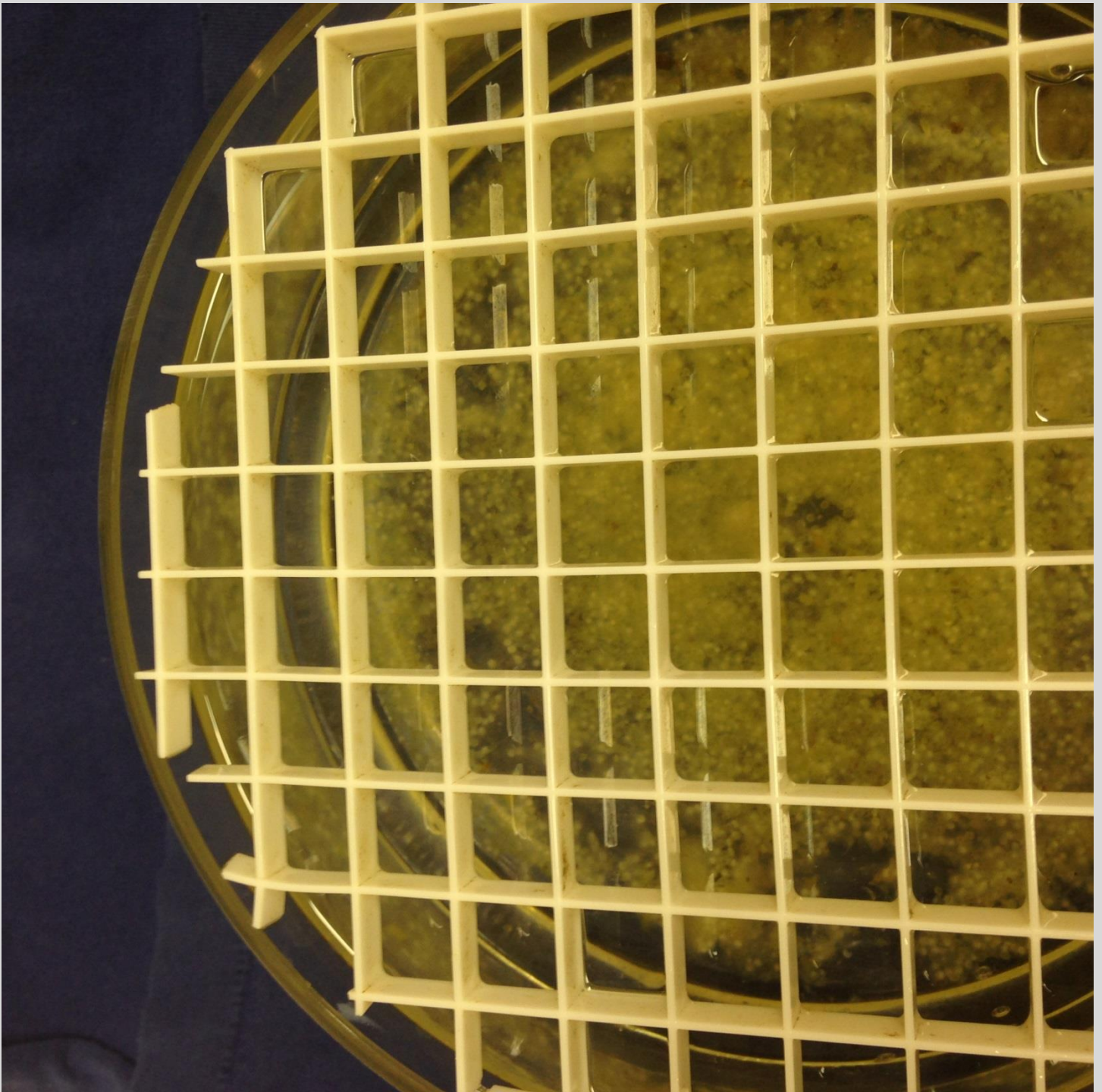
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*Syn. lucipinnis*  
*Syn. petricola* (all related)  
*Syn. Polli*



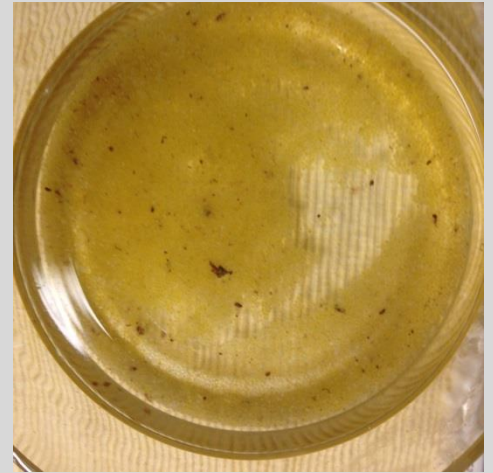
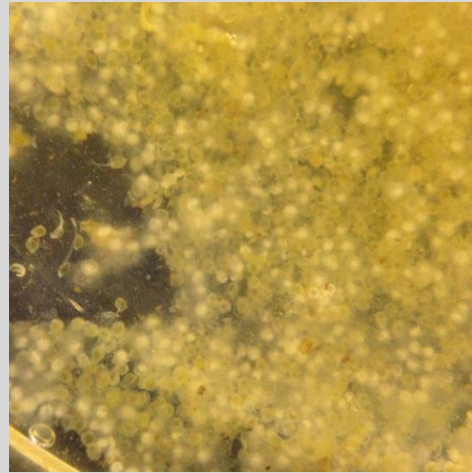
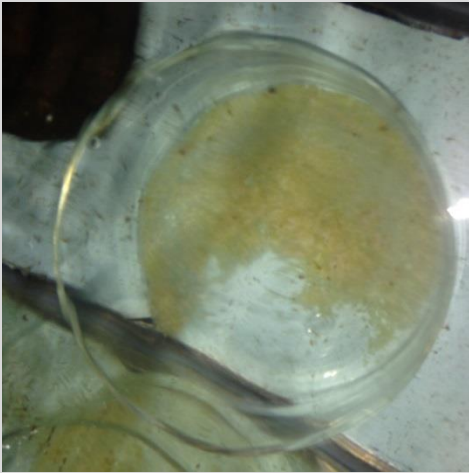


After seeing this chart, a light bulb went off in my head! The polli, petricola and lucipinis are related! I could do this fish because I had already spawned lucipinnis/petricola and the polli would be set up the same way. I just needed a bigger pot with a 1 ½" opening cut into the flower pot. I would use a glass base with egg crate-like divider separating the top from the bottom. This would permit the eggs to fall into the glass base. The water should be clean. Temperature needs to be 80 degrees. P.H. needs to be above 7.0. Hardness needs to be 250ppm-300 ppm. If eggs appear and fungus, do a water change and add r/o water until you get a fertile spawn. In adding r/o water, you may have to add baking soda to keep the PH above 7.0.



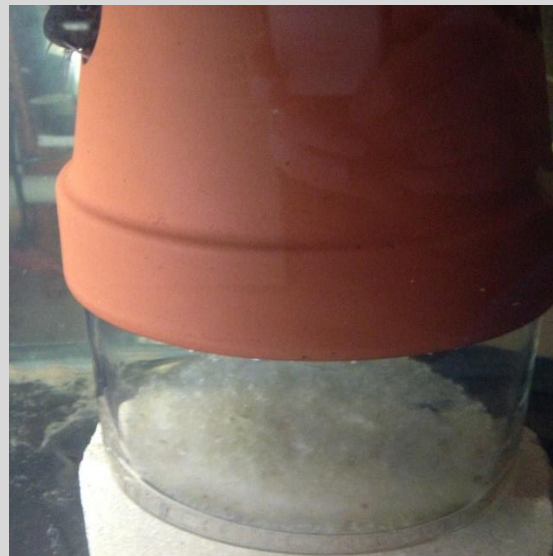


I had a big colony of 18 at the time. When they spawned, there would be a thousand eggs because more than one female would spawn. The eggs were opaque. Not all hatched. About half were infertile. The tank was a bare bottom 40 gallon breeder tank. I put one brick in the tank and put the flower pot on the brick. It made it easier to see the eggs. If I did not want a spawn, I took the pot out of the tank and left it out for a month, all the while feeding them and doing a weekly water change. Then a month later, I would put the pot in and they would spawn usually within a week.



These fish are an omnivore and will eat flake foods, frozen foods, and live foods. I fed sinking pellets, frozen blood worms and frozen brine shrimp, live white worms and cooked sliced broccoli stems. Because this fish is related to lucipinnis, it also is a slow grower. It probably took 4-5 years to get the fish in condition and large enough to breed. When I bought the fish, they came in emaciated and on death's door step. I did lose a few, but with water changes and food they slowly filled out.

If you have raised lucipinnis / petricola, the polli are set up and spawned the same way. They are easy to maintain, breed, and raise to adulthood. Polli are not finicky about food and can withstand lack of water maintenance. This is a perfect fish for the beginning breeder.





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# JUNE CICHLID BAP REPORT

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.

**June 1, 2018**

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Aulonocara jacobfreibergi "lemon jake" 10

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Haplochromis sp. "ruby green" 10

**Roger Stark**

Aulonocara baenschi "Benga" 10

Aulonocara sp. "dragon blood firefish" 10

**Congratulations**

**Roger Stark**

**100 point level**

# 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 (6/1/2018)

BREEDER	2018	TOTAL
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### MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

Lew Carbone	30	3020
Don & Marilyn Danko	15	2420
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Josh Cunningham	-	1640
Bryan Davis	-	1455
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
John Tesar	10	1120
Mark Chaloupka	-	1075
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065

### 900 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Jeff Yadlovsky	10	965
Tom Swiderski	-	905

### 800 POINT LEVEL

Jonathan Strazinsky	45	895
Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	-	870
Gary Mendez	55	855
Dustin Brummitt	-	840
Ken & Sue Galaska	-	800

### 700 POINT LEVEL

Bill Schwartz	30	730
Jeff Natterer	-	705

### 600 POINT LEVEL

Bob Blazek	20	680
Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600

### 500 POINT LEVEL

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

### 400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	15	490
Phil Hypes	-	475
Kyle May	-	460
Bob Bina	-	435
Tyler Toncler	-	420

### 300 POINT LEVEL

Andrew Schock	85	375
Jonathan Dietrich	20	355
David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Greg Senn	-	325
Gary Zalewski	-	325
Ken & Karen Grimmatt	-	310
Tom & Carolyn Evers	-	300

### 200 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Kuehn	-	285
James Shakour	-	275
David Hearn	15	270
Jason Mlynar	-	260
Dave Esner	-	250
Ken Walker	-	240
Justin Way	10	230
Mark Kazanoff	-	215
Paul Collander	-	205

### 100 POINT LEVEL

Bill & Janice Bilski	10	195
Marc & Dawn DeWerth	-	195
Ozeal Hunter	-	190
Chuck Carroll	-	185
Denis Rozmus	-	185
Andrew Subotnik	-	180
Bob Evers	-	175
Charles Nowakowski	-	165
Frank Mueller	-	160
Steve Heinbaugh	-	150
David Ayers	-	145
Greg Seith	-	145
Dan Ogrizek	-	140
John Griffith	-	135
Carl Oszewski	-	135
Joe Ring	-	120
Steve Olander	-	115
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110
Roger Stark	60	110

### BREEDER LEVEL

Mark Huntington	-	95
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	-	60
Paul Palisin	-	60
Chris Jaskolka	-	55
John Kaminski	-	55
Keith Robinson	25	55
Dave Dimond	-	50
Margaret Heifner	-	50
John Kahl	-	50
Alex Gorges	-	45
Jason Gorges	10	40
Ethan Wiley	-	40
Matt Lacy	-	35

Christopher Sooy	-	35
Tom Tansey	-	35
Paul Hutnyak	-	30
Adam Stallman	-	30
Wayne Corman	-	25
Fred Roberts	-	25
Andy Lacerda	-	20
Scott Meyers	-	20
Bill Sensor	-	20
Jason Webb	-	20
Ken Carey	-	10
Jim & Amy Damm	-	10
Ron Drungil	-	10
Ben Jensen	-	10
Cory Knarr	-	10
Michael Meyer	-	10
Russell & Tom Pierce	25	25
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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# JUNE CATFISH BAP REPORT

Listed below are the Catfish BAP submissions for last month. Members successfully bred these catfish and raised fry to a minimum of 1". Varying point values determined by spawn difficulty were given to members' total Catfish BAP points. Congratulations on these spawns and thank you for your participation.

## JUNE RESULTS NOT SUBMITTED

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.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Dan Ogrizek	0	430
Steve Heinbaugh		365
Dave Ayres	10	325
Don & Marilyn Danko		285
Phil Ayres		230
Ken Walker		120
Bob Blazek	30	110
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen		110
Dan Woodland		100
Matt Urbin		90
Tom & Carolyn Evers		80
Hilary Lacerda		80
Bill Schwartz	10	70
Bob Bina		70
John Kaminski		70
Justin Way		60
Bryan Davis		60
Phil Hypes		60
Jeff Natterer		50

Ken Galaska		45
Tyler Toncler		45
Matt Lacy		40
Josh Cunningham		40
Kyle May		40
George Aganostopoulos		40
John Tesar		30
Karen & Ken Grimmett		30
Lew Carbone		30
Andrew Schock		30
Bob Evers		30
Jason Mlynar		25
Russell & Tom Pierce	20	20
Tony Poth		20
Gary Mendez		20
David Toth		20
Paul Palisin		20
Jeff Yadlovsky		10
Dave Hearn		10
John Griffith		10
Carl Olszewski		10
Anthony Scranton		10
Jon Dietrich		10
Richard Shamray		10
William Zarzeczny		10
Wayne Corman		10
Mark Chaloupka		10
David Hale		10
Jonathan Strazinsky		10
Bob & Jennifer Tillman		10



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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 Scott Myers, at a meeting for more information.



Here are the details for this year's Bowl Show:

- >Cash prizes: \$15 for 1<sup>st</sup> place in each class and an additional \$15 for Best of Show.
- >Points: In each class, 10 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 for any non-placing entry, and an additional 5 for Best of Show.
- >Best of Show will be awarded only if there are 2 or more show entries.
- >Grand Prize for 2018: 75 gallon aquarium or cash equivalent.
- >Size restrictions refer to full-grown adult sizes as reported by Cichlid Room Companion or Planet Catfish.

## August Classes:

Mochokids (Synodontis types)

Discus, Uaru

Old World, exclude Rift Lakes, Vic Basin



# 2018 BOWL SHOW CLASSES

## **February 2**

Victoria Basin  
Loricariids (Pleco types) 6" or under  
South Americans 6" and under, exclude Angels, Apistos

## **March 2**

Mbuna  
Catfish, exclude Mochokids, Loricariids, Callichthyids  
Fish Photography

## **April 6**

Tanganyikan Shell Dwellers  
Angels  
Callichthyids (Cory types)

## **May 4**

Loricariids (Pleco types) over 6"  
Peacocks  
Open New World

## **June 1**

Central Americans over 6"  
Tanganyikan Mouthbrooders, exclude Frontosa  
Frontosa

## **August 3**

Mochokids (Synodontis types)  
Discus, Uaru  
Old World, exclude Rift Lakes, Vic Basin

## **September 7**

Apistos  
Open Tanganyika  
Malawi Haps

## **October 5**

Central Americans 6" and under  
Open Catfish  
Female cichlids

## **November 2**

South Americans over 6"  
Open Old World, exclude Malawi, Tanganyika  
Loaches and Botias

## **December 7**

Julidichromis, Telmatachromis, Chalinochromis  
Tanganyikan Lamps, exclude Shell Dwellers  
Open Malawi

All classes are for cichlids, unless otherwise specified.



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# A MESSAGE FROM NEOFISH

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NEOfish wanted to let the members of OCA know that they are moving to a new professional auction software program, using a preprinted Seller barcoded bag waterproof labels and all buyers at the auction will need to run a tab. This new software will be used for the first time at the September 16, 2018 auction.

First, Buyers will need to run a tab as many buyers currently do. The auction program does not have the ability to track cash payments as you receive your items. If you lose track of how much you have spent you can go to the Check-In table to get that information. So do not pay the runner for your items, just use your buyer number. Buyers can also pre-register with NEOfish for this and future auctions which will save a little bit of time.

The Seller barcoded bag labels will include the Seller's name, Seller code, Bag number, phone number and email address along with a printed color dot. No more seller payment envelope to address and no more dots to apply to the bag, just the one barcoded label. We will continue to use the Seller Item Registration form that protects the Seller if an item is lost. All the seller needs to do for their bags is label them with the name of the fish and quantity. They would also continue to number their bags too (just 1 - ??). In order to do this efficiently, we need to have all sellers pre-register their seller code and contact information with NEOfish. You can do this quickly and easily using the form on the website which is available now. But first, follow this link below to check if you have already been Pre-Register with NEOfish using past auction information. If you're on the list **with a seller code** you don't have to do anything at this time. Later, I will send the sellers an email asking if you're coming to the September 2018 auction so we have your labels ready when you arrive. Any left over labels will still be good at the next auction, they do not expire. If you received an email from me to check on your seller information, and that information was correct or corrected, that also would indicate you're pre-registered. We have already input 300+ people into the system.

To check on your Pre-Registration status, follow this link. It's an alphabetical list of people in the system sorted by the last name.

<http://www.neo-fish.com/events/list-of-buyer-and-sellers-already-pre-registered/>

To Pre-Register anytime from now until a couple of days before the auction, just follow this link. Again this is most important for Sellers but Buyers will also benefit with faster check-in.

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