

Buckeye Bulletin

August 2020

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As you turn these pages, you enter the digital archives of the Ohio Cichlid Association. Take a look around and please enjoy.

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**President's Message
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Cichlid BAP Results
Catfish BAP Results
Program Previews
Extravaganza Show Results!**

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The OCA Mission Statement...

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.

There are many ways to get involved with the club!

Attend Meetings
Contribute to the Buckeye Bulletin
Participate in the monthly Bowl Show
Volunteer to “run” at an auction
Persuade non-members to attend a meeting
Attend the Extravaganza
Participate in the Breeder Awards Program
Enter fish into an auction
Join the Board – elections are held in December
Like/Share an OCA Facebook post
Post a thread on the OCA Forum
Visit Ohiocichlid.com

Get involved in all things OCA!

A Word from the President...

Lew Carbone,
OCA President

Greetings, OCA Members!

As online gatherings become the (temporary) norm, the OCA has been planning “activities” within that framework. Online Social Meetings have now become a regular thing. Board members Don Danko and Byron Von Gunten took the lead in getting them going, and we now have them scheduled through October (and we’re working on November and December).

The biggest online event that we’re cobbling together will be the 2020 Extravaganza. It will take place November 20-22, the traditional Extravaganza weekend. We are still in the planning stages, but I can say that we’ll try to approximate as many of the Extravaganza experiences as we can in our final product. Haakon Haagensen, from Norway, along with Ad Konings and Jeff Cardwell, have tentatively agreed to do online presentations. Other activities are being explored and discussed. I hope to be able to tell you a lot more about it in the September *Buckeye Bulletin*.

Board members “Jombie” Dietrich and Ron Maichle have also been busy adapting traditional OCA activities to the current situation. There is now a “virtual” method of turning in BAP spawns, which is explained in this issue. This temporary system will allow you to get recognition and points for your spawns. One of the founding purposes of the Breeders’ Award Program is to make various species available to our members via small auction, so please hold back a few fish from your “virtual” BAP species in order to offer them in the mini-auction of a future in-person meeting. We realize that this won’t be always possible, especially because we don’t know how long this will be going on, but we ask that you try.

Thanks for staying with us in these disorienting times, and I hope to see you in-person soon!

Lew

OCA Extravaganza 2020 Virtual Experience!

Due to COVID19, the in-person Extravaganza has been cancelled.

The OCA Board has been tirelessly working on a new format, a *virtual* format, to continue the legacy of the Extravaganza.

Keep these dates free:

November 20-22, 2020

We are trying our best to find ways to recreate our many traditional activities, along with incorporating some fresh ideas too!

Tentative speaker engagements:
Haakon Haagensen, from Norway
Ad Konings
Jeff Cardwell

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

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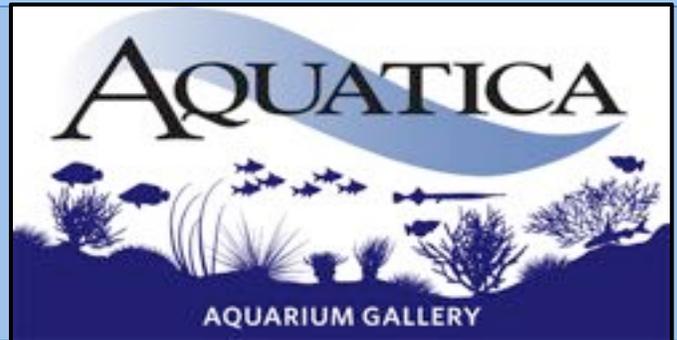
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August Program Preview

Rich Bierbower

“Breeding and Raising Quality Angelfish”

August 7, 2020 8:00 PM

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAlgwAiaJI7kPVR5y3Wdmlg>

OCA Extravaganza 2020 FaceBook Group

My interest in fish has its roots in my early childhood, when my parents helped me set up my very first ten-gallon aquarium. I kept a few platys, mollies, and some corys in this tank. This was the extent of my involvement in the hobby and all I knew about keeping tropical fish until my parents took me to see my very first fish room, which was owned by Jeff Blaisdale. My interest in angelfish was created through the many visits to Jeff's house to see his fish and to pick up new fish for our family tanks.

Unfortunately, my interest in fish subsided during my high school years, but I rediscovered my interest in tropical fish during my college years as I was finishing up my B.S. in biology with a minor in chemistry. I set up a tank in my apartment, filled it with platys, and rekindled my interest in fish. Upon completing graduate school with a M. Ed. in secondary science and mathematics education, I began teaching eighth grade physical science. My brother Ray and I set up a fish room together. Eventually our jobs required us to set up our own, separate fish rooms.



Currently, I teach high school biology and have aquariums in my classroom to expose my students to the tropical fish hobby.

My wife, Laura, and I started our current fish hatchery business, Bierbower Aquatics, approximately twelve years ago. Today we maintain 50+ aquariums that are primarily devoted to raising high quality orange koi angelfish, albino angelfish, and fancy varieties of dwarf bristle nose plecos. Our goal is to raise and sell fish that are healthy, genetically strong, and true to standards. Additionally, we have successfully raised more than 30 other species of tropical fish from a variety of families, including various livebearers, South American cichlids, African cichlids, and Corydoras catfish. The majority of our fish are sold online and shipped throughout the country.

During this presentation, I will discuss how to successfully keep and raise high quality angelfish. Topics covered will include nutrition, housing, water chemistry, basic breeding techniques, genetics, and various helpful tricks and tips I've picked up over the years that have helped me find success. I look forward to sharing my 25+ years of experience keeping and raising tropical fish with you.

Rich's talk is titled "Breeding and Raising Quality Angelfish". See above for FaceBook and YouTube info.

Next month, Michael Liu will present "Rare and Unusual African Cichlids". Mike's home club is the New England Cichlid Association, which works with Oliver Lucanus and others to import many species from East and West Africa that are very rare, have disappeared from the hobby, or that we've never seen before.



OCA Social Meeting Schedule

Due to circumstances, this schedule is tentative.

Until we can resume with live meetings, all our scheduled meetings will be presented live, at 8:00 PM, in our OCA Extravaganza 2020 FaceBook Group and on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAlgwAiaJI7kPVR5y3WdmIg>

Most of these presentations will remain on our YouTube channel.

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August 7

Rich Bierbower

Bierbower Aquatics

“Breeding and Raising Quality Angelfish”

September 4

Michael Liu

New England Cichlid Association

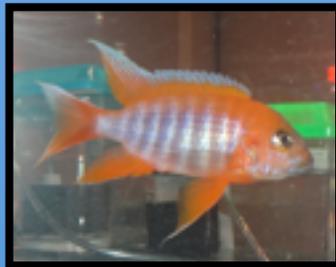
“Rare and Unusual African Cichlids”

October 2

Nick Zarlinga

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

“Project Piaba”



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Important NOTICE!



Friday, August 7th, at 8:00PM

Our OCA Monthly Meeting will be held
VIRTUALLY over the INTERNET!

Come join us on at either...

OCA Extravaganza 2020 FaceBook Group

Or

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAlgwAiaJI7kPVR5y3WdmIg>

In Memoriam

Submitted by Don Danko

I recently sadly learned that Steve Schreiber of Lincoln Illinois passed away earlier this year. Steve would often frequent tropical fish events and would attend the Ohio Cichlid Association's Extravaganza each year. He was certainly a friendly and fun loving man that enjoyed African cichlids. He will be dearly missed.

Here's the obituary comments that were run on Legacy.com:

Steven Schreiber 1943 - 2020

Lincoln, IL—It is with sadness that the family of Steven Kurt Schreiber announces his passing on April 12, 2020, after an unexpected cancer diagnosis. That sadness in his loss is comforted by the knowledge that Steve's resurrection came as we celebrated Easter morning.

Steve was born February 10, 1943, in Lincoln, the son of Kurt Carl Schreiber and Mary Eloise (Baker) Schreiber, both of whom preceded him in death. He married his wife of 57 years, Carolyn Elizabeth Yeates, also of Lincoln, on September 14, 1962, in Roanoke, IL; she survives. Also surviving Steve are his four daughters, Rebecca Lyn Schreiber of Naperville, IL; Jessica Lee (Steven) Hayes of Mount Pulaski, IL; Jennifer Gretchen (Christopher) Herzog, of Lincoln, IL; and Carrie Victoria (Jay) Verner of Lindenhurst, IL. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Elizabeth Anne Herzog of Middletown, IL; Ian Kurt Herzog of Newport News, VA; Alecsandria Nicole Hayes and Skylar Quinn Hayes of Mount Pulaski, IL; and Vivian Elizabeth Verner and Eliot James Verner of Lindenhurst, IL. Other survivors include a sister-in-law, Joelyn Kelly, and two brothers-in-law, Tim Kelly and John Yeates and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters-in-law, Christine Yeates and Marilyn Weingarz, and a brother-in-law, Joseph Weingarz.

Steve attended Elkhart and Lincoln schools, graduating from Lincoln Community High School in 1961, where he participated in student government, sports, and theatre. He continued schooling at Knox College in Galesburg, IL, where he earned a BA in theatre. After graduation, Steve began a career in manufacturing engineering and management in Sycamore, IL, Libertyville, IL, Chicago, IL, Belvidere, IL, Morton, IL, and Malta, OH. When he returned to Lincoln, Steve joined management positions with what is now CVS Pharmacy, retiring in 2002. After his retirement, Steve became an Adjunct Instructor at Lincoln College, teaching theatre and speech classes and becoming a part of the theatre production team at the college as well.

Steve was a former member of Lincoln Kiwanis Club, Master Gardeners, Lincoln's Civil Service Commission, and the American Cichlid Association. His current memberships included Immanuel Lutheran Church and Lincoln Community Theatre, continuing his lifelong passion for acting, directing, and set design. He was an avid stamp collector, a fresh-water fish breeder, and a long-time stalwart Cubs baseball and Illini basketball fan. With all of these activities, Steve's most favorite role as patriarch of the Schreiber clan continued to be husband to his high-school sweetheart, Dad to his four beloved daughters, who lit up his life, and Papa to his cherished grandchildren, who stole his heart.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date, when the world allows again. Memorial donations may be made in Steve's name to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lincoln Community Theatre, or Memorial Home Hospice.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, IL

RIP, Steve!



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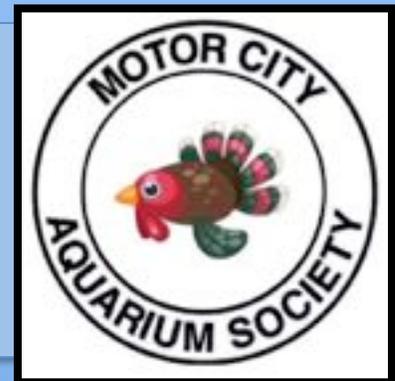
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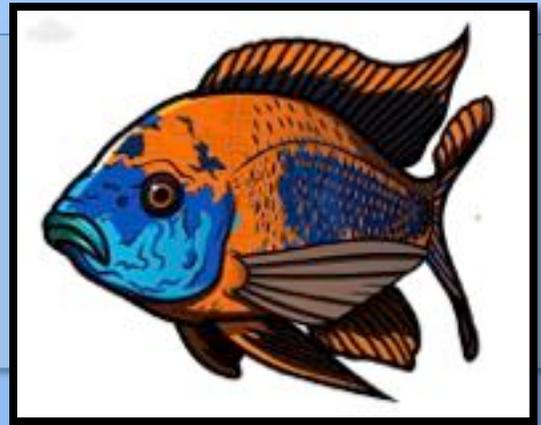
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VIRTUAL BAP!

Temporary guidelines for temporary times (Hopefully, soon! We miss you all!)

OCA BAP Submissions during COVID! - Temporary Procedure

To keep members engaged with the club we would like to offer the ability to virtually submit spawns for the Breeder Awards Program. During this unprecedented time we would like to give hobbyists the ability to get credit for the proliferation of cichlids and catfish. This means we will be suspending the requirement to turn in the fish at a monthly meeting, and instead members will need to submit a photo of fry (and parents if available), along with a completed form, by email. Note this is only a temporary procedure. BAP will return to the normal process/expectations when in-person meetings resume. Also, all standard size and number minimums must be honored. Follow these links for the standard rules:

<https://www.ohiocichlid.com/meetings/bap-cichlids>

<https://www.ohiocichlid.com/meetings/bap-catfish>

Here's what you need to do to participate:

1. Take a photo (a decent cellphone photo will do) of multiple fry, and if possible, a photo of the parents. Show at least the number of fry that is the minimum turn-in number for that species. **When photographing the fry, include in the photo, by writing on the tank or attaching an index card to the glass, that day's date.**
2. Download the fillable form PDF from our website. <https://www.ohiocichlid.com/meetings/bap-virtual> (See step 2 there, also.)
3. Fill out the form on your phone or computer and save. If you prefer, you can print the form, fill it out by hand, and scan or photograph the completed form.
3. Attach the form and photo(s) to an email, and send to buckeyebulletin@gmail.com. Please send only one species per email, but you can send multiple submissions each month.

If you choose to write an article on the spawn, it will be included in our monthly bulletin. Don't worry if you're writing skills aren't the best, because we can edit it into something you can be proud of.

It is strongly encouraged that if a species is turned in by this virtual method, at a future in-person meeting, the species is still submitted for the mini-auction. This is in keeping with one of the purposes of the Breeders' Award Program, which is to make a variety of species available to our members in this manner.

Your submissions will be announced at the OCA monthly Zoom meeting and published in the monthly bulletin. For a submission to be credited for that month, it must be submitted by the Sunday before the meeting. (Meetings are always the 1st Friday of the month.) If you miss a monthly deadline, it'll be credited for the next month. As always, each month's BAP submissions won't be included in the official reported totals until the following month's bulletin.

As in all BAP, there is an element of "the honor system" involved. Let's keep this fun for everyone!

BAP Submissions for August's Virtual Meeting!

Jonathan Dietrich
Astatotilapia latifasciata

Breeding group and many fry available @ \$3.00 per
Contact: jonathan.rh.dietrich@gmail.com



Jonathan Dietrich
Aulonocara maylandi

Many fry available @ \$3.00 per
Contact: jonathan.rh.dietrich@gmail.com



Jonathan Dietrich
Amatitlania septemfasciata

Many fry available @ \$3.00 per
Contact: jonathan.rh.dietrich@gmail.com



Jonathan Dietrich
Coptodon kottae

Breeding group of 5 fish and fry available @ \$2.00 per
Contact: jonathan.rh.dietrich@gmail.com



Jonathan Dietrich
Copadichromis chrysonatus

8 fry available for \$25
Contact: jonathan.rh.dietrich@gmail.com



BAP Submissions for August's Virtual Meeting!

Jonathan Dietrich

Amatitlania nigrofasciata "Marbled Convict"

Two pairs and fry available @ \$2.00 per
Contact: jonathan.rh.dietrich@gmail.com



Jonathan Dietrich

Pseudotropheus acei "Ngara Whitetail"

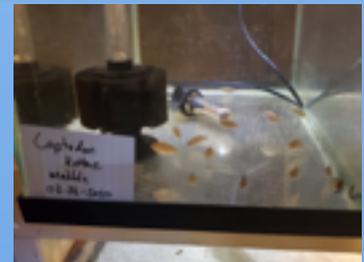
Many fry available @ \$3.00 per
Contact: jonathan.rh.dietrich@gmail.com



Ron Maichle

Coptodon kottae

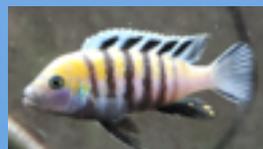
One pair and several fry available
Contact: maichleron@yahoo.com



Ron Maichle

Cynotilapia afra "cobue"

Breeding group (2 pair) and fry available
Contact: maichleron@yahoo.com



Ron Maichle

Julidochromis marlieri

One breeding pair and fry available
Contact: maichleron@yahoo.com



BAP Submissions for August's Virtual Meeting!

Roger Stark
Amatitlania nigrofasciata "Black Convicts"



Roger Stark
Nimbochromis venustus



Roger Stark
Pseudotropheus acei "Ngara Whitetail"



BAP Submissions for September's meeting must be submitted by August 30th to be published in the September Bulletin!

Please submit official form and fry photo to buckeyebulletin@gmail.com

Cichlid BAP... April 2020

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP submissions for March 2020. Members successfully bred these cichlids and raised a minimum of 6 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.

Bob Blazek

Labidochromis joanjohnsonae "pearl of Likoma" 10

Mark Chaloupka

Herichthys minckleyi 20

Dennis Kuehn

Gephyrochromis moorii 10

Labidochromis hongii "SRT" 10

Gary Mendez

Melanochromis vermivorus 10

John Tesar

Aulonocara sp. "albino ruby red" 10

Nimbochromis venustus 10

Cichlid BAP Totals... April 2020

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP grand totals. The information is maintained by Mark Chaloupka, OCA Board. See Mark at monthly meetings for more information about the Cichlid Breeders Award Program.

Thank you for your participation.

CURRENT B.A.P. STANDINGS (3/6/2020)

BREEDER	2020	TOTAL
<u>MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL</u>		
Lew Carbone	10	3095
Don & Marilyn Danko	-	2435
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Josh Cunningham	20	2040
Bryan Davis	-	1455
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
John Tesar	20	1165
Mark Chaloupka	20	1130
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
Jeff Yadlovsky	20	1120
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065
<u>900 POINT LEVEL</u>		
Jonathan Strazinsky	15	995
Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Gary Mendez	30	955
Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	-	910
Tom Swiderski	-	905
<u>800 POINT LEVEL</u>		
Dustin Brummitt	-	840
Ken & Sue Galaska	20	820
<u>700 POINT LEVEL</u>		
Bill Schwartz	-	760
Bob Blazek	10	730
Jeff Natterer	-	725
<u>600 POINT LEVEL</u>		
Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600
<u>500 POINT LEVEL</u>		
Dan & Vi McMonigle	-	585
John Jancik Sr. & Jr.	-	575
Jonathan Dietrich	30	565
Tim Craig	-	540
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	-	530
George Anagnostopoulos	-	515
Ron Georgeone	-	510

Cichlid BAP Totals... April 2020

400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
Phil Hypes	-	475
Kyle May	-	460
Bob Bina	-	435
Tyler Toncler	-	420
Andrew Schock	35	415

300 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Kuehn	30	380
Greg Senn	-	350
David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Dennis Kuehn	10	325
Gary Zalewski	-	325
Tom & Carolyn Evers	-	320
Ken & Karen Grimmett	-	310

200 POINT LEVEL

James Shakour	-	275
David Hearn	-	270
Jason Mlynar	-	270
Mark Kazanoff	-	255
Dave Esner	-	250
Ken Walker	-	240
Justin Way	-	230
Bill & Janice Bilski	-	205
Paul Collander	-	205

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100 POINT LEVEL

Marc & Dawn DeWerth	-	195
Ozeal Hunter	-	190
Chuck Carroll	-	185
Denis Rozmus	-	185
Roger Stark	-	180
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
Keith Robinson	-	130
Joe Ring	-	120
Steve Olander	-	115
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110

Cichlid BAP Totals... April 2020

BREEDER LEVEL

Mark Huntington	-	95
Randall Wyan	-	95
Ron Maichle	10	90
Dolores Bacisin	-	85
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	85
Pete Gembka	-	80
Rick Wood	-	75
Bob Tillman	-	70
Matt Urbin	-	70
Dave Dimond	-	65
John Kaminski	10	65
Scott Mabee	-	65
Russell & Tom Pierce	-	65
Anthony Scarton	-	65
Lee Spencer	35	65
Jim Jensen	-	60
Paul Palisin	-	60
Chris Jaskolka	-	55
Dave Dimond	-	50
Margaret Heifner	-	50
John Kahl	-	50
Alex Gorges	-	45
Jason Gorges	-	40
Ethan Wiley	-	40
Matt Lacy	-	35
Sam Muselli	20	35
Christopher Sooy	-	35
Tom Tansey	-	35
Paul Hutnyak	-	30
Adam Stallman	-	30
Wayne Corman	-	25
Fred Roberts	-	25
Pat Daley	-	20
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
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.

Breed...

Share....

Enjoy...

Cichlid and Catfish BAP



Catfish BAP... April 2020

Listed below are the Catfish BAP submissions for March 2020. Members successfully bred these catfish and raised a minimum of 6 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.

Breeder	Species	Points
Jonathan Dietrich	Corydoras aeneus	10



Catfish BAP Totals... April 2020

Listed below are the Catfish BAP grand totals. The information is maintained by Steve Heinbaugh, OCA Board. See Steve at monthly meetings for more information about the Catfish Breeders Award Program.

Thank you for your participation.

Breeder	2020	Total
Dan Ogrizek		430
Steve Heinbaugh		365
Dave Ayres		345
Don & Marilyn Danko		285
Phil Ayres		230
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen		120
Ken Walker		120
Bob Blazek		110
Hilary Lacerda		105
Dan Woodland		100
Matt Urbin		90
Tom & Carolyn Evers		80
Bill Schwartz		70
Bob Bina		70
John Kaminski		70
Josh Cunningham	10	60
Justin Way		60
Bryan Davis		60
Phil Hypes		60
Jeff Natterer		50
Ken Galaska		45
Tyler Toncler		45
Matt Lacy		40
Kyle May		40
George Aganostopoulos		40

Catfish BAP Totals... April 2020

	2020	Total
Jason Mlynar		35
John Tesar		30
Karen & Ken Grimmett		30
Lew Carbone		30
Andrew Schock		30
Bob Evers		30
Lee Spencer	20	20
Jon Dietrich	20	20
Russell & Tom Pierce		20
Tony Poth		20
Gary Mendez		20
David Toth		20
Paul Palisin		20
Ron Maichle		10
Dan McMonagle		10
Roger Stark		10
Mark Kazanoff		10
Randall Wyan		10
Keith Robinson		10
Jeff Yadlovsky		10
Dave Hearn		10
John Griffith		10
Carl Olszewski		10
Anthony Scranton		10
Richard Shamray		10
William Zarzeczny		10
Wayne Corman		10
Mark Chaloupka		10
David Hale		10
Jonathan Strazinsky		10
Bob & Jennifer Tillman		10

Bowl Show – May 2020

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 Ron Miachle, OCA Board, at a meeting for more information.

As you know the April meeting was a bust (so is the May). I would like to try something different this month, inspired by the new bulletin series My Fish Room. Send us a picture of your best aquascape tank to entered for a prize. The photos should be sent to buckeyebulletin@gmail.com, place in the subject line May 2020 Aquascape. The only restrictions are one entry per person and that it has be to a current tank that you own and maintain.

With the potential of missing of at least one meeting, the Bowl Show classes may change or expand each month so look to the monthly bulletin each monthly. Looking forward so that the bowl will remain competitive the monthly limit of six entries is has been suspended, and you now only need two months of entries to qualify for the grand prizes. Note that this will all be subject to change.

Do not forget the monthly awards are listed below:

Monthly	Points awarded	Cash Prize
Best of Show*	5	\$15
First place, each class	10	\$10
Second place, each class	7	\$7
Third place, each class	3	\$5
Non-placing entry	1	\$0
*Will only be awarded if there are two or more entries		

Until next time, Ron

The Current Standings (alphabetical)

Participant	Total Points	Months Points Earned	Number of Best in Show
Dave Ayres	25	1	1
Hilary Lacerda	27	2	0

Bowl Show 2020 Schedule

Jan. 3

Parachromis, Amphilophus, Nandopsis
Victoria Basin
Loracariids (Pleco types) over 6"

Feb. 7

South Americans 6" and Under, exclude Angels, Apistos
Old World, exc Rift Lakes, Victoria Basin
Fish Photography

Mar. 6

South Americans over 6", exclude Angels, Discus
Mbuna
Callichyids (Cory types)

Apr. 3

Central Americans 6" and under
Tanganyikan Shell Dwellers
Mochokids (Synodontis types)

May. 1

Angels
Peacocks
Catfish, exc Mochids, Callichyids, Loric

June. 5

Tanganyican Lamps, exclude Shell Dwellers
Frontosa
Loaches and Botias

July

No meeting

Aug. 7

Discus, Uaru
Tang Mouth Brooders, exc Frontosa
Freshwater Crustaceans

Sept. 4

Centrals over 6", exc Parachromis, Amphilophus, Nandopsis
Malawi Haps
Loracariids (Pleco types) 6" and under

Oct. 2

Apistos
Open Tanganyika
Open Old World Catfish

Nov. 6

Julidochromis, Chalinochromis, Telmatochromis
Open Old World, exc Tang, Mal
Female Cichlids

Dec. 4

Open New World
Open Malawi
Open New World Catfish

2020 OCA Monthly Bowl Show Competition Rules

The primary purpose of the bowl show is educational and practice for the annual Extravaganza. It enables members to see and examine different species of fish, it familiarizes members as to judging procedures. In addition to encouraging the showing and keeping of fish.

1. The Bowl Show Chairman, or designated appointee for a specific month, shall have complete charge of all entries. Any unusual requirements or exceptions or questions about these rules must be discussed with the chairperson.
2. All entries shall be in containers having at least 1 flat side (not including the bottom). Only one fish per container, unless a full divider is used then only one fish per section of the container. It's also a good idea to have some form of lid for your animal's protection.
3. All containers must be devoid of contents, except for water and fish. A background, outside of the container, is allowed. However, special lighting is not allowed.
4. A label (piece of paper) should be placed in front of each entry giving the scientific name and the class the fish is being entered. The owner's name (the person[s] receiving points) of the entry should be placed on the back of the label.
5. Only members in good standing and present at the monthly meeting may submit an entry.
6. No more than 6 entries may be submitted by any one member during a monthly show.
7. Entries must be owned by the person(s) submitting it for judging. In addition, the last permanent residence of the entry must be from an aquarium maintained by the owner(s).
8. The chairperson, from time to time, may ask for guest judges in helping to award points. However, the final decision to award any points is the responsibility of the chairperson.
9. Each month different categories, typically Cichlids and Catfish, will be judged. Checkout the most current listing for monthly classes.
10. Size restrictions refer to full-grown adult sizes as reported by Cichlid Room Companion or Planet Catfish.
11. A fish can be entered in only one of the available classes, each month.
12. Diseased, malformed, mutilated, hybrid specimens, or other reasonable grounds may be cause for disqualification of an entry. If an entry is disqualified, then all points and cash prizes accumulated for that month's show will be forfeit by the owner(s) that submitted the entry.
13. The decision of the chairperson is FINAL.
14. Monthly Point awards and cash prizes: (OCA to potentially award \$81, and 65 points to all placing entries, per month)

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15. Yearly Point awards and prizes:
 1. Grand Prize for 2020: 75-gallon aquarium or cash equivalent. To qualify for the grand prize, you must have earned points in at least three separate monthly shows.
 2. A Certificate (or plaque) will be awarded to the OCA Bowl Show Champion (overall point leader for the year). To qualify for the certificate, you must have earned points in at least three separate monthly shows.
 3. Certificates may be awarded to the 1st runner-up in the yearly point totals. To qualify for a certificate, you must have earned points in at least three separate monthly shows and have at least half the total points as the overall point leader.
 4. For tie breakers, the number of monthly awards won will be utilized starting with Best of Show.

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Aspidoras poecilus

Dave Ayres, Catmandave007@yahoo.com

This delightful little fish comes to us from the rivers of South Central Brazil. Distribution is widespread. Hans-Georg Evers collected poecilus in both the Rio Araguaia and the Rio Tocantins, (1) It also inhabits the upper Rio Xingu, (2). These are massive river systems. For a fish that is seemingly ubiquitous in that part of the world it is surprising to me that it is uncommon in the hobby. Aspidoras along with corydoras and brochis form the sub-family corydoradinae, (family callichthyidae) They are separated out from the latter by anatomical differences in skull structure. Compared to Corydoras, fish from the genus Aspidoras are much more slender in appearance and not as robust. The Planet Catfish database currently lists thirty-four species.

Aspidoras spawning reports in the hobby literature are few and far between. Conventional wisdom says that this genus requires highly oxygenated water between 71 and 75 degrees Fahrenheit with a Ph that ranges between 6.5 and 7.2. With other Aspidoras species that I have spawned I have found this to be true, they always prefer to deposit their eggs in fast flowing water. Usually I will set an air-stone as close as possible to the side of the aquarium and this is where they will put the eggs. Another favorite place chosen is where water overflows back into the tank from a hang on the back filter. A group of A. albater that I maintained several years ago never failed to deposit eggs inside the uplift tube of a sponge filter. It never ceased to amaze me how the adult fish managed to stick their eggs on the inside of a one inch diameter clear plastic tube, but they did! This happened to be quite convenient because all I had to do was remove the tube containing the spawn to a hatching container and let nature take its course.

The poecilus that I have were an unexpected find at one of the spring auctions (2019) in our area. There were four, barely half inch fish in the bag and judging from the spirited bidding I was not the only one in the room who wanted them.

Back home I moved some Cory fry into a larger grow out tank leaving the ten empty for my new purchase. At one end of the tank was a Matten filter which created a very slow current. Very fine rounded gravel provided approximately one half deep provided a perfect substrate. Opposite the filter end there was a very large clump of fine leaved plastic plant material that had been invaded by beard algae - not the most beautiful of set-ups but the poecilus loved it. Fish like these need hiding spots to feel comfortable. Furnishings such as driftwood, caves and plants give them the sense of security they need. In return you will be rewarded with hours of pleasure observing their playful antics.



Aspidoras poecilus are not picky eaters, they will readily accept dry, frozen and live foods. I feed dry food in the morning, either flake or a sinking pellet and live baby brine shrimp later on in the day. Make sure that flake food gets to the bottom of the tank quickly. This is especially important if you are keeping catfish in a community set-up. Mid -January, 2020, I was surprised to see a couple of tiny fry foraging around at the edges of the clump of plant material. The adults which could now be identified by their size as two males (1.5") and two larger females (1.75") I made no special effort to feed the fry, they grew very well on what they found in the tank. The parents did not bother the fry, everyone co-existed peacefully.

Water parameters at the time of spawning measured 76°F with a TDS reading 405 and the Ph was 8.3. These values are a far cry from those found in the text books. Thank goodness that fish can't read!

1,2 Information taken from, "Identifying Corydoradinae Catfish"
Ian A. M. Fuller & Hans-Georg Evers.

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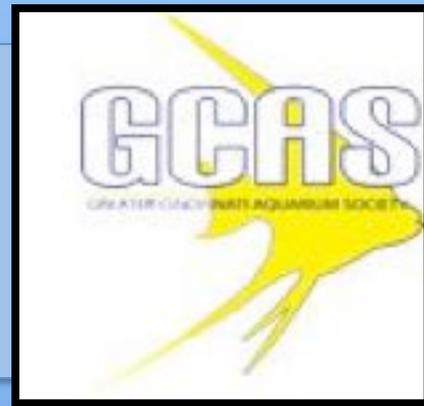
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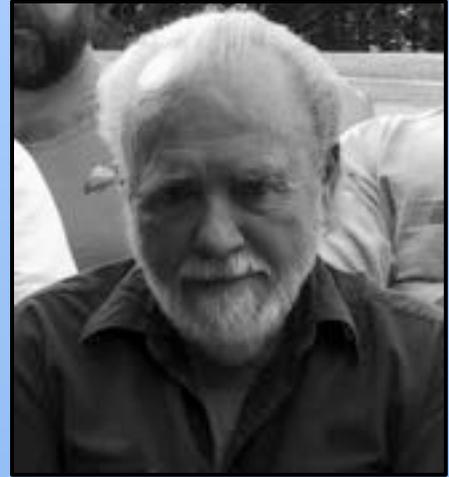
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THE JIM SMITH ENDOWMENT FUND



Who Was Jim Smith?

Jim Smith was the Membership Chair for the Ohio Cichlid Association from 1991 to 2003.

Jim was not a big man, but because of his obvious physical and mental toughness, fronted by a calm, friendly demeanor, he was loved and respected by friends and co-workers, who referred to him as “The Buffalo.” We in the OCA often called him “Santa,” both because of his looks and because of his gentle and patient way with young children.

What is the Jim Smith Fund?

Following Jim’s passing, in July of 2003, the OCA board knew that something big had to be done to honor Jim’s memory. The lead was taken by OCA board member Dan Woodland. Later that year, the OCA announced the establishment of the Jim Smith Fund. The purpose of the fund is to support research, education and conservation efforts that focus on cichlids and catfish.

How can I support the Jim Smith Fund?

The OCA has fund-raising activities, such as auctions and raffles at meetings and events, to benefit the Jim Smith Fund. When you support these efforts, you help to fund cichlid and catfish research, education, and conservation projects, and carry on the good work that Jim Smith started many years ago. You can donate fish or aquarium goods at any event, including Sunday’s auction. Just right “Donation” on the item, and include your name, if you want. You could also make a cash donation directly to the OCA. Any OCA Board Member can take your donation in person, or you can donate directly at paypal@ohiocichlid.com.

How can I apply for a Jim Smith Fund grant?

If you have a project in mind that shares all or some of the goals of the Jim Smith Fund, email JSF Chair Lew Carbone at lewcarbone@gmail.com . You will be added to the list of invitees that will be notified when the next application period begins.

Who are recent Jim Smith Fund grant recipients?

Ryan Greenway, a PhD candidate at Kansas State University, was awarded a \$1,000 Jim Smith Fund grant at the 2017 Extravaganza. Ryan is studying the interrelatedness of, and possible hybridization between, 3 species of Thorichthys, living in 4 different areas of the Grijalva River Basin, in Mexico. He will be using the funds to pay for genetic testing. Anton Lamboj, a colleague of Ryan's PhD advisor, Dr. Michael Tobler, accepts the award on his behalf.



Ad Konings recently discovered that the *Tropheus duboisi* "Maswa" is virtually extinct in Lake Tanganyika, due to over-collecting. In 2017, the Jim Smith Fund gave a \$500 grant to the Stuart Grant Fund, earmarked for obtaining a large group of already captive "Maswa" adults. The intent is to begin a breeding program with the goal of eventually re-establishing a wild population in their original home range. Ad accepts the award, and will oversee the project.



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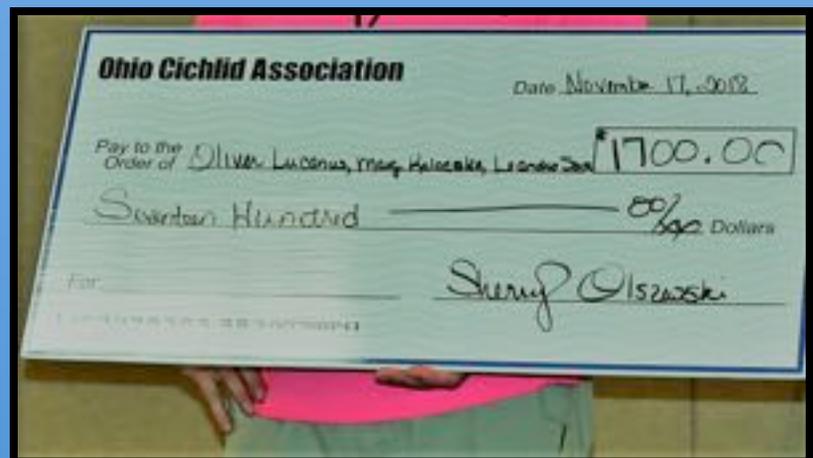
At this recent Extravaganza, the Ohio Cichlid Association announced the winner of the 2018 Jim Smith Endowment Fund grant. Jim Smith was a long-time and highly-regarded Membership Chair of the OCA, who passed away in 2003. Later that year, the Jim Smith Fund was established in his memory. The Jim Smith Fund solicits proposals for research, education or conservation projects that deal with cichlids or catfish. Each year, the OCA board votes to determine the best project or projects from the list of applicants, taking in consideration the current balance in the fund.

On November 17, 2018, the Ohio Cichlid Association announced that a team of researchers from McGill University, in Canada, and University of Pará, in Brazil, has won the Jim Smith Fund grant for 2018, and will be awarded \$1700. The team is made up of Oliver Lucanus (McGill), Dr. Margaret Kalacska (McGill) and Dr. Leandro Sousa (Pará).

The driving force behind the team's project is that the incredible fish diversity of the Volta Grande section of the Rio Xingu, in Brazil, is gravely threatened by a variety of human activities. Part of what makes this diversity possible is the unusual and complex bottom structure, which features many different types of rocks, crevices, caves and other features, each used by certain species. This team plans on using photogrammetry (a method of 3-D digital mapping that uses hundreds of photos) to study the bottom of this part of the Rio Xingu.

The idea is to be able to use the data from this mapping, along with 3D printing, to make artificial stand-ins for that section of the Xingu's substrate. These printed structures will be installed in aquariums, ponds or man-made streams. The goal is to get the more difficult-to-breed Xingu species to feel at home enough to reproduce, thereby keeping these species alive in the hobby, even if they go extinct in the wild.

We wish **Oliver, Dr. Kalacska and Dr. Sousa** the best of luck in carrying out their project. We look forward to a personal update on the project's status when Oliver visits to speak at the 2019 Extravaganza, our 25th annual show.



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