

Buckeye Bulletin

February 2020

Social Gathering:
February 7, 2020
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Cichlids and Catfish

OCA WINTER AUCTION IS FEBRUARY 15TH

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

And more...

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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
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Visit Ohiocichlid.com

Get involved in all things OCA!

A Word from the President...

Lew Carbone,
OCA President

Greetings, OCA Members

It's time for our winter auction! Because the 1st of the month is on a Saturday, this year's auction is a little later than usual, and will be held on Saturday the 15th. As usual, it will be in the big room at the Strongsville Holiday Inn, the exact same place as the Extravaganza auction. **The split for OCA members will be 75/25 (sellers get 75%),** while non-members' split will be the standard 70/30. The dollar per lot seller fee will still be in effect for all participants, because it has proven effective in cutting down on the low-value items. This prevents the auction from bogging down, so it doesn't last past the time that anyone wants to be there, lower selling prices for everyone.

Unlike the Extravaganza auction, this auction will allow useable dry goods, including aquariums, as well as cichlids, catfish and plants. See the rules for other restrictions. **For your convenience, you will find a condensed version of the rules later in this bulletin.** It includes a step-by-step description of what to do when you arrive at the auction with your fish to sell. One of the most important parts is the request that all the information be located close together on your auction lot. This helps the auctioneer who has only seconds to get ready to try to sell your item at the highest price possible.

There will be a new feature at the meeting this month: A 50/50 Raffle to benefit the Jim Smith Fund. Jonathan "Jombie" Dietrich, the OCA Secretary and Bulletin Editor, will be handling it most months, and we'll have someone else filling it when he can't. Our Membership Chair and Librarian Hilary Lacerda will take care of it this month. This was inspired by the hugely successful 50/50 raffle run by Jonathan Strazinsky at this past Extravaganza. Newer members might be interested to know that the Jim Smith Endowment fund raises money that ends up as grants to people and organizations who are planning projects that would further research, education and conservation concerning cichlids and/or catfish. The drawing will be held right before the mini-auction begins. A convenient time to get some extra cash, don't you think?

See you soon!
Lew Carbone



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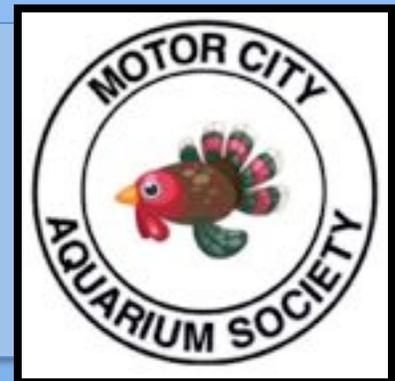
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Attention! It's Time to Gather...

The next OCA Social Gathering is
February 7th, 2020 – 8:00 PM

Meeting location is
Middleburg Hts. Rec Center
6000 E. Bagley Road
Middleburg Hts., Ohio 44130 Room C

Here's what to expect...

- President's Welcome
- Speaker Introduction
- Amazing Speaker
- Social Time
- BAP Certificate Presentation
- Membership Raffle
- Fish Auction
- Huge Raffle

Enjoy a great time with great people and everyone's favorite topic, CICHLIDS!



February Program Preview

Jay Wilson

“Bacteria – The Good, The Bad, The Misunderstood”

Jay Wilson, originally from Connecticut and now living in Texas, is a 13-year veteran of the U.S. Navy and long-time aquarist. He started NorthFinUSA, which sells high-quality fish foods, in 2015, and he also handles social media and sales for Fritz Aquatics. You will recognize him as an Extravaganza attendee, as he has been representing both companies at our event for several years.



Jay loves to talk about the aquarium hobby and is a high-energy and knowledgeable speaker. Besides giving in-person presentations all over the country, he has a YouTube channel, “Jay Wilson – Glass Box Therapy”, which has over 29,000 subscribers.

The talk Jay will give, which highlights the tiniest but most important inhabitants of our aquariums, is entitled “Bacteria - The Good, the Bad, the Misunderstood”.

In March, Jim Cumming will visit from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. This return engagement will again feature his incredible aquarium videos and photos. The talk: “South American Cichlids: The Magnificents”.



Social Meeting Schedule

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

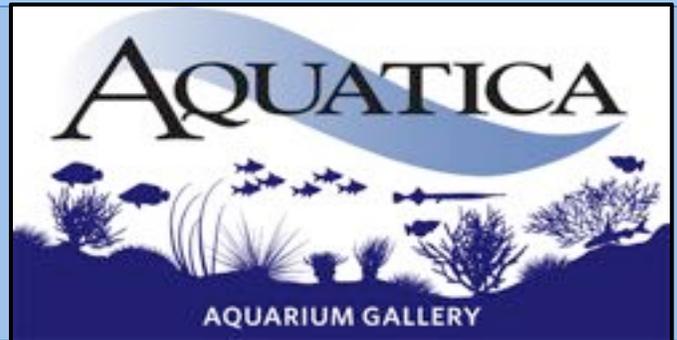
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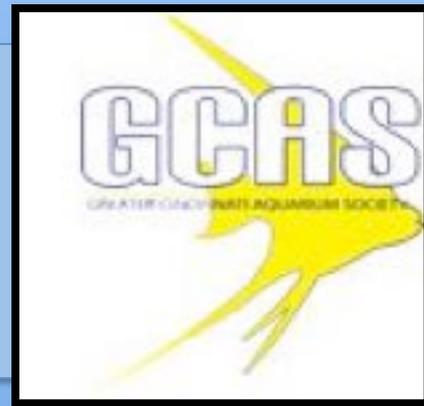
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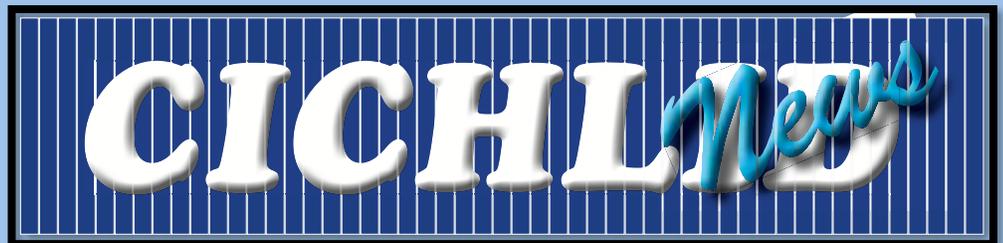
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Cichlid BAP... February 2020

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP submissions for January 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.

Lew Carbone

Haplochromis sp. "black torpedo" 10

Ken Galaska

Uaru amphiacanthoides 20

Dennis Kuehn

Aulonocara jacobfreibergi "lemon jake" 10

Sam Musilli

Tropheus moorii "Murago Tanzania" 20

Andrew Schock

Lamprologus brevis "Kitumba" 15

Neolamprologus pulcher 10

Lee Spencer

Altolamprologus compressiceps "red fin" 20

Julidochromis transcriptus 15

**CONGRATULATIONS
ANDREW SCHOCK
400 POINT LEVEL!**

Cichlid BAP Totals... February 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.

MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

Lew Carbone	10	3095
Don & Marilyn Danko	-	2435
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Josh Cunningham	-	2020
Bryan Davis	-	1455
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
John Tesar	-	1145
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
Mark Chaloupka	-	1110
Jeff Yadlovsky	-	1100
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065

900 POINT LEVEL

Jonathan Strazinsky	-	980
Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Gary Mendez	-	925
Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	-	910
Tom Swiderski	-	905

800 POINT LEVEL

Dustin Brummitt	-	840
Ken & Sue Galaska	20	820

700 POINT LEVEL

Bill Schwartz	-	760
Jeff Natterer	-	725
Bob Blazek	-	720

600 POINT LEVEL

Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600

500 POINT LEVEL

Dan & Vi McMonigle	-	585
John Jancik Sr. & Jr.	-	575
Tim Craig	-	540
Jonathan Dietrich	-	535
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	-	530
George Anagnostopoulos	-	515
Ron Georgeone	-	510

Cichlid BAP Totals... February 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	-	350
Greg Senn	-	350
David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Dennis Kuehn	10	325
Gary Zalewski	-	325
Tom & Carolyn Evers	-	320
Ken & Karen Grimmatt	-	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

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... February 2020

BREEDER LEVEL

Mark Huntington	-	95
Randall Wyan	-	95
Dolores Bacisin	-	85
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	85
Pete Gembka	-	80
Ron Maichle	-	80
Rick Wood	-	75
Bob Tillman	-	70
Matt Urbin	-	70
Dave Dimond	-	65
Scott Mabee	-	65
Russell & Tom Pierce	-	65
Anthony Scarton	-	65
Lee Spencer	35	65
Jim Jensen	-	60
Paul Palisin	-	60
Chris Jaskolka	-	55
John Kaminski	-	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

2019 BAP Facts

105 spawns turned in

25 members participated

82 old world spawns

23 new world spawns

4 new participants

Top participants:

Josh Cunningham - 185
Jonathan Dietrich - 115
Dan & Vi McMonigle - 75
Jonathan Starzinsky - 75

Breed...

Share....

Enjoy...

Cichlid and Catfish BAP



Catfish BAP... February 2020

Listed below are the Catfish BAP submissions for January 2019. 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
Lee Spencer	Ancistrus sp. Brown Bushynose	10
	Corydoras aeneus Albino	10



Catfish BAP Totals... February 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
Justin Way		60
Bryan Davis		60
Phil Hypes		60
Josh Cunningham		50
Jeff Natterer		50
Ken Galaska		45
Tyler Toncler		45
Matt Lacy		40
Kyle May		40
George Aganostopoulos		40

Catfish BAP Totals... February 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
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
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

Bowl Show – February 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.

We got off to a slow start in 2020 but that means there are still plenty of points up for grabs. Thanks to Hilary for bring in a fish for everyone to view.

If you are considering participating this year, but you're not sure what to do, go to the OCA website and under the "Meetings" tab click on "Bowl Show". You will see an article there called "Bowl Show Primer" that explains just about everything you need to know.

Don't forget the monthly awards are listed below, and you need to earn points in at least three months to be eligible for the grand prize:

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		

Hope to see you at the meeting, Ron

Last Month's Results

Participant	Class	Fish	Placement
Hilary Lacerda	Victorian Basin	<i>Enterochromis paropijs</i>	1st

*No Best in show was awarded since only one fish was entered.

The Current Standings

Participant	Total Points	Months Points Earned	Number of Best in Show
Hilary Lacerda	10	1	0

Upcoming Classes

February 7

South Americans 6" and under, exclude Angels, Apistos

Old World, exclude Rift Lakes, Vic Basin

Fish Photography

March 6

South Americans over 6", exclude Discus, Angels

Mbuna

Callichthyids (Cory types)

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

FYI! FROM JANUARY'S BULLETIN!

OCA Monthly Bowl Show

Congratulations to Ron Maichle the 2019 OCA Bowl Show Champion.

The top three scoring competitors in 2019 were, in order:

Ron Maichle (92)

Roger Stark (71)

Hilary Lacerda (44)

OCA Membership,

Please find the results of the 2019 Monthly Bowl Show Result above. I can tell you the competition near the end of the year between the three was lots of fun. As such we have decided to make the rules a little different to help foster bring in show fish each month.

Some of the major changes include:

1. In order to win any of the end of the year prizes you must earn points in at least three-monthly shows. This is to make sure we are seeing more fish throughout the year.
2. This year I am asking for a label in front of the display tank that has the species name, what class it is being entered, and lastly the name of the person(s) submitting the entry on the back of the label. This will help with awarding points and cash prizes.
3. The number of entries per person(s) in any given month is going to be limited to six.

If you have any questions on the rule changes, please let me know. The more feedback we get the better we can make this event in the future. I will be attempting to update everyone monthly on the standings.

Let's have a great year,
Ron Maichle
Bowl Show Chair

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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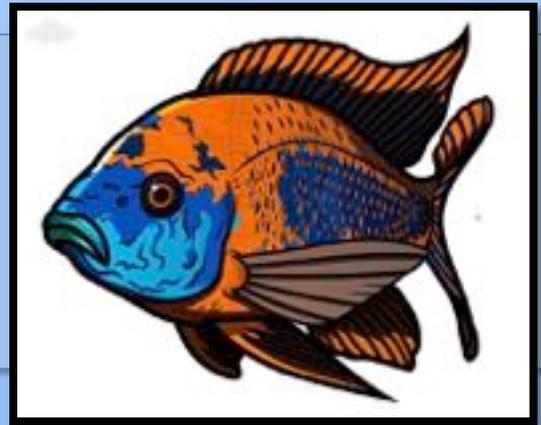
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15. Yearly Point awards and prizes:
 1. Grand Prize for 2020: 75-gallon aquarium or cash equivalent. To qualify for the grand prize, you must have earned points in at least three separate monthly shows.
 2. A Certificate (or plaque) will be awarded 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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OCA Winter Auction

2020!

Cichlids*Catfish*Plants*Dry Goods
Saturday, February 15th



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Holiday Inn
1-71 & 82

Begin the auction season with the OCA!!
Registration 10 AM till Noon
Auction begins at 11 AM
Most major credit cards accepted
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Ohio Cichlid Association

OCA Winter Auction Holiday Inn, Strongsville February 15, 2020

For the complete rules, see <https://www.ohiocichlid.com/extravaganza/auction-information?fbclid=IwAR2zYLRKszRqEMKro6W9MPiUrWHXNH7QoEpmGjYJ3sYzYkUWSiLHnJpe93g>

This auction is for cichlids, catfish, plants and usable dry-goods only. Hybrids are not accepted, except for aquarium strains of Peacocks, Discus and Ancistrus. Anything else becomes a donation.

1" minimum on fish, 5-bag maximum of each species/morph, 60 item limit per family. Please double-bag. 1/3 water, 2/3 air. We will re-bag if necessary, and you'll be charged \$3. Fill out a Seller Form. It's best to download it at the above link, but you can get one there. Label items with 3-letter seller code and 2-digit number, eg ABC-01. Include genus, species, location/morph, and common name, as appropriate. Include number of fish, by sex if known. "Breeders" must have successfully spawned. **Place all info close together on the bag.** Somewhere else on the bag, include name and phone number if you want. Registration is from 10:00 to Noon. Auction begins at 11:00.

When you arrive:

1. If you haven't filled out a Seller Form, get one from the registration table and fill it out.
2. Go to the registration table and give the required info and let them see your Seller Form. You can register to sell and/or to run a tab as a buyer. They will give you colored stickers to put on your items before check-in.
3. Put the stickers on your items.
4. Go to check-in. Your items will be inspected for compliance with rules and secure bagging, and the Seller Form will be collected.

Minutes before the auction begins, the 1st color will be randomly chosen, and bags with that colored stickers will be auctioned 1st. Other colors will be chosen at random when needed.

"Express" stickers will be sold at the registration table, for \$3, beginning at 11:00. If you want a bag to be auctioned off right away, purchase a sticker, give it to a staff member working by the tables, and show him/her the bag you want to Express. Then, pay attention, because it will be auctioned within the next 10 minutes.

If you are not selling, and you'd like to run a tab, go to the registration table to arrange that. Split: 1st \$1 plus 30% (25% if you're an OCA member) of the rest goes to the club, the remaining amount will be mailed to you within 2 weeks.

All donations go to the **Jim Smith Endowment Fund**, which supports cichlid and catfish research, conservation and education.



PLEASE! HELP OUR AUCTIONEERS

LABEL YOUR BAGS CLEARLY!

**Bags can be labeled with labels or permanent marker.
Put all the information close together on the bag.**

Include lot number, scientific name, common name, morph, and/or location, number and sex as appropriate. "Pair" means male and female, "trio" means male and 2 females, "reverse trio" means 2 males and 1 female. Groups marked as breeders must have produced viable fry. Include your name and phone number somewhere on the bag. Among other things, this shows you are confident in the quality of your offering.

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Biotodoma cupido

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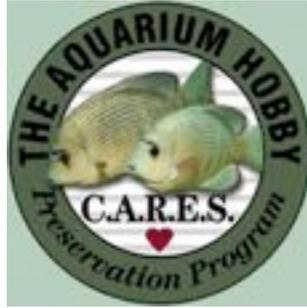
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CARES News

January 2020

We would like to give a big thank you to Don Danko of the Ohio Cichlid Association who suggested publishing a CARES Newsletter and offered a space for it in the OCA's Buckeye Bulletin. The premise is that organizations have an ongoing column at their disposal, put forth by the CARES team, that shares CARES happenings.

To begin, we join the rest of the world in our worry and concern (understatement of the millennia) with regards to the wildfires burning unabated in Australia. Of course CARES is focused on freshwater fish species, but the magnitude of destruction to habitat and the animals throughout the entire continent is inconceivable. We won't know the true horrors of what is going on for some time but 'unfathomable' is a word we will likely be using to describe the aftermath.

The CARES Attitude

As CARES participants continue to grow, membership has expanded from Canadian and American contributors to a true worldwide base of involvement. Thankfully, many of the fish we deal with make excellent aquarium specimens. CARES provides recognition (the 'R' in CARES) in the form of awards and seals. These certificates of recognition and seals are still available and some clubs have chosen to utilize their own format for CARES awards, which is also always welcomed.

While the growth of CARES and awareness of the need of fish conservation is wonderful, we do ask that interested hobbyists please remember that CARES is about the long-term commitment to maintaining species that are at risk. Much too often the home aquarist is excited to join the CARES program and submit their colony of fish (easily done on the CARESforfish.org website), only to achieve breeder's award points and move the fish along a short time later. This is directly opposite of the CARES direction. If you are not willing to commit long-term, you are taxing other people with unnecessary work when it comes to the verification and data update aspects of our organization. This takes attention away from participants that truly are CARES minded and in it to achieve the organization's goals of preserving a future for conservation priority fish. This is not to discourage participation, only to remind interested persons of the expectations on the entrant's end.

CARES provides many resources including a website containing articles, videos, and most importantly, a well-researched Priority List. You do not have to be a CARES member to make use of any of these items. They are free to use and reference by anyone. By looking at these, it seems safe to assume that the viewer has at least a passing interest in the CARES goals and directions. This is wonderful. You certainly do not have to be a member to have the CARES mindset. We are all doing what we can to ensure that our beloved freshwater fish species are

around for the next generation to enjoy. Whether or not you decide to join CARES, our goals are the same. You are most welcome to use any material we have and we heartily endorse any efforts that are aimed towards species survival.

Awards

American Cichlid Association 2019 CARES Member of the Year

Peter George

CARES would like to recognize Peter George from the New England Cichlid Association who was awarded the 2019 CARES Member of the Year Award from the American Cichlid Association. Peter has been the driving force in securing many Priority List species and introducing them into the aquatic hobby, thus giving home aquarists the opportunity to maintain and reproduce fish that might not be available for collection in the near future. Thank you to Peter and NECA for the efforts undertaken to ensure that freshwater fish species threatened by stressors in their native habitats have a chance at survival once their ecosystem is altered and their wild brethren have disappeared.

CARES Klaus Steinhaus Member Club Award

Greater City Aquarium Society

This past fall, the Greater City Aquarium Society was recognized as the initial recipient of the CARES Klaus Steinhaus Member Club Award. The GCAS, with Joseph Ferdenzi at the helm as President, believed in the idea of fish conservation within the hobby and in 2004 was the first club to implement CARES. GCAS club member and ardent conservationist Alexander Priest placed numerous hours into the origins of the CARES Priority List that will always be remembered and greatly appreciated. What a deserving society for this inaugural award.



This award was named for one of the major driving forces behind CARES, Klaus Steinhaus. There was really no manner in which the rest of the CARES team could recognize Klaus for all he has meant to our organization over the years and he still works with the same vigor to ensure that fish species are given every chance we can possibly give them for survival. A big thank you to Klaus and a big congratulations to the Greater City Aquarium Society, recipient of the 2019 CARES Klaus Steinhaus Member Club Award!

Pictured is Greg Steeves (center) presenting the 2019 CARES Klaus Steinhaus Member Club Award to Joe Ferdenzi (left) and Al Priest (right), representing the Greater City Aquarium Society.

Recognition

Jerzy Kowal

A big thank you goes out to the Greater Chicago Cichlid Association and CARES Club Liaison and member Jerzy Kowal. Jerzy has produced the CARES clings you might see on show tanks around the world containing CARES species along with coasters, magnets, and other promotional material on CARES behalf. Thank you for your wonderful contributions to our organization!



Pictured at right is a tank or window cling, one of a number of generous and thoughtful items produced by GCCA CARES Liaison Jerzy Kowal.

Federation of Texas Aquarium Societies



CARES medallions produced by the Federation of Texas Aquarium Societies and available for your next club show with a CARES division.

We would also like to thank the Federation of Texas Aquarium Societies who have produced CARES show medals. These are available in two different styles and are free to any club hosting a show with a CARES division.

Fellow Hobbyists

CARES is 100% volunteer driven with no income or sponsorship. These acts of kindness from individuals and organizations allow CARES to continue to grow, examine new projects, and get the word out about the plight of species at risk and what we can do to preserve their future.

Important Deadline—January 31, 2020!

CARES Club Liaisons, we are extending the date for your CARES data report submissions to January 31. This submission is critical and we are grateful for your time and efforts!

CARES Club Members, please be sure to let your CARES Club Liaison know if you are still maintaining the fish that you have registered with CARES. Whether you are or are not, please be sure to let them know, one way or the other. Your answering or contacting your Club Liaison with this information helps to make their job easier, is an integral part of the system, and is so appreciated!

A warm thank you to Clair Klinedinst, CARES Club Liaison of the Aquarium Club of Lancaster County, for consistently being the first to submit the ACLC's data. We are so grateful to Clair and to all who send their data on time or within reason to help make the CARES Team's jobs easier.

Send Us Your CARES Club News!

If you would like to see your organization's milestones in the CARES News, please forward the information (and images if available) from the CARES website at https://caresforfish.org/?page_id=119

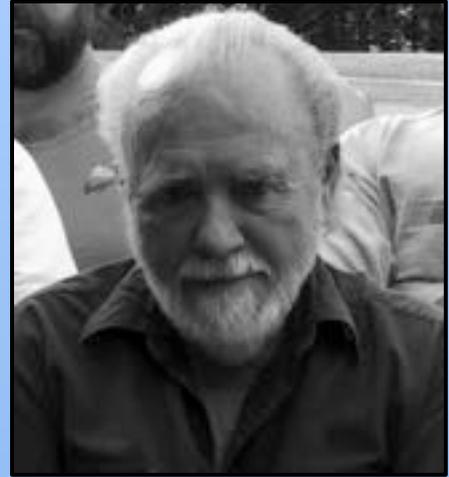
Thank you so much for all that you are doing to ensure a bright future for conservation priority fish. Together we are making a difference!

We can't save them all, but we can all save one!

Best wishes,

The CARES Team

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.



Who are recent Jim Smith Fund grant recipients?

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.

