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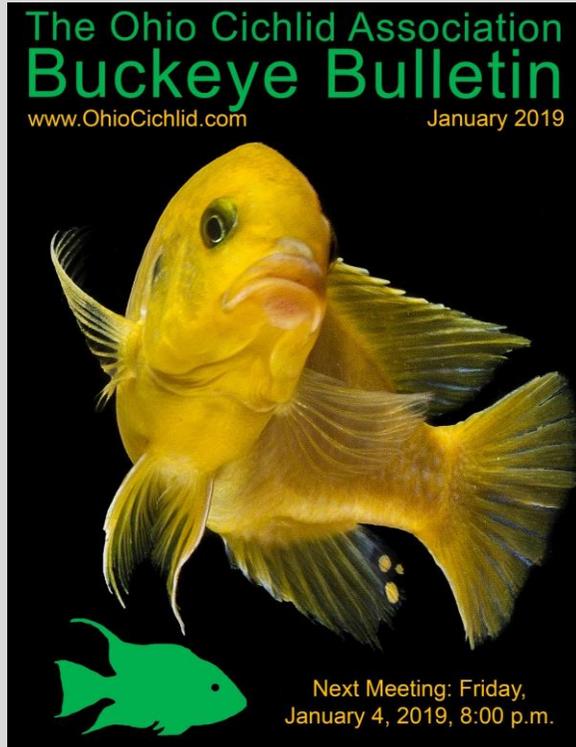
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This month's cover a male kenyi. This photo was taken using the techniques taught by Mo Devlin at the 2017 Extravaganza and in the Buckeye Bulletin last year!

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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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Get The Most Out of the OCA

The OCA's monthly meetings are free and open to the public. Feel free to invite a guest! There are many ways to get the most of your membership:

- 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
- buy and sell fish during the winter auction
- join the board
- start a forum discussion
- visit ohiocichlid.com

SOCIAL MEETING INFORMATION

The Next OCA Social Meeting is Friday,
January 4, 2019 at 8:00 pm

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

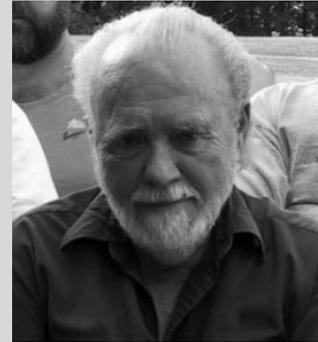


Meetings usually begin with a talk about cichlids or a related subject. The OCA is proud to bring world class speakers to Ohio, not only for our yearly convention, the OCA Extravaganza, but also for our monthly meetings. With Northeast Ohio being the hotbed for cichlid breeders that it is, we have discovered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

SOCIAL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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:

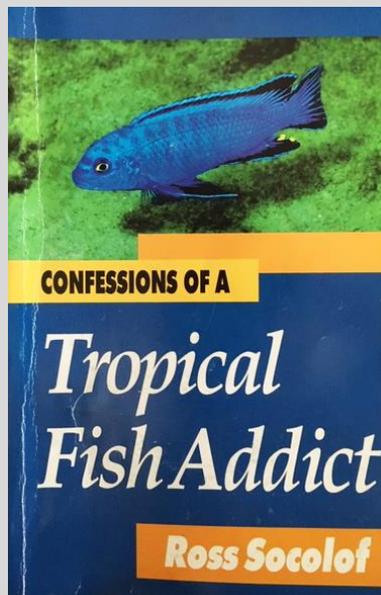
- 2008: \$1,000 was given to support the construction of Anti-Netting Devices in Lake Malawi
- 2009: \$1,000 was donated to the Stewart M. Grant Conservation Fund
- 2010: \$1,000 was donated to the Max Hayes High School to support local education
- 2011: \$2,500 awarded to Jay Stauffer at Penn State 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.

The Jim Smith Fund has awarded over \$13K to support Conservation and Education!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM DON DANKO

We hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season and that you enjoyed the awesome December Holiday Meeting with the huge Pot Luck Dinner. Kids received Betta Tanks donated by RMS Aquaculture and handed out by none other than "William Claus" Zazeczny after singing happy birthday to him. We also had a Gift Exchange, BAP Awards, a Bowl Show, Annual Bowl Show Winner Award, a Big Auction, Elections and even a Raffle! So, a good time was had by all.

During the holidays, I was able to finish reading a great classic book on the history of the aquarium hobby, written by the late Ross Socolof (think *Melanochromis socolofi*, *Thorichthys socolofi*, etc.). Ross was a good friend that mentored me in my early days on the Board of the American Cichlid Association. I also had the honor of collecting in Mexico on a trip with Ross along with other great collectors, like Rusty Wessel, Harry Specht and Juan Miguel Artigas Azas. I was amazed at the wonderful experiences Ross related in this fabulous book and I HIGHLY RECOMMEND that all of our members get a copy and read it. He related how the importation of the fish began that we love and admire, starting with metal cans on ocean going vessels to trains and later planes. He also talked about the first imports from Africa. All absolutely interesting and fascinating information related in a very colorful, easily read style. Read "Confessions of a Tropical Fish Addict"!! You will not be disappointed.



This month, we have Big Rich Price from Brunswick speaking on his Ohio Fish Rescue. While I've not been there yet, I understand that Ohio Fish Rescue has some wonderful large fish and I'm personally looking forward to seeing some of them in Rich's presentation.

Be sure to put the OCA Winter Auction on your calendar! It will be held on February 7 at the Strongsville Holiday Inn. The Auction will start promptly at 11 am, selling Cichlids, Catfish, plants and hard goods.

Well, that's all for now, so please plan on joining us for the January 4th Membership Meeting at the Middleburg Heights Recreation Center at 8 pm. See you there!

Don



The Ohio Cichlid Association Presents:
Big Rich Price on the Ohio Fish Rescue

Middleburg Hts. Recreation Center

Friday, Jan. 4 at 8 pm



Program Preview
January, 2019

“Big” Rich Price
By Lew Carbone

“Big” Rich Price is a singular hobbyist. He was born in Berea and grew up in North Royalton, while spending many summers in Florida. A 10-gallon tank, given to him by his uncle, first sparked his interest in fish keeping. Rich says:

“I always knew I wanted bigger tanks right away. I used to spend summers in Florida, snorkeling all day, and got obsessed. When I got older, I bought bigger tanks as I would come across them. Since I had big tanks, people started offering me their big fish. As time went on, I continued buying bigger tanks. In 2017, I started the Ohio Fish Rescue.”

OFR is an IRS-recognized non-profit organization. Big Rich uses tax-deductible donations (plus his own money) to support this endeavor. Anyone can buy a cute little Red Tail Catfish, or even an Oscar, at a pet store or some other retailer, and believe that “It’ll only grow to the size of its container,” as is commonly heard. If they take even moderately good care of the animal, however, it soon grows to a size that most people can’t handle. Since people generally recoil at the thought of killing their own pets, OFR fills a real need.

Big Rich, along with his son Josh, maintains tanks of 4400, 3000, 2200 and 2000 gallons, three 1000 gallon tanks, and multiple “smaller” tanks of up to 750 gallons, for a total of 23,000 gallons. To dwarf all that, he’s working with a pond specialist on the possibility of turning his 58,000-gallon indoor swimming pool into a pond suitable for both fish-keeping and swimming!

For a day-job, Big Rich manages the many rental properties that he owns. He is very active in the on-line aquarist community, being an admin or moderator for about a dozen FaceBook groups. He also enjoys 4-wheeling, working on hot rods, and keeping other exotic animals.

For more information on Ohio Fish Rescue, search “Ohio Fish Rescue 501c3” on FaceBook.

The title of Big Rich’s talk is “The Trials and Tribulations of OFR’s 8 Month Fish Rescue”.

Next month, our guest will be Joe Cutler, whose affiliations include the University of California at Santa Cruz, the National Geographic Society and The Nature Conservancy. Tentative topic: Exploring and Collecting in Gabon.

UPCOMING OCA SOCIAL MEETING PROGRAMS

2019

January 4

Big Rich Price
Ohio Fish Rescue

February 2

Joe Cutler
National Geographic Society
West African Cichlids

March 2

Jonathan Strazinsky
“Breeding New World Cichlids”

April 5

Ryan Greenway
Winner of 2016 JSF Grant
Thorichthys

May 3

Josh Cunningham
“Breeding Set-Ups for Rift Lake Cichlids”



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DECEMBER CICHLID BAP

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

Congratulations on these spawns and thank you for your participation.

December 7, 2018

Josh Cunningham

Aulonocara jacobfreibergi "lemon jake"	10
Aulonocara kandeense	10
Aulonocara maylandi	15
Dimidiochromis kiwinge	15
Lethrinops turneri "Harbor Island"	10
Mylochromis ericotaenia	10
Placidochromis electra	10
Ptyochromis sp. "Hippo Point salmon"	10
Stigmatochromis sp. "tolae"	10
Thoracochromis sp. "Lake Albert"	10

Don & Marilyn Danko

Cyprichromis microlepidotus "Bulu Point"	15
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Jonathan Dietrich

Geophagus sp. "pindare"	10
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Jeff Natterer

Hemichromis guttatus	10
Pelvicachromis pulcher "Nigerian yellow"	10

Russell & Tom Pierce

Aulonocara jacobfreibergi "eureka red"	10
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Keith Robinson

Amatitlania nigrofasciata "marble"	10
Haplochromis sp. "fire red Uganda"	10

CICHLID BAP TOTALS

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

CURRENT B.A.P. STANDINGS (12/7/2018)

BREEDER	2018	TOTAL
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MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

Lew Carbone	45	3035
Don & Marilyn Danko	30	2435
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Josh Cunningham	195	1835
Bryan Davis	-	1455
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
John Tesar	10	1120
Mark Chaloupka	20	1095
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065
Jeff Yadlovsky	65	1020

900 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	40	910
Jonathan Strazinsky	55	905
Tom Swiderski	-	905

800 POINT LEVEL

Gary Mendez	65	865
Dustin Brummitt	-	840
Ken & Sue Galaska	-	800

700 POINT LEVEL

Bill Schwartz	40	740
Jeff Natterer	20	725

600 POINT LEVEL

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

500 POINT LEVEL

Tim Craig	-	540
George Anagnostopoulos	-	515
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	45	515
Ron Georgeone	-	510

400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
Phil Hypes	-	475
Kyle May	-	460
Bob Bina	-	435
Jonathan Dietrich	85	420
Tyler Toncler	-	420

300 POINT LEVEL

Andrew Schock	85	375
Greg Senn	25	350
David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Dennis Kuehn	40	325
Gary Zalewski	-	325
Ken & Karen Grimmett	-	310
Dennis Kuehn	30	315
Tom & Carolyn Evers	-	300

200 POINT LEVEL

James Shakour	-	275
David Hearn	15	270
Jason Mlynar	10	270
Dave Esner	-	250
Ken Walker	-	240
Mark Kazanoff	20	235
Justin Way	10	230
Bill & Janice Bilski	20	205
Paul Collander	-	205

100 POINT LEVEL

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
Roger Stark	70	120
Steve Olander	-	115
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110

BREEDER LEVEL

Mark Huntington	-	95
Dolores Bacisin	-	85
Nicholas Zarzeczny	20	85
Pete Gembka	-	80
Keith Robinson	45	75
Rick Wood	-	75
Bob Tillman	-	70
Matt Urbin	-	70
Dave Dimond	-	65
Russell & Tom Pierce	65	65
Anthony Scarton	-	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	10	40
Ethan Wiley	-	40
Matt Lacy	-	35
Christopher Sooy	-	35

Tom Tansey	-	35
Randall Wyan	35	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
Ron Maichle	10	10
Michael Meyer	-	10
Mike Trader	-	10

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

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

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CATFISH BAP

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.

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Breeder	Species	Points
Keith Robinson	Ancistrus sp "Brown Bushynose"	10

CATFISH BAP TOTALS

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

NAME	2018	TOTAL
Dan Ogrizek	10	430
Steve Heinbaugh		365
Dave Ayres	30	345
Don & Marilyn Danko		285
Phil Ayres		230
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	10	120
Ken Walker		120
Bob Blazek	30	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
Josh Cunningham	10		50
Jeff Natterer			50
Ken Galaska			45
Tyler Toncler			45
Matt Lacy			40
Kyle May			40
George Aganostopoulos			40
Jason Mlynar	10		35
John Tesar			30
Karen & Ken Grimmett			30
Lew Carbone			30
Andrew Schock			30
Bob Evers			30
Russell & Tom Pierce	20		20
Tony Poth			20
Gary Mendez			20
David Toth			20
Paul Palisin			20
Keith Robinson	10		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

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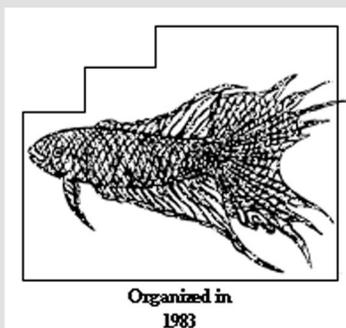


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and Jeff Natterer



OCA BOWL SHOW

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



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

- >Cash prizes: \$15 for 1st place in each class and an additional \$15 for Best of Show.
- >Points: In each class, 10 for 1st, 7 for 2nd, 5 for 3rd, 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 2019: 75 gallon aquarium or cash equivalent.
- >Size restrictions refer to full-grown adult sizes as reported by Cichlid Room Companion or Planet Catfish.

[*SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR COMPLETE SCHEDULE*](#)

2019 BOWL SHOW CLASSES

January 4

Parachromis, Amphilophus, Nandopsis
Victorian Basin
Loricariids (Pleco types) over 6"

February 1

South Americans 6" and under, exclude Angels, Apistos
Old World, exclude Rift Lakes, Vic Basin
Fish Photography

March 1

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

April 5

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

May 3

Angels
Peacocks
Catfish, exclude Mochokids, Loricariids, Callichthyids

June 7

Tanganyikan Lamps, exclude Shell Dwellers
Frontosa
Loaches and Botias

August 2

Discus, Uaru
Tanganyikan Mouthbrooders, exclude Frontosa
Freshwater Crustaceans

September 6

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

October 4

Apistos
Open Tanganyika
Open Old World Catfish

November 1

Julidochromis, Chalinochromis, Telmatochromis
Open Old World, exclude Malawi, Tanganyika
Female cichlids

December 6

Open New World
Open Malawi
Open New World Catfish

All classes are for cichlids, unless otherwise specified.