

Buckeye Bulletin

March 2016

Social Gathering:
March 4th, 2016
Middleburg Heights
Permanent Location



**Ohio Cichlid
Association**



**Sam Borstein and
The Lake Victoria Extinction**

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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
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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.

As those of you who attended are aware, our Winter Auction was a successful, but not perfect, event. Attendance was outstanding, but so much so that the space wasn't really adequate. Every year we try to get an additional section opened, but we're not always able to. It's a matter of availability, not cost. Item registration was a little lower than usual, but item quality has never been better.

There were very few low-value lots. Buyers must have agreed, because prices were outstanding. With the improved 75/25 split we offered members for this auction, I'm sure sellers were very happy when they got their check, though they may be wishing they brought more to sell.

We had a similar problem with the new meeting venue, the Middleburg Hts. Community Center. It was a bit tight. We're going to try a different room set-up for this month, and see how that works. Your patience while we work this out is much appreciated.

The Extravaganza 2016 speaker roster has been completed! As usual, Ad Konings will anchor the line-up. Also, 2 Extravaganza favorites that haven't been here in a while will be revisiting. Popular aquarist/collector Rusty Wessel will be on hand, and catfish hero Ingo Seidel will be visiting from Germany. We will also be introducing a new face to the American hobby, Adrian Indermaur, a researcher at the famous Salzburger Lab at the University of Basel, in Switzerland. Adrian has a large presence on Cichlid Room Companion, and comes highly recommended by Ad and by others who are familiar with his work.

The guest speaker at our social meeting on Friday (March 4) will be young cichlid-wiz Sam Borstein, the co-winner of the 2015 Jim Smith Fund award. He'll be discussing some more recent thinking on the Haplochromine decline in Lake Victoria, and will update us on the work that you helped to fund through your contributions to the JSF.

I hope to see you soon!

Lew



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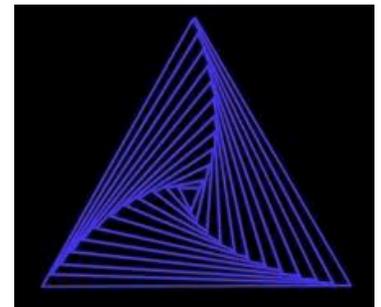


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The next OCA Social Gathering is
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Meeting location is **New Permanent Location**
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Here's what to expect...

- 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!



March Program Preview

Sam Borstein

2015 Jim Smith Endowment Fund Recipient

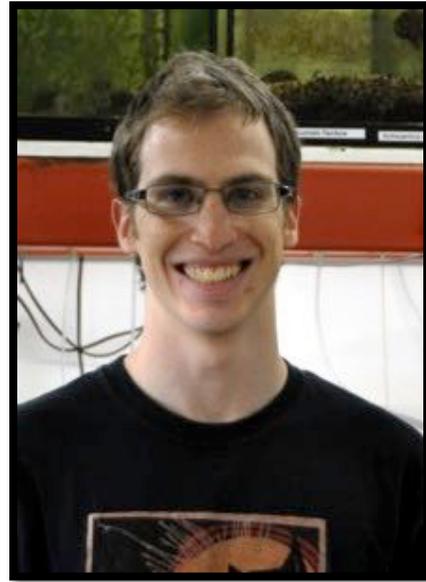
Sam Borstein has been around Cichlids his entire 24 years. His father, Rick, is a serious Cichlid hobbyist, who spoke at one of our meetings a few years ago. Sam, however, is taking things a giant step farther: As a graduate student at California State University, Sacramento, under Dr. Ron Coleman (who spoke here a few months ago) Sam made several trips to Costa Rica to study the local cichlids. He is currently a PhD candidate in the department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

As a hobbyist, Sam keeps and breeds Cichlids (and other fish) from all over the world, but New World Cichlids are his main focus. Like his dad, Sam is active in the organized hobby. He is already a Master Breeder in the Greater Chicago Cichlid Association. Besides the GCCA, he belongs to the American Cichlid Association and the Chicago Livebearer Society. In addition, he is the Secretary of the Federation of American Aquarium Societies.

Sam also has an active on-line presence. His website, <http://www.borstein.info>, includes profiles of many of the Cichlids he has worked with, both Old World and Neo-tropical, in which he describes his personal experiences with the species. There are additional articles and videos on his blog, <http://fish4thought.wordpress.com>. The entries cover his field experiences, conventions and other trips, research, fish room and just about anything Cichlid related that pops into his imagination. He also has articles posted on the GCCA's outstanding website.

Here's Sam's description of his presentation:

The Lake Victorian Extinction: *In the 1950's the Nile perch was introduced into Lake Victoria and quickly became one of the worst invasive species in the world. The introduction of the Nile perch into Lake Victoria led to one of the largest extinction events in recent times, the extinction of hundreds of native cichlid species found only in Lake Victoria. It has traditionally been thought that the massive Nile perch, which can grow to six feet in length, simply ate the much smaller cichlid species to extinction. This talk will discuss how predation by Nile perch is not the only reason so many cichlid species went extinct and that a morphological trait that is thought to be responsible for cichlids becoming so diverse may have played a major role. This talk will discuss how using new methods, like 3D printing and hi-speed video, allowed for a better understanding of what caused one of the largest recent extinction events. Additionally, there will be a discussion on keeping some new Victorian cichlid species that have been imported into the hobby as well as those that are extinct in the wild yet available in the hobby.*



Next month, Ray "Kingfish" Lucas will be on hand to regale us with tales from his many years of association with the aquarium hobby and with the hobbyist community.

A Year of Great Presentations...

March 2

Sam Borstein

(University of Tennessee)

The Lake Victoria Extinction

April 1

Ray "Kingfish" Lucas

Topic TBA

May 6

Chris Biggs

Topic TBA

June 3

Larry Johnson

Lake Malawi

August 5

Mark Soberman

Cory Cats

September 2

Dr. Tom Waltzek

(University of Florida)

"Diseases of Cichlid Fishes"

October 7

Ed Burress

(Auburn University)

Topic TBA



February Meeting Photo Recap

Thank you all for attending!



Winter Auction Photo Recap

Thank you all for attending!



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Cichlid BAP... March 2016

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP submissions for February 2016. 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.

Bill & Janice Bilski

Nandopsis salvini 15

Bob Bina

Labidochromis caeruleus "lutino" 10

Bob Blazek

Cyprichromis leptosoma "Utinta" 15

Pelvicachromis pulcher 10

Thorichthys meeki 10

John Griffith

Metriaclima sp. "daktari" 10

Mark Kazanoff

Neolamprologus multifasciatus 15

Matt Lacy

Apistogramma cacatuoides "triple red" 15

Steve Olander

Telmatochromis sp. "temporalis shell" 10

Dennis Rozmus

Julidochromis transcriptus "Zambia" 15

Lethrinops sp. "red cap Chirwa" 10

Anthony Scarton

Chalinochromis brichardi 15

Bill Schwartz

Xystichromis phytophagus "christmas fulu" 10

Greg Senn

Amatitlania sp. "Honduran red point" 10

Eric & Rhonda Sorensen

Parachromis motaguensis 15

Jeff Yadlovsky

Gephyrochromis moorii 10

Sciaenochromis fryeri "OB electric blue" 15

Welcome to the Program

Matt Lacy!

Cichlid BAP Totals... March 2016

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	-	2800
Don Danko	-	2395
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Bryan Davis	-	1425
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
Josh Cunningham	-	1165
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065
Mark Chaloupka	-	1045
John Tesar	-	1020

900 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Tom Swiderski	-	905

800 POINT LEVEL

Dustin Brummitt	-	840
Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	50	800

700 POINT LEVEL

Gary Mendez	10	780
Jeff Yadlovsky	25	775
Ken & Sue Galaska	-	770

600 POINT LEVEL

Jeff Natterer	-	690
Bill Schwartz	20	645
Jonathan Strazinsky	-	615
Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600

500 POINT LEVEL

Bob Blazek	35	570
Tim Craig	-	540
George Anagnostopoulos	-	515
Ron Georgeone	-	510

400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
Phil Hypes	-	475
Kyle May	-	460
Bob Bina	10	425
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	25	425
Tyler Toncler	-	420

300 POINT LEVEL

David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Gary Zalewski	-	325
Ken & Karen Grimmett	-	300

Cichlid BAP Totals... March 2016

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.

BREEDER LEVEL

200 POINT LEVEL

Tom & Carolyn Evers	-	285
Andrew Schock	-	280
James Shakour	-	275
Greg Senn	10	270
Dennis Kuehn	-	255
Dave Esner	-	250
Ken Walker	-	240
Jonathan Dietrich	-	230
Paul Collander	-	205
Justin Way	-	200

100 POINT LEVEL

Marc & Dawn DeWerth	-	195
Ozeal Hunter	-	190
Chuck Carroll	-	185
Andrew Subotnik	-	180
Jason Mylnar	-	170
Frank Mueller	-	160
Bob Evers	-	155
Denis Rozmus	45	155
Steve Heinbaugh	-	150
David Ayers	-	145
Bill & Janice Bilski	10	145
Greg Seith	-	145
Dan Ogrizek	-	140
David Hearn	-	135
Charles Nowakowski	-	125
Dan Ogrizek	-	140
Mark Kazanoff	15	130
John Griffith	10	125
Joe Ring	-	120
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110

Mark Huntington	-	95
Steve Olander	10	90
Pete Gembka	-	80
Carl Olszewski	-	80
Rick Wood	-	75
Dolores Bacisin	-	70
Bob Tillman	-	70
Matt Urbin	-	70
Dave Dimond	-	65
Anthony Scarton	15	65
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	65
Paul Palisin	-	60
Chris Jaskolka	-	55
Dave Dimond	-	50
John Kahl	-	50
Alex Gorges	-	45
Jim Jensen	-	45
John Kaminski	-	40
Ethan Wiley	-	40
Christopher Sooy	-	35
Tom Tansey	-	35
Jason Gorges	-	30
Paul Hutnyak	-	30
Wayne Corman	-	25
Fred Roberts	-	25
Andy Lacerda	-	20
Scott Meyers	-	20
Bill Sensor	-	20
Jason Webb	-	20
Matt Lacy	15	15
Jim & Amy Damm	-	10
Ron Drungil	-	10
Ben Jensen	-	10
Michael Meyer	10	10
Mike Trader	-	10

Congratulations!

2015 Participants

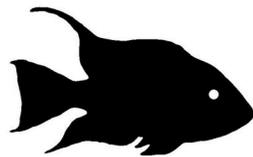
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Cichlid and Catfish BAP



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Catfish BAP... March 2016

Listed below are the Catfish BAP submissions for February 2015. 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
Steve Heinbaugh	Ancistrus L279	10



Catfish BAP Totals... March 2016

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	2016	Total
Dan Ogrizek		385
Steve Heinbaugh	10	365
Dave Ayres		250
Phil Ayres		220
Don & Marilyn Danko		215
Ken Walker		120
Dan Woodland		100
Matt Urbin		90
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	10	85
Tom & Carolyn Evers		70
Bryan Davis		60
Phil Hypes		60
Hilary Lacerda		60
Bob Blazek		50
Ken Galaska		45
Tyler Toncler		45
Justin Way		40
John Kaminski		40
Kyle May		40
George Aganostopoulos		40
Karen & Ken Grimmett		30

Catfish BAP Totals... March 2016

Listed below are more 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.

NAME	2015	TOTAL
Lew Carbone		30
Andrew Schock		30
Bob Evers		30
Tony Poth		20
Josh Cunningham		20
Gary Mendez		20
John Tesar		20
David Toth		20
Paul Palisin		20
Jason Mlynar		15
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 – March 2016

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

This month's Bowl Show Categories

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

No entries this year!

It's anyone's game.

Participate and WIN!

Bowl Show 2016 Schedule

Jan. 2

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

Feb. 6

Victorian Basin
Angelfish
Synodontis and other Mochokids

Mar. 6

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

Apr. 3

Peacocks
Central Americans over 6”
Freshwater Crustaceans

May. 1

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

June. 5

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

July

No meeting

Aug. 7

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

Sept. 4

Frontosa
Open Old World, ex- clude Malawi, Tang.
Corys and other Callichthyids

Oct. 2

Malawi “Haps”
Apistos
Fish Photography

Nov. 6

Female cichlids, limit 3
Loaches and Botias
Telmatochromis, Chalinochromis

Dec. 4

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



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Pleco-Proof Your Sponge Filter

By Bob Blazek

Hello Everyone! Have you ever looked in you aquarium and saw your favorite Pleco nose first in the lift tube on a sponge filter? I know that it's happened more than once to me. Sometimes you have found it in time to save it, other times not. Fortunately for me I don't keep expensive Plecos, just the common species. I would really be upset if it were a high-end species. So here's what I've come up with and it's been working great. It's pretty simple and all you need is an extra piece of airline and an extra ATI part called a "Bulls Eye." You can order the Bulls Eye from Kens Fish. The following pictures should help you understand what to do, instead of me rambling on forever trying to explain in words.



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Held Prisoner by Convicts

By Jonathan Strazinsky

I know what you're thinking, why convicts? Why write an article about *Amatitlania nigrofasciatum*? For me they mark the beginning of my cichlid addiction back in 1986, when my pair of convicts spawned in a 15 gallon tank in my bedroom! The male was a pink convict and the female was a grey. I raised the fry in that 15 gallon aquarium and moved the parents to a 30 gallon that had a small Oscar in it. They promptly killed the little guy. My first lesson in mixing cichlids together did not go too well. Just because they were the same size doesn't mean they'd be ok together! What I didn't realize was the convicts were mature and the Oscar was still a baby.



Back to that first cichlid spawn of mine. Interestingly enough that pair threw marbled fry, or calico they're sometimes called. I raised about 25 of them and took them back to my local pet store down the street to sell them. Much to my chagrin I was told they were hybrids and they would never sell! About 10 years later I found myself in Aquarium Adventure, where they were selling marble convicts for \$8.99 each! Of course I bought some, since they had a deal on buying six! I raised and spawned them but unfortunately due to some circumstances in my life at the time, I had to get rid of all my fish and tanks. A few years later I was able to get a few tanks set up and eventually a fish room. For the better part of the last fifteen years, I've always had some form of convict in the fish room! Sure, they're easy to spawn! So easy, in fact, that I actually won a five dollar bet by spawning them in a bucket! To this day I still get excited when I see they've got fry or eggs!



One thing they do have going for them is they're extremely hardy. Years ago I used to get a live tree every year for Christmas. I watered the trees with water from the fish tanks after doing water changes. It was great for the trees and, as a matter of fact, it's great for your house plants and plants in your garden! I'd just fill up a five gallon pail, hide it behind the Christmas tree, and water when necessary!

One year it had been well over a week since the tree had been set up and I knew it was time to water it. There, in the bucket behind the tree, was three little convict fry swimming around in the few inches of ice cold water that was left! On the flip side, just recently, I had a heater malfunction in one of my tanks. Once I discovered it, the water was upwards of 93 degrees! In that tank the convicts had a huge clutch of fry in the back left hand corner of the tank thriving! They were seemingly unfazed by the massive jump in temperature and just went about their normal business!



If you've never kept convicts or spawned them I'd like to encourage you to give them a try! I currently have a spawn of both marble and grey convicts in the fish room. I'd be glad to give you a handful to raise and spawn. It'd be a fun experience for all of you out there who have only kept mouth brooding African cichlids! You just never know, you might enjoy them so much you too could be held prisoner by the little convict like I have for the past 30 years!





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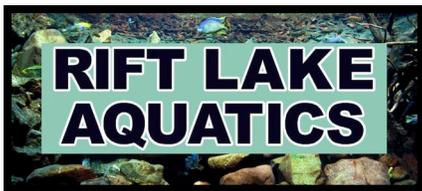
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