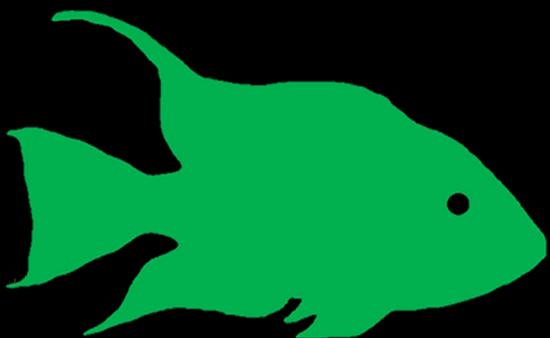


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About the Ohio Cichlid Association

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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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
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DON DANKO: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you were able to attend a part of our awesome February Winter Auction and that you sold some items in this Seller's Auction! Since we had just under 600 bags and a good number of buyers, prices held up the entire day. That said, there were lots of deals to be had and there were many spectacular fish in the auction. Excellent Electric Blues, Angels, Paracyprichromis, Bushynose Plecos, oddball Acaras and more were there to be found. Even with the auctioneering assignment, I did manage to snag a bag of Cheese Creek Ancistrus for Marilyn's Pleco collection. She was so happy that she even paid for dinner! 😊

If you didn't get one of new, limited edition OCA shirts in stylish Charcoal at the Auction or February meeting, be sure to see Ron Maichle at the monthly meeting to get yours! They're high quality and awesome!



Unfortunately, I missed what I heard was a fabulous talk by Joe Cutler while I was hunting for oddball birds with Juan Miguel and Ad Konings... I heard comments like "best talk ever" and "I actually sat through an entire talk for the first time in years!" Thankfully, Jombie Dietrich captured the talk on video and I hope to watch it soon. Great job, Lew, in continuing to debut new speakers and to provide outstanding talks to our membership each and every month!

In March, you'll need to bring your popcorn and also some rotten tomatoes and other stale vegetables to toss! A couple of New Year's noise makers would be in order as well. None other than homegrown hero-in-his-own-mind, Jonathan Strazinsky, will entertain the crowd! Even though he may even attempt to be serious, you can bet it won't stay that way for long. He'll be covering the subject of "Breeding New World Cichlids", a subject he knows a lot about. He keeps thousands of gallons of large and small Neotropicals alike and many outstanding specimens are housed in his fourteen foot, 1200 gallon, display tank and swimming pool. Don't miss this talk, as a great time will be had by all, especially Jonathan!!

Don

SOCIAL MEETING INFORMATION

The Next OCA Social Meeting is Friday,
March 1, 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

UPCOMING OCA SOCIAL MEETING PROGRAMS

2019

March 2

Jonathan Strazinsky

“Breeding New World Cichlids”

April 5

TBA

May 3

Josh Cunningham

“Breeding Set-Ups for Rift Lake Cichlids”

June 7

Matt Quinn

“Adventures in Uruguay”



The Ohio Cichlid Association Presents:

Jonathan Strazinsky - Breeding New World Cichlids

Middleburg Hts. Recreation Center

Friday, Mar. 1 at 8 pm



OCA Program Preview
March 1, 2019 8:00 PM
Middleburg Hts Community Center

Jonathan Strazinsky

Submitted

Jonathan Strazinsky, aka TheFishGuy, has been in the hobby for 33 years. He's always looking to further his education when it comes to this hobby. His main focus is and always has been Central and South American cichlids, specifically the larger growing or aggressive species. A carpenter by trade, and now teaching Construction Tech at the local high school, he's often married his profession to the hobby, building tanks, tank stands and various other DIY projects. Jonathan is a family man, often bringing one of his four children to fish related events. He has had many speaking engagements at fish clubs around the Midwest and he's got a big personality. He encourages audience participation and often starts discussions in the middle of presentations with audience members. Entertaining and informative, Jonathan is as willing to learn as he is to teach! His passion for keeping New World Cichlids is infectious!

His presentation, entitled "Breeding New World Cichlids", covers basic to advanced techniques of spawning these beautiful creatures. He feels that to be successful at keeping a species, you must spawn them and raise the fry to share with other hobbyists.

Next month's scheduled speaker, Ryan Greenway, had the unexpected opportunity to study ichthyology in Switzerland! Unfortunately for us, that means he won't be available to visit in April. Our speaker for next month will be announced soon, I hope.

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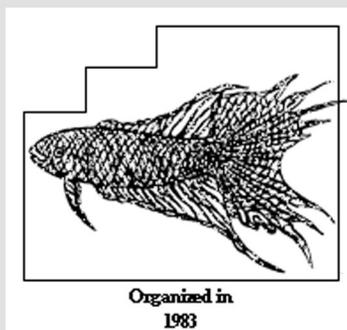
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2018 JIM SMITH ENDOWMENT FUND AWARD

By: Lew Carbone

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.

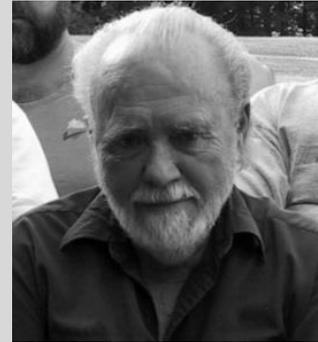
On November 17, 2018, the Ohio Cichlid Association announced that a team of researchers from McGill University, in Canada, and University of Pará, in Brazil, has won the Jim Smith Fund grant for 2018, and will be awarded \$1700. The team is made up of Oliver Lucanus (McGill), Dr. Margaret Kalacska (McGill)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

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!!

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CICHLID BAP REPORT

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

Congratulations on these spawns and thank you for your participation.

February 1, 2019

Lew Carbone

Bujurquina vittata 10

Jonathan Dietrich

Thorichthys ellioti 10

Tomocichla sieboldii 20

Mark Kazanoff

Oreochromis esculentas 10

Scott Mabee

Labidochromis caeruleus 10

Andrew Schock

Neolamprologus buescheri "Zaire gold" 15

Jeff Yadlovsky

Labidochromis caeruleus "albino" 10

Labidochromis caeruleus "Nkhata Bay" 10

Pundamilia nyererei "Juma Island" 10

Welcome to the program:

Scott Mabee

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 (02/01/2019)

BREEDER	2019	TOTAL
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MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

Lew Carbone	10	3045
Don & Marilyn Danko	-	2435
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Josh Cunningham	-	1835
Bryan Davis	-	1455
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
John Tesar	-	1120
Mark Chaloupka	-	1095
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065
Jeff Yadlovsky	30	1050

900 POINT LEVEL

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

800 POINT LEVEL

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

700 POINT LEVEL

Bill Schwartz	-	740
Jeff Natterer	-	725

600 POINT LEVEL

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

500 POINT LEVEL

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

400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
Phil Hypes	-	475
Kyle May	-	460
Jonathan Dietrich	30	450
Bob Bina	-	435
Tyler Toncler	-	420

300 POINT LEVEL

Andrew Schock	15	390
Greg Senn	-	350
David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Dennis Kuehn	-	325
Gary Zalewski	-	325
Ken & Karen Grimmett	-	310
Dennis Kuehn	-	315
Tom & Carolyn Evers	-	300

200 POINT LEVEL

James Shakour	-	275
David Hearn	-	270
Jason Mlynar	-	270
Dave Esner	-	250
Mark Kazanoff	10	245
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
Andrew Subotnik	-	180
Bob Evers	-	175
Charles Nowakowski	-	165
Frank Mueller	-	160
Steve Heinbaugh	-	150
Roger Stark	30	150
David Ayers	-	145
Greg Seith	-	145
Dan Ogrizek	-	140
John Griffith	-	135
Carl Oszewski	-	135
Joe Ring	-	120
Steve Olander	-	115
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110

BREEDER LEVEL

Mark Huntington	-	95
Dolores Bacisin	-	85
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	85
Pete Gembka	-	80
Keith Robinson	-	75
Rick Wood	-	75
Bob Tillman	-	70
Matt Urbin	-	70
Dave Dimond	-	65
Russell & Tom Pierce	-	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	-	40
Ethan Wiley	-	40
Matt Lacy	-	35
Christopher Sooy	-	35
Tom Tansey	-	35
Randall Wyan	-	35
Paul Hutnyak	-	30

Adam Stallman	-	30
Wayne Corman	-	25
Ron Maichle	15	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
Scott Mabee	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.

February 1, 2019

Breeder	Species	Points
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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	2019	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
Dan Woodland		100
Matt Urbin		90
Tom & Carolyn Evers		80
Hilary Lacerda		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
Jason Mlynar	35
John Tesar	30
Karen & Ken Grimmett	30
Lew Carbone	30
Andrew Schock	30
Bob Evers	30
Russell & Tom Pierce	20
Tony Poth	20
Gary Mendez	20
David Toth	20
Paul Palisin	20
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

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.