

# **Buckeye Bulletin**

## **March 2020**

**Social Gathering:**  
**March 6, 2020**  
**Middleburg Heights**  
**Rec. Center**



**Jim Cumming is BACK!**

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

Get involved in all things OCA!

# A Word from the President...

Lew Carbone,  
OCA President

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Greetings, OCA Members

I'd like to thank all the local hobbyists that came out to the 2020 OCA Winter Auction in Strongsville a few weeks ago. It certainly wasn't the biggest auction we've ever had, but buyers were happy with the selection and quality, sellers were very happy with the prices, and auction workers were happy that we could eat dinner at a decent hour! The Greater Akron AS, the Youngstown Area TFS, NEOfish, CAFE, the Medina County AS and the Lorian County AS all have auctions coming up in the next few months. Check those clubs' websites and FaceBook pages for details.

If you are interested in South American cichlids, and want to learn more from a reliable, nationally known source, attend our meeting on Friday, May 6. Jim Cumming will be making a return engagement, and even if you aren't a South American cichlid maven, you will love his photography and videography.

Please consider participating in our monthly Bowl Show! The March show classes are South Americans over 6" (excluding angels and discus), Mbuna, and Callichthyids (Cory types). There are monthly cash prizes and a grand prize for the 2020 champion. You most likely will be competing with ordinary hobbyists like yourself, so don't feel like your fish aren't good enough. Rules, prizes and the yearly class schedule, along with other details, can be found in this issue. In addition, there is an article on our website that gives suggestions about handling fish for monthly bowl shows. It also explains how fish are judged. You will find it here:  
<https://www.ohiocichlid.com/meetings/bowl-show>

Normally, the Extravaganza speaker line-up would set by now. This year, several of the prospective guests were away on expedition when contacted, so we were left waiting for answers, and then the answers aren't always what we're hoping for. I certainly expect to be able to announce the 2020 slate in this space next month, but I can tell you that we'll have a mixture of new and familiar, with at least one prominent European authority making his first US appearance.

See you soon!



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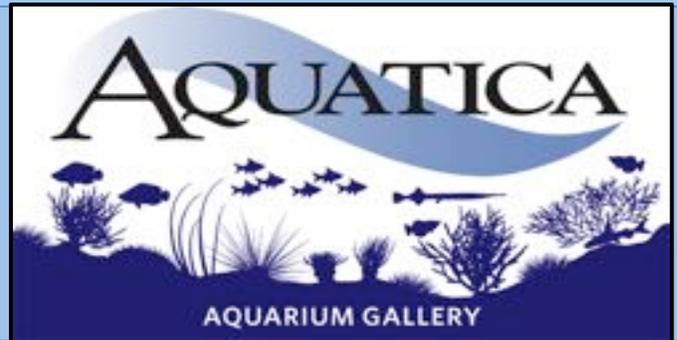
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## **Attention! It's Time to Gather...**

The next OCA Social Gathering is  
March 6<sup>th</sup>, 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!



# March Program Preview

## Jim Cumming

### “South American Cichlids: The Magnificents”

Jim Cumming hails from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and has been keeping tropical fish for over 65 years. Other than a fifteen-year sojourn into the world of killifish (his online name is ‘notho2000’) he has kept and presently keeps Central and South American cichlids, and currently devotes about one third of his 40 aquarium fish room to Madagascan cichlids and the Etroplus genus from India.



Jim has given presentations to over 100 cichlid and generalist aquarium societies throughout the US and Canada over the last 6 years, and in the Spring of 2018, was invited to Berlin and Dresden, Germany, where he presented on Madagascan and South American cichlids to the German Cichlid Association (DCG). Other speaking engagements included the International Cichlid Conference in Brisbane, Australia, in November 2018, the Nordic Cichlid Association in Uppsala, Sweden, in March 2019, the East Anglia Cichlid Group in Newmarket, UK, in April 2019 and the ACA Convention in Cromwell, Connecticut, in July 2019. In 2020, Jim has been invited to speak in France at the French Cichlid Association's Convention in Lemans, and in Lausanne, Switzerland, as well as a return to Australia where he will be presenting to four groups in November. Jim has never turned down an invitation to speak other than for a conflict of dates.

Over the last 10 years, Jim has become captivated by the magical cichlids from Madagascar. They have certainly 'supercharged' his passion for the cichlid keeping hobby. Jim has had extensive collecting experience in Mexico, Belize, Cuba, and Brazil as well as the Southern U.S. He maintains a very active YouTube channel with around 700 videos as of January 2019, highlighting the fish he keeps or has kept. The emphasis is on maintenance and breeding, along with social interactions, both con- and hetero-specific. Jim has been a moderator for several on-line forums and several Facebook aquatic interest groups and maintains a Facebook site solely devoted to fish and their conservation. Jim has had articles published in Amazonas, Cichlid News, Buntbarsche, and the Swedish Cichlid Bladet magazines. He is also an American Cichlid Association sponsored Speaker, as well as a Madagascan Cichlid Species Specialist and speaker for the CARES Preservation program. On Facebook he administrates the group Madagascar Endangered Fishes and is a Moderator of Geophagus Keepers. He also has been actively involved in the local Aquarium Society of Winnipeg, where he served for many years as Program Chair, Journal Editor, and President. He enthusiastically looks forward to spreading the word on Madagascar and its cichlids, as well as on variety of other hobby-based topics wherever and whenever he can.

*Jim's talk is entitled "South American Cichlids: The Magnificents". His aquarium photography and videography are outstanding, so you won't want to miss this one. In April, Rich Bierbower will share his experience with "Breeding and Raising Quality Angelfish".*

# Social Meeting Schedule

Times approximate

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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 (BAP / Buck-a-bag)

10:25 Raffle



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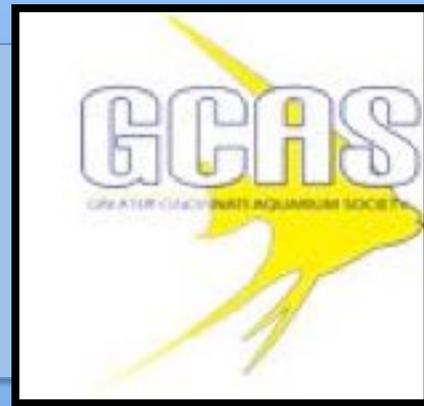
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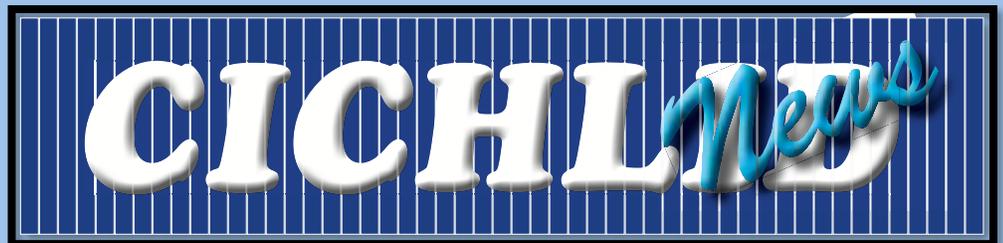
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## Cichlid BAP... March 2020

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP submissions for February 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.

### Josh Cunningham

|                                |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Aulonocara brevindinus         | 10 |
| Stigmatochromis modestus "red" | 10 |

### Jonathan Dietrich

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Haplochromis stappersi "Kalombo Chippewa" | 10 |
| Placidochromis milomo "VC-10"             | 10 |
| Pseudotropheus perspicax "red top Ndumbi" | 10 |

### John Kaminski

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Hemichromis bimaculatus | 10 |
|-------------------------|----|

### Ron Maichle

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Labidochromis caeruleus | 10 |
|-------------------------|----|

### Gary Mendez

|                                   |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Aulonocara sp. Lwanda"            | 10 |
| Petrotilapia chitimba "thick bar" | 10 |

### Jonathan Strazinsky

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Amphilophus labiatum | 15 |
|----------------------|----|

### Jeff Yadlovsky

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Melanochromis exasperates | 10 |
| Pseudotropheus demasoni   | 10 |

# Cichlid BAP Totals... March 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.

| BREEDER                                       | 2020 | TOTAL |
|---|------|-------|
| <b><u>MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL</u></b> |      |       |
| Lew Carbone                                   | 10   | 3095  |
| Don & Marilyn Danko                           | -    | 2435  |
| Dan Woodland                                  | -    | 2070  |
| Josh Cunningham                               | 20   | 2040  |
| Bryan Davis                                   | -    | 1455  |
| Bill Loudermilk                               | -    | 1200  |
| John Tesar                                    | -    | 1145  |
| Linda Wallrath                                | -    | 1130  |
| Jeff Yadlovsky                                | 20   | 1120  |
| Mark Chaloupka                                | -    | 1110  |
| Rich & Maggie Schoeffel                       | -    | 1065  |
| <b><u>900 POINT LEVEL</u></b>                 |      |       |
| Jonathan Strazinsky                           | 15   | 995   |
| Dennis Tomazin                                | -    | 965   |
| Gary Mendez                                   | 20   | 945   |
| Hilary & Antonio Lacerda                      | -    | 910   |
| Tom Swiderski                                 | -    | 905   |
| <b><u>800 POINT LEVEL</u></b>                 |      |       |
| Dustin Brummitt                               | -    | 840   |
| Ken & Sue Galaska                             | 20   | 820   |
| <b><u>700 POINT LEVEL</u></b>                 |      |       |
| Bill Schwartz                                 | -    | 760   |
| Jeff Natterer                                 | -    | 725   |
| Bob Blazek                                    | -    | 720   |
| <b><u>600 POINT LEVEL</u></b>                 |      |       |
| Charlie & Cathy Suk                           | -    | 615   |
| Steve Zarzeczny                               | -    | 600   |
| <b><u>500 POINT LEVEL</u></b>                 |      |       |
| Dan & Vi McMonigle                            | -    | 585   |
| John Jancik Sr. & Jr.                         | -    | 575   |
| Jonathan Dietrich                             | 30   | 565   |
| Tim Craig                                     | -    | 540   |
| Eric & Rhonda Sorensen                        | -    | 530   |
| George Anagnostopoulos                        | -    | 515   |
| Ron Georgeone                                 | -    | 510   |

# Cichlid BAP Totals... March 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 Zaleski         | -  | 325 |
| Tom & Carolyn Evers  | -  | 320 |
| Ken & Karen Grimmett | -  | 310 |

## 200 POINT LEVEL

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

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## 100 POINT LEVEL

|                     |   |     |
|---------------------|---|-----|
| Marc & Dawn DeWerth | - | 195 |
| Ozeal Hunter        | - | 190 |
| Chuck Carroll       | - | 185 |
| Denis Rozmus        | - | 185 |
| Roger Stark         | - | 180 |
| Andrew Subotnik     | - | 180 |
| Bob Evers           | - | 175 |
| Charles Nowakowski  | - | 165 |
| Frank Mueller       | - | 160 |
| Steve Heinbaugh     | - | 150 |
| David Ayers         | - | 145 |
| Greg Seith          | - | 145 |
| Dan Ogrizek         | - | 140 |
| John Griffith       | - | 135 |
| Carl Oszewski       | - | 135 |
| Keith Robinson      | - | 130 |
| Joe Ring            | - | 120 |
| Steve Olander       | - | 115 |
| Peter Nario-Redmond | - | 115 |
| Aaron Stevens       | - | 115 |
| David Toth          | - | 115 |
| Raymond Langer      | - | 110 |

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# Cichlid BAP Totals... March 2020

## BREEDER LEVEL

|                      |    |    |
|----------------------|----|----|
| Mark Huntington      | -  | 95 |
| Randall Wyan         | -  | 95 |
| Ron Maichle          | 10 | 90 |
| Dolores Bacisin      | -  | 85 |
| Nicholas Zarzeczny   | -  | 85 |
| Pete Gembka          | -  | 80 |
| Rick Wood            | -  | 75 |
| Bob Tillman          | -  | 70 |
| Matt Urbin           | -  | 70 |
| Dave Dimond          | -  | 65 |
| John Kaminski        | 10 | 65 |
| Scott Mabee          | -  | 65 |
| Russell & Tom Pierce | -  | 65 |
| Anthony Scarton      | -  | 65 |
| Lee Spencer          | 35 | 65 |
| Jim Jensen           | -  | 60 |
| Paul Palisin         | -  | 60 |
| Chris Jaskolka       | -  | 55 |
| Dave Dimond          | -  | 50 |
| Margaret Heifner     | -  | 50 |
| John Kahl            | -  | 50 |
| Alex Gorges          | -  | 45 |
| Jason Gorges         | -  | 40 |
| Ethan Wiley          | -  | 40 |
| Matt Lacy            | -  | 35 |
| Sam Muselli          | 20 | 35 |
| Christopher Sooy     | -  | 35 |
| Tom Tansey           | -  | 35 |
| Paul Hutnyak         | -  | 30 |
| Adam Stallman        | -  | 30 |
| Wayne Corman         | -  | 25 |
| Fred Roberts         | -  | 25 |
| Pat Daley            | -  | 20 |
| Andy Lacerda         | -  | 20 |
| Scott Meyers         | -  | 20 |
| Bill Sensor          | -  | 20 |
| Jason Webb           | -  | 20 |
| Ken Carey            | -  | 10 |
| Jim & Amy Damm       | -  | 10 |
| Ron Drungil          | -  | 10 |
| Ben Jensen           | -  | 10 |
| Cory Knarr           | -  | 10 |
| Michael Meyer        | -  | 10 |
| Mike Trader          | -  | 10 |

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

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

Breed...

Share....

Enjoy...

Cichlid and Catfish BAP



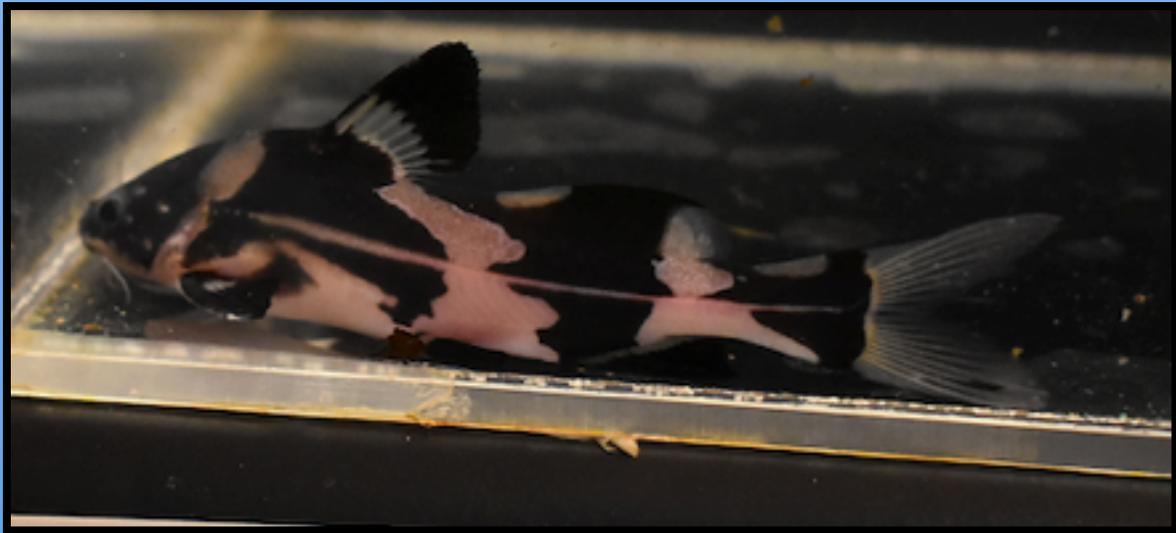
## Catfish BAP... March 2020

Listed below are the Catfish BAP submissions for February 2020. Members successfully bred these catfish and raised a minimum of 6 fry to a minimum of 1". Varying point values determined by spawn difficulty were given to members' total Catfish BAP points.

Congratulations on these spawns and thank you for your participation.

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| Breeder         | Species                       | Points |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Josh Cunningham | Ancistrus L393 "Cheese Creek" | 10     |



# Catfish BAP Totals... March 2020

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

Thank you for your participation.

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

## Catfish BAP Totals... March 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 – March 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.

Last month we had a great speaker, however the weather was less than ideal. I believe the poor weather may have attributed to our lack of entries. Just remember that the field is wide open so bring those fish to show.

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 |
|-------------|-------|------|-----------|
| No entries  |       |      |           |

## The Current Standings

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

## Upcoming Classes

### March 6

South Americans over 6", exclude Discus, Angels

Mbuna

Callichthyids (Cory types)

### April 3

Central Americans 6" and under

Tanganyikan Shell Dwellers

Mochokids (Synodontis 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

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## 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)

| 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        |

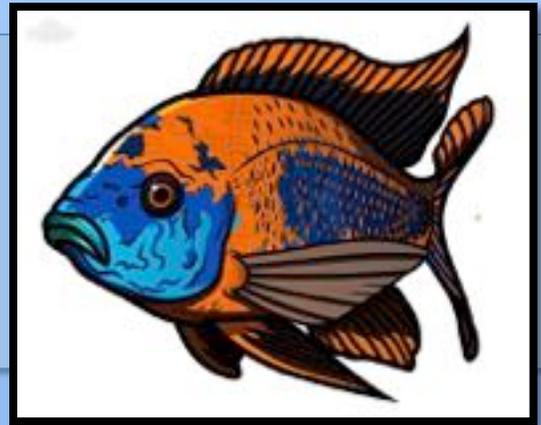
\*Will only be awarded if there are two or more entries

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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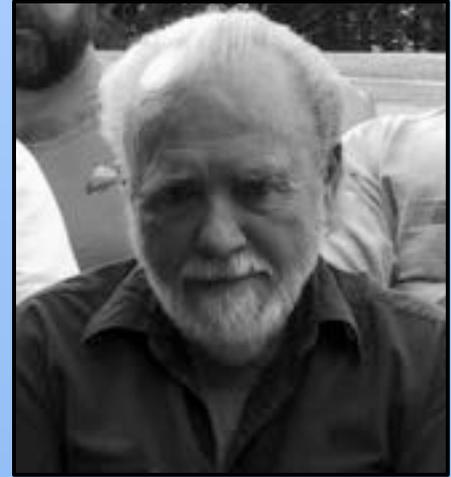
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# THE JIM SMITH ENDOWMENT FUND



## Who Was Jim Smith?

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

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

## What is the Jim Smith Fund?

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

## How can I support the Jim Smith Fund?

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

## Who are recent Jim Smith Fund grant recipients?

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



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



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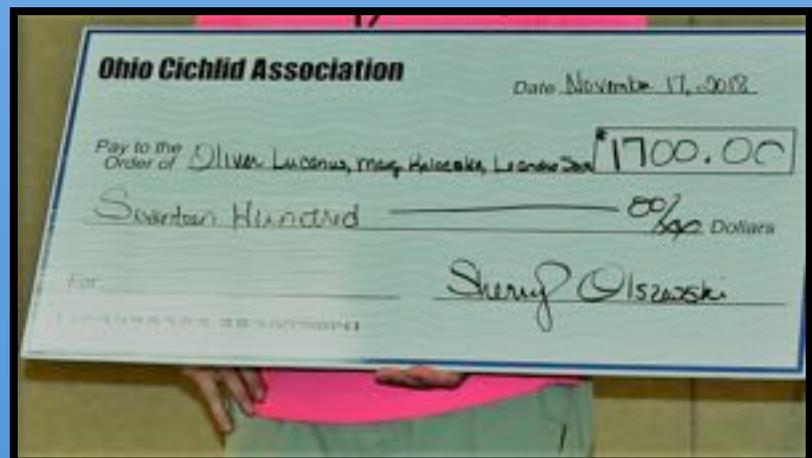
At this recent Extravaganza, the Ohio Cichlid Association announced the winner of the 2018 Jim Smith Endowment Fund grant. Jim Smith was a long-time and highly-regarded Membership Chair of the OCA, who passed away in 2003. Later that year, the Jim Smith Fund was established in his memory. The Jim Smith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

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

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

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

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



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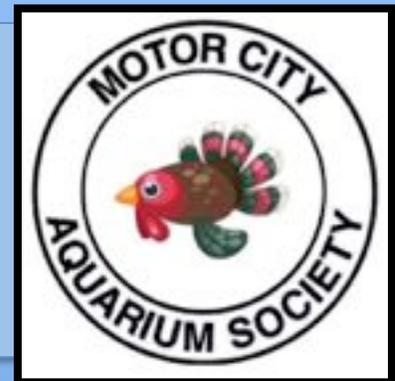
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