

# Buckeye Bulletin

## May 2016

**Social Gathering:**  
**May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Middleburg Heights**  
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Canadian **Chris Biggs** Travels to CLE to Give Us a “Nerd’s Eye View” of FLA

# **Welcome to the Buckeye Bulletin...**

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**Monthly Features include:**

**President's Message  
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Cichlid BAP Results  
Catfish BAP Results  
Program Previews  
This Month in OCA History  
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And more...**

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## **The OCA Mission Statement...**

The OCA is an organization dedicated to the advancement and dissemination of information relating to all aspects of the biology of cichlids and related aquatic life. Our purpose is to promote the interest, keeping, study, breeding, and the educational exhibition of Cichlids. Additionally, the exchange of ideas, meeting new people, and distribution of information concerning Cichlids is of primary interest.

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### **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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Get involved in all things OCA!

# A Word from the President...

Lew Carbone,  
OCA President

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For those that haven't heard: We lost Charlie Suk on Monday, April 17. Charlie had cancer for several years, but he found the strength to attend almost every auction of all area clubs up through this past fall, and until recently, ran bags at all of them. I last saw him before the April OCA meeting, when I visited him at this hospice. His physical discomfort was obvious, but he still had a cheerful word for the nurses whenever they stopped in. *We're going to need more runners.*

It was fun to have Ray "Kingfish" Lucas at the meeting last month, but this month's guest will be a lot of fun, also. Chris Biggs, whom you may remember from various Extravaganzas will be visiting us from Winnipeg, Canada. Chris is a singular kind of person who has become a well-known figure in the hobby. I expect his presentation to be very entertaining. To get an idea of what you're in for, check out this issue's "Program Preview" and read the profile he sent us.

When we were making arrangements to hold meetings at the Middleburg Hts. Community Center, we thought that we'd be able to use the doors that lead directly to the meeting room. Sometimes we can, and other times the staff there doesn't open it, citing security rules. The door is very convenient, but how are you to know if it's unlocked? Let's try this: There's a sign (on an easel) they keep just inside the inner doors. If you look in, and the sign is in the middle of the entrance, the doors are locked. If you don't see the sign, or if it's off to the side, the door is open. We'll continue to work with the Rec Center staff and the physical layout to make sure your OCA meeting experience is as comfortable and convenient as possible.

After a month without our sumptuous raffle, it will return for our May meeting. Make sure you get your share of the prizes!

Hope to see you soon!!





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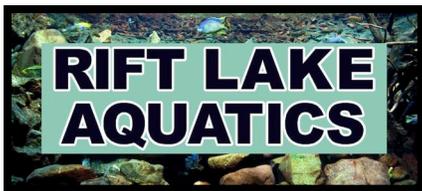
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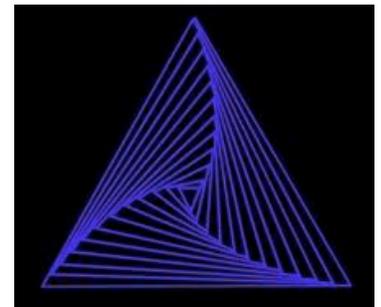


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The next OCA Social Gathering is  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 8:00 PM

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!



# **May Program Preview**

## **Chris Biggs**

### **“The Florida Experience: A Nerd’s Eye View”**

Hailing from the barren tundra of the frozen North that is Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Chris Biggs is a devoted father of three, and court jester to his lovely and tolerant queen, Dayna. A life-long aquarist, his father thrust him into the hobby at a very young age with a small tank they kept in their family den, and Chris has never looked back. He is a founding member of the Aquarium Society of Winnipeg, the Canadian Cichlid Association, and most recently, the Dead Fish Order. He achieved in short order the level of Grand Master for both fish breeding and horticulture. He is a classically trained botanist, passionate naturalist and avid gardener. Master of much, Chris is well known for his colorful tattoos, outspoken mouth, and well-received knowledge on most things aquatic and more. Eager to share and educate, he is a welcome presence nationally and internationally, both as a speaker and as the mouthpiece for Xtreme Aquatic Foods.



Chris has traveled extensively, collecting, studying, and admiring fishes, plants and reptiles in their natural habitats, as well as attending workshops and conventions. He has taken his vast knowledge and experience and applied it to building many dedicated and specialized fish rooms, often referred to as his Lab. They have included such things as fully automated water maintenance systems, pressure chambers, microscopes and dissection tables, including his last fish room which held over 3800 gallons. His frank bravado and charm, as well as his experience make him a much sought after judge, speaker and auctioneer at events everywhere.

He is tall, loud, and colorful. Chris is an enormous nerd and quite strong with The Force; he has an entire room dedicated to Star Wars figures and diorama, many of which he has hand crafted himself! Outgoing and entertaining, Biggs is often found, Guinness in hand, wearing a shirt extolling his mighty gonopodium and sharing his vast knowledge with a sarcastic, yet endearing smile.

*Next month, we'll have another visitor from our Neighbor to the North. Larry Johnson makes yearly trips to photograph Lake Malawi and its inhabitants, and will be reporting on his most recent excursion with his talk "Swimming with Cichlids: Lake Malawi Safari 2015".*



**Ohio Cichlid  
Association**

# A Year of Great Presentations...

May 6

**Chris Biggs**

“The Florida Experience: A Nerd’s-Eye View”

June 3

**Larry Johnson**

“Swimming with Cichlids: Lake Malawi Safari 2015”

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

November 4

**Jim Cummins**

“Cichlids of Madagascar”

December 2

**Christmas Party**

Details TBA

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## Cichlid BAP... May 2016

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP submissions for April 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.

### **Ken Carey**

*Protomelas marginatus* 10

### **Jonathan Dietrich**

*Melanochromis dialeptos* 10

### **John Griffith**

*Aulonocara stuartgranti* s. "Mbenji blue regal" 10

### **David Hearn**

*Telmatochromis* sp. "temporalis shell" 10

### **Dennis Kuehn**

*Aulonocara jacobfreibergi* "Otter Point" 10

*Tropheops* sp. "Chilumba" 10

### **Jonathan Strazinsky**

*Cichlasoma bimaculatum* 10

*Hemichromis elongates* 15



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Carl Olszewski

# Cichlid BAP Totals... May 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
Jonathan Strazinsky	45	660
Bill Schwartz	20	645
Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600

## 500 POINT LEVEL

Bob Blazek	45	580
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... May 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.

## 200 POINT LEVEL

Tom & Carolyn Evers	-	285
Andrew Schock	-	280
Dennis Kuehn	20	275
James Shakour	-	275
Greg Senn	10	270
Dave Esner	-	250
Jonathan Dietrich	10	240
Ken Walker	-	240
Paul Collander	-	205
Justin Way	-	200

## 100 POINT LEVEL

Marc & Dawn DeWerth	-	195
Ozeal Hunter	-	190
Chuck Carroll	-	185
Andrew Subotnik	-	180
David Hearn	40	175
Jason Mylnar	-	170
Charles Nowakowski	40	165
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
Mark Kazanoff	25	140
Dan Ogrizek	-	140
John Griffith	20	135
Joe Ring	-	120
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110

Mark Huntington	-	95
Carl Olszewski	15	95
Steve Olander	10	90
Pete Gembka	-	80
Rick Wood	-	75
Dolores Bacisin	-	70
Bob Tillman	-	70
Matt Urbin	-	70
Dave Dimond	-	65
Anthony Scarton	15	65
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	65
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Chris Jaskolka	-	55
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Jason Webb	-	20
Ken Carey	10	10
Jim & Amy Damm	-	10
Ron Drungil	-	10
Ben Jensen	-	10
Michael Meyer	10	10
Mike Trader	-	10

Welcome to the Program

Ken Carey!

Thanks for sharing your spawn!

Breed...

Share....

Enjoy...

Cichlid and Catfish BAP



## **Catfish BAP... May 2016**

Listed below are the Catfish BAP submissions for April 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.

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No submissions in May

Breed those cats!



## Catfish BAP Totals... May 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	10	260
Don & Marilyn Danko	35	250
Phil Ayres		220
Ken Walker		120
Dan Woodland		100
Matt Urbin		90
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	10	85
Tom & Carolyn Evers		70
Justin Way	20	60
Bryan Davis		60
Phil Hypes		60
Hilary Lacerda		60
Bob Blazek		50
Ken Galaska		45
Tyler Toncler		45
John Kaminski		40
Kyle May		40
George Aganostopoulos		40
Karen & Ken Grimmett		30

## Catfish BAP Totals... May 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	2016	TOTAL
Lew Carbone		30
Andrew Schock		30
Bob Evers		30
Bill Schwartz	20	20
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 – May 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](mailto:carlolszewski@yahoo.com) for more information.

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### **This month's Bowl Show Categories**

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

### **Last month's results:**

Scott Meyers is still in the lead as the long participant this year.

Step up to the plate and show off your fish!

# 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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