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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
- visit [ohiocichlid.com](http://ohiocichlid.com)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM DON DANKO

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With Fall approaching, it's time to get back into the fish room in earnest. It's also time to start planning what you're going to enter into the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Extravaganza Show and what you're going to be offering for sale that weekend. You can start posting your Wants and Sells on the OCA Forum now and, on October 1, you can begin posting them on the OCA Extravaganza Facebook Group.

If you haven't registered for the Extravaganza yet, please do so at the [Ohiocichlid.com](http://Ohiocichlid.com) website where you can also sponsor classes, buy sponge filters, as well as take care of other event items, and then pay with Paypal. The prices posted are valid until the end of October, at which time the two packages that include a tee shirt will no longer be available. And, tee shirts won't be available after that date either! So, act now. Additionally, the base registration price will go up a little. The reasons for these actions are to allow us to effectively plan the tee shirts ordering and to allow us to plan other activities more effectively.

Be sure to take advantage of the Raffle Ticket Exchange that allows you to trade new items that you don't need for tickets for current raffle items. This gives you the potential to win other items in the current raffle and to help out the OCA – hopefully, a win-win!

Please join us at the September 7 meeting at the Middleburg Hts. Recreation Center at 8 pm. Mark Sabaj is a fantastic speaker and we have a great venue at the Rec Center with lots of activities to keep you engaged. Hope to see you there!

Don

# SOCIAL MEETING INFORMATION

The Next OCA Social Meeting is Friday,  
September 7, 2018 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

*The Ohio Cichlid Association Presents Mark Henry Sabaj:*  
***“Exploring the Fishes of Columbia” - A Jim Smith Fund Award Update...***

Middleburg Hts. Recreation Center

Friday, September 7, 2018



## **Program Preview September, 2018**

Raised in Brookfield, Illinois, **Mark Henry Sabaj** has a B.S. (1990) and M.S. (1992) from the University of Richmond, Virginia, and a Ph.D. (2002) from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

His career in ichthyology began as an undergraduate in 1989 when Drs. William S. Woolcott and Eugene G. Maurakis invited him to assist their field studies and filming of spawning behaviors in nest-building chubs and dace in the streams of eastern North America. His Master's thesis documented newly observed reproductive strategies in five species of minnows in the genera *Exoglossum*, *Nocomis*, *Rhinichthys* and *Semotilus*.

In 1992, Mark became a doctoral student of Lawrence M. Page, and from 1995-2000 served as full-time collection manager of fishes at the Illinois Natural History Survey. In 2001, he relocated to Philadelphia to become Collection Manager of Fishes at The Academy of Natural Sciences. In 2013, he became The Academy's Interim Curator of Fishes.

Between 1991 and 2018 he published 56 peer-reviewed papers on topics that include spawning behaviors in minnows, darters and loricariids, and taxonomic descriptions of 33 new taxa, including catfishes in the families Doradidae, Loricariidae, Akysidae and Aspredinidae, as well as a river ray, a threadfin, an Apistogramma, two crayfish species and a freshwater sponge. His specific area of taxonomic expertise is the catfish family Doradidae (thorny catfishes).

Mark has field and collecting experience in freshwater ecosystems throughout the United States and on four continents including a total of 40 expeditions to Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Finland, Guyana, Mongolia, Peru, Suriname, Thailand, Uruguay and Venezuela. His 1998 Expedition to Kaitour Falls, Guyana, was featured in a 2002 article in National Geographic entitled "Catfish Hunters", and his most recent work in Mongolia is being filmed for a documentary on the geology of the Hangay Plateau. He was a co-Principal Investigator on the All Catfish Species Inventory (<http://silurus.acnatsci.org>), a global project funded by the US National Science Foundation to discover and classify all species of catfishes. In 2013, NSF funded his latest collaborative project entitled "Baseline Survey of the Lower Xingu River Rapids, Brazil: a Highly Diverse, Globally Unique, and Immediately Imperiled Ecosystem". Mark also appears in three episodes of the Netflix series "72 Dangerous Animals: Latin America" released in 2017.

He lives with his daughter Sofia and girlfriend Shinobu Habauchi (and her son Rick) in the Mt. Airy neighborhood of Philadelphia.

*Mark won the 2016 Jim Smith Award grant for a project involving the identification, labeling and imaging of a collection of South American fish specimens owned by the 19th Century ichthyologist Edward Drinker Cope. He will report on this project and talk about collecting catfish in Colombia.*

*Next month, South American dwarf cichlid expert Mike Wise will return. His presentation, entitled "Apistogrammas and Me" recounts his 40 years of working with and learning about Apistos.*

# UPCOMING OCA SOCIAL MEETING PROGRAMS

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## 2018

September 7

**Mark Henry Sabaj**

*The Academy of Natural Sciences*

*Drexel University*

“Exploring the Diversity of Neotropical Freshwater  
Fishes from Cope to Colombia”

October 5

**Mike Wise**

"Apistogrammas & Me"

November 2

**Jeremy Basch**

Geophagus

December 7

**Christmas Party**

Details TBA

## 2019

January 4

TBA

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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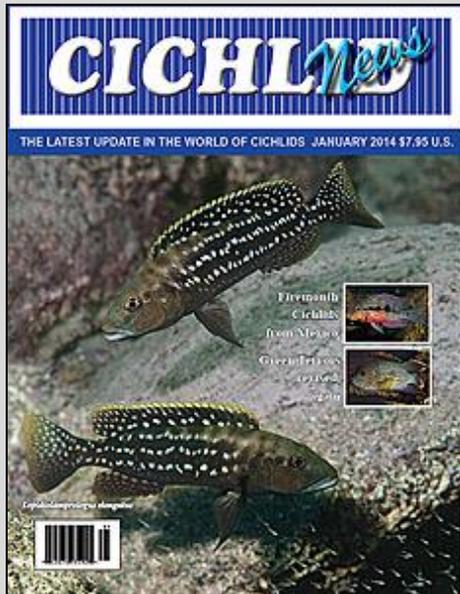
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# All the Important Links: Extravaganza 2018

By: Lew Carbone

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I'm thinking it might be helpful to collect all links for **Extravaganza 2018** in one place, so here they are. (Note- You may have to right click to get them to open.)

[Here's the link to register.](#)

This takes you to the page of our on-line store where you can register and order accessories such as the Extravaganza 2018 T-Shirt (designed by Sam "Scalz" Garcia), a bulletin board ad, 10g tanks and sponge filters for the show, OCA caps, OCA mugs, and Swap Meet tables. You can also join the club or extend your membership that way!

[Here's the link to book your hotel room.](#)

This takes you to the Holiday Inn website, and the Strongsville, Ohio, location will already be filled in. Put in the Extravaganza dates you want to book, click "Check Availability", and your room choices will appear with our special \$71 rate already filled in. **Remember that no matter what the price is when you book, if you do not register for the Extravaganza, your price will revert to the normal price for that date.**

[Here's the link to sponsor a show class or trophy.](#)

This takes you to the page of our on-line store where you can get your name, or your club or business name listed everywhere the list of show classes and special awards are listed. It will be attached to the show class or award that you sponsor. **Your business will get a free ad in the show program and in one year's worth of the *Buckeye Bulletin*, the OCA's monthly electronic publication, for at least \$100 of sponsorship.**

# OCA Extravaganza 2018 Schedule

## Friday, November 16, 2018

2:00 PM	Registration, Show Room, Vendor Room Open
6:00 PM	<b>Willem Heijns:</b> "Nicaragua: Searching for Cichlids"*
7:15 PM	<b>Charley Grimes:</b> "Catfish, the Grimes Way"*
8:45 PM	<b>Steven Grant:</b> "Catfishes of the Madre de Dios Region, Peru"*
10:00 PM	Registration Closes
10:00 PM	Hospitality Room Opens*
10:15 PM	<b>Charley Grimes:</b> "Dead Fish" (Parental discretion advised.)*
11:00 PM	Show Room, Vendor Room Close

## Saturday, November 17, 2018

8:00 AM	Morning Mixer* (Donuts and Coffee in the Hospitality Room)
9:00 AM	Show Room, Vendor Room Open
9:00 AM	<b>Steven Grant:</b> "Identifying Catfishes in the Aquarium"*
10:00 AM	Registration Opens
10:15 AM	<b>Willem Heijns:</b> "Heroine Cichlids: An Addiction?*"
11:30 AM	<b>Lawrence Kent:</b> "Looking for Fish in Tricky Places: Nigeria and the Congo"*
2:00-3:30 PM	Swap Meet (Main Room)
2:00 PM	Registration Closes
4:00 PM	Show Room Closes for Judging
5:30 PM	Special Event: Ken Walker Wedding
6:00 PM	Pizza Party*
7:00 PM	Awards Presentation
7:30 PM	Manufacturers' Dry Goods Auction; Vendor Room Closes
9:00 PM	Vendor Room Opens
	Show Room Opens After Auction
10:00 PM	Hospitality Room Opens*
11:00 PM	Show Room, Vendor Room Close

## Sunday, November 18, 2018

8:00 AM	Morning Mixer (Donuts and Coffee in the Hospitality Room)*
9:00 AM	Auction Registration Opens
10:00 AM	Auction Begins
10:00 AM	Show Room Opens for Tear-Down
12:00 Noon	Auction Registration Closes

\*Registered Attendees only. All other activities are open to the public.

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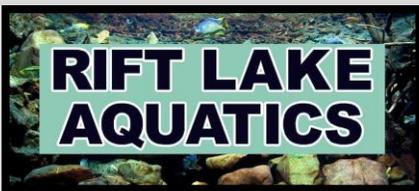
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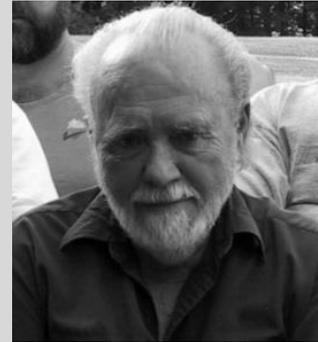


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Throughout the year, we will be running a number of fund raising activities for the OCA Jim Smith Fund for Conservation and Education. These will include the following:

- 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!!***

# AUGUST 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.

**August 3, 2018**

**Bill & Janice Bilski**

Aulonocara rubescens "albino" 10

**Josh Cunningham**

Aristochromis christyi 10

Copadichromis borleyi "Mbenji yellow fin" 10

Exochromis anagenys 15

Mylochromis lateristriga "Hai Reef" 10

Nyassachromis prostoma "Gome" 10

Placidochromis sp. "Jalo Reef" 10

Protomelas fenestratus "Steveni eastern" 10

Protomelas sp. "Hertae" 10

**Jonathan Dietrich**

Aulonocara stuartgranti "Chiwindi" 10

Coptodon sp. "Mamfe" 10

**Dennis Kuehn**

Aulonocara stuartgranti "Usisya" 10

Pseudotropheus demasoni 10

**Hilary Lacerda**

Lethrinops sp. "red cap Chirwa" 10

**Gary Mendez**

Maylandia estherae 10

**Russell & Tom Pierce**

Pelvicachromis pulcher 10

Symphysodon sp. "blue turquoise" 20

**Bill Schwartz**

Pseudotropheus demasoni 10

**Greg Senn**

Julidochromis dickfeldi 15

**Randall Wyan**

Julidochromis transcriptus 15

Melanochromis auratus 10

**Nicholas Zarzeczny**

Pelvicachromis pulcher "yellow Nigerian" 10

Pterophyllum scalare "silver angels" 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 (8/3/2018)

BREEDER	2018	TOTAL
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### MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

Lew Carbone	30	3020
Don & Marilyn Danko	15	2420
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Josh Cunningham	85	1725
Bryan Davis	-	1455
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
John Tesar	10	1120
Mark Chaloupka	-	1075
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065

### 900 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Jeff Yadlovsky	10	965
Tom Swiderski	-	905

### 800 POINT LEVEL

Jonathan Strazinsky	45	895
Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	10	880
Gary Mendez	65	865
Dustin Brummitt	-	840
Ken & Sue Galaska	-	800

### 700 POINT LEVEL

Bill Schwartz	40	740
Jeff Natterer	-	705

### 600 POINT LEVEL

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

### 500 POINT LEVEL

Tim Craig	-	540
George Anagnostopoulos	-	515
Ron Georgeone	-	510

### 400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	15	490
Phil Hypes	-	475
Kyle May	-	460
Bob Bina	-	435
Tyler Toncler	-	420

### 300 POINT LEVEL

Jonathan Dietrich	40	375
Andrew Schock	85	375
Greg Senn	15	340
David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Gary Zalewski	-	325
Ken & Karen Grimmett	-	310
Dennis Kuehn	20	305
Tom & Carolyn Evers	-	300

### 200 POINT LEVEL

James Shakour	-	275
David Hearn	15	270
Jason Mlynar	-	260
Dave Esner	-	250
Ken Walker	-	240
Justin Way	10	230
Mark Kazanoff	-	215
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
Steve Olander	-	115
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110
Roger Stark	60	110

### BREEDER LEVEL

Mark Huntington	-	95
Dolores Bacisin	-	85
Nicholas Zarzeczny	20	85
Pete Gembka	-	80
Rick Wood	-	75
Bob Tillman	-	70
Matt Urbin	-	70
Dave Dimond	-	65

Anthony Scarton	-	65
Jim Jensen	-	60
Paul Palisin	-	60
Chris Jaskolka	-	55
John Kaminski	-	55
Russell & Tom Pierce	55	55
Keith Robinson	25	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
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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# AUGUST CATFISH BAP REPORT

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.

<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Points</b>
Josh Cunningham	Ancistrus sp "Super Red"	10
Eric Sorensen	Ancistrus s. "Lemon Drop Long Fin"	10

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.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
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
John Tesar		30
Karen & Ken Grimmett		30
Lew Carbone		30
Andrew Schock		30
Bob Evers		30
Jason Mlynar		25
Russell & Tom Pierce	20	20
Tony Poth		20
Gary Mendez		20
David Toth		20
Paul Palisin		20
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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# 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 Scott Myers, at a meeting for more information.



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

- >Cash prizes: \$15 for 1<sup>st</sup> place in each class and an additional \$15 for Best of Show.
- >Points: In each class, 10 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 2018: 75 gallon aquarium or cash equivalent.
- >Size restrictions refer to full-grown adult sizes as reported by Cichlid Room Companion or Planet Catfish.

## September Classes:

Apistos  
Open Tanganyika  
Malawi Haps

# 2018 BOWL SHOW CLASSES

## **February 2**

Victoria Basin  
Loricariids (Pleco types) 6" or under  
South Americans 6" and under, exclude Angels, Apistos

## **March 2**

Mbuna  
Catfish, exclude Mochokids, Loricariids, Callichthyids  
Fish Photography

## **April 6**

Tanganyikan Shell Dwellers  
Angels  
Callichthyids (Cory types)

## **May 4**

Loricariids (Pleco types) over 6"  
Peacocks  
Open New World

## **June 1**

Central Americans over 6"  
Tanganyikan Mouthbrooders, exclude Frontosa  
Frontosa

## **August 3**

Mochokids (Synodontis types)  
Discus, Uaru  
Old World, exclude Rift Lakes, Vic Basin

## **September 7**

Apistos  
Open Tanganyika  
Malawi Haps

## **October 5**

Central Americans 6" and under  
Open Catfish  
Female cichlids

## **November 2**

South Americans over 6"  
Open Old World, exclude Malawi, Tanganyika  
Loaches and Botias

## **December 7**

Julidichromis, Telmatachromis, Chalinochromis  
Tanganyikan Lamps, exclude Shell Dwellers  
Open Malawi

All classes are for cichlids, unless otherwise specified.



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# A MESSAGE FROM NEOFISH

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NEOfish wanted to let the members of OCA know that they are moving to a new professional auction software program, using a preprinted Seller barcoded bag waterproof labels and all buyers at the auction will need to run a tab. This new software will be used for the first time at the September 16, 2018 auction.

First, Buyers will need to run a tab as many buyers currently do. The auction program does not have the ability to track cash payments as you receive your items. If you lose track of how much you have spent you can go to the Check-In table to get that information. So do not pay the runner for your items, just use your buyer number. Buyers can also pre-register with NEOfish for this and future auctions which will save a little bit of time.

The Seller barcoded bag labels will include the Seller's name, Seller code, Bag number, phone number and email address along with a printed color dot. No more seller payment envelope to address and no more dots to apply to the bag, just the one barcoded label. We will continue to use the Seller Item Registration form that protects the Seller if an item is lost. All the seller needs to do for their bags is label them with the name of the fish and quantity. They would also continue to number their bags too (just 1 - ??). In order to do this efficiently, we need to have all sellers pre-register their seller code and contact information with NEOfish. You can do this quickly and easily using the form on the website which is available now. But first, follow this link below to check if you have already been Pre-Register with NEOfish using past auction information. If you're on the list **with a seller code** you don't have to do anything at this time. Later, I will send the sellers an email asking if you're coming to the September 2018 auction so we have your labels ready when you arrive. Any left over labels will still be good at the next auction, they do not expire. If you received an email from me to check on your seller information, and that information was correct or corrected, that also would indicate you're pre-registered. We have already input 300+ people into the system.

To check on your Pre-Registration status, follow this link. It's an alphabetical list of people in the system sorted by the last name.

<http://www.neo-fish.com/events/list-of-buyer-and-sellers-already-pre-registered/>

To Pre-Register anytime from now until a couple of days before the auction, just follow this link. Again this is most important for Sellers but Buyers will also benefit with faster check-in.

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