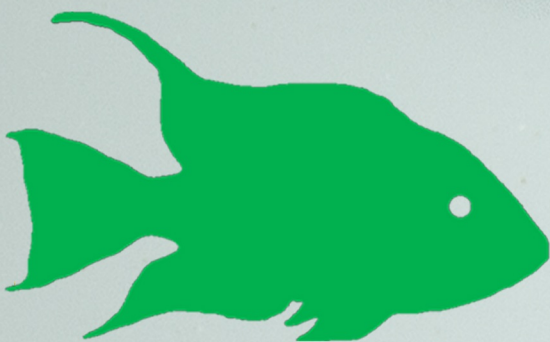


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This month's cover features a male *Protomelas marginatus* "Turquoise Hap."

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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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Get The Most Out of the OCA

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



DON DANKO: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I don't know about you, but the snowfall on the weekend of January 19 sure helped me get focused on things in the fish room! Not wanting to drive or wander out, I rearranged decorations in a few tanks to facilitate photography of a few target species, like 'Lamprologus' multifasciatus and Thorichthys socolofi. I was able to then do quite a bit of photography that I may not have gotten to for months. I hope you also used some of that long weekend to bond with your Cichlids and Catfish as well.

We hope you enjoyed January's talk by Big Rich Price. I certainly was entertained and I fully enjoyed the stories that Rich told on rescuing HUGE Pacus and re-homing them in a super large tank down in Kentucky. He really worked hard to make that situation all come together. Truly a labor of love! When Lew Carbone described Big Rich as a "singular hobbyist" in the bio that he posted in the January Bulletin, I have to admit that I didn't get what he was saying. Did he mean Rich was one hobbyist as opposed to many? So, I had to ask Lew, a semi-retired school teacher, what exactly he had meant. Lew explained that singular, in Miriam Webster's dictionary has three meanings. The third definition is unusual. So, after hearing his talk, I have to agree with Lew that Big Rich Price is truly one singular hobbyist! Not only does he have 80,000 gallons of water in aquariums, but he has kept 50# Pacu and three foot Shovelnose Catfish! If that ain't "singular", I don't know what is!! Thanks much, Rich, for a truly entertaining talk! Be sure to support Ohio Fish Rescue!

In February, Joe Cutler will join us to speak on Fish Exploration in Central Africa. Not knowing much about Joe other than that he's been involved with National Geographic in some manner, I decided to Google him. Here's what I found on the National Geographic website:

"Leeches, bot flies, wasps, and tsetse flies—Joe Cutler has been bitten or stung by each one, all in search of tiny freshwater fish. Cutler is a National Geographic Explorer, ichthyologist, and conservationist in Central Africa. He served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Cameroon, and currently works with The Nature Conservancy in Gabon. Over the past four years, Cutler has conducted seven fish sampling expeditions, collecting hundreds of fish species including dozens that are new to science. Using his fish sampling data coupled with museum records, Cutler provides guidance to Central

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Now if THAT doesn’t sound interesting, I don’t know what does! Be sure to join us at the February 1st meeting to hear Joe!



The OCA Winter Auction is on Saturday, February 9, at the Strongsville Holiday Inn. The Auction will start promptly at 11 am, selling Cichlids, Catfish, plants and hard goods. Please join us and enjoy picking up something new or just thinning out your fish room. We can always use help running bags or helping out in other areas. If you’re interested in helping out your Club, let one of the Board members know.

That’s all for now, so please plan on joining us for at the February 1st Social Meeting at the Middleburg Heights Recreation Center at 8 pm and at the OCA Winter Auction on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Strongsville Holiday Inn.

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SOCIAL MEETING INFORMATION

The Next OCA Social Meeting is Friday,
February 1, 2019 at 8:00 pm

[Middleburg Heights Community Center, Room C](#)
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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:
Joe Cutler - Fish Exploration in Central Africa

Middleburg Hts. Recreation Center

Friday, Feb. 1 at 8 pm



OCA Program Preview
February 1, 2019 8:00 PM
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Joe Cutler

National Geographic Society Profile

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Through his presentation, "Fish Exploration in Central Africa", Joe will give us a look at many of his fascinating activities.

In March, our own Jonathan Strazinsky will entertain and enlighten us about "Breeding New World Cichlids".

UPCOMING OCA SOCIAL MEETING PROGRAMS

2019

February 1

Joe Cutler

National Geographic Society

“Fish Exploration in Central Africa”

March 1

Jonathan Strazinsky

“Breeding New World Cichlids”

April 5

Ryan Greenway

Winner of 2016 JSF Grant

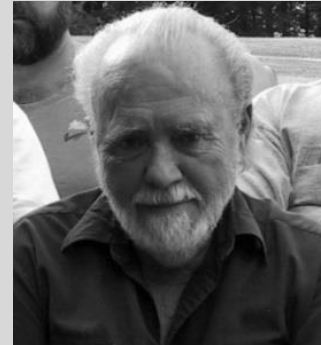
Thorichthys

May 3

Josh Cunningham

“Breeding Set-Ups for Rift Lake Cichlids”

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 Stiasny 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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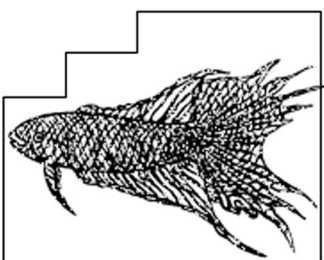


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CICHLID BAP REPORT

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.

January 4, 2019

Ron Maichle

Telmatochromis sp. "Temporalis Shell" 15

Roger Stark

Nandopsis grammodes 20

Oreochromis aureus 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 (01/04/2019)

BREEDER	2019	TOTAL
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MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

Lew Carbone	-	3035
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	-	1020

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
Bob Bina	-	435
Jonathan Dietrich	-	420
Tyler Toncler	-	420

300 POINT LEVEL

Andrew Schock	-	375
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
Ken Walker	-	240
Mark Kazanoff	-	235
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

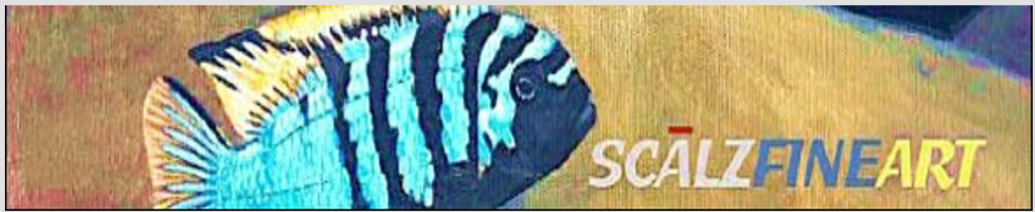
Mark Huntington	-	95
Dolores Bacisin	-	85
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	85
Pete Gembka	-	80
Keith Robinson	-	75
Rick Wood	-	75
Bob Tillman	-	70

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
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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January 4, 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

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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 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.