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At our last meeting of 2014, the OCA held its annual Christmas party. This event was very well attended as members brought their families to share in the fun.

Thanks OCA for another great event!

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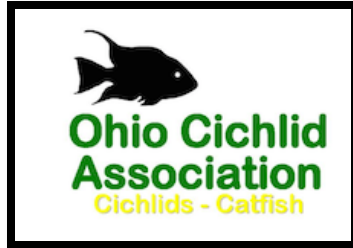
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President's Message

Don Danko



Welcome to 2015! I hope you and your families all had a wonderful holiday season!

We have a lot of great things planned for the New Year, most notably, a new website! Webmaster, Gary Mendez, is engineering a completely new site with lots of new features. We hope to finalize the content and launch very soon.

December's holiday meeting was awesome and I cannot imagine anyone having left hungry! Thanks to all that brought a dish to share with your fellow members and special thanks to Rhonda and Eric Sorensen and Bob Tilman for bringing in ham, turkey and refreshments. Hopefully, you all enjoyed the meeting and took part in the gift exchange, raffle and other activities. We really appreciated the ongoing support from Steve Zarzeczny and Mike D'Aversa of RMS Aquaculture and their donation of gifts that were handed out to our junior guests by Nick and William (William Claus) Zarzeczny. Thanks to everyone that say Happy Birthday for William!

During the December meeting, we voted in the updated Constitution and also conducted our annual elections. Thanks to Vice President, Lew Carbone, for coordinating.



Here are the results for the elected board positions:

- President – Don Danko
- Vice President – Lew Carbone
- Secretary – Steve Heinbaugh
- Membership – Hilary Lacerda
- Breeder Award, Cichlids – Mark Chaloupka
- Breeder Award, Catfish – Steve Heinbaugh
- Bowl Show – Carl Olszewski
- Photographer – Jonathan Dietrich
- Videographer – Jonathan Strazinsky
- Historian – Lew Carbone
- Librarian – Hilary Lacerda
- Refreshments – Bob Tilman
- Board-at-Large 1 – Eric Sorensen
- Board-at-Large 2 – Scott Myers



We have also confirmed our appointed positions through a voting thread on the Board Forum after the December meeting. Here is a list of these positions:

- Treasurer – Rhonda Sorensen
- Editor – Jonathan Dietrich
- Webmaster – Gary Mendez
- Apparel, Promotions – Kyle May
- Extravaganza, Raffles, Manufacturer Liaison – Marc DeWerth
- Auctions – Don Danko
- Programs, Club Liaison, Jim Smith Fund – Lew Carbone
- At Large Board Member – Andrew Schock
- Marilyn: At Large

I hope to see you on Friday, January 2, at the Ohio Cichlid Association meeting at the Old Oak Bible Church at 7575 Old Oak Blvd in Middleburg Hts. And, bring a friend! Also, check us out on Facebook, www.ohiocichlid.com and on the OCA Forum at <http://www.cichlidae.com/forum/viewforum.php?f=40>.

All the best,

Don

Editor's Message

"Jombie" Dietrich



Good afternoon and Happy New Year!

First, I want to express my excitement about the success of our last meeting. We barely had enough space for everyone. The food was excellent and the holiday cheer saturated the entire building. Great job in making it a success!

Next up, let's talk fish. A new year is upon us and I believe it is time to make some goals for 2015. I want everyone to take a minute to grab a writing utensil and a clean piece of paper. Take a moment to make a list of your **MUST HAVE** fish. These are the fish that have been on your mind all 2014 but did not find a home in your fish rooms. Maybe you didn't have the cash. Maybe Gary Mendez outbid you at the last second. Maybe they were unavailable. For whatever reason, make 2015 the year to grab these fish. Below that list, pick one species currently in your fish room that will be your **MUST BREED** fish of 2015. This is going to be the year to spawn that possibly overly aggressive, stubborn, disinterested, challenging species. Focus this year to trying new strategies. Research and explore. Turn your BAP and get the recognition you earned in 2015.

As for bulletin matters, PLEASE send your pictures and articles to jdietric@mail.bw.edu We are always looking for new ways to improve the bulletin, so send us your suggestions. Your documented knowledge and experience will increase your reputation in the fish hobby. The bulletin is a great way to publish your work to gain that reputation. Send it my way! Doesn't have to be perfect. Let's work together.

Happy New Year,

Jom



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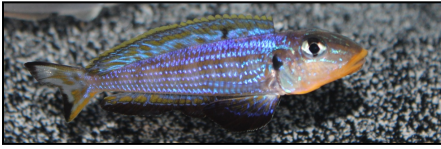
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Next Social Meeting – January 2nd, 2014
Old Oak Church, 7575 Old Oak Blvd,
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Meeting Starts at:

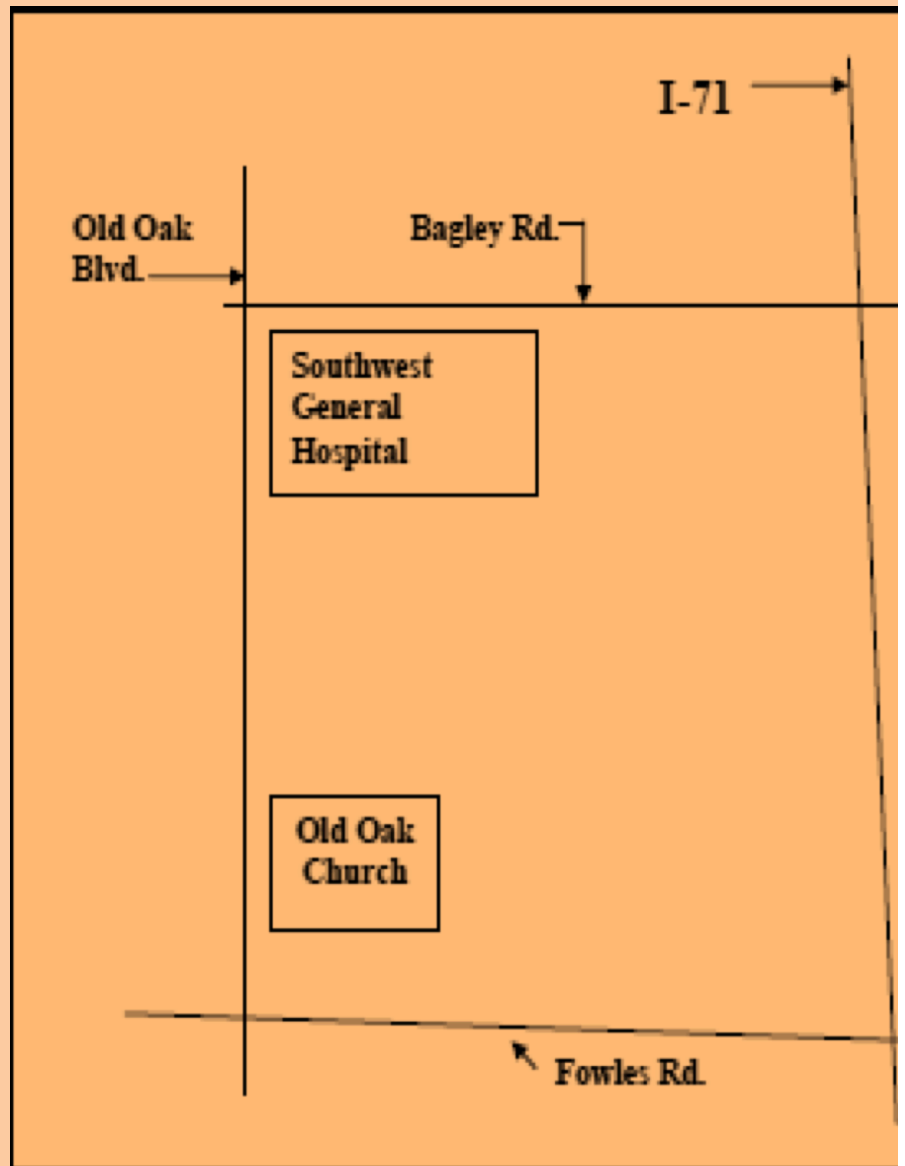
8pm

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Church is about ½ mile on left.

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Church is on the right 1/10 mile.

Old Oak Church
7575 Old Oak Blvd.
Middleburg Heights, Ohio



Program Preview – January 2015

Gary Mendez – “Fish Room Set-up and Breeding Techniques”

Gary Mendez was born in Buffalo, New York, raised in Richmond, Virginia, and earned a biology degree from the University of Richmond. Since then, he has had a successful career representing manufacturers of surgical equipment. He currently lives in Hudson.

As a child, his fascination with fish was sparked by the tropical fish displayed in aquariums at Woolworth’s and other department stores, and at age 9, he began keeping Black Mollies. As he matured, his interest expanded to include other live-bearers, and cichlids from all over their geographical range. He also keeps and breeds catfish and rainbows. His current basement fish-room contains over 200 tanks.

Gary enjoys collecting native fish, and has set up tanks for and talked fish-keeping with students at various Northeastern Ohio schools. Other activities include tournament tennis, playing guitar and raising orchids. He is a member of the Midwest Cactus and Succulent Society.

After winning the 2010 OCA Bowl Show Championship, Gary joined the board as Bowl Show Chair in 2011. In January, he assumed the responsibilities of OCA Webmaster. He is also a member of the Medina, Youngstown and NEOFish clubs, as well as the American Cichlid Association. The ACA recognized him in 2011 with their “Spawn of the Year” award.

The title of Gary’s talk is “Fish Room Set-up and Breeding Techniques.”

Photo taken at Gary’s house in 2012.



In February, Mark Sabaj-Perez will report on studying catfish of the Xingu River, in Brazil, that are facing possible extinction with the construction of a new hydroelectric facility.

OCA Social Meeting Program Preview 2015

January 2
Gary Mendez

February 6
Mark Sabaj Perez
Catfish/Xingu River

March 6
Matt Lauer
"KISS Corys: Tips for Keeping Breeding and Raising Some of the Most Popular
Aquarium Catfish"

April 3
Dan Sharifi
Of Cichlids of the Americas
"Husbandry and Care of New World Cichlids"

May 1
Phil Benes
6000 Gallon Pond

June 5
Dave Schumacher
Of Dave's Rare Aquarium Fish
"Lake Malawi Mbuna"

July
No meeting

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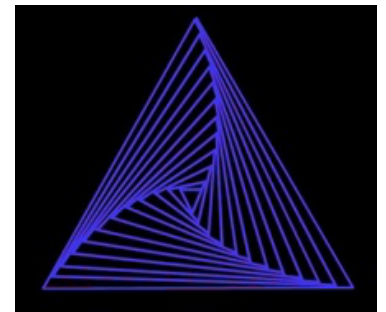
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Ray "Kingfish" Lucas

Thanks for 25 years and 500 shows!

Cichlid Breeders Awards Program Through November 2014

Data calculated and stored by Mark Chaloupka

Josh Cunningham

Astatoreochromis alluaudi	10
Aulonocara stuartgranti "Undu Reef – blue neon"	10
Callochromis melanostigma	15
Copadichromis borleyi "red fin"	15
Cyprichromis leptosome "tricolor"	15
Julidochromis marlieri "Gombe"	15
Lamprologus brevis "Ikola"	15
Lethrinops sp. "Mbasi Creek"	10
Neolamprologus buescheri "Zaire gold"	15
Paralabidochromis sauvagei "Mwanza Gulf – yellow rock krib"	10
Pundamilia nyererei "Makobe Island"	10
Pyxichromis orthostoma	10
Telmatochromis vittatus	10
Tropheus moorii "Lufubu"	20
Xystichromis phytophagus "xmas fulu"	10

Jonathan Dietrich

Amatitlania nigrofasciata "black convict"	10
Amatitlania sp. "Honduran Red Point – platinum"	10
Labidochromis caeruleus	10

Dave Dimond

Neolamprologus pulcher 10

John Griffith

Labidochromis sp. "Hongi" (SRT) 10

Hilary Lacerda

Labeotropheus trewavasae "Maleri" 10

Gary Mendez

Julidochromis ornatus 15

Nandopsis haitiensis 20

Tony Poth

Altolamprologus fasciatus 20

Paralabidochromis chromogynos 10

Matt Urbin

Amatitlania nigrofasciata "pink convict" 10

Labidochromis caeruleus "white libido" 10



Pelvicachromis pulcher with fry

Cichlid Breeders Awards Program Through December 2014

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CURRENT B.A.P. STANDINGS (12/5/14)

BREEDER	2014	TOTAL
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MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

Lew Carbone	95	2700
Don Danko	45	2380
Dan Woodland	20	2070
Bryan Davis	155	1270
Bill Loudermilk	10	1200
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065
Mark Chaloupka	10	1030
John Tesar	70	1020

900 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Josh Cunningham	520	930
Tom Swiderski	-	905

800 POINT LEVEL

Dustin Brummitt	-	840
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700 POINT LEVEL

Gary Mendez	100	770
Jeff Yadlovsky	65	740
Ken & Sue Galaska	110	720

600 POINT LEVEL

Jeff Natterer	-	690
Ken & Sue Galaska	75	685
Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	35	655
Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600

500 POINT LEVEL

Bill Schwartz	-	595
Tim Craig	-	540
Jonathan Strazinsky	65	520
Bob Blazek	50	515
Ron Georgeone	-	510

400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
Phil Hypes	20	475
Kyle May	40	445
George Anagnostopoulos	55	430
Bob Bina	-	415

300 POINT LEVEL

Tyler Toncler	40	390
David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	160	335
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	15	335
Gary Zalewski	-	325

200 POINT LEVEL

James Shakour	-	275
Ken & Karen Grimmett	10	270
Dave Esner	25	240
Ken Walker	55	220
Greg Senn	25	215
Paul Collander	-	205
Tom & Carolyn Evers	70	200

100 POINT LEVEL

Marc & Dawn DeWerth	-	195
Dennis Kuehn	80	195
Ozeal Hunter	-	190
Chuck Carroll	-	185
Jonathan Dietrich	85	180
Andrew Subotnik	-	180
Frank Mueller	-	160
Bob Evers	45	155
Steve Heinbaugh	15	150
David Ayers	-	145
Jason Mylnar	15	145
Greg Seith	-	145
Bill & Janice Bilski	-	135
Dan Ogrizek	30	125
Justin Way	55	125
Joe Ring	-	120
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	10	115
Raymond Langer	20	110

BREEDER LEVEL

Mark Huntington	-	95
Justin Way	20	90
Pete Gembka	45	80
Denis Rozmus	10	80
Rick Wood	-	75
Andrew Schock	30	70
Bob Tillman	-	70
Matt Urbin	60	70
Carl Olszewski	30	65
Dolores Bacisin	-	60
Chris Jaskolka	-	55
Dave Dimond	20	50
John Kahl	-	50
Steve Olander	50	50
Nicholas Zarzeczny	35	50
Alex Gorges	-	45
Jim Jensen	20	45
Dave Dimond	20	50
John Kaminski	-	40
Paul Palisin	40	40
Ethan Wiley	-	40
Christopher Sooy	-	35
Tom Tansey	-	35
Jason Gorges	-	30
John Griffith	30	30
Paul Hutnyak	-	30
Wayne Corman	-	25
Fred Roberts	-	25
Andy Lacerda	-	20
Scott Meyers	-	20
Bill Sensor	-	20
Anthony Scarton	15	15
Jim & Amy Damm	10	10
Ron Drungil	-	10
Ben Jensen	10	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



Catfish Breeders Awards Program Through December 2014

Data calculated and stored by Steve Heinbaugh

Congrats Dan Ogrizek!
300 Point Level

Breeder	Species	Points
Dan Ogrizek	Phyllonemus typus	25
Greg Senn	Ancistrus sp. Brown Bushynose	10
Ken Grimmett	Ancistrus sp. L088	10
Bill Schwartz	Ancistrus sp. Brown Bushynose	10
Matt Urbin	Ancistrus sp. Green Dragon	10

Breeder	2014	Total	Breeder	2014	Total
Dan Ogrizek	60	320	John Kahl		30
Steve Heinbaugh	40	290	George Anagnostopoulos	10	30
Dave Ayres	45	220	Lew Carbone	10	30
Don & Marilyn Danko	10	195	Josh Cunningham	20	20
Phil Ayres		190	Gary Mendez		20
Rick Hallis		115	John Tesar		20
Ken Walker	20	110	David Toth		20
Dan Woodland		100	Karen & Ken Grimmett		20
Matt Urbin	70	90	James Shakour		20
Dustin Brummitt		80	Tony Poth	10	20
Linda Wallrath		75	Dave Dimond	10	10
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	10	75	Paul Palisin	10	10
Charlie & Cathy Suk		65	Steve Olander	10	10
Bob Bina		60	Anthony Scranton	10	10
Bryan Davis		60	Jon Dietrich	10	10
Phil Hypes		60	Richard Shamray	10	10
Hilary Lacerda		60	William Zarzeczny		10
Tom & Carolyn Evers		50	Wayne Corman		10
Bob Blazek	10	50	Chuck Carroll		10
Jeff Natterer		50	Mark Chaloupka		10
Dennis Tomazin		50	Bob Evers		10
Ken Galaska		45	Jeff Gorbach		10
Tyler Toncler		45	David Hale		10
John Kaminski		40	Paul Hutnyak		10
Kyle May		40	Denis Rozmus		10
Karen & Ken Grimmett	10	30	Kris Sooy		10
Lew Carbone	10	30	Jonathan Strazinsky		10
Andrew Schock		30	Bob & Jennifer Tillman		10
Justin Way		30	Ethan Wiley		10

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Bowl Show Champion 2014



Carl Olszewski earns the title with the most points totaled throughout the 2014 year. He will take over the Bowl Show Board Position in 2015. Carl wins a 55 Gallon aquarium deluxe kit for his achievement.

Thanks to Gary Mendez for his work in 2014 and best of luck to Carl in 2015!

Bowl Show 2015 Schedule

January

Tanganyikan Shell- dwellers
Central Americans under 6"
Loracariids (Pleco types) over 6"

February

Victorian Basin
Angelfish
Synodontis and other Mochokids

March

Pseudotropheus, Cynotilapia, Melanochromis
South Americans under 6"-- exclude Angels, Discus, Apistos✓
Catfish—exclude Callichthids, Loracariids, Mochokids (see other classes for explanations)

April

Peacocks
Central Americans over 6"
Freshwater Crusta- ceans

May

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

June

Mbuna--exclude Pseudo, Cyno, Melano
Discus, Uaru
Open Catfish, limit 3 per participant (all Cats eligible)

July

No meeting

August

Old World - exclude Rift Lakes and Victorian Basin
Open New World, limit 3
Open Tanganyika, limit 3



See Carl Olszewski with any 2015 Bowl Show questions!

September

Frontosa

Open Old World, ex- clude Malawi, Tang.

Corys and other Callichthyids

October

Malawi “Haps”

Apistos

Fish Photography

November

Female cichlids, limit 3

Telmatochromis, Chalinochromis

Loaches and Botias

December

Tanganyikan “Lamps”—exclude Shell-dwellers

Julidochromis

Open Malawi, limit 3





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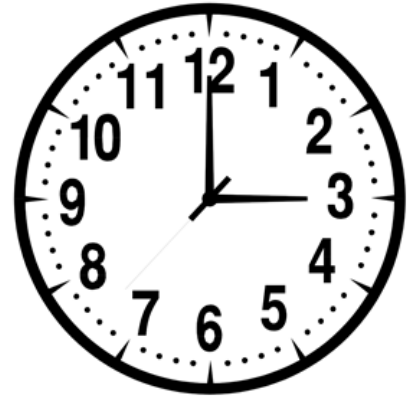
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This Month in OCA History

January

Lew Carbone, OCA Historian



1999: Because this month's 1st Friday falls on New Year's Day, and (I presume) our room at the TriCounty Senior Center was booked for the 8th, the social meeting is held on Saturday the 9th. The guest is Shane Linder, of Catfish Planet fame, who speaks on Asian catfish. Because the 9th is the normal date of the board meeting, the OCA leadership meets right after the social meeting. This turns out to be a fortuitous alignment of events, as it means Shane is present to advise on the formation of a Catfish Breeders Award Program, an endeavor initiated at the December board meeting. Shane promises to consult with other experts, and to send suggestions for developing the format of the new program.



EXCHANGE Article

"Unusual breeding behaviour in wild caught *Archocentrus sajica*"

By William Berg of Sweden

For aquaticcommunity.com

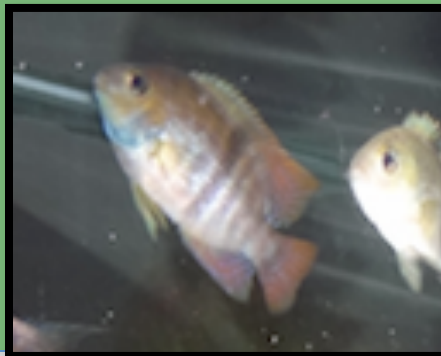
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I would like to write a few words about my experiences breeding wild caught *Archocentrus sajica* and a surprise that these fish gave me - a surprise that shows the fascinating and diverse behaviour of these animals.

I got a pair of wild-caught sajicas from a friend who had collected them on a trip. Since I had kept this species before (in fact it was the third cichlid I ever bred), I didn't expect any surprises. Well, I was wrong.

For want of better accommodations I put the 6 cm/ 2½ inches long cichlids into a 540 litre/145 gallon aquarium that was already overly crowded. In the aquarium already swam four 20 cm/8 inch Texas cichlids, a pair of *N. festae* (25 and 20 cm/ 10 and 8 inches), a pair of *N. managuense* (about the same size as the *N. festae*) and four Natal cichlids, *Mossambicus mossambicus*, (20 cm/ 8 inches). The tank was also inhabited by two convict cichlids (about 4 cm/ 1½ inches) that had originally been put there as feeders, and finally loads of *Ancistrus* that just wouldn't stop breeding. All of the species were breeding regularly in the aquarium. As I said, the aquarium was already very crowded. I knew I was taking a chance putting the small sajicas in with these predators, but I didn't have any choice.

To my great relief the sajicas found themselves loving their company and were left alone by their larger predatory cousins. The aquarium was decorated with two very large roots that reached all the way to the surface of the aquarium and which created three natural territories for the fish in the aquarium. There were small gaps under the roots that the *ancistrus* utilised for breeding. The larger cichlids couldn't get into these spaces. These large roots made the water in the tank very dark and made it look like a black-water river aquarium. However the water was harder and the pH level higher than what you might expect to find in a black-water river.



When the sajicas had been in this aquarium for a week, on a diet consisting mainly of Hikari pellets and shrimps, they spawned for the first time. Anyone that has kept A. sajica wouldn't be surprised about this, the surprise would be if they didn't breed during the first month. However the surprise was how they bred. My experience is that sajicas are dedicated parents that watch furiously over eggs and fry. But under these conditions this pair chose a different approach. The female laid her eggs on a root halfway to the surface. Her eggs had a much darker tone than A. sajica eggs usually have, and matched the colour of the root almost perfectly. This was something the parents seemed to be aware of, since they didn't care about protecting their young. They both swam all over the aquarium just as before the egg laying, and it wasn't unusual that the two fishes furthest from the eggs in the entire aquarium were the sajicas. Occasionally they did chase away some ancistrus. You would think that this strange parental behaviour would mean the end of the eggs in an aquarium where several fishes could eat all eggs in one gulp. But this was not the case and almost all the eggs survived and hatched, at which time the parents moved them (spat them) under a root where not even they could get in. They then continued acting as if nothing had happened. When the fry were free-swimming the parents took their young out for expeditions about 1-2 hours each day. The rest of the time they left them under the root, where they apparently found food because they grew nicely.

The parents continued to take them on these little expeditions for about a month, after which the fry had grown to approximately 1.5 cm / $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. The impressive thing is that almost all of the fry had survived to this age. After the parents had stopped caring for their fry, the young quickly became bolder and started swimming around, which led to all but two of the fry being eaten one week later. (There had been 50-60 fry before that). These two however did manage to grow up in this aquarium.

The wild caught A. sajica couple spawned many times in this aquarium, once every 2-3 months, and they always had great success using this method. At one point I moved them to another aquarium about half as big as the other and with clear water. They shared this tank with a number of other cichlids, mostly fry from the larger aquarium. In this aquarium they spawned in the way one is used to seeing A. sajica spawn, i.e. standing guard over their eggs and fry. A little later the couple was moved back to the 540 L / 145 gallon aquarium and they then started to "hide" their eggs and fry again.

Out of curiosity I also tried keeping them in an aquarium with clear water and a large pair of N. managuense as company, and the sajica couple spawned standing guard over their eggs and fry. It seemed like they simply chose another strategy in darker waters. I have kept other pairs of breeding A. sajica in the 540 litre / 145 gallon aquarium since then, but none of them have shown this behaviour. I'm hoping that others get to experience this unique behaviour that just goes to show that cichlids never stop being surprising.

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Entries: 1
- 1st place Bob Evers - Blue Pigeonblood Discus
 2nd place
 3rd place
- Class 2 Angelfish
Sponsor: Mike's Wet Pets
Entries: 6
- 1st place Scott Myers - Pterophyllum scalare "marble"
 2nd place Isaiah Jenkins - Pterophyllum scalare
 3rd place Ben Potter - Pterophyllum scalare "albino"
- Class 3 Apistogramma, Nannacara, Crenicara and Microgeophagus
Sponsor: Bill Sensor
Entries: 9
- 1st place Tony Poth - Apistogramma mcmaster
 2nd place Mark Murtaugh - Apistogramma agassizi
 3rd place Bill Sensor - Apistogramma baenschi
- Class 4 Central Americans 6 inches and under
Sponsor: Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
Entries: 4
- 1st place Scott Myers - Amatitlania siquia "Rio Cabayo"
 2nd place Bill Sensor - Cryptoheros panamensis
 3rd place Erwin Gundrum - Thorichthys aureus
- Class 5 Amphilophus, Parachromis and Nandopsis
Sponsor: The Tropical Fish Club of Erie County
Entries: 7
- 1st place Tony Martina - Amphilophus citrinellus
 2nd place Scott Myers - Nandopsis islantus
 3rd place Scott Myers - Nandopsius hatiensis
- Class 6 All other Central Americans over 6 inches
Sponsor: Ohio Bigfoot Organization

Entries: 3

1st place Scott Myers - *Herichthys pearsi*
2nd place Scott Myers - *Vieja coatzacoalcos*
3rd place Scott Myers - *Vieja bifasciatus*

Class 7 All other South Americans 6 inches and under

Sponsor: Villa's City of Angelfish

Entries: 2

1st place Bill Sensor - *Laetacara araguaiae*
2nd place Bil Potter - Electric Blue Acara
3rd place

Class 8 All other South Americans over 6 inches

Sponsor: Capital Cichlid Association

Entries: 6

1st place Scott Myers - *Geophagus brasiliensis*
2nd place Hilary Lacerda - *Aequidens* sp. "Lobo Bujurki"
3rd place Scott Myers - *Heros* sp. "Rotkiel"

Class 9 Haplochromines (Victoria Basin)

Sponsor: Jason Swanson

Entries: 2

1st place Scott Myers - *Pundamilia nyererei* "Mawanza"
2nd place Dominic Cernul - *Haplochromis* sp. 44 "thick skin"
3rd place

Class 10 Haplochromines (Malawi)

Sponsor: Cunningham Cichlids

Entries: 3

1st place Scott Myers - *Protmelas* sp. "Steveni Taiwan"
2nd place Phillip Johnson - *Sciaenochromis fryeri*
3rd place Phillip Johnson - *Nimbochromis venustus*

Class 11 *Aulonocara jacobfreibergi*, eureka, Lwanda, walteri

Sponsor: Capital Cichlid Association

Entries: 6

1st place Scott Myers - *Aulonocara jacobfriebergi* "lemon jake"
2nd place Bill Schwartz - *Aulonocara* sp. "Lwanda"
3rd place Erwin Gundrum - *Aulonocara* sp. "eureka red"

- Class 12 All other Aulonocra
 Sponsor: Something Fishy Inc.
 Entries: 5
- 1st place Scott Myers - Aulonocara maylandi "sulfurhead"
 2nd place Dennis Rozmus - Aulonocara korneliae
 3rd place Scott Myers - Aulonocara usisya "Kande Island
 flavescent"
- Class 13 Mbuna
 Sponsor: Imperial Tropicals
 Entries: 8
- 1st place Scott Myers - Pseudotropheus gerberi
 2nd place Scott Myers - Pseudotropheus sp. "blue dolphin"
 3rd place Scott Myers - Pseudotropheus williamsi "blue lips"
- Class 14 Julidochromis, Chalinochromis and Telmatochromis
 Sponsor: Mike's Wet Pets
 Entries: 1
- 1st place Scott Myers - Julidochromis marlieri
 2nd place
 3rd place
- Class 15 All other Tanganyikan substrate brooders
 Sponsor: Cunningham Cichlids
 Entries: 9
- 1st place Wayne Toven - Neolamprologus nigriventis
 2nd place Wayne Toven - Neolamprologus crassus
 3rd place Greg Senn - Neolamprologus pulcher
- Class 16 Tanganyikan mouthbrooders (excluding Frontosa)
 Sponsor: Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society
 Entries: 2
- 1st place Scott Myers - Cyprichromis leptosoma "Kerenge Island"
 2nd place Scott Myers - Limnotilapia dardenni
 3rd place
- Class 17 All other Old World 5 inches and under
 Sponsor: RMS Aquaculture
 Entries: 4
- 1st place Bill Sensor - Pelvicachromis pulcher

2nd place Scott Myers - Steatocranus irveni
3rd place Scott Myers - Steatocranus casuarius

Class 18 All other Old World over 5 inches

Sponsor: Claudia Dickinson

Entries: 2

1st place Phillip Johnson - Cyphotilapia frontosa
2nd place Tony Martina - Tilapia butterkoferi
3rd place

Class 19 Loicariids over 6 inches

Sponsor: Something Fishy

Entries: 3

1st place Bill Sensor - Hemiloricaria simila
2nd place Scott Myers - L-014 "goldie pleco"
3rd place Bill Sensor - Rhino pleco

Class 20 Loricariids 6 inches and under

Sponsor: Columbus Area Fish Enthusiasts

Entries: 5

1st place Phil Ayers - L-333 pleco
2nd place Phil Ayers - Rineloricaria eigenmanni
3rd place Bill Sensor - Ancistrus sp.

Class 21 Corydoras, Aspidoris and Brochis

Sponsor: Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society

Entries: 9

1st place Phil Ayers - Corydoras delphax
2nd place Bill Sensor - Corydoras napoensis
3rd place Wayne Toven - Aspidoris albater

Class 22 All other New World Catfish over 6 inches

Sponsor: Buckeye Tropicals

Entries: 3

1st place Phil Ayers - Hoplosternum littorale
2nd place Wayne Toven - Platydoras costatus
3rd place Jonathan Strazinsky - Red Tailed Catfish

Class 23 All other New World Catfish 6 inches and under

Sponsor: Plecocaves

Entries: 5

1st place Phil Ayers - *Microglanus iheringi*

2nd place Phil Ayers - *tatia intermedium*

3rd place Wayne Toven - *Akysis longifilis*

Class 24 Sharks and Loaches

Sponsor: Zenin Skomorowski

Entries: 2

1st place Wayne Toven - *Pangio sumatranus*

2nd place Gary Mendez - *Syncrossus beauforti*

3rd place

Class 25 Synodontid Catfish

Sponsor: Capital Cichlid Association

Entries: 6

1st place Wayne Toven - *Synodontis greshoffi*

2nd place Phil Ayers - *Synodontis kutu*

3rd place Phil Ayers - *Synodontis multipunctatus*

Class 26 All other Old World Catfish

Sponsor: Imperial Tropicals

Entries: 2

1st place Phil Ayers - *Lophiobagrus cycluris*

2nd place Wayne Toven - *Channallabes apus*

3rd place

Class 27 Prints and Slides

Sponsor: Tony Nista

Entries: 9

1st place Kyle May - *Lethrinops* print

2nd place Kyle May - Chocolate Cichlid print

3rd place Josh Cunningham - *Oorange Kapampa Ventralis* print

Class 28 All other Art Forms

Sponsor: Chuck Templeton

Entries: 2

1st place LeeAnn Cleary - "Kingfish" quilt

2nd place Dawn DeWerth - OCA T-Shirt quilt

3rd place

Class 29 Any fish or aquatic pet (participants under 16 years of age)
Sponsor: Ray "Kingfish" Lucas
Entries: 1

1st place Wilson DeWerth - Mbuna Cichlid
2nd place
3rd place

Best of Show

Sponsor: Aquatica

Tony Martina - Amphilophus citrinellus

Reserve Best of Show

Sponsor: Ken Galaska

Scott Myers - Aulonocara jacobfreibergi "lemon jake"

Best Catfish of Show

Sponsor: The Pleco Feeder

Wayne Toven - Synodontis greshoffi

President's Trophy

Sponsor: Northeast Ohio Discus (Nate & Bonnie Larson)

Scott Myers

Memorial Trophy

Sponsor: Dale Woodland and Dale Woodland II

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People's Choice

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Tony Martina - Amphilophus citrinellus

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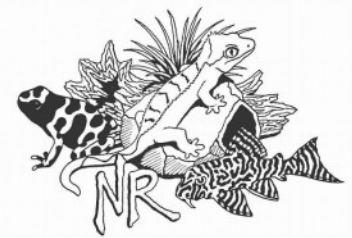
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