

# Buckeye Bulletin

## January 2016

**Social Gathering:**  
**January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**In Medina, Ohio**



**Ohio Cichlid  
Association**



*Champrochromis caeruleus*  
**Malawi Trout Cichlid**

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**This Month in OCA History**  
**Exchange Article**  
**And more...**

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**Ohio Cichlid  
Association**

## **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  
Like/Share an OCA Facebook post  
Post a thread on the OCA Forum  
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Get involved in all things OCA!



# January 2016 Meeting will be held in Medina

We will be permanently moving our meetings to another location as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. We can't get into our new place until February, so the Medina club has offered to help us out.

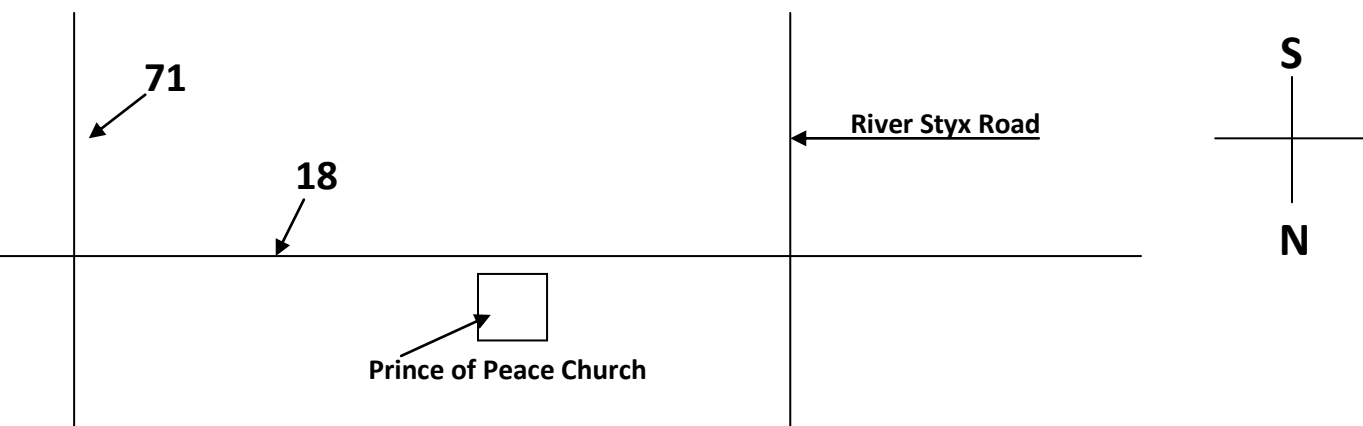
We will have a shared meeting with the Medina club at their location, The Prince of Peace Church. All BAP's, Auctions, Bowl Show, etc, will be the same as they are for all of our meetings.

It's going to be a cool meeting because the Medina club members have some excellent fish that you don't see at our meetings. After this meeting you'll want to join their club too!!

Here's the meeting location:

**Prince of Peace Church**  
**3355 Medina Rd, (route 18 west of 71)**  
**Medina, OH 44256**

**Meeting time is the same as always.**



# **A Word from the President...**

**Lew Carbone,  
OCA President**

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Happy New Year! I hope that in 2016 you find success and fulfillment in your personal and family life as well as in your fishroom.

This time of year is always one of change, and for the OCA, more than usual.

Biggest change: Don Danko has stepped down from his long-time position as President of the OCA. Don has served 19 terms as president, 17 consecutively, meaning he has been president for about 60% of the time the OCA has existed! Luckily for me and the rest of the board, Don is staying on as an At Large member, and his experience and wisdom will be available to us as we go forward.

In other board changes, Gary Mendez is stepping up as our new Vice President and Andrew Shock has agreed to be our new Secretary. In addition, Scott Myers is taking over as Historian and we welcome Sherry Olszewski to the board as an At Large member. I am grateful for your confidence in me as President. I have an extremely hard act to follow.

Another change for the OCA is the date and venue of our January meeting. Because the 1st Friday is New Year's Day, and we didn't want to conflict with the Medina Aquarium Society on the 2nd Friday, I approached MCAS President Wayne Corman, and we worked out a plan for a combined meeting on January 8th. It will be held at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, on Rt. 18 just west of I71. Steve Heinbaugh, a member of both clubs, will be the speaker. Both clubs will still be having their bowl shows, and there will be a big, OCA-style raffle, with proceeds going to the MCAS. The auction will be run jointly, but auction registration is separate, with all items being "buck-a-bag", meaning the clubs keep only \$1 from each sale. BAP submissions can be made to only one club, so anyone wishing to submit the same species to both clubs must bring 2 bags.

There's one more change in store for the club, and it's another big one. Starting with the February 5th meeting, and, at least for 2016, we will be gathering at the Middleburg Heights Community Center. Details will be in next month's bulletin.

See you soon!

*Lew*

# A Word from the Editor...

Jon “Jombie” Dietrich,  
Buckeye Bulletin

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Good afternoon!

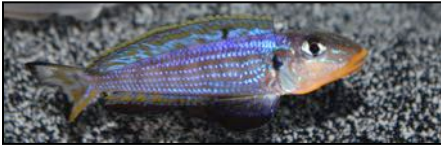
A new year is upon us. With that, I sincerely hope your 2015 was one filled with successful fish keeping. In our lives, there are good years and bad. Our lives change so suddenly and so do our priorities, but it's my hope that you all keep fish keeping dear to your heart. Whether you have a hundred tanks or one, I encourage you to use the hobby as a means of happiness through all the commotion in the world. With little effort, your fish are always there for you. The hobby is always there for you. And with that, your club is always there for you. Reach out this year and become even more invested in something that will always give you a positive return. Take the time to grow out that desirable fish, enjoying each stage of life. Bring new life from it and spread it throughout our community. Learn about a topic of ichthyology that you've never known much about. Become an expert on a something and spread your knowledge by writing an article. Dive into the hobby even further this year and make it a turning point in your career. Make this year count. We're lucky to have such a strong community here. Take full advantage of it, and enjoy everything it has to offer.

THANK YOU to this month's contributors: Don Danko, Hilary Lacerda, and Carl Olszewski. I know readers will love your articles and pictures. They definitely make me want some new inhabitants downstairs!

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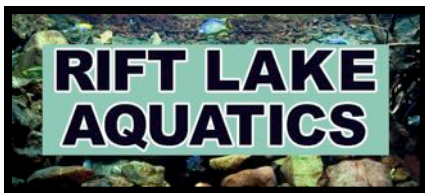
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information

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

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

Meeting location is **Jan. Meeting Only!**  
Prince of Peace Church  
3355 Medina Rd, (route 18 west of 71)  
Medina, OH 44256

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!





# January Program Preview

## Steve Heinbaugh

“Keeping and Breeding Corydoras”

The guest speaker for this month’s joint Ohio Cichlid Association/Medina County Aquarium Society meeting, Steve Heinbaugh, isn’t really a “guest” at all; he’s a member of the OCA Board.



Steve was born and grew up in the Greater Cleveland area. He attended Mount Union College, majoring in Music Education. Steve and his wife, Colleen, have two children, and live in Massillon. He worked for 10 years in the retail side of the pet industry, and is currently a purchasing agent for Coastal Pet Products, in Alliance.

Steve describes the course of his hobby:

*My family always had an aquarium while I was growing up. My dad says he sat me down in front of the tank when I was a baby to calm me down. In elementary school, I remember watching black mollies being born. My mom was chasing them around the tank with a net to separate them so they would not get eaten. In college I learned about African Cichlids, and got my first Malawi cichlids for my tank at the fraternity house. After I graduated one tank turned into two, into six, into a dozen.....*



*I started to really get into the hobby in the early 2000s. I had a tank of Malawi Mbuna and spent much time on various forums learning all about them. I learned more about Tanganyikans, and the first fish I got specifically for breeding was Neolamprologus brichardi. As my fish room grew, I started to branch out a little more. Central American cichlids were my new favorite and I had quite a fondness for Thorichthys and some of the other smaller cichlids. I had always been interested in Apistogramma and other dwarf South Americans, but they were hard to find. After starting to meet a lot of people and travel to conventions around the region, I found different fish and tried new things. Now I have been in my longest period with a "type" of fish, Corydoras and dwarf cichlids from South America and West Africa. Corys are now my main focus, and I have spawned 24 species of them in the past 5 years.*

*I have 55 tanks, ranging from 5.5 gal to 75. I currently have about 25 species of Corydoras, about 10 pleco species, some Apistogramma, and 6 West African dwarf cichlids.*

Steve was the OCA Secretary from 2009 through 2015, and has been the Catfish BAP Chair since 2013.

The title of Steve's talk is "Keeping and Breeding Corydoras".

Please remember that the meeting will be held at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Rt 18 (just east of I71) in Medina.

**Next month:** Ron Oldfield, of Case-Western University, will talk about Herichthys that have been introduced into the US. This will be our first meeting at our new location, Middleburg Hts. Community Center.

# A Year of Great Presentations...

January 8

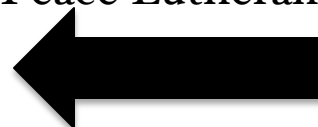
**Joint Meeting with MCAS**

**Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

**Steve Heinbaugh**

“Keeping and Breeding Corydoras”

Joint meeting with  
MCAS @ Prince of  
Peace Lutheran Church



February 5

**Dr. Ron Oldfield**

(Case-Western Reserve University)

“Herichthys Cichlids Introduced in the US”



New Location  
@ Middleburg Heights  
Community Center

March 2

**Sam Borstein**

(University of Tennessee)

The Lake Victoria Extinction

April 1

**Laif DeMason** (tentative)

(Old World Exotic Fish)

Topic TBA

May 6

**Chris Biggs**

**Topic TBA**

June 3

Larry Johnson

Lake Malawi

September 2

Dr. Tom Waltzek

(University of Florida)

“Diseases of Cichlid Fishes”

August 5

**Mark Soberman**

Cory Cats

October 7

**Ed Burress**

(Auburn University)

**Topic TBA**

# The Ohio Cichlid Association Promotes Friendship



You never know whom you will run into at an OCA event.

Pictured above is OCA members Dave Ayres and Steve Heinbaugh with *Amazonas* magazine editor and all-around authority on anything fishy, Hans-Georg Evers!

Remember...  
We all have the same thing in common!

# OCA Christmas Party Photo Recap

Courtesy of Hilary Lacerda, OCA Board







Happy Holidays!



OCA  
Winter  
Auction

**February 13, 2016**

**Auction Begins: 11am**

**Registration: 10am to 12pm**

The OCA Winter Auction is a giant auction of  
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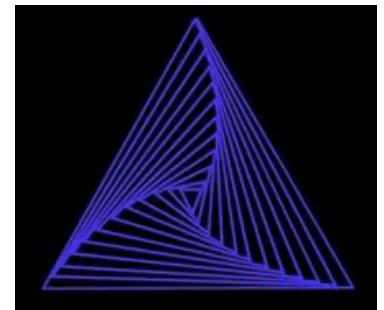


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## Cichlid BAP... January 2015

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP submissions for December 2015. 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

Astatotilapia calliptera	10
Aulonocara sp. "Walteri"	10
Cyprichromis leptosome "Kigoma"	15
Cyprichromis microlepidotus "Bulu Point"	15
Haplochromis sp. "red back scraper"	10
Lethrinops sp. "Mbawa black fin"	10
Neolamprologus leleupi	15
Paracyprichromis nigripinnis	15

### David Hearn

Aulonocara sp. "red flash"	10
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### Kyle May

Julidochromis marlieri	15
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### Anthony Scarton

Neolamprologus helianthus	10
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### Bill Schwartz

Aulonocara sp. "dragon blood"	10
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### Nicholas Zarzeczny

Julidochromis transcriptus	15
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# Cichlid BAP Totals... January 2015

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	100	2800
Don Danko	15	2395
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Bryan Davis	155	1425
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
Josh Cunningham	235	1165
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065
Mark Chaloupka	15	1045
John Tesar	-	1020

## 900 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Tom Swiderski	-	905

## 800 POINT LEVEL

Dustin Brummitt	-	840
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## 700 POINT LEVEL

Ken & Sue Galaska	50	770
Gary Mendez	-	770
Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	95	750
Jeff Yadlovsky	10	750

## 600 POINT LEVEL

Jeff Natterer	-	690
Bill Schwartz	30	625
Jonathan Strazinsky	95	615
Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600

## 500 POINT LEVEL

Tim Craig	-	540
Bob Blazek	20	535
George Anagnostopoulos	85	515
Ron Georgeone	-	510

## 400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
Phil Hypes	-	475
Kyle May	15	460
Tyler Toncler	30	420
Bob Bina	-	415
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	65	400

## 300 POINT LEVEL

David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Gary Zalewski	-	325
Ken & Karen Grimmett	30	300

# Cichlid BAP Totals... January 2015

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	85	285
Andrew Schock	210	280
James Shakour	-	275
Greg Senn	45	260
Dennis Kuehn	60	255
Dave Esner	10	250
Ken Walker	20	240
Jonathan Dietrich	50	230
Paul Collander	-	205
Justin Way	75	200

## 100 POINT LEVEL

Marc & Dawn DeWerth	-	195
Ozeal Hunter	-	190
Chuck Carroll	-	185
Andrew Subotnik	-	180
Jason Mylnar	25	170
Frank Mueller	-	160
Bob Evers	-	155
Steve Heinbaugh	-	150
David Ayers	-	145
Greg Seith	-	145
Dan Ogrizek	15	140
Bill & Janice Bilski	-	135
David Hearn	135	135
Charles Nowakowski	125	125
Dan Ogrizek	15	140
Joe Ring	-	120
John Griffith	85	115
Mark Kazanoff	115	115
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110
Denis Rozmus	30	110

## BREEDER LEVEL

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

Congratulations!

**2015 Participants**

Another AMAZING year of  
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Breed...

Share....

Enjoy...

Cichlid and Catfish BAP





## Catfish BAP... January 2015

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Congratulations on these spawns and thank you for your participation.

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Dan OGREIZEK	Ancistrus sp. L184 "Big Spot"	10
Dave Hearn	Ancistrus sp brown bushynose	10
Steve Heinbaugh	Corydoras CW032	10
	Corydoras hastatus	10
	Corydoras weitzmanni	10



Tom Ever's Redtail Catfish, Emma... smiling.

# Catfish BAP Totals... January 2015

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Thank you for your participation.

NAME	2015	TOTAL
Dan Ogrizek	65	385
Steve Heinbaugh	65	355
Dave Ayres	30	250
Phil Ayres	30	220
Don & Marilyn Danko	20	215
Ken Walker	10	120
Dan Woodland		100
Matt Urbin		90
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen		75
Tom & Carolyn Evers	10	70
Bryan Davis		60
Phil Hypes		60
Hilary Lacerda		60
Bob Blazek		50
Ken Galaska		45
Tyler Toncler		45
Justin Way	10	40
John Kaminski		40
Kyle May		40
George Aganostopoulos	10	40
Karen & Ken Grimmett		30

# Catfish BAP Totals... January 2015

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.

NAME	2015	TOTAL
Lew Carbone		30
Andrew Schock		30
Bob Evers	20	30
Tony Poth	20	
Josh Cunningham		20
Gary Mendez		20
John Tesar		20
David Toth		20
Paul Palisin	10	20
Jason Mlynar	15	15
Dave Hearn	10	10
John Griffith	10	10
Carl Olszewski	10	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 – January 2015**

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.

It's a New Year here at the OCA and that means a new Bowl Show Competition. We had some great fish come in and I know for a fact that there's more great fish out there.

**SO BRING THEM IN!**

**WE ALL WANT TO SEE YOUR FISH!**

With that being said, the OCA wants to congratulate

**Scott Myers**

for winning the

**2015 OCA BOWL SHOW GRAND PRIZE**

a complete 55 gallon set up.

Congratulations Scott, well done!



This month's Bowl Show Categories

- A.) TANGANYIKAN SHELL DWELLERS.
- B.) CENTRAL AMERICANS UNDER 6 INCHES.
- C.) LORACARIIDS (PLECO TYPES) OVER 6 INCHES.

Thanks for your participation!

# Bowl Show 2014 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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# Extravaganza 2015 Show Results

Here are the show results for all classes in the 2015 Extravaganza Show. There were 29 classes with 147 total entries. Class winners, one through three, received monetary prizes for their fish. In addition to the class awards, six special trophies were presented for Best of Show, Reserve Best of Show, Best Catfish of Show, President's Trophy, Memorial Trophy, and People's Choice. The OCA thanks everyone for their participation and encourages even more to get involved next year. The OCA would like to thank all the show sponsors for their support!

## Best of Show

Bruce Duong – *Caquetaia umbrifera*  
Sponsor: Swiss Tropicals

## Reserve Best of Show

Mark Murtaugh – *Sciaenochromis fryeri*  
Sponsor: Paradigm Fish Food

## Best Catfish of Show

Phil Ayres – *Hypostomus margaritifer*  
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## President's Trophy

Scott Myers  
Sponsor: Claudia Dickinson

## Memorial Trophy

Nate Larson  
Sponsor: In memory of Dale Woodland and Dale Woodland II

## People's Choice

Antonio Martina – *Amphilophus citrinellus*  
Sponsor: Aquatica



**Class 1 – Discus**

Sponsor: Mike's Wet Pets

Entries: 0



**Class 2 – Angelfish**

Sponsor: Villa's City of Angelfish

Entries: 5

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Pterophyllum scalare – Bill Sensor

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Pterophyllum scalare – Dawn Domigala

1<sup>st</sup> place: Pterophyllum scalare "smokey blue" – Phil Ayres

**Class 3 – Apistogramma, Nannacara, Crenicara, Microgeophagus**

Sponsor: Scalz Fine Art

Entries: 4

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Apistogramma norberti – Bill Sensor

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Apistogramma kelleri – Bill Sensor

1<sup>st</sup> place: Apistogramma iniridae – Bill Sensor

**Class 4 – Central Americans 6 inches and under**

Sponsor: Ohio Bigfoot Conference

Entries: 7

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Thorichthys maculapinnis – Erwin Gundrum

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Thorichthys meeki – Scott Myers

1<sup>st</sup> place: Cryptoheros panamensis – Bill Sensor

**Class 5 – Amphilophus, Parachromis, Nandopsis**

Sponsor: Something Fishy

Entries: 5

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Amphilophus festae – Scott Myers

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Amphilophus citrinellus – Antonio Martina

1<sup>st</sup> place: Nandopsis beani – Scott Myers



**Class 6 – All other Central Americans over 6 inches**

Sponsor: Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society

Entries: 6

3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Herichthys pearsi* – Scott Myers

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Paratheraps* sp. "Coatzacoalcos" – Scott Myers

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Astaheros rhytisma* – Scott Myers

**Class 7 – All other South Americans 6 inches and under**

Sponsor: Ted Judy

Entries: 8

3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Guianacara sphenazona* – Bill Sensor

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Cichlasoma bimaculatus* – David Smith

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Aequidens* sp. "jennero herrera" – Bill Sensor

**Class 8 – All other South Americans over 6 inches**

Sponsor: Scarton's Aquatic World

Entries: 5

3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Astronatus ocellatus* – Antonio Martina

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Geophagus brasiliensis* – Scott Myers

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Caquetaia umbrifera* – Bruce Duong



**Class 9 – Haplochromines (Victorian Basin)**

Sponsor: Cunningham Cichlids, LLC

Entries: 2

3<sup>rd</sup> place:

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Haplochromis* sp. "35 – tomato" – Scott Myers

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Pundamilia nyererei* – Scott Myers

**Class 10 – Haplochromines (Malawi)**

Sponsor: The Wonder of Cichlids

Entries: 4

3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Protomelas spilonatus* "Liuli" – Scott Myers

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Protomelas taeniolatus* "red empress" – Dawn Domigala

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Sciaenochromis fryeri* – Mark Murtaugh

**Class 11 – Aulonocara jacobfriebergi, “Eureka”, “Lwanda”, “Walteri”**

Sponsor: Something Fishy

Entries: 4

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Aulonocara walteri – Scott Myers

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Aulonocara jacobfriebergi "eureka red" – Erwin Gundrum

1<sup>st</sup> place: Aulonocara sp. "Lwanda" – Bill Schwartz

**Class 12 – All other Aulonocara**

Sponsor: Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society

Entries: 2

3<sup>rd</sup> place:

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Aulonocara sp. "flavescent – Kande Island" – Scott Myers

1<sup>st</sup> place: Aulonocara beanschi – Scott Myers



**Class 13 – Mbuna**

Sponsor: The Wonder of Cichlids

Entries: 7

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Labidochromis caeruleus – Bill Schwartz

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Pseudotropheus sp. "Williamsi North" – Scott Myers

1<sup>st</sup> place: Pseudotropheus sp. "blue dolphin" – Scott Myers

**Class 14 – Julidochromis, Chalinochromis, Telmatochromis**

Sponsor: Mike’s Wet Pets

Entries: 8

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Julidochromis marlieri "Maswa" – Matt Anderson

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Julidochromis ornatus – Matt Anderson

1<sup>st</sup> place: Julidochromis transcriptus – Hilary Lacerda

**Class 15 – All other Tanganyikan substrate brooders**

Sponsor: Cunningham Cichlids, LLC

Entries: 6

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Neolamprologus leleupi – Scott Myers

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Altolamprologus calvus "white Chaitika" – Christopher Hardy

1<sup>st</sup> place: Altolamprologus compressiceps "gold head" – Mark Murtaugh



**Class 16 – Tanganyikan mouthbrooders, exclude Frontosa**

Sponsor: Cunningham Cichlids, LLC

Entries: 1

3<sup>rd</sup> place:

2<sup>nd</sup> place:

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Limnotilapia dardenni* – Scott Myers

**Class 17 – All other Old World 5 inches and under**

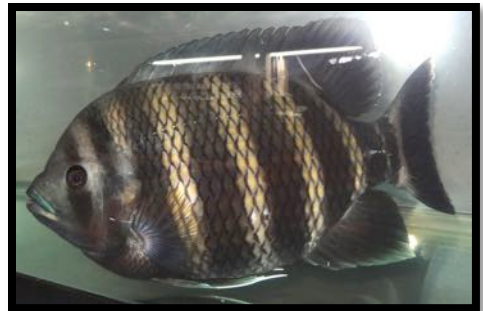
Sponsor: The Wonder of Cichlids

Entries: 9

3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Nanochromis transvestitus* – Bill Sensor

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Pelvicachromis silvae* – Daniel Cohen

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Pelvicachromis silvae* – Daniel Cohen



**Class 18 – All other Old World over 5 inches**

Sponsor: Scarton's Aquatic World

Entries: 3

3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Tilapia* sp. "mamfe" – Scott Myers

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Pelmatochromis nigrofasciatus* – Daniel Cohen

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Tilapia butterkoferi* – Antonio Martina

**Class 19 – Loracariids over 6 inches**

Sponsor: Something Fishy

Entries: 7

3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Hypostomus flaveolus* "L37" – John & Jim Baad

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Hypostomus rosepunctatus* – John & Jim Baad

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Hypostomus margaritifer* – Phil Ayres

**Class 20 – Loracariids 6 inches and under**

Sponsor: Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society

Entries: 12

3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Hypancistrus* sp. "L333 – Porto de Moz" – Phil Ayres

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Loricaria* sp. – Bill Sensor

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Loricaria similima* – Bill Senso

**Class 21 – Corydoras, Aspidoras, Brochis**

Sponsor: Mark Kazanoff

Entries: 8

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Corydoras sp. "red laser" – John & Jim Baad

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Corydoras delphax – Phil Ayres

1<sup>st</sup> place: Corydoras similis – Phil Ayres

**Class 22 – All other New World Catfish over 6 inches**

Sponsor: Greater Chicago Cichlid Association

Entries: 4

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Phractocephalus hemiliopterus "red tail cat – Toast" – Jonathan Strazinsky

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Hoplosternum littorale – Phil Ayres

1<sup>st</sup> place: Pseudopimelodus bufonius "giant bubblebee cat" – John & Jim Baad

**Class 23 – All other New World Catfish 6 inches and under**

Sponsor: Mark Kazanoff

Entries: 5

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Megalechis thoracata – Phil Ayres

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Microglanis iheringi – Phil Ayres

1<sup>st</sup> place: Tatia intermedia – Phil Ayres



**Class 24 – Sharks and Loaches**

Sponsor: Zenin Skomorowski

Entries: 1

3<sup>rd</sup> place:

2<sup>nd</sup> place:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Yasuhikotakia nigrolineata "black lined loach" – John & Jim Baad

**Class 25 – Synodontid Catfish**

Sponsor: The Tropical Fish Club of Erie County

Entries: 2

3<sup>rd</sup> place:

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Synodontis sp. – Bill Sensor

1<sup>st</sup> place: Synodontis multipunctatus – Phil Ayres

**Class 26 – All other Old World Catfish**

Sponsor: Scarton's Aquatic World

Entries: 2

3<sup>rd</sup> place:

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Chrysichthys ornatus* "ornate catfish" – John & Jim Baad

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Lophiobagrus cycluris* – Phil Ayres

**Class 27 – Prints and Slides**

Sponsor: Aquatica

Entries: 15

3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Neolamprologus savoryi* photo – Andrew Schock

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Chocolate cichlid photo – Carl Olszewski

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Severum/Geophagus* photo – Carl Olszewski

**Class 28 – All other Art forms**

Sponsor: Ted Judy

Entries: 3

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Wood burning – Matthew Barnes

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jack Dempsey acrylic – Stephanie Kelland

1<sup>st</sup> place: Gold face calvus acrylic – Stephanie Kelland

**Class 29 – Any fish or other aquatic pet (participants under 16 years of age)**

Sponsor: Ray "Kingfish" Lucas

Entries: 2

3<sup>rd</sup> place:

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Aulonocara walteri* – James Myers

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Rocio octofasciata* – James Myers

Thank you to ALL our Extravaganza  
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We hope to see you next year!

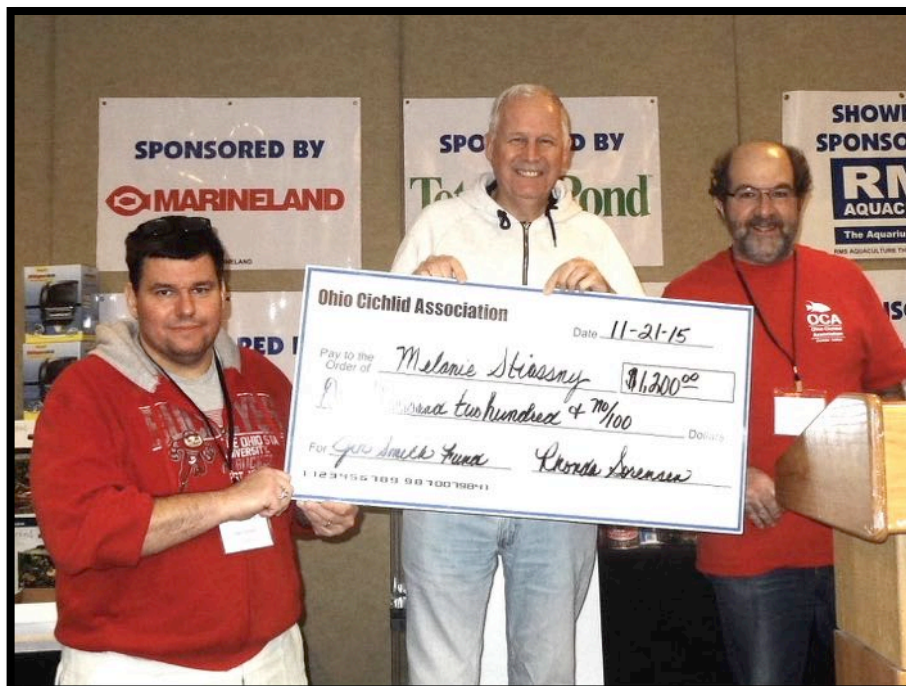


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The Ohio Cichlid Association's Jim Smith Endowment Fund is dedicated to supporting those who do work furthering cichlid research, education or conservation.

Each Extravaganza, the OCA accepts proposals for cichlid-related projects. This year we receive many worthy proposals. After long thought and discussion, the OCA Board decided to give two donations this year.

Melanie Stiassny, of the American Museum of Natural History, in New York, received a \$1200 grant from the Jim Smith Fund, at the 2015 Extravaganza. On her next expedition to the Congo River, she will use the money to fund attempts to collect live *Teleogramma obamaorum*, a species she recently described from a single preserved specimen. Accepting the award for Dr. Stiassny is her colleague, Ad Konings.



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Sam Borstein, of The University of Tennessee, received a \$2000 grant from the Jim Smith Fund at the 2015 Extravaganza. Sam is studying mbuna to find out how different species utilize the same areas of the algae cover in different ways. He will use the money to buy components for equipment that will use high-speed videography to record feeding mechanics while simultaneously measuring bite pressure. Long-time friend of the Borstein family, Phil Clary, accepts the award for Sam.





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There are so many ways to enjoy the hobby.

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Cichlids are naturally a work of art. Creating a masterpiece should be easy. Be creative, patience, and ENJOY!



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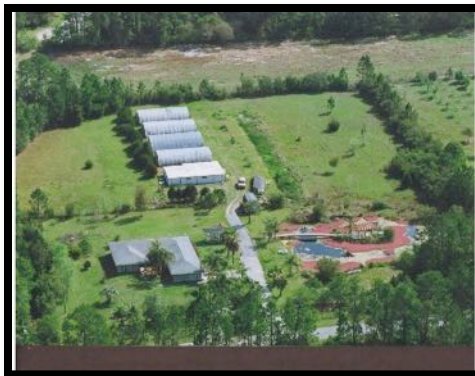


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# Keeping and Breeding the Malawi Trout Cichlid By Don Danko

12-27-2015

*Champsocromis caeruleus*, the Malawi Trout Cichlid, is a very attractive fish from Lake Malawi. It is a large but peaceful fish that can be maintained with other fishes larger than they can swallow. Males become a rich blue color with a reddish anal fin and also grow attractive extensions to the unpaired fins. These traits make them very attractive in display aquariums.



In the wild, *Champsocromis caeruleus* is said to have a lake wide distribution. It is said to feed heavily on the Malawi sardine, *Engraulicypris sardella*. It inhabits open waters where its streamlined, torpedo shape is well suited to navigate this environment. It is sometimes seen over rocky habitats, but is most often seen over sand in shallow water (Konings 2015).

I was fortunate enough to buy a young adult group consisting of one male and three females earlier this year from a breeder in the Cincinnati area. The male was about 9-10" in length and the females were about 7-8". They transported well back to Cleveland and adapted to their new home quite well. They were initially housed in a 125 gallon, but later moved to a 100 gallon with an unusual selection of tankmates, six young adult *Uaru amphiacanthoides*! While that combination may strike you as odd, it has worked out quite successfully. The group was quite skittish in the 125 gallon and moving them in with the *Uaru* settled them down nicely. There is virtually no aggression and they routinely spawn. They've grown a bit and are now about 11-12" for the male and 8-9" for the females and they are still very compatible with the *Uaru*.



The 100 gallon tank in which they are housed is bare bottomed with a 3" thick porex style sponge filter at one end of the tank that covers the entire cross section of the aquarium. It also has a couple of sponge filters at the other end. Clay flower pots are used for cover. This tank is connected to my automatic water change system that adds carbon filtered water twice daily.

*Champsocromis caeruleus* are aggressive feeders accepting a variety of foods. I frequently feed them freeze dried krill and periodically feed them floating food sticks, flakes and freeze dried mysis.

I was able to observe one spawning event in which the male and female staked out the right half of the 100 gallon tank as their territory. The pair swam along the bottom in a circular motion following each other while the female deposited large eggs and then subsequently picked them up into her mouth. *C. caeruleus* is a maternal mouthbrooder so only the female carries the eggs.

Initially, the females did not hold the eggs well, but that changed after the first couple of spawns. Now they hold the eggs and fry quite reliably. Spawn sizes have increased as the females have matured, from about 25 initially to about 80 currently. Being a maternal mouthbrooder, the females hold the eggs and fry for about 3 weeks or more and I have chosen to harvest the fry so that they will not be quickly consumed by the tank inhabitants when the female releases them. The fry are good sized when taken, close to 3/8" in total length. They grow quickly on feedings of decapsulated brine shrimp and crushed flake food. The fry reach 1" in length in just a few weeks.

While I chose to pair them up with Uaru, more typical tankmates might be other Malawians like other good sized haplochromines. Just be sure that the tankmates are large enough not to be swallowed and also not too aggressive for the Trouts.

If you have a good sized tank available, think of giving the Malawi Trout Cichlid a try. The beauty of the male and the unique shape warrant devoting the tank space to them. Additionally, the fish is commercially attractive and selling some fry should help offset costs in the fishroom.

## References

1. Konings, Ad. 2015. "The Cichlids of Lake Malawi National Park", pages 71-72.





*Champsochromis  
caeruleus*



All Photos courtesy of author, Don Danko.



# THANK YOU Don Danko!



At the December 2015 meeting, Don Danko stepped down from his long-time position as President of the OCA. Don has served 19 terms as president, 17 consecutively, meaning he has been president for about 60% of the time the OCA has existed!

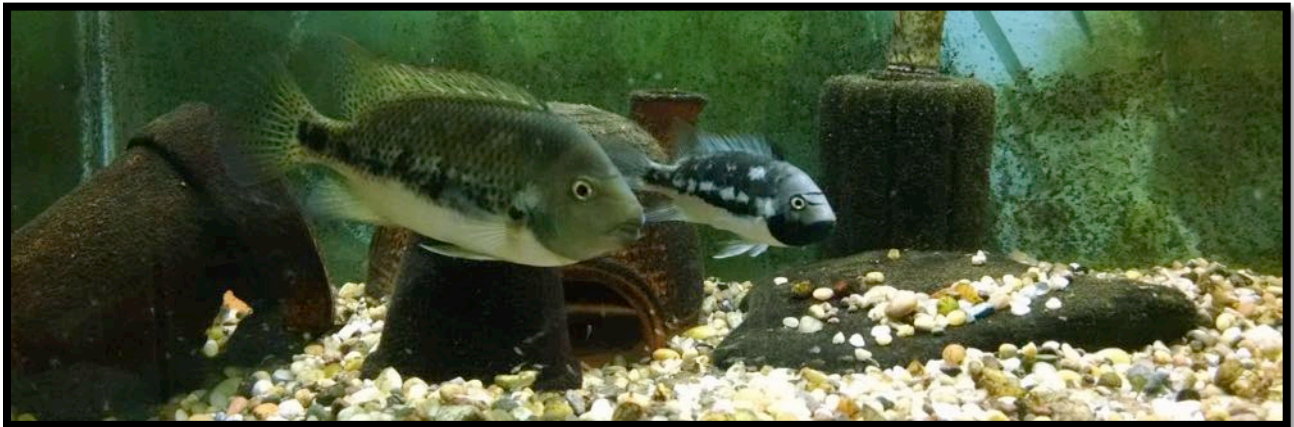
Don is staying on as an At Large member, and his experience and wisdom will be available to us as we go forward.

THANK YOU for your enormous contribution of time, energy, knowledge, experience, and passion.

# *Tomocichla sieboldii*

By Hilary Lacerda

*T. sieboldii* are native to the Pacific slopes of Costa Rica and Panama, living in both flowing and stagnant water tolerating a wide range of pH and hardness. They are predominantly vegetarian in the wild eating grasses and algae as well as insects and freshwater shrimp. (Staeck, W. and Linke, H. American Cichlids 2: Large Cichlids, Tetra Verlag 1985).



I bought Dan Woodland's BAP F1 *Tomocichla sieboldii* Rio Gariche, Panama fry at the May 2014 OCA meeting and raised them to 4" & 6", at which point 2 of them colored up and began to be extremely territorial, this was July 4 2015. I was sure they had spawned but no fry ever appeared. After a week or 2 the male returned to his usual color pattern but the female stayed with the stark white and dark gray pattern with the stripes across her nose and continued to act broody for months.

None of the others attempted spawning and I had decided she was having a dampening effect on them and was about to take her out of the 125 gallon tank, when to my great surprise on October 31 she appeared with new fry almost 4 months later. She and the male defended their half of the tank ferociously and had driven the other 6 sieboldi into the opposite corners. I put a divider made of a light diffuser grid across the middle of the tank and peace ensued. I siphoned off half the fry to raise separately just in case but the parents have been very good at protecting their fry and they are now about  $\frac{3}{4}$ " in both tanks. They have been fed baby brine shrimp, microworms and crushed flake.



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## **This Month in OCA History**

Lew Carbone,  
OCA President

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**1993:** Because the OCA's regular meeting date falls on New Year's Day, the club will be holding the January meeting on the 8th, in conjunction with the Medina County Aquarium Society, at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. At the event, each club holds its own BAP, Bowl Show and auction registration, but the auction is run jointly. MCAS will hold the raffle, but OCA members with losing tickets can bring them to the February meeting for a special "Losers" raffle.

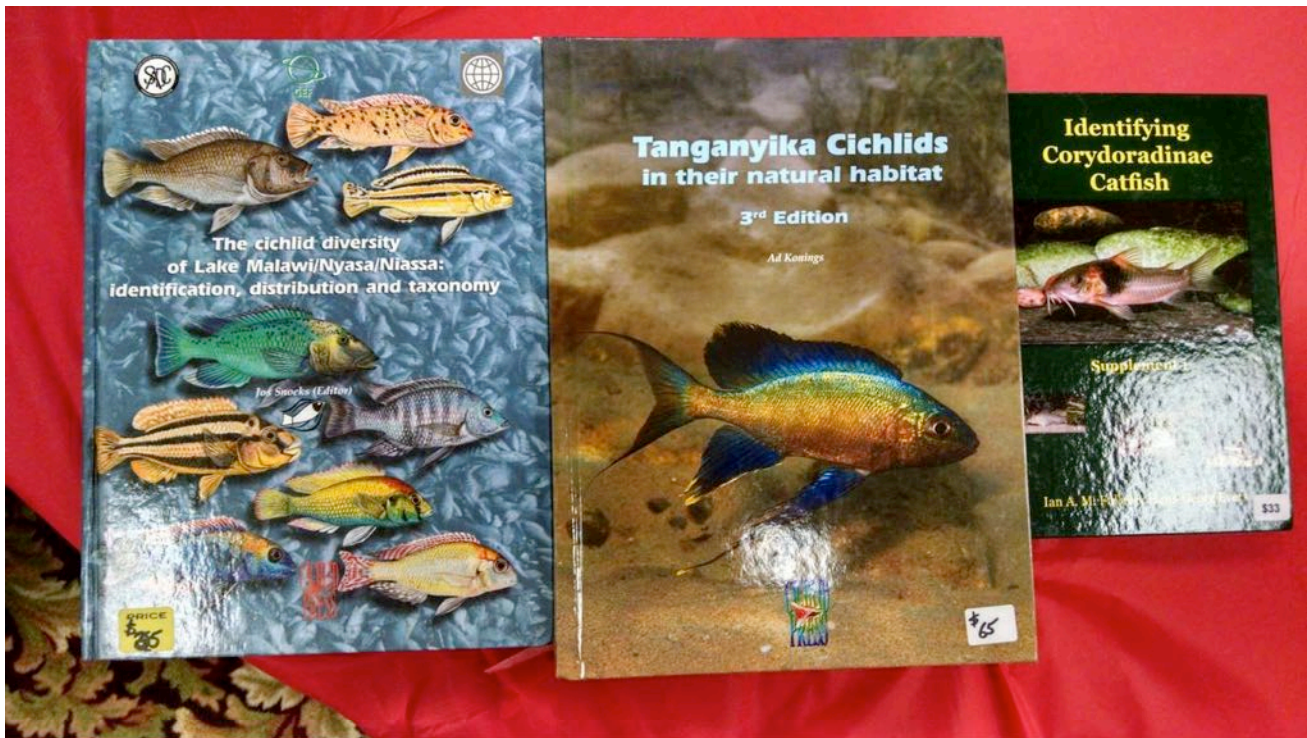
**2003:** A full-color electronic version of the **BCLB** is first published. For those who wish to continue to receive the paper version, yearly dues are increased from \$15 to \$20. The electronic bulletin is attached to an email and sent to all members who have email addresses on file with the OCA.

**2005:** Well-known Canadian hobbyist Spencer Jack speaks about *Cyphotilapia frontosa* at the social meeting. Spencer discusses the splitting of *frontosa* into several species: *C. frontosa*, *C. gibberosa* and *C. "North"*. *Debate about whether Cyphotilapia contains one or several species continues to this day.*



## Library Report

We have some new books for the library. I want to thank Mike Schadle for donating the newest Ad Konings book: Tanganyikan Cichlids in Their Natural Habitat 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Mike also gave us some great deals on 2 other books: Ian Fullers supplement 1 to Identifying Corydoradinae Catfish and Joseph Snoeks' The Cichlid Diversity of Lake Malawi/Nyasa/Niassa: Identification, distribution and Taxonomy.



Thanks to Amazonas for sending us their wonderful new magazine and to Cichlid News for their continued support. We have a complete collection of Cichlid News, which has been indexed by Juan Miguel Artigas Azas in the Cichlid Room Companion.

Thanks to Jonathan Strazinsky, our videographer, who has been recording many of our speakers, he is working now on making copies of the DVD collection.

Members can check out 2 items and return them at the next meeting.

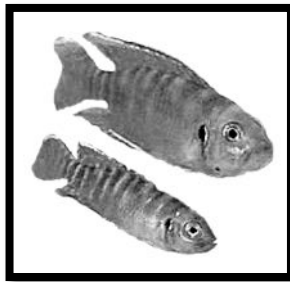
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Hilary Lacerda

## Exchange Article

“The Fish Speak: *Neolamprologus brevis*/Brevis Sunspot”  
by Gord Mitchell (The Provider)  
From the newsletter of the Brant Aquarium Society  
Aquarticles.com

Hi my name is Ben Brevis and this is my mate Brenda. As mentioned above we are *Neolamprologus brevis*, also known by our friends as Brevis Sunspots.



Now a bit about our family if I may. Our ancestors emigrated originally from Lake Tanganyika, Africa, but for many years now my parents and theirs have lived here in North America. In Lake Tanganyika our breed usually inhabits the muddy and sandy areas of the lake where you will find a large number of snails. We are shell dwellers you see, and will often be found inhabiting the empty houses of these snails where we will spawn and hide from predators. Normally we can be found in water depths of 6 to 55 meters. Within our breed it is difficult to tell the males from the females but if you look real close you will notice that the males are usually larger and have a clearly pronounced orange fringe on the upper edge of the dorsal fin. You will not find a great many plants growing where our brother cichlids live but we, the Brevis, do like some small plants in our breeding environment.

I would like to touch upon a delicate subject here if I may. When Brenda is ready for spawning she nudges me in the side and then disappears into a shell with only her tail fin showing. Next I follow her in and position myself over the eggs that she has laid in the shell, and fertilize them while I shiver. No I'm not cold, it's just the way it happens. We usually have from 15 to 30 eggs, but I am not allowed to remain as Brenda will chase me out of the maternity ward shell while she takes very good care of our soon to be family. In about six days the youngsters are free swimming and I get to swim and frolic with them as we explore our environment.

Now let me tell you a bit about our specific environment. We have a very good Landlord who has provided us with a five gallon aquarium to live in. It has a glass top and the bottom is covered with approximately 1.5 to 2 inches of silica sand and has several mixed size, live plants growing in it. We have our main bungalow shell, and two or three other guest shells which we can visit or which the children can play in when they're ready. Of course when they grow up they will have the use of these guest bungalow shells for their own accommodations and spawning.

We have a corner filter back there in the corner with lots of aeration bubbling out of it and enjoy a ten percent or more water change each week. At the price of heating these days I am pleased to say that our Provider keeps our accommodations at a temperature of 23.5 to 27.5 degrees Celsius without any cost to us. We have incandescent lighting that gives us sufficient illumination when outside our shell accommodations.

Food, oh yes. Well, our Provider feeds us twice a day with a variety of flake food and mixed fry food in the morning and something more substantial each evening. Our diet for our evening meals consists of one of the following: frozen beef heart, frozen shrimp, frozen blood worm, freeze-dried blood worm, freeze-dried tubifex worms, mosquito larva, plankton, krill, pellets, gamarus and each week after our water change we are fed live baby brine shrimp - boy do they hit the spot. We even get some fry food for our youngsters when necessary. You may think that this is a very rich diet and maybe you're right, but our Provider seems to enjoy what he is doing for us, so we show him our appreciation by growing fat and saucy and raising lots of young ones for him. Initially we had a great many small sand snails living in here with us but the Provider and his Lady took exception to their proliferation and cleaned them out. Now there aren't any left and I'm not sure if that might affect our breeding cycle. You see we have had four spawnings in a row while they were here.

Well I must go now; Brenda has just called me to look after the youngsters while she goes for a swim. Take care now and have a good day.

Ben, Brenda and the Brevis family.

A Special Thanks to Gord Mitchell and Aquarticles.com

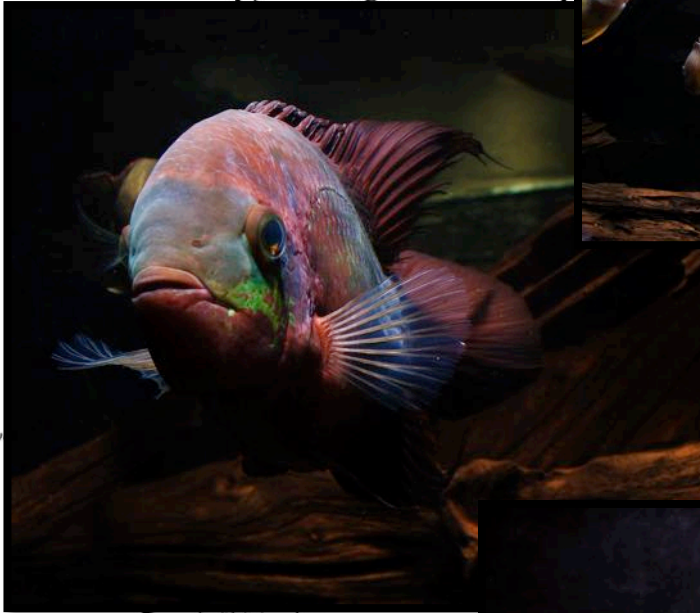
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# Seriously South American

Carl Olszewski has two passions: South American aquatic inhabitants and photography. Lucky for us, Carl mixes those two hobbies, allowing us to have a front-row, high-def. view into some of the most beautiful South American fish. In this monthly installment, Carl graciously shares some of his best shots from the month. Enjoy!





# Membership Reminder...

Membership dues are important in maintaining the quality of the club. OCA membership dues are cycled yearly beginning and ending in November. Dues are currently \$15 for one year or \$25 for two years.

There are three ways to sign up!

1. Sign up through the OCA website, [Ohiocichlid.com](http://Ohiocichlid.com), and pay with PayPal,
2. Email [OCAmember@gmail.com](mailto:OCAmember@gmail.com)
3. See Hilary Lacerda at a monthly meeting

If you know someone on the fence about the whole “club scene,” bring that someone to a monthly meeting or auction and let him/her have an OCA experience. We are confident the environment will *hook* that person into taking the next step into the hobby. The OCA thrives on its membership and we look for all the possible opportunities to make membership worth your time and money.

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