

Buckeye Bulletin

January 2020

Social Gathering:
January 3, 2020
Middleburg Heights
Rec. Center



Looking Forward To
The New Year!

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**President's Message
Editor's Message
Bowl Show Results
Cichlid BAP Results
Catfish BAP Results
Program Previews
Extravaganza Show Results!**

And more...

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A Word from the President...

Lew Carbone,
OCA President

Happy New Year! I hope that in 2020 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.

Don Danko has stepped down from his familiar position as OCA President. In all, Don has served 21 terms as president, meaning he has been president for nearly 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 Tim Clos has joined the board as Bulletin Editor. (Uncontrollable circumstances have made this, his 1st issue, a real challenge.) Roger Stark has signed on as an At Large board member, and Ron Maichle is expanding his duties to include Bowl Show Chair.

The changes include some significant losses, also. Rhonda and Eric Sorensen have retired from the board after many years of very intense service. They never call attention to themselves, so I suspect that most OCA members have no idea how much they've contributed to the club, especially toward the planning and execution of Extravaganzas. Filling that space they have left may possibly be our biggest challenge of 2020. Jonathan Strazinsky has also left the board, at least for now, but promises to continue many of his Extravaganza activities, such as organizing the Vendor Room and joining Mark Chaloupka in running the Show Room. We sincerely thank Eric, Rhonda and Jonathan, as well as former Bulletin Editor Andrew Schock, for all they've done.

See you soon, I hope!

Lew Carbone



Attention! It's Time to Gather...

The next OCA Social Gathering is
January 3rd, 2020 – 8:00 PM

Meeting location is
Middleburg Hts. Rec Center
6000 E. Bagley Road
Middleburg Hts., Ohio 44130 Room C

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!



Meet Your 2020 OCA Board...

President: Lew Carbone

Treasurer: Sherry Olszowski

Programs: Lew Carbone

Bulletin Editor:

Cichlid BAP: Mark Chaloupka

Bowl Show: Ron Maichle

Extravaganza: Duties Shared

Photographer:

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Raffles: Carl Olszewski

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Secretary: Jonathan "Jombie" Dietrich

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Apparel: Ron Maichle

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Jim Smith Fund: Lew Carbone

Promotions: Don Danko

At Large (Appointed):

Don Danko

Roger Stark



If you would like to be a part of the OCA Board, please speak to a Board member for more information!

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.

There are many ways to get involved with the club!

Attend Meetings
Contribute to the Buckeye Bulletin
Participate in the monthly Bowl Show
Volunteer to “run” at an auction
Persuade non-members to attend a meeting
Attend the Extravaganza
Participate in the Breeder Awards Program
Enter fish into an auction
Join the Board – elections are held in December
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January Program Preview

Dale Ernst

“Brazilian Hypancistrus”

Since the age of five **Dale Ernst** has loved fish, and has since become synonymous with the name Hypancistrus. In 2003 he opened Fantastic Fins, a combination retail space and extensive breeding facility, in which he has successfully bred dozens of species of pleco and catfish, many for the very first time in the US.



His accomplishments have been featured in the magazine Amazonas, and he has given lectures at conventions across the country. Today he continues to perfect his craft, sharing his knowledge and expertise with any who seek it.

Dale's presentation is entitled "Brazilian Hypancistrus", so he'll be speaking about his main love.

Next month, Jason Wilson, of Fritz Aquatics, will visit to talk about "Bacteria – The Good, The Bad, The Misunderstood". Jason is a dynamic guy, and I'm sure will make even bacteria interesting.



Social Meeting Schedule

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



A Year of Great Presentations...

January 3

Dale Ernst

Fintastic Fins

Livonia, Michigan

“Brazilian Hypancistrus”

February 7

Jason Wilson

Fritz Aquatics

“Bacteria – The Good, The Bad,
The Misunderstood”

March 6

Jim Cummings

“South American Cichlids:
The Magnificents”

April 3

Rich Bierbower

Bierbower Aquatics

“Breeding and Raising
Quality Angelfish”

May 1

Dr. Jay Stauffer

Penn State University

Lake Malawi Cichlids

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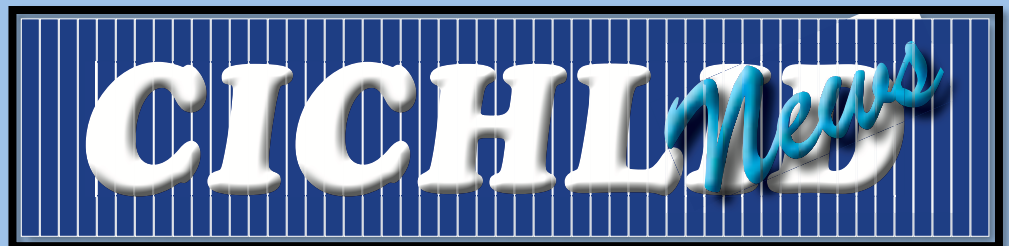
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Gino Dinella

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Cichlid BAP... January 2020

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP submissions for December 2020. 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.

Lew Carbone

Thoracochromis sp. "Lake Albert" 10

Josh Cunningham

Copadichromis atripinnis 10

Mylochromis plagiotaenia "Mvunguti" 10

Jonathan Strazinsky

Amphilophus citrinellus "Rio Tempisque" 15

2019 BAP Facts

105 spawns turned in

25 members participated

82 old world spawns

23 new world spawns

4 new participants

Top participants:

Josh Cunningham - 185

Jonathan Dietrich - 115

Dan & Vi McMonigle - 75

Jonathan Starzinsky - 75

Cichlid BAP Totals... January 2020

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.

CURRENT B.A.P. STANDINGS (12/6/2019)

BREEDER	2019	TOTAL
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MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

Lew Carbone	50	3085
Don & Marilyn Danko	-	2435
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Josh Cunningham	185	2020
Bryan Davis	-	1455
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
John Tesar	25	1145
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
Mark Chaloupka	15	1110
Jeff Yadlovsky	70	1100
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065

900 POINT LEVEL

Jonathan Strazinsky	75	980
Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Gary Mendez	60	925
Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	-	910
Tom Swiderski	-	905

800 POINT LEVEL

Dustin Brummitt	-	840
Ken & Sue Galaska	-	800

700 POINT LEVEL

Bill Schwartz	20	760
Jeff Natterer	-	725
Bob Blazek	40	720

600 POINT LEVEL

Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600

500 POINT LEVEL

Dan & Vi McMonigle	75	585
John Jancik Sr. & Jr.	20	575
Tim Craig	-	540
Jonathan Dietrich	115	535
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	15	530
George Anagnostopoulos	-	515
Ron Georgeone	-	510

Cichlid BAP Totals... January 2020

400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
Phil Hypes	-	475
Kyle May	-	460
Bob Bina	-	435
Tyler Toncler	-	420

300 POINT LEVEL

Andrew Schock	15	390
Dennis Kuehn	25	350
Greg Senn	-	350
David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Gary Zalewski	-	325
Tom & Carolyn Evers	20	320
Ken & Karen Grimmitt	-	310
Dennis Kuehn	-	315

200 POINT LEVEL

James Shakour	-	275
David Hearn	-	270
Jason Mlynar	-	270
Mark Kazanoff	20	255
Dave Esner	-	250
Ken Walker	-	240
Justin Way	-	230
Bill & Janice Bilski	-	205
Paul Collander	-	205

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100 POINT LEVEL

Marc & Dawn DeWerth	-	195
Ozeal Hunter	-	190
Chuck Carroll	-	185
Denis Rozmus	-	185
Roger Stark	60	180
Andrew Subotnik	-	180
Bob Evers	-	175
Charles Nowakowski	-	165
Frank Mueller	-	160
Steve Heinbaugh	-	150
David Ayers	-	145
Greg Seith	-	145
Dan Ogrizek	-	140
John Griffith	-	135
Carl Oszewski	-	135
Keith Robinson	55	130
Joe Ring	-	120
Steve Olander	-	115
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110

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Cichlid BAP Totals... January 2020

BREEDER LEVEL

Mark Huntington	-	95
Randall Wyan	70	95
Dolores Bacisin	-	85
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	85
Pete Gembka	-	80
Ron Maichle	70	80
Rick Wood	-	75
Bob Tillman	-	70
Matt Urbin	-	70
Dave Dimond	-	65
Scott Mabee	65	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
Paul Hutnyak	-	30
Lee Spencer	30	30
Adam Stallman	-	30
Wayne Corman	-	25
Fred Roberts	-	25
Pat Daley	20	20
Andy Lacerda	-	20
Scott Meyers	-	20
Bill Sensor	-	20
Jason Webb	-	20
Sam Muselli	15	15
Ken Carey	-	10
Jim & Amy Damm	-	10
Ron Drungil	-	10
Ben Jensen	-	10
Cory Knarr	-	10
Michael Meyer	-	10
Mike Trader	-	10

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Breed...

Share....

Enjoy...

Cichlid and Catfish BAP



Catfish BAP... January 2020

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Congratulations on these spawns and thank you for your participation.

Breeder

Species

Points



Catfish BAP Totals... January 2020

Listed below are the Catfish BAP grand totals. The information is maintained by Steve Heinbaugh, OCA Board. See Steve at monthly meetings for more information about the Catfish Breeders Award Program.

Thank you for your participation.

Breeder	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
Hilary Lacerda	25	105
Dan Woodland		100
Matt Urbin		90
Tom & Carolyn Evers		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

Catfish BAP Totals... January 2020

	2019	Total
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
Ron Maichle	10	10
Dan McMonagle	10	10
Roger Stark	10	10
Mark Kazanoff	10	10
Randall Wyan	10	10
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

Bowl Show – January 2020

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 Ron Miachle, OCA Board, at a meeting for more information.

This month's Bowl Show Categories:

Parachromis, Amphilophus, Nandopsis
Victorian Basin
Loracariids (Pleco Types) over 6"

Bowl Show 2020 Schedule

Jan. 3

Parachromis, Amphilophus, Nandopsis
Victoria Basin
Loracariids (Pleco types) over 6"

Feb. 7

South Americans 6" and Under, exclude Angels, Apistos
Old World, exc Rift Lakes, Victoria Basin
Fish Photography

Mar. 6

South Americans over 6", exclude Angels, Discus
Mbuna
Callichyids (Cory types)

Apr. 3

Central Americans 6" and under
Tanganyikan Shell Dwellers
Mochokids (Synodontis types)

May. 1

Angels
Peacocks
Catfish, exc Mochids, Callichyids, Loric

June. 5

Tanganyican Lamps, exclude Shell Dwellers
Frontosa
Loaches and Botias

July

No meeting

Aug. 7

Discus, Uaru
Tang Mouth Brooders, exc Frontosa
Freshwater Crustaceans

Sept. 4

Centrals over 6", exc Parachromis, Amphilophus, Nandopsis
Malawi Haps
Loracariids (Pleco types) 6" and under

Oct. 2

Apistos
Open Tanganyika
Open Old World Catfish

Nov. 6

Julidochromis, Chalinochromis, Telmatochromis
Open Old World, exc Tang, Mal
Female Cichlids

Dec. 4

Open New World
Open Malawi
Open New World Catfish

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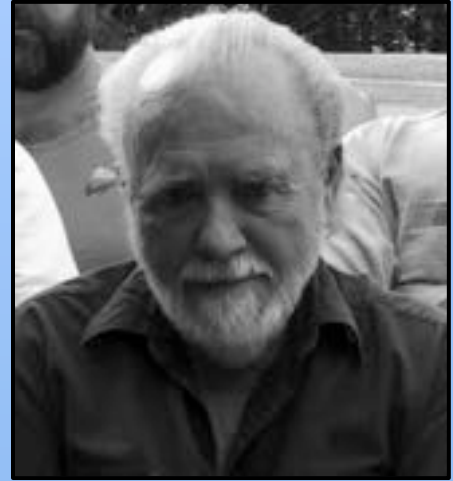
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THE JIM SMITH ENDOWMENT FUND



Who Was Jim Smith?

Jim Smith was the Membership Chair for the Ohio Cichlid Association from 1991 to 2003.

Jim was not a big man, but because of his obvious physical and mental toughness, fronted by a calm, friendly demeanor, he was loved and respected by friends and co-workers, who referred to him as “The Buffalo.” We in the OCA often called him “Santa,” both because of his looks and because of his gentle and patient way with young children.

What is the Jim Smith Fund?

Following Jim’s passing, in July of 2003, the OCA board knew that something big had to be done to honor Jim’s memory. The lead was taken by OCA board member Dan Woodland. Later that year, the OCA announced the establishment of the Jim Smith Fund. The purpose of the fund is to support research, education and conservation efforts that focus on cichlids and catfish.

How can I support the Jim Smith Fund?

The OCA has fund-raising activities, such as auctions and raffles at meetings and events, to benefit the Jim Smith Fund. When you support these efforts, you help to fund cichlid and catfish research, education, and conservation projects, and carry on the good work that Jim Smith started many years ago. You can donate fish or aquarium goods at any event, including Sunday’s auction. Just right “Donation” on the item, and include your name, if you want. You could also make a cash donation directly to the OCA. Any OCA Board Member can take your donation in person, or you can donate directly at paypal@ohiocichlid.com.

How can I apply for a Jim Smith Fund grant?

If you have a project in mind that shares all or some of the goals of the Jim Smith Fund, email JSF Chair Lew Carbone at lewcarbone@gmail.com. You will be added to the list of invitees that will be notified when the next application period begins.

Who are recent Jim Smith Fund grant recipients?

Ryan Greenway, a PhD candidate at Kansas State University, was awarded a \$1,000 Jim Smith Fund grant at the 2017 Extravaganza. Ryan is studying the interrelatedness of, and possible hybridization between, 3 species of Thorichthys, living in 4 different areas of the Grijalva River Basin, in Mexico. He will be using the funds to pay for genetic testing. Anton Lamboj, a colleague of Ryan's PhD advisor, Dr. Michael Tobler, accepts the award on his behalf.



Ad Konings recently discovered that the *Tropheus duboisi* "Maswa" is virtually extinct in Lake Tanganyika, due to over-collecting. In 2017, the Jim Smith Fund gave a \$500 grant to the Stuart Grant Fund, earmarked for obtaining a large group of already captive "Maswa" adults. The intent is to begin a breeding program with the goal of eventually re-establishing a wild population in their original home range. Ad accepts the award, and will oversee the project.



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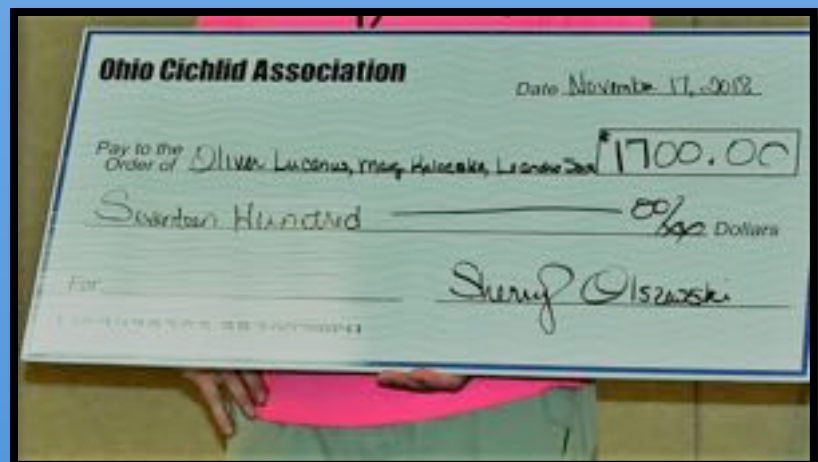
At this recent Extravaganza, the Ohio Cichlid Association announced the winner of the 2018 Jim Smith Endowment Fund grant. Jim Smith was a long-time and highly-regarded Membership Chair of the OCA, who passed away in 2003. Later that year, the Jim Smith Fund was established in his memory. The Jim Smith Fund solicits proposals for research, education or conservation projects that deal with cichlids or catfish. Each year, the OCA board votes to determine the best project or projects from the list of applicants, taking in consideration the current balance in the fund.

On November 17, 2018, the Ohio Cichlid Association announced that a team of researchers from McGill University, in Canada, and University of Pará, in Brazil, has won the Jim Smith Fund grant for 2018, and will be awarded \$1700. The team is made up of Oliver Lucanus (McGill), Dr. Margaret Kalacska (McGill) and Dr. Leandro Sousa (Pará).

The driving force behind the team's project is that the incredible fish diversity of the Volta Grande section of the Rio Xingu, in Brazil, is gravely threatened by a variety of human activities. Part of what makes this diversity possible is the unusual and complex bottom structure, which features many different types of rocks, crevices, caves and other features, each used by certain species. This team plans on using photogrammetry (a method of 3-D digital mapping that uses hundreds of photos) to study the bottom of this part of the Rio Xingu.

The idea is to be able to use the data from this mapping, along with 3D printing, to make artificial stand-ins for that section of the Xingu's substrate. These printed structures will be installed in aquariums, ponds or man-made streams. The goal is to get the more difficult-to-breed Xingu species to feel at home enough to reproduce, thereby keeping these species alive in the hobby, even if they go extinct in the wild.

We wish **Oliver, Dr. Kalacska and Dr. Sousa** the best of luck in carrying out their project. We look forward to a personal update on the project's status when Oliver visits to speak at the 2019 Extravaganza, our 25th annual show.



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