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Bowl Show is heating
up this year as Justin
Way brings in a
TOMATO!



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Next Meeting on March 6th, 2015 @ 8pm



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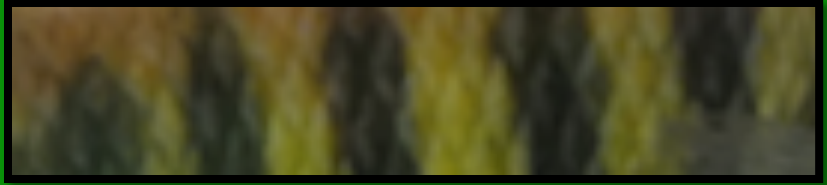
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Haplochromis sp. "Tomato" has found its way to Northeastern Ohio in a big way. These beautiful specimens of Lake Victoria are in members' tanks throughout the club and beyond. A relative easy to breed fish displays all the color hobbyists expects from that lake. If you haven't given these stunners a try, you'll definitely find a bag at auction.

Find space for this fish!

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Low Carbone



With our President, Don Danko, deeply involved with family matters at the time of this writing, I'm filling in for him this month. With temperatures topping out in the low single digits, there's no place I need to go badly enough, anyway.

The OCA had a big weekend last month, with our Social Meeting on February 6th, and our Winter Auction the next day. At the meeting, we heard Mark Sabaj Perez, of the Academy of Natural Sciences at Drexel University in Philadelphia, tell us about the frantic research to learn as much as possible about the species of the Xingu River, in Brazil, before the completion of the Belo Monte dam inundates some parts of the habitat and dries out other parts. Mark's up-beat presentation was a welcome contrast to the dire situation he described.

After a quick turn-around (especially for those of us that live an hour or more away), we held our Winter Auction on Saturday in Strongsville. Because Cupid persuaded us to move the auction up a week (the normal date of the 2nd Saturday of February was Valentine's Day), we inadvertently scheduled it on the same day as the Michigan Cichlid Association's auction. We missed our Michigan friends, and the bag-count was down a bit, with a little over 600 items, but we did have a fun day, with often brisk bidding. We also learned what the current Hot Fish of the Moment is: the Super-Red Long-Fin Bushy-Nose Pleco!



A beautiful show-worthy Discus!

A special thanks goes out to Paradigm (www.paradigmfishfood.com) for the donation of about 5 auction lots, each holding 2 containers of their very high-quality fish foods. I'd also like to thank the OCA board members who ran the auction flawlessly despite the absence of our esteemed leader. We also appreciate the efforts of Dee Bacisin for helping prepare the auction items, and to all the OCA members and other auction attendees who helped run bags.

For this month's Social Meeting, to be held on March 6th at the Old Oak Bible Church in Middleburg Hts., Matt Shauer will be visiting. His talk will be of the practical fish-keeping variety, all about keeping and breeding Cory cats.

By the way, if you haven't checked out our new website yet, you should. It's www.ohiocichlid.com . Gary Mendez, our webmaster, has done a great job of updating the information and making the site easier to navigate. It has a brand new "Classified" section for buying and selling fish and accessories, and a convenient link to our forum on the Cichlid Room Companion. You can also visit us on Facebook.

I hope to see you on the 6th!

Lew





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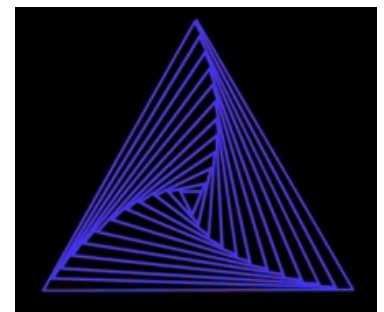
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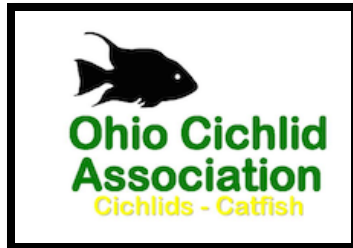
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Editor's Message

"Jombie" Dietrich



Greetings Fish Friends!

Last month's meeting provided us the opportunity to gain a wealth of information about the Xingu from Mark Sabaj Perez. I really enjoyed Mark's successful attempt at taking a very scientific talk and making it comprehensible and tangible to an audience of hobbyists over ichthyologists. Don't get me wrong; hobbyists have LOADS of knowledge, but few of us are counting teeth or risking our lives conducting field research in dangerous areas. Talks like this allow us to tip our hats to people who are helping the hobby on different levels. I'll never catalogue a specimen or understand most of that jargon, but it's nice to have the opportunity to appreciate those that continue to do those activities to preserve and expand something so special to us. I bet ichthyologists like Mark get a similar feeling when spending time with hobbyists. Appreciating the hobby with a greater perspective is very important. The OCA has always done a terrific job at securing presentations that appeal to all these perspectives with the hopes of creating a well-rounded hobbyist.

This month in my fish room, we have some happenings. My male and *Amphilophus hogaboomorum* still had not spawned, so I had decided to throw a bunch of Centrals in there as targets. Well, turns out, the male took interest in a female Red Devil(-ish). Few days of little care in the fish room produced around 500-700 fry. Silly fish. I removed the female in hopes the male will find passion for another female of his own species. We shall see. I did get some nice shots of the male with fry, so at least I spawned that species in my depreciating memory. What else? *Cryptoheros nanoluteus* look like they should spawn any day. What a beautiful species! Trimacs are gaining body. These Robertsoni better breed before he kills the female. Always something going on in the fish room.

I hope all is well in your lives and your tanks.

See you Friday

Jom

**MALE
AMPHILOPHUS HOGABOOMORUM
WITH FRY**





Next Social Meeting – March 6th, 2014

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

Meeting Starts at:

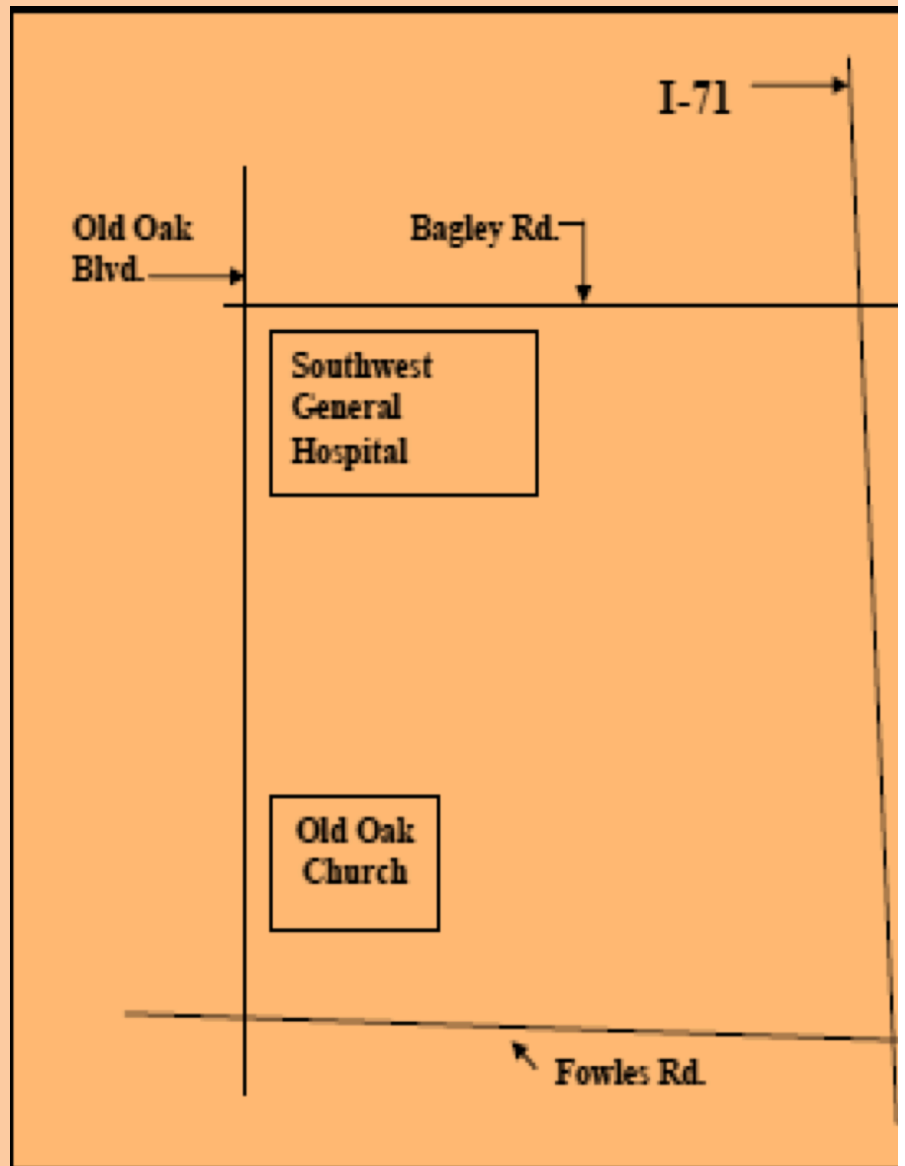
8pm

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Church is on the right 1/10 mile.

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7575 Old Oak Blvd.
Middleburg Heights, Ohio



Program Preview – March 2015

MATT SHAUER

Matt Shauer was born and raised in Central Wisconsin. As a child, his family owned a pet shop that specialized in fish and birds, but they got out of the business when he was 8. It wasn't until 18 years later that Matt got a tank of his own, and that was only because a friend's roommate had left it when he moved out. This serendipitous event started a whole new way of life for him, as early breeding success necessitated the addition of several more tanks.

Two years later, Matt moved to Northern Illinois. Because he was new to the area, and had not made many new acquaintances, he had plenty of time to spend on his hobby, and he acquired even more new tanks. At this time, the catfish he'd kept had been mostly common Cory and pleco types, but the sight of a Royal Whiptail in an aquarium shop piqued his interest in other types of cats, and he started keeping and breeding multiple species. A trip to the All Aquarium Catfish Convention in 2010, with a few species to sell, netted him many more species and entry into the nationwide catfish network.

Matt currently runs over 100 tanks, housing more than 70 species of catfish, plus some livebearers. He sells fish through his website at www.nmbaquatics.com. His talk this month is entitled "KISS Corys: Tips for Breeding and Raising Some of the Most Popular Aquarium Catfish".

Next month, Dan Sharifi, of Cichlids of the Americas, in Florida, discusses the "Care and Husbandry of New World Cichlids".



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Cichlids - Catfish



A special
THANKS to
Mark Sabaj
Perez for an
AMAZINGLY
informative
speech about
the Xingu.



OCA Social Meeting Program Preview 2015

March 6

Matt Shauer

Of NBM Aquatics

“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

August 7

Dr Ron Coleman

California State University, Sacramento

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September 4

Dr. Jay Stauffer

Pennsylvania State University

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Cichlid Breeders Awards Program Through February 2015

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Bob Blazek

Protomelas marginatus 10

Lew Carbone

Dimidiochromis compressiceps 10

Mark Chaloupka

Paratheraps bifasciatum "Rio Chacamax" 15

John Griffith

Pseudotropheus sp. acei (Ngara white tail) 10

David Hearn

Labidochromis caeruleus "lutino" 10

Labidochromis sp. "Mbamba" (yellow top) 10

Hilary Lacerda

Cryptoheros sajica 10

Julidochromis dickfeldi "Livua" 15

Astatotilapia aneocolor 10

Carl Olszewski

Tahuantinsuyoia macantzatza "Inca stone fish" 15

Andrew Schock

Lamprologus callipterus 15

Protomelas taeniolatus 10

Greg Senn

Aulonocara baenschi 10

Justin Way

Haplochromis sp. 35 (tomato) 10

Neetroplus nematopus 10

Neolamprologus brichardi "albino" 10

Neolamprologus helianthus 10

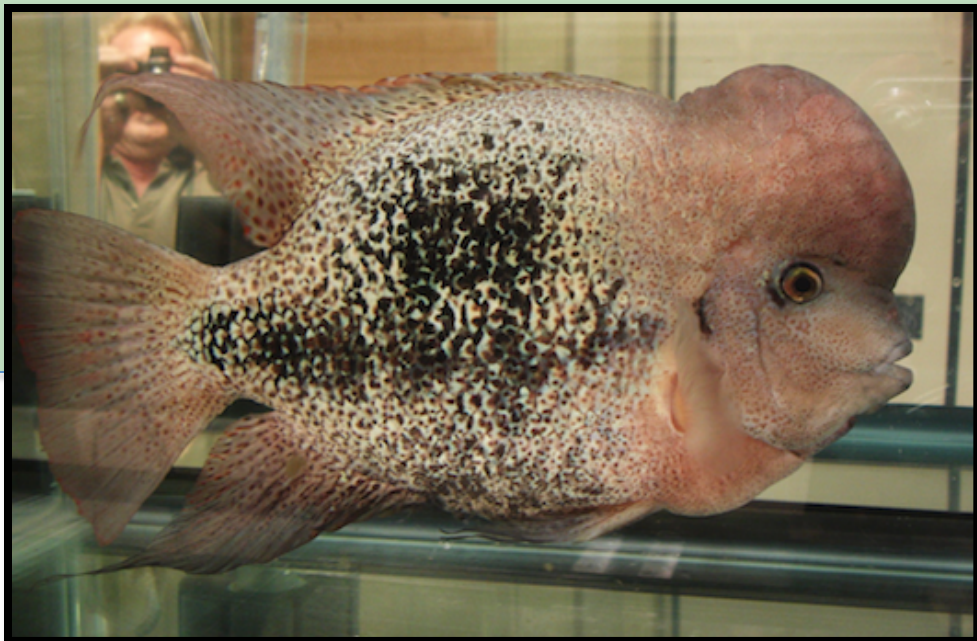
Neolamprologus multifasciatus 15

Pundamilia nyererei "Mwanza Gulf" 10

Xystichromis phytophagus "xmas fulu" 10

Jason Webb

Amatitlania nigrofasciata "black convict" 10



Cichlid Breeders Awards Program Through February 2015

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CURRENT B.A.P. STANDINGS (2/6/15)

BREEDER	2015	TOTAL
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MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

Lew Carbone	10	2710
Don Danko	-	2380
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Bryan Davis	65	1335
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065
Mark Chaloupka	15	1045
John Tesar	-	1020

900 POINT LEVEL

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

800 POINT LEVEL

Dustin Brummitt	-	840
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700 POINT LEVEL

Gary Mendez	-	770
Jeff Yadlovsky	-	740
Ken & Sue Galaska	-	720

600 POINT LEVEL

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

500 POINT LEVEL

Bill Schwartz	-	595
Tim Craig	-	540
Jonathan Strazinsky	20	540
Bob Blazek	10	525
Ron Georgeone	-	510

400 POINT LEVEL

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

300 POINT LEVEL

Tyler Toncler	-	390
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	10	345
David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Gary Zalewski	-	325

200 POINT LEVEL

James Shakour	-	275
Ken & Karen Grimmett	-	270
Dave Esner	-	240
Greg Senn	10'	225
Ken Walker	-	220
Tom & Carolyn Evers	10	210
Dennis Kuehn	15	210
Paul Collander	-	205
Justin Way	75	200

100 POINT LEVEL

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

BREEDER LEVEL

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

The points list for the Breeders Award Program has been updated to include only current members. If you are a current member and your name has been omitted, please see the B.A.P. Chairman at the social meeting so we can correct any errors.

Please remember: You may only turn in a species or strain of fish for B.A.P. points one time. If you need a list of what you have been credited with, see the BAP chairman at the social meeting.

Welcome to the Cichlid BAP Program:

**David Hearn
&
Jason Webb**

BAP

Congratulations!

Justin Way

On Reaching the 200 Point Level

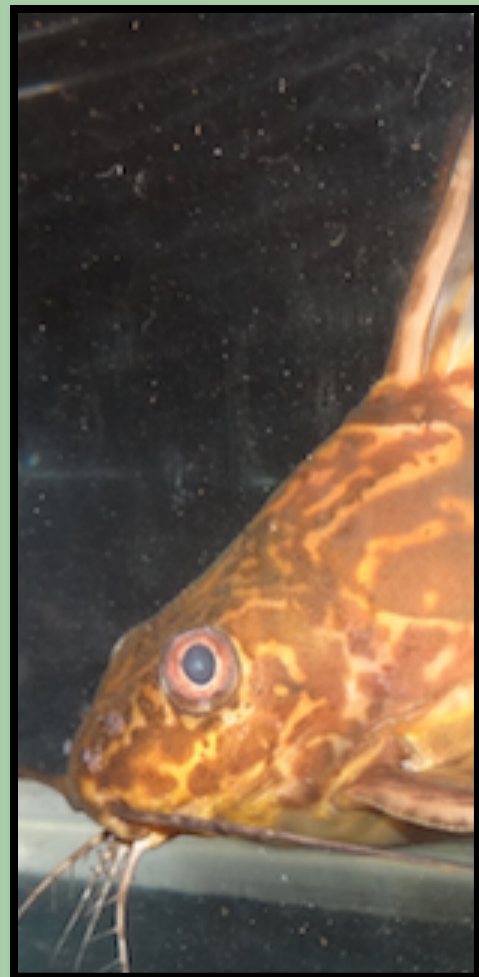
Catfish Breeders Awards Program Through February 2015

Data calculated and stored by Steve Heinbaugh

If your name has been removed from the Catfish BAP list, please check your membership status.

Breeder	Species	Points
Justin Way	Ancistrus sp. Pucallpa	10

Dan Ogrizek	320
Steve Heinbaugh	290
Dave Ayres	240
Phil Ayres 10	200
Don & Marilyn Danko	195
Ken Walker	110
Dan Woodland	100
Matt Urbin	90
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	75
Bryan Davis	60
Phil Hypes	60
Hilary Lacerda	60
Tom & Carolyn Evers	50
Ken Galaska	45
Tyler Toncler	45
Justin Way	40
John Kaminski	40
Kyle May	40
Karen & Ken Grimmett	30
Lew Carbone	30
Andrew Schock	30
Tony Poth	20
Josh Cunningham	20
Gary Mendez	20
John Tesar	20
David Toth	20
Paul Palisin	10
Anthony Scranton	10
Jon Dietrich	10
Richard Shamray	10
William Zarzeczny	10
Wayne Corman	10
Mark Chaloupka	10
Bob Evers	10
David Hale	10
Jonathan Strazinsky	10
Bob & Jennifer Tillman	10



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The 2015 OCA Bowl Show



Here's February's categories and winners

Victorain Basin : Haplochromis sp. Tomato entered by Justin Way.

Angel fish : no enteries

Synodontis and Mochokids : Synodontis Multipuntatus entered by Justin Way

Justin wins 1st place in 2 of the categories

He also wins a crisp 20 dollar bill for his very colorful Haplochromis sp. Tomato.

Next months categories are as follow:

- a.) Pseudotropheus, Cynotilapia, Melanochromis
- b.) South Americans under 6” – excludes Discus, Angelfish and Apisto’s
- c.) Catfish – excludes Callichtids, Loracariids and Mochokids.



Standings as of February for the OCA Bowl Show

Member	Feb. pts.	Quarter	2015
Justin Way	22pts	0	32pts
Nick Zarzeczny	15pts	0	15pts
Tony Poth	7pts	0	7pts



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Any questions or comments, don't hesitate to e-mail me.

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Bowl Show Chairman

Pictures from the February Bowl Show!





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Lew Carbone, OCA Historian

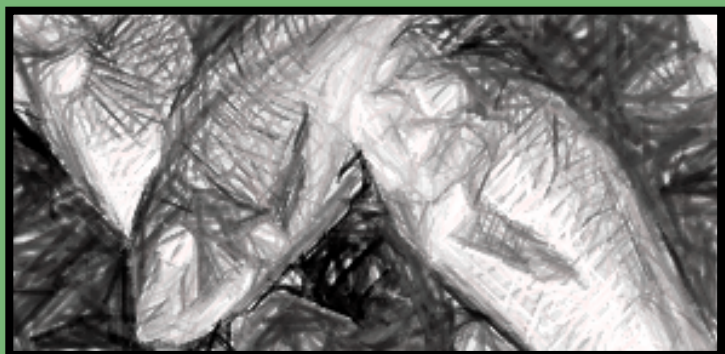


1987: A sizable group of OCA members participate in a trip, sponsored by the Cleveland Saltwater Enthusiasts Association (C-SEA), to the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland. They departed at 1:00 AM on a Sunday morning and reached the Aquarium at about 9:00 AM. They were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour, a large tropical rainforest exhibit, and a descent down a spiral stairway, through the hollow core of a giant Caribbean reef tank.

1990: The April OCA social meeting is being held early, on March 30th, in conjunction with the show and auction, at Sea World. John O'Malley, a regular Aquarium Fish Magazine contributor, will speak at both the meeting and at Saturday's awards banquet.

1994: This month's social meeting is the first held at our new location, the Tri-City Senior Center, in Middleburgh Hts.

1998: The OCA opens its first web site! The address is www.en.com/users/bloat. (Don't bother trying that address...it doesn't work.)



EXCHANGE Article

"*Apistogramma cacatuoides*"

By Francine Bethea

From *Delta Tale*, Vol. 31, #1, Potomac Valley Aquarium Society
Sept. 2004

www.aquarticles.com

The *cacatuoides*, in my opinion, are the easiest of the *Apistogramma* group to breed. This particular fish has been known to spawn in alkaline, moderately hard water. It has been found that the water parameters play more in the terms of the fry sex ratios than in successful spawning.

The pair that I had consisted of a wild male and a double-red female. When I initially bought the male he was an inch and a half. He was the same size as the female. However, since then, he has grown to three inches. He is a splendid specimen of the wild type.

Of all the *Apistogrammas*, the *cacatuoides* is the one fish that I would not recommend using dithers with. I have found that *cacatuoides* will relentlessly hunt other fish in the tank, forcing the dithers to escape by any means necessary. I lost a couple of tetras and a SAE through the cutout around the heater. The only fish able to withstand the abuse was the Dwarf Butterfly Pleco still in that tank.

This pair was housed in a heavily planted 20-gallon tank. The pH was 5.0 and the water hardness was at less than 4°. The temperature was 76° F. Feedings were once a day of frozen and live shrimp, frozen bloodworms and the occasional white worm.

When I first introduced the male to this tank, the female immediately began to flash and curve her body in front of him. She took on a brilliant yellow hue. Her display was initially ignored. He seemed to be more interested in what scraps could be found in the gravel. Eventually, he began to respond with the flaring of his fins and the body shake typical of this species.

The female began to spend more time in her coconut cave. The only time that she came out was to feed and to harass the male whenever he came close to the den. About a week passed and there she was amongst a cloud of fry. She led them around small areas of the tank, never too far from the Java moss or the cave. In the meantime, the male was diligent at his duty of keeping the other fish at bay, so much so that they had to be removed from the tank.

These fish proved to be excellent parents. As the female would not allow the male near the fry, she eventually let her guard down. At times the pair would chomp on the food I offered them and expel it into the group of fry.

As the fry began to grow and go their separate ways, I began to drop a quarter of a cube of the frozen baby brine shrimp in an area close to the front glass of the tank. The female appeared to gather the fry to this area to feed. Full pink bellies of the fry gave good indication that they were eating well.

The fry grew rapidly. I did notice that the fry grew at different rates. There was one that seemed to grow faster than the others. During this period of their development it is easy to foul a tank by trying to compensate for growth rates with various food types. This is my signal to remove the fry to their own ten-gallon. This is also the time the breeding tank gets thoroughly cleaned and rearranged.

Now that the fry have grown out some I can see the results of the pairing of the wild type with the double red type. Many of the fry have some display of red in their caudal fin. However, there is one male that is three times the size of the others who has a lyretail with a great deal of red. His body is yellow with hints of blue. His dorsal fin has the two orange extended spines while the rest of the dorsal is a pale orange with a spot of red. The ventral and anal fins are pale orange and outlined with the blue color of his lips. At this time, I am unsure of whether I will pair him with an orange flash type *cacatuoides* or maybe with another red type.

What I do know is that I don't have room for more fry. The original pair of *cacatuoides* has spawned twice since the first. I now have the first and second spawns in a 30-gallon tank for grow-out. As soon as I realized the female was keeping the male away from the area around her coconut shell, I removed her and the shell to a 2.5-gallon bare-bottomed tank. A few days later there were forty to fifty free-swimming fry.

If there is a fish to try your hand at breeding, the *Apistogramma cacatuoides* is the one for you.

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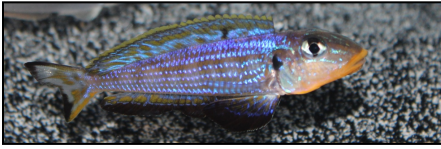
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