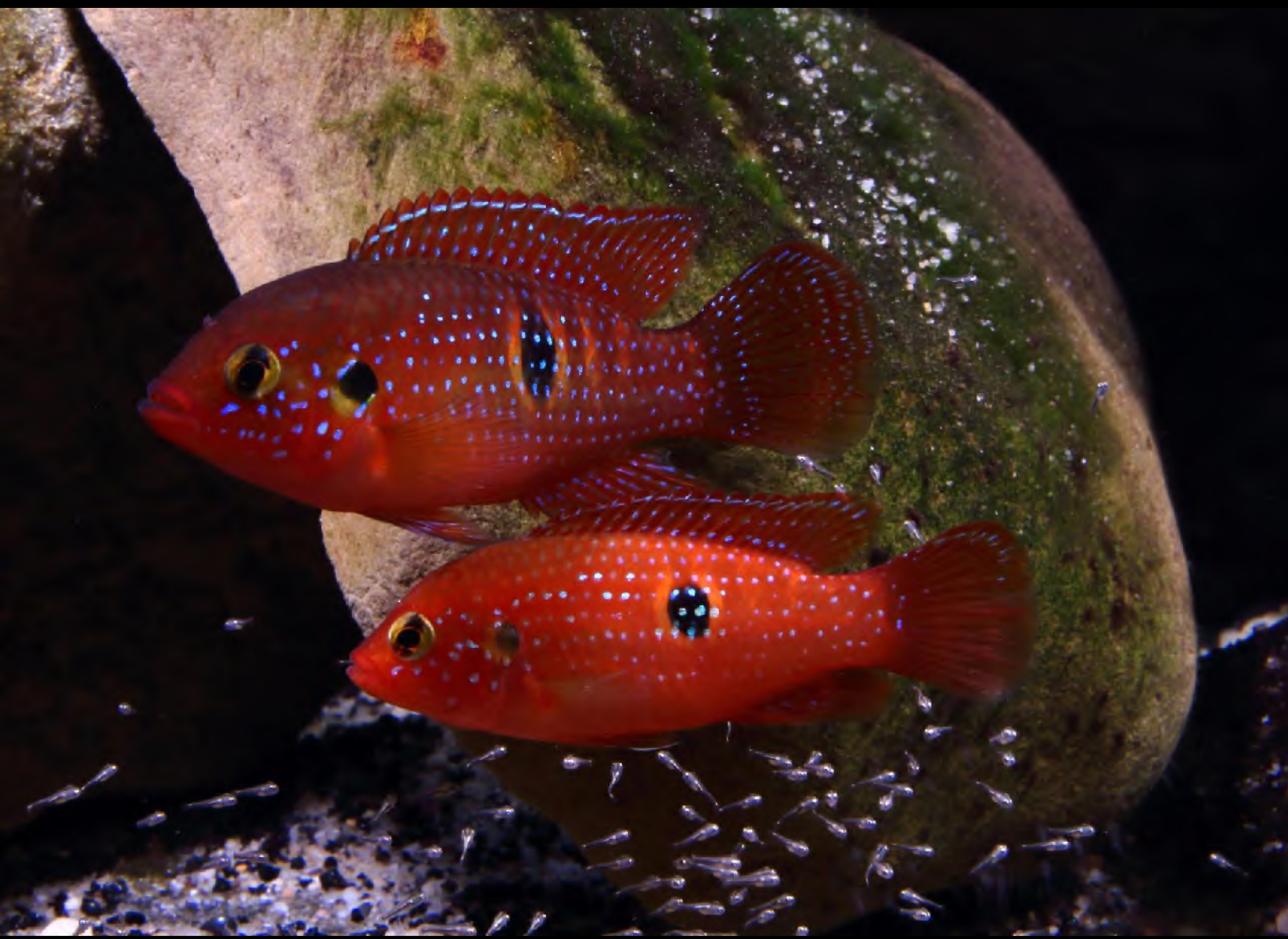




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About the Ohio Cichlid Association

The OCA is an organization dedicated to the advancement and dissemination of information relating to all aspects of the biology of cichlids and related aquatic life. Our purpose is to promote the interest, keeping, study, breeding, and the educational exhibition of Cichlids. Additionally, the exchange of ideas, meeting new people, and distribution of information concerning Cichlids is of primary interest.

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- submit an article, classified ad or photograph for the bulletin
- put a fish in the bowl show
- attend the OCA Extravaganza
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM DON DANKO

This note comes to you from St. Augustine FL where Marilyn and I are visiting a couple of good friends from our college days. We stopped at several places along the Coast to shoot nature pictures from Charleston South Carolina to Saint Augustine and we were not disappointed. The beaches were fantastic and the diversity of wildlife was awesome. We have another four days or so to spend down here and really look forward to enjoying the 75 to 80 degree days. So far so good!

I hope you enjoyed Chris Carpenter's Shell Dweller talk last month as much as I did. He's added a lot more content and videos since I last heard his talk and it was really informative. It inspired me to add some content to my shell dweller talk that I presented to the Erie Aquarium Society the following weekend. Thanks for a great presentation, Chris, and thanks for the contact info for ordering Neothauma shells!

In May, Charlie Mueller visits us to speak on breeding large Plecos. He's one of the few people enjoying success, so his talk will be a real treat. Dan Ogrizek and I visited Charlie sometime back and were blown away with all the cool Loricariids and other catfish he was keeping and breeding. He's really paving new ground, so you won't want to miss this talk!

Gary Mendez is working to update the Extravaganza registration shopping cart which we plan to open soon. We'll post a notice on Facebook just as soon as it's ready.

See you at the May meeting!

Don

SOCIAL MEETING INFORMATION

The Next OCA Social Meeting is Friday,
May 4, 2018 at 8:00 pm

[Middleburg Heights Community
Center, Room C
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Meetings usually begin with a talk about cichlids or a related subject. The OCA is proud to bring world class speakers to Ohio, not only for our yearly convention, the OCA Extravaganza, but also for our monthly meetings. With Northeast Ohio being the hotbed for cichlid breeders that it is, we have discovered that there seems to be no shortage of world-class speakers locally, a number of which have used the opportunity to talk at OCA meetings to later tour the country with their fantastic presentations. After the talk we usually take a break for refreshments and some socializing among “cichlidiots”. This also gives people a chance to look at bowl show entries, and after the break the bowl show winners are announced. Next, Breeder Award Program (BAP) awards are handed out. We have a Breeder Award Program for cichlids and one for catfish, turning our program into probably the largest one of its kind in the country. The entries are subsequently auctioned off, making some of the newest and rarest cichlids in the hobby available to our members at low auction prices! The OCA has had a number of first spawns in the United States and members have donated some very nice stuff to be auctioned off for the benefit of our Jim Smith Fund. Meetings end with a raffle, where we give away prizes that are set up on a huge table, which typically bends to the point of breaking under their load!

SOCIAL MEETING SCHEDULE

(All times approximate)

7:30	Doors Open
8:00	Social Time
8:15	Call to Order Announcements New Member Welcome & Speaker Introduction
8:30	Speaker
9:30	Break
9:45	BAP Awards Bowl Show Results
9:55	Mini-Auction
10:25	Raffle

UPCOMING OCA SOCIAL MEETING PROGRAMS

2018

May 4

Charlie Mueller

“Breeding South American Suckermouth Catfish –
Difficult or Just Different?”

June 1

Lee Newman

“Cenotes, Caves and Fishes of the Yucatan”

July

No Meeting

August 3

Birger Kamprath

“Synodontis and Close Relatives”

September 7

Mark Sabaj Perez

The Cope Collection

October 5

Mike Wise

South American Dwarf Cichlids

November 2

Jeremy Basch

Geophagus

December 7

Christmas Party

Details TBA



May Program Preview

Charlie Mueller

OCA Program Preview May, 2018

Charlie Mueller
Submitted

Charlie Mueller has been keeping fish for over 20 years now, and lives in the Pittsburgh area. Specializing almost exclusively on South American fish over the years, he has recently narrowed down his focus to catfish with sucker mouths, from cave spawners to lip brooders. Being a member of the Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society has only enabled the addiction to grow even larger. He currently focuses on breeding members of the *Apistoloricaria*/*Rhadinoloricaria*, *Planiloricaria*, *Pseudacanthicus*, and *Pseudohemiodon* genera. The presentation will focus on first-hand experience with maintaining, breeding, and raising different species of suckermouth catfish from South America.

For next month, we look forward to a great talk, with fascinating underwater video, by Lee Newman, visiting from Canada. His presentation: "Cenotes, Caves and Fishes of the Yucatan".

PLEASE SUPPORT THE JIM SMITH FUND



Throughout the year, we will be running a number of fund raising activities for the OCA Jim Smith Fund for Conservation and Education. These will include the following:

- Raffling off donated livestock or goods
- 50/50 Raffles during OCA events
- Donated bags of fish will be raffled at club auctions
- Sale of shirts and goody bags donated by Omega/Ad Konings
- Donations will be accepted through a button on the club website

Please consider donating cash, livestock or hardgoods at any OCA event or meeting to help raise money for the Jim Smith Fund. Because of the generous donations of our members and supporters, we have been able provide much needed grants for cichlid or catfish research and conservation! Thanks for your anticipated support!

The Jim Smith Fund is the OCA's endowment fund that annually awards Cichlid and Catfish researchers and others funds to promote Conservation and Education efforts. To date:

- 2008: \$1,000 was given to support the construction of Anti-Netting Devices in Lake Malawi
- 2009: \$1,000 was donated to the Stewart M. Grant Conservation Fund
- 2010: \$1,000 was donated to the Max Hayes High School to support local education
- 2011: \$2,500 awarded to Jay Stauffer at Penn State to catalog 3,200 collections of Cichlids
- 2012: \$1500 awarded to Jay Stauffer of Penn State University to videograph cichlids in the wild
- 2013: the Jim Smith Fund was able to make two awards, one to Ed Burress for Pike Cichlid research and the other to Ron Coleman for Central American research
- 2014: an award of \$1000 was made to Ad Konings for Tanganyikan breeding facilities
- 2015: Melanie Stiassny received a \$1200 grant to fund attempts to collect live Teleogramma obamaorum. Sam Borstein received \$2000 to study Malawi Cichlid feeding techniques.

The Jim Smith Fund has awarded over \$13K to support Conservation and Education!!

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Congratulations on these spawns and thank you for your participation.

April 6, 2018

David Hearn

Fossochromis rostratus 15

Gary Mendez

Champsochromis caeruleus 15

Neolamprologus longicaudatus 15

Keith Robinson

Labidochromis caeruleus 10

Neolamprologus brevis 15

Jonathan Strazinsky

Astatotilapia latifasciata 10

Bujurquina vittata 10

Thorichthys maculipinnis "Rio Dos Canos" 15



CICHLID BAP TOTALS

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP grand totals. The information is maintained by Mark Chaloupka. See Mark at monthly meetings for more information about the Cichlid Breeders Award Program. Thank you for your participation.

CURRENT B.A.P. STANDINGS

(4/6/18)

BREEDER	2018	TOTAL
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MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

Lew Carbone	20	3015
Don & Marilyn Danko	15	2420
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Josh Cunningham	-	1640
Bryan Davis	-	1455
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
John Tesar	-	1110
Mark Chaloupka	-	1075
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065

900 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Jeff Yadlovsky	10	965
Tom Swiderski	-	905

800 POINT LEVEL

Jonathan Strazinsky	45	895
Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	-	870
Gary Mendez	55	855
Dustin Brummitt	-	840
Ken & Sue Galaska	-	800

700 POINT LEVEL

Jeff Natterer	-	705
Bill Schwartz	-	700

600 POINT LEVEL

Bob Blazek	10	670
Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600

500 POINT LEVEL

Tim Craig	-	540
George Anagnostopoulos	-	515
Ron Georgeone	-	510

400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	15	490
Phil Hypes	-	475
Kyle May	-	460
Bob Bina	-	435
Tyler Toncler	-	420

300 POINT LEVEL

Jonathan Dietrich	-	335
David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Greg Senn	-	325
Gary Zalewski	-	325
Ken & Karen Grimmett	-	310
Tom & Carolyn Evers	-	300
Andrew Schock	10	300

200 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Kuehn	-	285
James Shakour	-	275
David Hearn	15	270
Jason Mlynar	-	260
Dave Esner	-	250
Ken Walker	-	240
Justin Way	-	220
Mark Kazanoff	-	215
Paul Collander	-	205

100 POINT LEVEL

Bill & Janice Bilski	10	195
Marc & Dawn DeWerth	-	195
Ozeal Hunter	-	190
Chuck Carroll	-	185
Denis Rozmus	-	185
Andrew Subotnik	-	180
Bob Evers	-	175
Charles Nowakowski	-	165
Frank Mueller	-	160
Steve Heinbaugh	-	150
David Ayers	-	145
Greg Seith	-	145
Dan Ogrizek	-	140
John Griffith	-	135
Carl Oszewski	-	135
Joe Ring	-	120
Steve Olander	-	115
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110

BREEDER LEVEL

Mark Huntington	-	95
Dolores Bacisin	-	85
Pete Gembka	-	80
Rick Wood	-	75
Bob Tillman	-	70
Roger Stark	20	70
Matt Urbin	-	70

Dave Dimond	-	65
Anthony Scarton	-	65
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	65
Jim Jensen	-	60
Paul Palisin	-	60
Chris Jaskolka	-	55
John Kaminski	-	55
Keith Robinson	25	55
Dave Dimond	-	50
Margaret Heifner	-	50
John Kahl	-	50
Alex Gorges	-	45
Jason Gorges	10	40
Ethan Wiley	-	40
Matt Lacy	-	35
Christopher Sooy	-	35
Tom Tansey	-	35
Paul Hutnyak	-	30
Adam Stallman	-	30
Wayne Corman	-	25
Fred Roberts	-	25
Andy Lacerda	-	20
Scott Meyers	-	20
Bill Sensor	-	20
Jason Webb	-	20
Ken Carey	-	10
Jim & Amy Damm	-	10
Ron Drungil	-	10
Ben Jensen	-	10
Cory Knarr	-	10
Michael Meyer	-	10
Russell & Tom Pierce	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 at the social meeting.



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<u>Breeder</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Points</u>
Russel & Tom Pierce	Ancistrus sp. Brown Bushynose	10

CATFISH BAP TOTALS

Listed below are the Catfish BAP grand totals. The information is maintained by Steve Heinbaugh. See Steve at monthly meetings for more information about the Catfish Breeders Award Program. Thank you for your participation.

NAME	2018	TOTAL
Dan Ogrizek	10	430
Steve Heinbaugh		365
Dave Ayres	10	325
Don & Marilyn Danko		285
Phil Ayres		230
Ken Walker		120
Bob Blazek	30	110
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen		110
Dan Woodland		100
Matt Urbin		90
Tom & Carolyn Evers		80
Hilary Lacerda		80
Bill Schwartz	10	70
Bob Bina		70
John Kaminski		70
Justin Way		60

Bryan Davis		60
Phil Hypes		60
Jeff Natterer		50
Ken Galaska		45
Tyler Toncler		45
Matt Lacy		40
Josh Cunningham		40
Kyle May		40
George Aganostopoulos		40
John Tesar		30
Karen & Ken Grimmett		30
Lew Carbone		30
Andrew Schock		30
Bob Evers		30
Jason Mlynar		25
Russell & Tom Pierce	20	20
Tony Poth		20
Gary Mendez		20
David Toth		20
Paul Palisin		20
Jeff Yadlovsky		10
Dave Hearn		10
John Griffith		10
Carl Olszewski		10
Anthony Scranton		10
Jon Dietrich		10
Richard Shamray		10
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Jonathan Strazinsky		10
Bob & Jennifer Tillman		10



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OCA BOWL SHOW

Listed below is information about the monthly meeting Bowl Show. The Bowl Show is your opportunity to show off your fish. Each month different categories of Cichlids and Catfish will be judged. Points will be given and prizes will be awarded. All members are welcome to participate. This is great practice for our yearly Extravaganza show! See Scott Myers, at a meeting for more information.



Here are the details for this year's Bowl Show:

- >Cash prizes: \$15 for 1st place in each class and an additional \$15 for Best of Show.
- >Points: In each class, 10 for 1st, 7 for 2nd, 5 for 3rd, 1 for any non-placing entry, and an additional 5 for Best of Show.
- >Best of Show will be awarded only if there are 2 or more show entries.
- >Grand Prize for 2018: 75 gallon aquarium or cash equivalent.
- >Size restrictions refer to full-grown adult sizes as reported by Cichlid Room Companion or Planet Catfish.

May Classes:

Loricariids (Pleco Types) over 6"
Peacocks
Open New World

2018 BOWL SHOW CLASSES

February 2

Victoria Basin
Loricariids (Pleco types) 6" or under
South Americans 6" and under, exclude Angels, Apistos

March 2

Mbuna
Catfish, exclude Mochokids, Loricariids, Callichthyids
Fish Photography

April 6

Tanganyikan Shell Dwellers
Angels
Callichthyids (Cory types)

May 4

Loricariids (Pleco types) over 6"
Peacocks
Open New World

June 1

Central Americans over 6"
Tanganyikan Mouthbrooders, exclude Frontosa
Frontosa

August 3

Mochokids (Synodontis types)
Discus, Uaru
Old World, exclude Rift Lakes, Vic Basin

September 7

Apistos
Open Tanganyika
Malawi Haps

October 5

Central Americans 6" and under
Open Catfish
Female cichlids

November 2

South Americans over 6"
Open Old World, exclude Malawi, Tanganyika
Loaches and Botias

December 7

Julidichromis, Telmatachromis, Chalinochromis
Tanganyikan Lamps, exclude Shell Dwellers
Open Malawi

All classes are for cichlids, unless otherwise specified.