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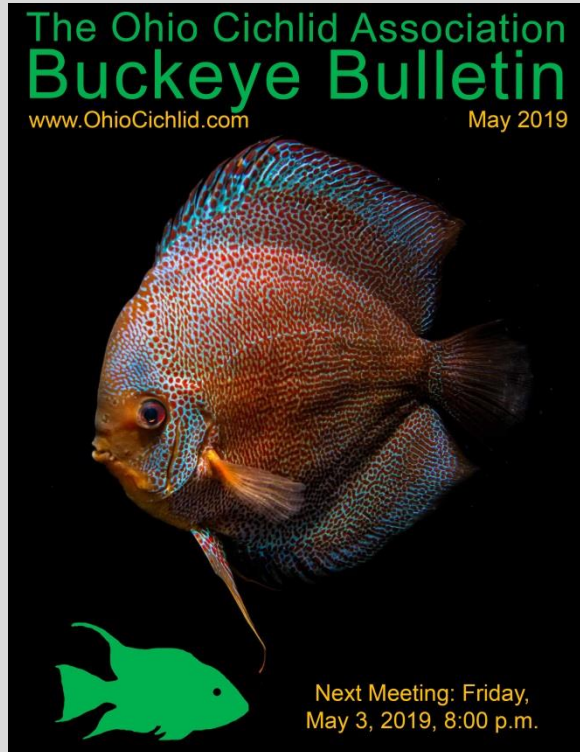
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About the Ohio Cichlid Association

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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The OCA's monthly meetings are free and open to the public. Feel free to invite a guest! There are many ways to get the most of your membership:

- submit an article, classified ad or photograph for the bulletin
- put a fish in the bowl show
- attend the OCA Extravaganza
- turn fry in for the BAP program
- attend the social meetings
- buy and sell fish during the winter auction
- join the board
- start a forum discussion
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DON DANKO: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you were able to attend Joe Doyle's talk on building up your Breeder Award Points and learned a few things from a Master Breeder. Joe sure shared a number of breeding techniques with us. My favorite was using the Egg Rocker for hatching out Pleco and Whiptail eggs and others as well. Another good one was gluing marbles together to form a hideout for small cat fry. All in all, a great talk! Thanks, Joe!

In May, our speaker is Josh Cunningham from Michigan. He'll be sharing methods for setting up breeding habitats for Rift Lake Cichlids. Josh has an amazing fish room and breeds tons of Cichlids, so I'm sure we'll all learn something to try out in our rooms.

Be sure to get one of our new OCA logo shirts at the next meeting. Mine's going to Sault Ste. Marie with me in a few minutes! See Ron Maichle to get yours! They're high quality and we're sure you'll like them.

Our next big event is our 25th Extravaganza in November! Registration will open on April 15. Much more to follow!

Please plan on joining us for at the May 3rd Social Meeting at the Middleburg Heights Recreation Center at 8 pm to spend an evening with Josh Cunningham!

Don

SOCIAL MEETING INFORMATION

The Next OCA Social Meeting is Friday,
May 3, 2019 at 8:00 pm

[Middleburg Heights Community Center, Room C](#)
[16000 Bagley Rd](#)
[Cleveland, OH 44130](#)



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



The Ohio Cichlid Association Presents:
Josh Cunningham - Rift Lake Breeding Setups

Middleburg Hts. Recreation Center

Friday, May 3, 8 pm



OCA Program Preview
May 3, 2019 8:00 PM
Middleburg Hts Community Center

Josh Cunningham
Submitted

Josh Cunningham has been keeping and breeding African Cichlids for almost 20 years. He started with Cichlids from Lake Malawi, and a couple from Lake Victoria, in a 400 sq ft basement. During this time, he was mainly breeding four to five different kinds of cichlids and trading the fry back to the pet store for food and filter media. At some point a decision was made to move to a different area and a bigger house. After the move, he was without cichlids for a couple of years, and then acquired a 55-gallon tank. Once the tank was setup and stocked, multiple tank syndrome kicked in again. He expanded with some different species and kept a few tanks on the main floor of his house. At this point, he decided he wanted a fish room in the basement. Designs were made and tanks and fish purchased and a "Fish Alcoholic" was born.

Today Josh has spawned over 140+ kinds of African Cichlids from all three rift lakes and has achieved Master Breeder status in the Michigan Cichlid Association and Ohio Cichlid Association. He was also named Grand Champion Breeder of the American Cichlid Association in 2015 for most spawns in a year.

Josh spends his time in the fish room doing more changes and working with different species. In addition, he also runs a business called Cunningham Cichlids, LLC
<https://www.cunninghamcichlids.com>.

Josh served four years on the Michigan Cichlid Association Board of Directors, holding the office of President for three years. He was Co-Chairmen of the 2017 American Cichlid Association Convention that took place in Novi, Michigan. Before that Josh also served on the Board of Directors for the Ohio Cichlid Association for two years, and now serves on the Board of Directors for the American Cichlid Association.

Josh will share his knowledge and experience in his talk "Breeding Set-ups for Rift Lake Cichlids".

Next month, well-known hobbyist Matt Quinn will visit. His presentation is entitled "Adventures in Uruguay".

UPCOMING OCA SOCIAL MEETING PROGRAMS

2019

May 3

Josh Cunningham

“Breeding Set-Ups for Rift Lake Cichlids”



June 7

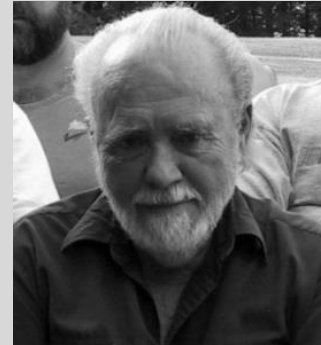
Matt Quinn

“Adventures in Uruguay”

July

No meeting

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:

- Raffle 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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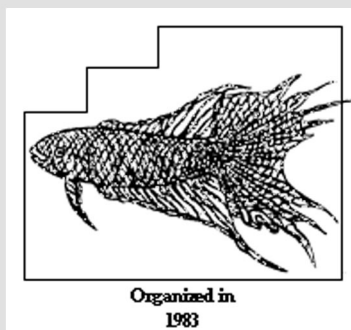
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and Jeff Natterer

CICHLID BAP REPORT

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP submissions for last month. Members successfully bred these cichlids and raised 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.

April 5, 2019

Lew Carbone	
Pseudocrenilabrus nicholsi	10
Jonathan Dietrich	
Ptyochromis sp. "red rock sheller"	10
Scott Mabee	
Apistogramma cacatuoides "triple red"	15
Keith Robinson	
Aulonocara lwanda	10
Labeotropheus trewavasae "Mpanga red"	10
Neetroplus nematopus	10
Sciaenochromis fryeri "iceberg"	15
Roger Stark	
Amatitlania nigrofasciata "marble"	10
Jeff Yadlovsky	
Aulonocara sp. "red pearl"	10

Congratulations

Keith Robinson

100 point level

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 (04/05/2019)

BREEDER	2019	TOTAL
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MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

Lew Carbone	40	3075
Don & Marilyn Danko	-	2435
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Josh Cunningham	-	1835
Bryan Davis	-	1455
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
John Tesar	-	1120
Mark Chaloupka	-	1095
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065
Jeff Yadlovsky	40	1060

900 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Jonathan Strazinsky	20	925
Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	-	910
Tom Swiderski	-	905

800 POINT LEVEL

Gary Mendez	20	885
Dustin Brummitt	-	840
Ken & Sue Galaska	-	800

700 POINT LEVEL

Bill Schwartz	-	740
Jeff Natterer	-	725

600 POINT LEVEL

Bob Blazek	-	680
Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600

500 POINT LEVEL

Tim Craig	-	540
George Anagnostopoulos	-	515
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	-	515
Ron Georgeone	-	510

400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
Phil Hypes	-	475
Jonathan Dietrich	50	470
Kyle May	-	460
Bob Bina	-	435
Tyler Toncler	-	420

300 POINT LEVEL

Andrew Schock	15	390
Greg Senn	-	350
David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Dennis Kuehn	-	325
Gary Zalewski	-	325
Ken & Karen Grimmett	-	310
Dennis Kuehn	-	315
Tom & Carolyn Evers	-	300

200 POINT LEVEL

James Shakour	-	275
David Hearn	-	270
Jason Mlynar	-	270
Dave Esner	-	250
Mark Kazanoff	10	245
Ken Walker	-	240
Justin Way	-	230
Bill & Janice Bilski	-	205
Paul Collander	-	205

100 POINT LEVEL

Marc & Dawn DeWerth	-	195
Ozeal Hunter	-	190
Chuck Carroll	-	185
Denis Rozmus	-	185
Andrew Subotnik	-	180
Bob Evers	-	175
Roger Stark	50	170
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

BREEDER LEVEL

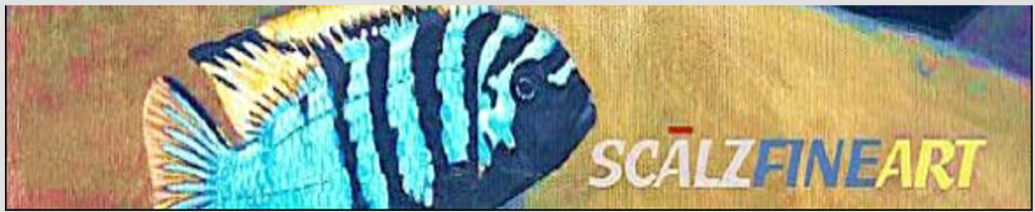
Mark Huntington	-	95
Dolores Bacisin	-	85
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	85
Pete Gembka	-	80
Rick Wood	-	75
Bob Tillman	-	70

Matt Urbin	-	70
Dave Dimond	-	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
Ron Maichle	25	35
Christopher Sooy	-	35
Tom Tansey	-	35
Randall Wyan	-	35
Paul Hutnyak	-	30
Adam Stallman	-	30
Wayne Corman	-	25
Scott Mabee	25	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
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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CATFISH BAP

Listed below are the Catfish BAP submissions for last month. Members successfully bred these catfish and raised fry to a minimum of 1". Varying point values determined by spawn difficulty were given to members' total Catfish BAP points. Congratulations on these spawns and thank you for your participation.

April 5, 2019

Breeder	Species	Points
Randall Wyan	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	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
Dan Woodland		100
Matt Urbin		90
Tom & Carolyn Evers		80
Hilary Lacerda		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
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
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

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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 Carl at a meeting for more information.



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

>Cash prizes: Each month: \$20 for Best of Show, \$10 first place in each class, \$7 second place for each class and \$5 for third place each class

>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.

>Grand Prize for 2019: \$200 cash!

>Size restrictions refer to full-grown adult sizes as reported by Cichlid Room Companion or Planet Catfish.

[*SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR COMPLETE SCHEDULE*](#)

2019 BOWL SHOW CLASSES

January 4

Parachromis, Amphilophus, Nandopsis
Victorian Basin
Loricariids (Pleco types) over 6"

February 1

South Americans 6" and under, exclude Angels, Apistos
Old World, exclude Rift Lakes, Vic Basin
Fish Photography

March 1

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

April 5

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

May 3

Angels
Peacocks
Catfish, exclude Mochokids, Loricariids, Callichthyids

June 7

Tanganyikan Lamps, exclude Shell Dwellers
Frontosa
Loaches and Botias

August 2

Discus, Uaru
Tanganyikan Mouthbrooders, exclude Frontosa
Freshwater Crustaceans

September 6

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

October 4

Apistos
Open Tanganyika
Open Old World Catfish

November 1

Julidochromis, Chalinochromis, Telmatochromis
Open Old World, exclude Malawi, Tanganyika
Female cichlids

December 6

Open New World
Open Malawi
Open New World Catfish

All classes are for cichlids, unless otherwise specified.