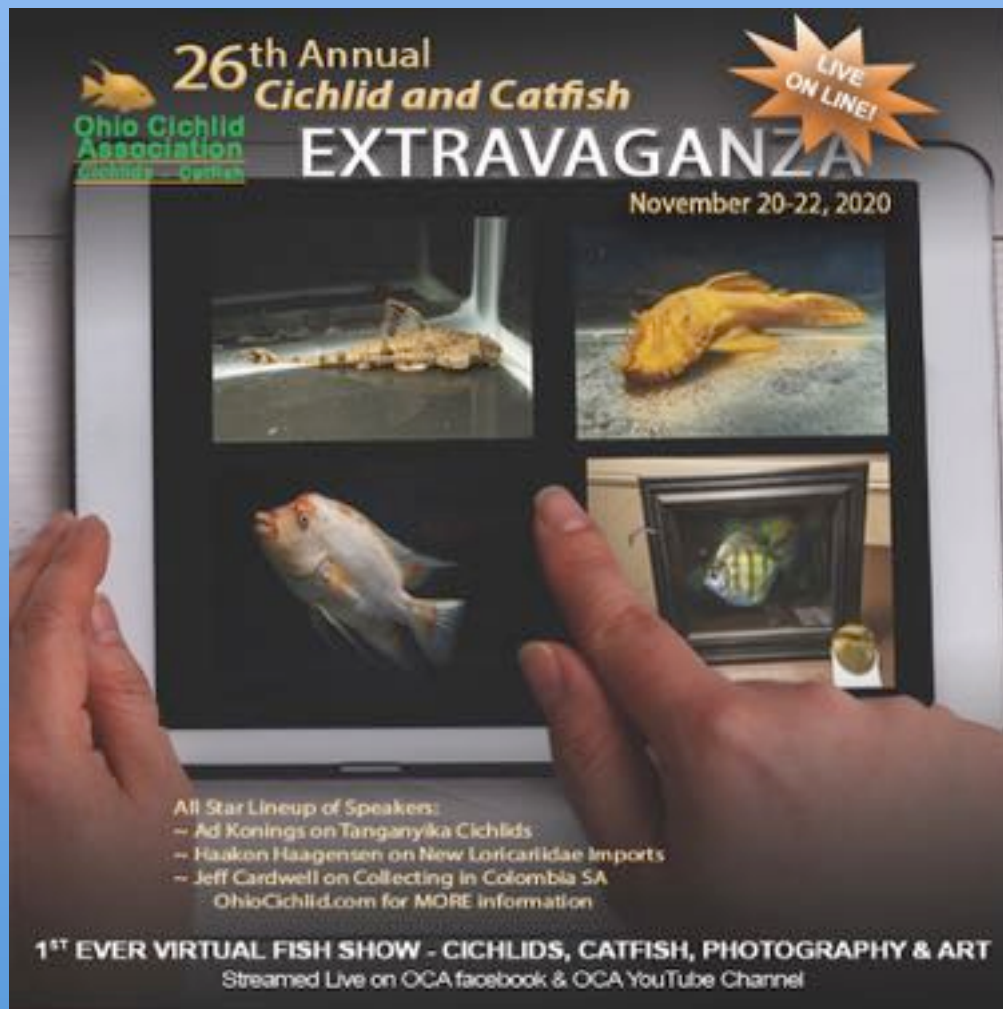


# Buckeye Bulletin

## October 2020

**Social Gathering:**  
**October 2, 2020**  
**8:00 PM**  
**Online at [This Link!](#)**



**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Cichlid and Catfish EXTRAVAGANZA**  
November 20-22, 2020  
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All Star Lineup of Speakers:  
- Ad Konings on Tanganyika Cichlids  
- Haakon Haagensen on New Loricariidae Imports  
- Jeff Cardwell on Collecting in Colombia SA  
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Catfish BAP Results  
Program Previews  
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# A Word from the President...

Lew Carbone,  
OCA President

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Greetings, OCA members!

As the Fall weather closes in on us, thoughts turn toward the Extravaganza, which this year, of course will be in an online format. Here's a review of some of the features:

- The event will be held the traditional Extravaganza weekend, this year being November 20-22. Sessions will be held Friday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday afternoon. There will be 1 speaker each session. The sessions will be viewable only by registrants, in a closed FaceBook group.
- All profits will go to the Jim Smith Endowment Fund. The 2020 Jim Smith Fund grant winner will be announced during Sunday's session.
- Registration is only \$7 and will give you the ability to attend all 3 sessions. It will also get you a full year's electronic subscription to *Amazonas* magazine, a \$15 value, plus special discounts from some of our sponsors. Register here: <https://www.ohiocichlid.com/shop/2020-extravaganza-16721>
- There will be a drawing on Sunday for a \$100 Donor's Award. You will receive 2 chances in this drawing by purchasing a \$7 registration, and additional 3 chances for each \$5 donation directly to the Jim Smith Fund.
- There will be a Virtual Cichlid and Catfish Show based on short videos. Winners will be announced during the Sunday session. See details in this issue. Sponsor a show class or trophy here: <https://www.ohiocichlid.com/shop/sponsor-an-extravaganza-show-class-here-14895>
- During each session, there will be an auction of dry goods and rare fish offered by our supporters. The minimum bid will cover shipping, so the final selling price of each lot will be the total the buyer pays.
- Low-cost event T-Shirts are available, with shipping included in the price.

As part of Friday night's session, **Jeff Cardwell** will share photos and stories from a recent collecting trip to Colombia, and on Saturday night, **Ad Konings** will report on his latest findings from his exploration of the Tanzanian shore of Lake Tanganyika. **Haakon Haagenen** is a young catfish and cichlid specialist who lives in Bergen, Norway. He is well known on the European catfish circuit and was planning on taking his 1<sup>st</sup> trip to the US this November. Well, that didn't work out, but he agreed to give an online talk about new Loracariid species in the hobby. Because of the 6-hour time difference, the Sunday afternoon session works out perfectly for him.

Don't forget our **Virtual BAP** program! You can get your points for cichlids and catfish you breed, even though we aren't currently having in-person meetings. Just take a couple photos and fill out a form! Details here: <https://www.ohiocichlid.com/meetings/bap-virtual>

Look for more Virtual Extravaganza details on FaceBook and by email.

I hope I can see you soon!

L.ew

# OCA Extravaganza 2020 Virtual Experience!

Due to COVID19, the in-person Extravaganza has been cancelled.

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The OCA Board has been tirelessly working on a new format, a *virtual* format, to continue the legacy of the Extravaganza.

Keep these dates free:

## November 20-22, 2020

We are trying our best to find ways to recreate our many traditional activities, along with incorporating some fresh ideas too!

Tentative speaker engagements:  
Haakon Haagensen, from Norway  
Ad Konings  
Jeff Cardwell

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

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# Important NOTICE!



**Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:00PM**

Our OCA Monthly Meeting will be held  
**VIRTUALLY** over the INTERNET!

Come join us on at either...

**OCA Extravaganza 2020 FaceBook Group**

Or

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAlgwAiaJI7kPVR5y3WdmIg>



# September Program Preview

## Nick Zarlinga

### “Project Piaba”

October 2, 2020 8:00 PM

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAIgwAiaJI7kPVR5y3WdmIg>

OCA Extravaganza 2020 FaceBook Group

Ever since I was a kid, fish have always been my first love. My first aquarium was a new, shiny, metal-edged 5-gallon aquarium that my dad gave me. I was very excited and proceeded to go out in the yard and grab some of the white landscape gravel to cover the bottom. That same day I added 10 goldfish, only to watch the water get cloudy and the goldfish die a couple days later. It was that first aquarium that taught me some of life's most important lessons. Lesson #1: Animals die; Lesson #2: water quality; Lesson #3: animal welfare. After recovering from the trauma, it was this first experience that kicked in a lifelong quest for learning about all things aquatic. I am still learning today.



I was born and raised here in Cleveland and all I knew was that I wanted to do something with animals when I grew up. During my teenage years, I had to work to pay for college, and as for many of us, one of those jobs was working at a pet store. I worked weekends there while attending Akron University getting my bachelor's degree in biology and ecology. Just before I was to graduate, a younger coworker of mine, who was volunteering at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, tipped me off to a position in the aquarium. When I inquired, I was told they had an applicant they were just about to hire but “thank you for your interest”. Undaunted, and with a swagger that only a college student possesses, I plead for an interview, saying “I can compete with anyone you may have in mind”. In an attempt to get rid of me, the curator asked me the following question, “What is the life cycle of an octopus?”. Well, I happened to know the answer, and the other complicated ones to follow. That was 27 years ago last month. I am one of those few people who got to make their “vacation their vocation”. I really don't know what I would do if I had to work for a living.

During my career at the zoo, I have been fortunate to work with a wide variety of aquatic animals, from guppies to sharks and jellies to octopuses. I have also had the wonderful opportunity to travel around the world both for work and for pleasure. One of my most favorite trips was to the Rio Negro with Project Piaba. I am delighted to be able to share the highlights of this trip with you and to talk to you about this very worthwhile conservation project.

*Nick is the head aquarist at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. His presentation will be about Project Piaba, a program that both brings wild fish into the hobby in a sustainable manner and helps protect the Brazilian rainforest.*

*Next month, John Krepper, a veteran aquarist from Indianapolis, will be our online guest. His talk will be “Tanganyican Treasurers – Featherfins and Sand Dwellers in the Aquarium”.*

# **OCA Social Meeting Schedule**

Due to circumstances, this schedule is tentative.

Until we can resume with live meetings, all our scheduled meetings will be presented live, at 8:00 PM, in our OCA Extravaganza 2020 FaceBook Group and on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAlgwAiaJI7kPVR5y3WdmIg>

Most of these presentations will remain on our YouTube channel.

**2020**

**October 2**

**Nick Zarlinga**

**Cleveland Metroparks Zoo**

**“Project Piaba”**

**November 6**

**John Krepper**

**“Tanganyikan Treasures – Featherfins and Sand  
Dwellers in the Aquarium”**

**December 4**

**Rob McLure**

**Basic Cory Breeding**

**2021**

**January 8**

**Dr. Jay Stauffer**

**Penn State University**

**“Relationship Between Morphology and  
Behavior in Lake Malawi Cichlids”**

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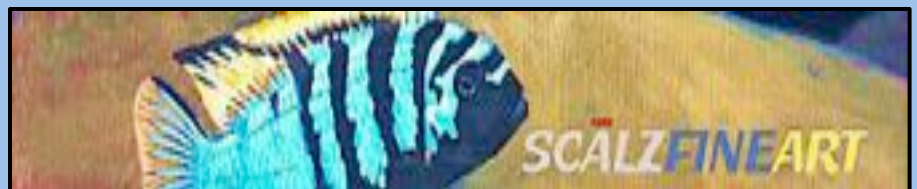
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## Cichlid BAP... October 2020

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP submissions for September 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.

### John Tesar

<i>Staetochranus casuarius</i> Bump Head Cichlid	10
<i>Aulonocara turkis</i>	10
<i>Chicotapia euchilus</i> Malawi Thick Lips	10

# Cichlid BAP Totals... October 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.

BREEDER	2020	TOTAL
<u>MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL</u>		
Lew Carbone	10	3095
Don & Marilyn Danko	-	2435
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Josh Cunningham	20	2040
Bryan Davis	-	1455
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
John Tesar	55	1200
Mark Chaloupka	20	1130
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
Jeff Yadlovsky	20	1120
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065
<u>900 POINT LEVEL</u>		
Jonathan Strazinsky	15	995
Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Gary Mendez	30	955
Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	-	910
Tom Swiderski	-	905
<u>800 POINT LEVEL</u>		
Dustin Brummitt	-	840
Ken & Sue Galaska	20	820
<u>700 POINT LEVEL</u>		
Bill Schwartz	-	760
Bob Blazek	10	730
Jeff Natterer	-	725
<u>600 POINT LEVEL</u>		
Jonathan Dietrich	100	635
Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600
<u>500 POINT LEVEL</u>		
Dan & Vi McMonigle	-	585
John Jancik Sr. & Jr.	-	575
Tim Craig	-	540
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	-	530
George Anagnostopoulos	-	515
Ron Georgeone	-	510

# Cichlid BAP Totals... October 2020

## 400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
Phil Hypes	-	475
Kyle May	-	460
Bob Bina	-	435
Tyler Toncler	-	420
Andrew Schock	35	415

## 300 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Kuehn	30	380
Greg Senn	-	350
David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Dennis Kuehn	10	325
Gary Zalewski	-	325
Tom & Carolyn Evers	-	320
Ken & Karen Grimmett	-	310

## 200 POINT LEVEL

James Shakour	-	275
David Hearn	-	270
Jason Mlynar	-	270
Mark Kazanoff	-	255
Dave Esner	-	250
Ken Walker	-	240
Justin Way	-	230
Roger Stark	30	210
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
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	-	130
Ron Maichle	45	125
Joe Ring	-	120
Steve Olander	-	115
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110



# Cichlid BAP Totals... October 2020

## BREEDER LEVEL

Mark Huntington	-	95
Randall Wyan	-	95
Dolores Bacisin	-	85
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	85
Pete Gembka	-	80
Rick Wood	-	75
Bob Tillman	-	70
Matt Urbin	-	70
Dave Dimond	-	65
John Kaminski	10	65
Scott Mabee	-	65
Russell & Tom Pierce	-	65
Anthony Scarton	-	65
Lee Spencer	35	65
Jim Jensen	-	60
Paul Palisin	-	60
Chris Jaskolka	-	55
Dave Dimond	-	50
Margaret Heifner	-	50
John Kahl	-	50
Alex Gorges	-	45
Jason Gorges	-	40
Ethan Wiley	-	40
Matt Lacy	-	35
Sam Muselli	20	35
Christopher Sooy	-	35
Tom Tansey	-	35
Paul Hutnyak	-	30
Adam Stallman	-	30
Wayne Corman	-	25
Fred Roberts	-	25
Pat Daley	-	20
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.**

Breed...

Share....

Enjoy...

Cichlid and Catfish BAP



## **Catfish BAP... October 2020**

Listed below are the Catfish BAP submissions for February 2020. Members successfully bred these catfish and raised a minimum of 6 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.

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Breeder	Species
John Tesar	L201 Hypancistrus Snowball Pleco

**SEE VIRTUAL BAP  
GUIDELINES!**

# Catfish BAP Totals... October 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	2020	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		105
Dan Woodland		100
Matt Urbin		90
Tom & Carolyn Evers		80
Bill Schwartz		70
Bob Bina		70
John Kaminski		70
Josh Cunningham	10	60
Justin Way		60
Bryan Davis		60
Phil Hypes		60
Jeff Natterer		50
Ken Galaska		45
Tyler Toncler		45
Matt Lacy		40
Kyle May		40
George Aganostopoulos		40

# Catfish BAP Totals... October 2020

	2020	Total
Jason Mlynar		35
John Tesar		30*
Karen & Ken Grimmett		30
Lew Carbone		30
Andrew Schock		30
Bob Evers		30
Lee Spencer	20	20
Russell & Tom Pierce		20
Tony Poth		20
Gary Mendez		20
David Toth		20
Paul Palisin		20
Ron Maichle		10
Dan McMonagle		10
Roger Stark		10
Mark Kazanoff		10
Randall Wyan		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 – October 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.

No change, plenty of time to condition the next Best of Show.  
When we can start meeting again the monthly awards are listed below:

Monthly	Points awarded	Cash Prize
Best of Show*	5	\$15
First place, each class	10	\$10
Second place, each class	7	\$7
Third place, each class	3	\$5
Non-placing entry	1	\$0
*Will only be awarded if there are two or more entries		

Until next time, Ron

## The Current Standings for 2020 (alphabetical)

Participant	Total Points	Months Points Earned	Number of Best in Show
Dave Ayres	25	1	1
Hilary Lacerda	27	2	0

# 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

Tanganyikan 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

## 2020 OCA Monthly Bowl Show Competition Rules

The primary purpose of the bowl show is educational and practice for the annual Extravaganza. It enables members to see and examine different species of fish, it familiarizes members as to judging procedures. In addition to encouraging the showing and keeping of fish.

1. The Bowl Show Chairman, or designated appointee for a specific month, shall have complete charge of all entries. Any unusual requirements or exceptions or questions about these rules must be discussed with the chairperson.
2. All entries shall be in containers having at least 1 flat side (not including the bottom). Only one fish per container, unless a full divider is used then only one fish per section of the container. It's also a good idea to have some form of lid for your animal's protection.
3. All containers must be devoid of contents, except for water and fish. A background, outside of the container, is allowed. However, special lighting is not allowed.
4. A label (piece of paper) should be placed in front of each entry giving the scientific name and the class the fish is being entered. The owner's name (the person[s] receiving points) of the entry should be placed on the back of the label.
5. Only members in good standing and present at the monthly meeting may submit an entry.
6. No more than 6 entries may be submitted by any one member during a monthly show.
7. Entries must be owned by the person(s) submitting it for judging. In addition, the last permanent residence of the entry must be from an aquarium maintained by the owner(s).
8. The chairperson, from time to time, may ask for guest judges in helping to award points. However, the final decision to award any points is the responsibility of the chairperson.
9. Each month different categories, typically Cichlids and Catfish, will be judged. Checkout the most current listing for monthly classes.
10. Size restrictions refer to full-grown adult sizes as reported by Cichlid Room Companion or Planet Catfish.
11. A fish can be entered in only one of the available classes, each month.
12. Diseased, malformed, mutilated, hybrid specimens, or other reasonable grounds may be cause for disqualification of an entry. If an entry is disqualified, then all points and cash prizes accumulated for that month's show will be forfeit by the owner(s) that submitted the entry.
13. The decision of the chairperson is FINAL.
14. Monthly Point awards and cash prizes: (OCA to potentially award \$81, and 65 points to all placing entries, per month)

Monthly	Points awarded	Cash Prize
Best of Show*	5	\$15
First place, each class	10	\$10
Second place, each class	7	\$7
Third place, each class	3	\$5
Non-placing entry	1	\$0

\*Will only be awarded if there are two or more entries

15. Yearly Point awards and prizes:
  1. Grand Prize for 2020: 75-gallon aquarium or cash equivalent. To qualify for the grand prize, you must have earned points in at least three separate monthly shows.
  2. A Certificate (or plaque) will be awarded to the OCA Bowl Show Champion (overall point leader for the year). To qualify for the certificate, you must have earned points in at least three separate monthly shows.
  3. Certificates may be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up in the yearly point totals. To qualify for a certificate, you must have earned points in at least three separate monthly shows and have at least half the total points as the overall point leader.
  4. For tie breakers, the number of monthly awards won will be utilized starting with Best of Show.



# VIRTUAL BAP!

## Temporary guidelines for temporary times (Hopefully, soon! We miss you all!)

### OCA BAP Submissions during COVID! - Temporary Procedure

To keep members engaged with the club we would like to offer the ability to virtually submit spawns for the Breeder Awards Program. During this unprecedented time we would like to give hobbyists the ability to get credit for the proliferation of cichlids and catfish. This means we will be suspending the requirement to turn in the fish at a monthly meeting, and instead members will need to submit a photo of fry (and parents if available), along with a completed form, by email. Note this is only a temporary procedure. BAP will return to the normal process/expectations when in-person meetings resume. Also, all standard size and number minimums must be honored. Follow these links for the standard rules:

<https://www.ohiocichlid.com/meetings/bap-cichlids>

<https://www.ohiocichlid.com/meetings/bap-catfish>

Here's what you need to do to participate:

1. Take a photo (a decent cellphone photo will do) of multiple fry, and if possible, a photo of the parents. Show at least the number of fry that is the minimum turn-in number for that species. **When photographing the fry, include in the photo, by writing on the tank or attaching an index card to the glass, that day's date.**
2. Download the fillable form PDF from our website. <https://www.ohiocichlid.com/meetings/bap-virtual> (See step 2 there, also.)
3. Fill out the form on your phone or computer and save. If you prefer, you can print the form, fill it out by hand, and scan or photograph the completed form.
3. Attach the form and photo(s) to an email, and send to [buckeyebulletin@gmail.com](mailto:buckeyebulletin@gmail.com). Please send only one species per email, but you can send multiple submissions each month.

If you choose to write an article on the spawn, it will be included in our monthly bulletin. Don't worry if you're writing skills aren't the best, because we can edit it into something you can be proud of.

It is strongly encouraged that if a species is turned in by this virtual method, at a future in-person meeting, the species is still submitted for the mini-auction. This is in keeping with one of the purposes of the Breeders' Award Program, which is to make a variety of species available to our members in this manner.

Your submissions will be announced at the OCA monthly Zoom meeting and published in the monthly bulletin. For a submission to be credited for that month, it must be submitted by the Sunday before the meeting. (Meetings are always the 1st Friday of the month.) If you miss a monthly deadline, it'll be credited for the next month. As always, each month's BAP submissions won't be included in the official reported totals until the following month's bulletin.

As in all BAP, there is an element of "the honor system" involved. Let's keep this fun for everyone!

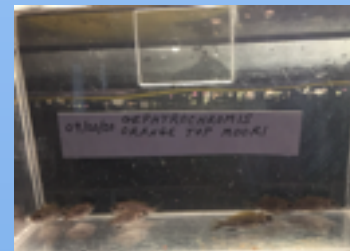
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**Jonathan Strazinski**  
**Trichromis salvini "Rio Grijalva"**

Fry available / \$5 per  
Text 440-343-2233



**John Tesar**  
**Gephyrochromis Orange Top Moori**



**Bob Musial**  
**Scleromystax barbatus**



**Hilary Lacerda**  
**Hypancistrus L401**

Fry available / email [hilarylacerda@gmail.com](mailto:hilarylacerda@gmail.com)



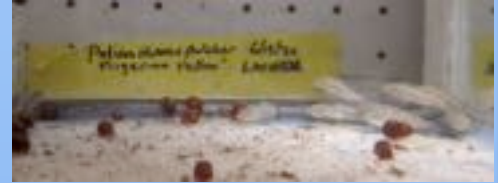
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**Hilary Lacerda**  
**Pelvicachromis pulcher Nigerian Yellow**

Fry available / email [hilarylacerda@gmail.com](mailto:hilarylacerda@gmail.com)



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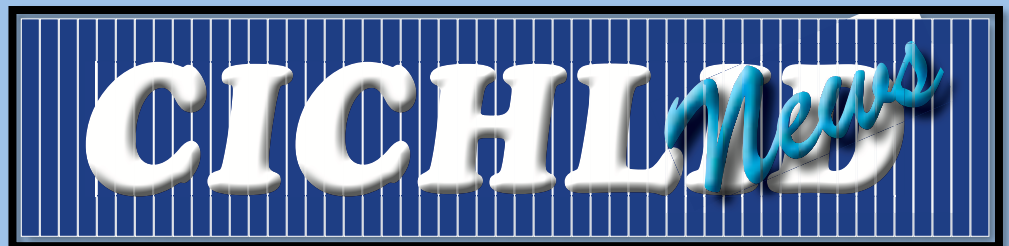
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# Ohio Cichlid Association Virtual Extravaganza 2020: Registration now open!

The OCA will be holding an online version of the Extravaganza for 2020, on the traditional Extravaganza weekend. There may be some additions to this plan, such as a possible online Rare Fish Auction. For now, here's a bullet-point list of all we have planned.

## Purpose

- Recreate as many features of the OCA Extravaganza that are practical in an online event.
- All profits go to the **Jim Smith Endowment Fund**, which gives yearly grants to those working to further the cause of cichlid and catfish research, education, and conservation. <https://www.ohiocichlid.com/jim-smith-fund/about-the-jim-smith-fund>

## Dates and Sessions

- Friday, Nov 20, 7:00 PM
- Saturday, Nov 21, 7:00 PM
- Sunday Nov 22, 1:00 PM
- All to be streamed live on the private **OCA Virtual Extravaganza** Facebook Group. If you are not on FaceBook, email [lewcarbhone@gmail.com](mailto:lewcarbhone@gmail.com) .
- During each session, there will be "Vendors' Spotlights". These will be short video messages from cichlid, catfish, dry goods, and equipment dealers, and will include information on how to get generous online discounts that are exclusive to Virtual Extravaganza registrants.

## Registration

- \$7, with email confirmation sent within 2 days.
- To register: <https://www.ohiocichlid.com/shop/2020-extravaganza-16721>
- Includes membership to the private OCA Virtual Extravaganza Facebook Group.
- Includes participation in the Donors' Award drawing (see below).
- **Includes 1 year free electronic subscription to Amazonas magazine, a \$15 value!**
- OCA Virtual Extravaganza T-shirts are available for \$15, which includes shipping. The deadline for ordering T-shirts is Nov 1. We may have a few more available after that time at a higher price.
- After Friday, Nov 13 (one week before the event), the registration fee will go up to \$15. Timely registration allows us to make sure that you get added to the OCA Virtual Extravaganza FB Group.

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## Donor's Award Drawing

- Drawing on Sunday for a \$100 Prize.
- You must be registered for the event to be eligible. Registration automatically gives you 2 chances
- Each \$5 in donations directly to the JSF earns 3 more chances, and there is no limit.
- Donations can be made on the registration page, while registering or any time afterward. Deadline for late donations to earn chances in the drawing is 30 minutes after the end of the Saturday evening session.
- The number of chances you have will be reported in your registration email confirmation.
- Drawing will be held during Sunday's session, along with the announcement of the 2020 JSF grant winner.

## Speakers

- Friday: Jeff Cardwell "Southern Dreams: Puerto Carrena, Colombia, 2019"
- Saturday: Ad Konings "Tanganyikan Cichlids from the Central Tanzanian Shore"
- Sunday: Haakon Haagensen: "New Loricariidae Imports"
- Sponsor speakers here: <https://www.ohiocichlid.com/shop/sponsor-an-extravaganza-show-class-here-14895>



# OCA Virtual Extravaganza 2020 and the Jim Smith Fund

Our Virtual Extravaganza 2020, which is scheduled for Nov 20-22, will basically be a fundraiser for the Jim Smith Endowment Fund. Here are answers to FAQs about the JSF and how you can help by participating in the Virtual Extravaganza, and how the Donors' Award can help you:

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## **What has the JSF done so far?**

The fund has awarded over \$20,000 in grant money. Here are some examples:

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.

2011: \$2,500 awarded to Jay Stauffer at Penn State to catalog a collection of preserved cichlids.

2012: \$1500 awarded to Jay Stauffer to record video of cichlid behavior in Lake Malawi.

2013: \$1500 was given to Ed Burress for pike cichlid research; \$1,000 was given to Ron Coleman to study Costa Rican cichlids

2014: \$1000 was given to Ad Konings for Tanganyikan captive breeding facilities.

2015: \$1200 to Melanie Stiassny to collect live Teleogramma obamaorum; \$2000 to Sam Borstein to study Malawi cichlid feeding techniques.

2016: \$2000 to Mark Sabaj to organize the historic Cope Collection at Drexel University.

2017: \$1000 to Ryan Greenway to study Thorichthys; \$500 to Ad Konings to obtain T. duboisi "Maswa" breeding stock to eventually reintroduce the species into Lake Tanganyika.

2018: \$1700 to Oliver Lucanus and team to 3D map parts of the Xingu River substrate.

2019: Joe Cutler, a National Geographic Explorer, won the 2019 Jim Smith Award grant for \$2000 toward his project "The Ogooué Megatransect", a major expedition along most of the Ogooué River, in Gabon, to survey the river and collect fish samples. The goal is to convince the Gabonese government to either abandon a proposed dam project or take steps to minimize the damage to local ecosystems. At the very least, it will document the river's habitats as they are now. That expedition is going on as I type, and you can follow Joe's exploits on his FB page and on Instagram: @africaslastwildriver

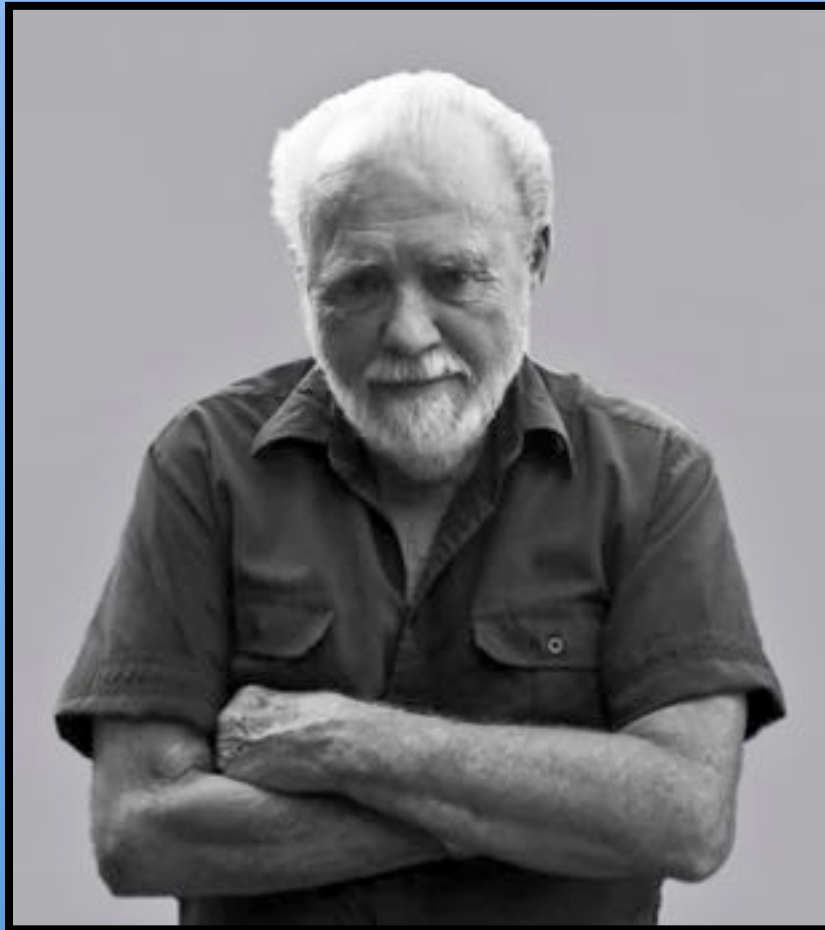
**How will the OCA Virtual Extravaganza 2020 help the Jim Smith Fund?**

All profits from the Virtual Extravaganza will be transferred to the JSF account.

**What is the Donors' Award?**

On the last day of the Virtual Extravaganza, there will be a drawing for \$100 cash and some other prizes. If you purchase a \$7 registration, which will get you online access to all Virtual Extravaganza activities and perks, you will receive 2 chances in the drawing. Also, for every \$5 in donations directly to the JSF, you will get 3 additional chances. You can register and donate in the "Virtual Extravaganza Registration" section of our website's online store: <https://www.ohiocichlid.com/shop/2020-extravaganza-16721>

**I hope you can join us in November to learn some stuff, win some stuff, get some vendor discounts, and have some fun!!**



# Virtual Fish Show

## 2020 Virtual Extravaganza

### Exhibitor Qualifications

1. Any hobbyist may enter who registers for the 2020 Virtual Extravaganza and pays the fee of \$5.00 per entry. OCA membership is not required.
2. Limit of 10 entries per exhibitor.
3. No entry will be in more than one class.
4. Entry shall consist of a 15 – 30 second video, showing all possible angles of the fish.
5. Fish may NOT be removed from the water during the video.
6. A ruler/tape measure must be displayed against the glass to show the size of the fish
7. Fish does NOT need to be displayed in a bare show tank (but if the judges cannot see it, it will be disqualified or points taken down)
8. *Any fish deemed a hybrid by the Judges will automatically be disqualified (including Aulonacara).*



### Entry Deadlines

1. All entries, entry fees, and entry forms must be received between *October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>*.
2. *E-mail entries to [jeffnatterer@gmail.com](mailto:jeffnatterer@gmail.com) after paying the entry fee in the OCA online store.*

### Judging

1. Judging will take place from November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 18th. With the results revealed live online on November 22<sup>nd</sup> In the Virtual Extravaganza room.
2. Decisions of the judges and show chairman on class changes, disqualifications, and show results will be final.
3. Any videos entered in classes 1-9 showing any signs of enhanced editing (other than trimming clips to fit the time constraints) **WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED.**

### Equipment

1. The OCA will provide a group on Facebook where the videos will be posted with only their class number, and entry number for the exhibitor to remain anonymous until after judging.
2. The exhibitor will provide a 30 second video showing their entry from all possible angles, and a ruler against the glass for size comparison.
3. Fish **MUST** be displayed in a container (tank) having a flat viewing side.

### General Rules

1. All videos will be under control of the Show Chairman and Judges.
2. We, the OCA, will do our utmost to ensure the highest amount of care and security is given to each entry.
3. Only one entry per e-mail will be accepted and *must include the scientific name of your fish, class number, exhibitors full name as they want it displayed and video added as an attachment.*
4. The emails/entries will be cross referenced with the OCA online store to confirm payment of entry fee.
5. Nonpayment of entry fee will be automatic disqualification.
6. NO entries will be accepted via US Postal service or any other means other than the one listed in these rules.
7. Payouts for each class are as follows.: First Place: \$20.00, Second Place:\$10.00, Third Place : \$5.00
8. Payouts for the other awards are as follows: Best In Show (cichlid) \$100.00, Reserve Best Of Show (cichlid) \$50.00, Best Catfish in Show \$100.00, Memorial Trophy \$ 75.00, Best Video In Show 50.00.
9. Prize amounts **MAY** change (up) as the show nears, and there *WILL be special trophies given out to Best Of Show and Best Catfish Of Show.*
10. Class 11 shall be judged strictly off of video content and quality, not off of the fish in the video AND can be 60sec. in length and will be professionally judged by an IMDB accredited Hollywood producer.
11. Video Class must be hobby related, be shot by the entrant and **MUST** contain cichlids or catfish.

# Virtual Fish Show

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Class 1 - South American Cichlids  
Class 2 - All other New World Cichlids

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## **Division B - Old World**

Class 3 - Lake Victoria Cichlids  
Class 4 - Lake Malawi Cichlids  
Class 5 - Lake Tanganyika Cichlids  
Class 6 - All other Old World Cichlids

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## **Division C - Catfish** (NO sharks or loaches)

Class 7 - New World Catfish 6 inches and under  
Class 8 - New World Catfish 6 inches and over  
Class 9 - Old World Catfish

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## **Division D - Video and Photography**

Class 10 - Video  
Class 11 - Digital Photos

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# The CAVE CHALLENGE

Article submission by Joe Doyle

## Background

Many of you may know me from fish conventions, swap meets, auctions, club meetings, or speaking engagements "Getting ahead in BAP". I come to you today with a fun challenge which will cost you nothing but a little time.

Going back to late December 2019, I was approached by Phil Hypes (PNT Aquatics) to see if I was interested in purchasing the pleco cave division of his business. He was moving out of town and could not take his equipment. I had shown an interest in the past, and was happy he considered the offer. It has taken close to 8 months to get my garage converted into a Clay Studio, as I call it. The problem I currently have is my business has no name. As I am starting to attend swap meets and making my products available, I would like to have available business cards, but need a company name. This is where the challenge comes into play.

## Challenge

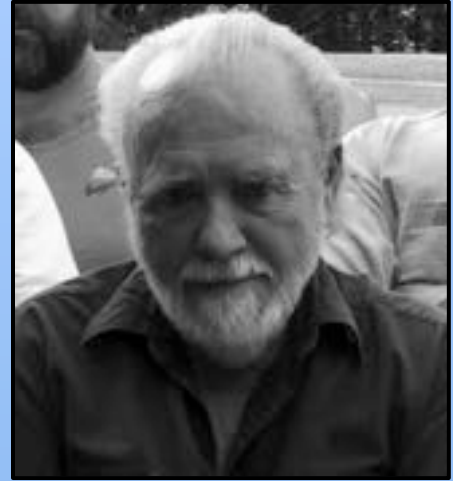
At the first advertisement for the NEO (North East Ohio) Fish Swap on Sept 13th, 2020 I put out a challenge and received limited response. Let's try it again: Anyone who suggests a company name that I use to represent my business, I will award 100 caves to that individual. I have set up a special email for the purpose of reviewing suggestions. Please email your ideas to: [MySuggestionToJoeDoyle@Gmail.com](mailto:MySuggestionToJoeDoyle@Gmail.com)

If you have already suggested a company name, this will be included in the review list. If you are a competitor to my product line, suggestions like "Drop Dead" or "Go Home" will not be considered. Deadline date for all suggestions will be December 31st, 2020. A winner will be announced in a follow up article. I look forward to hearing from you.





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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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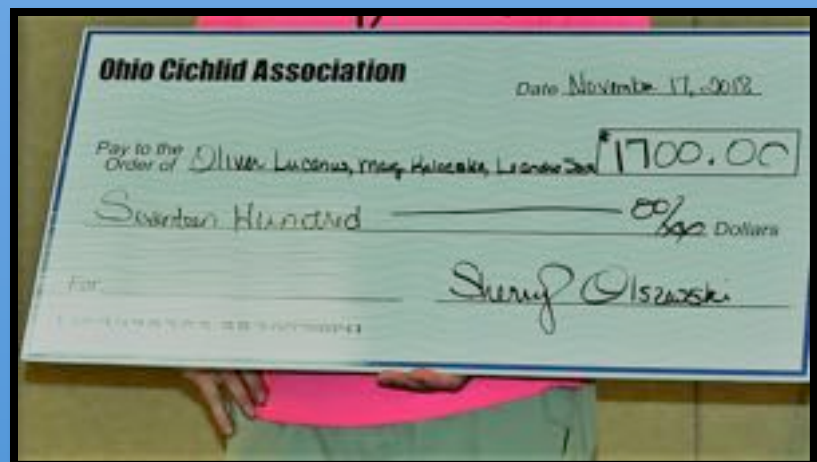
At this recent Extravaganza, the Ohio Cichlid Association announced the winner of the 2018 Jim Smith Endowment Fund grant. Jim Smith was a long-time and highly-regarded Membership Chair of the OCA, who passed away in 2003. Later that year, the Jim Smith Fund was established in his memory. The Jim Smith 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 25<sup>th</sup> annual show.



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