

Buckeye Bulletin

September 2020

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September 4th, 2020
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Specializing in Cichlids and Catfish

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Welcome to the Buckeye Bulletin...

As you turn these pages, you enter the digital archives of the Ohio Cichlid Association. Take a look around and please enjoy.

Monthly Features include:

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

Special thanks to
Jeff Natterer for this
beautiful advertisement
on the front cover.

And more...

As a member, you are more than welcome to submit pieces for publication in the bulletin. Please contact buckeyebulletin@gmail.com

If you are interested in all things “exchange,” please contact Exchange Editor, Lew Carbone!

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The OCA Mission Statement...

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

There are many ways to get involved with the club!

Attend Meetings
Contribute to the Buckeye Bulletin
Participate in the monthly Bowl Show
Volunteer to “run” at an auction
Persuade non-members to attend a meeting
Attend the Extravaganza
Participate in the Breeder Awards Program
Enter fish into an auction
Join the Board – elections are held in December
Like/Share an OCA Facebook post
Post a thread on the OCA Forum
Visit Ohiocichlid.com

Get involved in all things OCA!

A Word from the President...

Lew Carbone,
OCA President

Greetings, OCA Members!

I hope you've been attending and enjoying our online Social Meetings because they've been going well. We have Michael Liu, from the New England Cichlid Association, speaking at this month's meeting, and Nick Zarlinga, the head aquarist at the Cleveland Zoo, appearing next month. These meetings are streamed live on our FaceBook Group and on our YouTube channel. See the Program Preview in this issue for Mike's profile and event details.

Our **Virtual BAP** project started out well, with a good number of submissions in time for the August meeting. Submissions for any particular month are due the Sunday before the Online Social Meeting, so it's probably too late to submit for this month. The deadline for the October meeting will be September 27. Here's the link to all you need to know to participate: <https://www.ohiocichlid.com/meetings/bap-virtual> . As far as I know, we are the only club that is providing this opportunity for its members.

It feels good to be planning an in-person event again! I'm referring to the **Tailgate Swap** we're planning for September 12. It will be in the parking lot of our Extravaganza hotel, the Holiday Inn, Strongsville. In this issue of Buckeye Bulletin, you'll find all the details for this chance to distribute fish that have been accumulating in your tanks and find some new species to work with.

The big news is that very soon we will be opening registration for the **OCA Virtual Extravaganza 2020!** At this writing, there are still a few details to be worked out, but here are the basics:

- 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.
- 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.
- There will be a drawing on Sunday for a \$100 Donor's Award. You will receive chances in this drawing by purchasing a \$7 registration, and additional chances by making small donations directly to the Jim Smith Fund.
- There will be 1 speaker each session. The speakers are Jeff Cardwell, Haakon Haagensen and Ad Konings. The sessions will be viewable only by registrants, in a closed FaceBook group.
- There will be a Virtual Cichlid and Catfish Show. As far as we know, this will be the 1st time such a thing has been tried! It will be based on short videos. Winners will be announced during the Sunday session. More details to come!
- There will be opportunities to get excellent, exclusive deals on fish, foods, and equipment, from major online dealers.
- There will be low-cost event T-Shirts available, with shipping included in the price.

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

Hope to see you at the Tailgate Swap!

Lew

OCA 2020 Tailgate Swap!

The Ohio Cichlid Association will be hosting a **Tailgate Swap** on **Saturday, September 12**, in the parking lot of the **Holiday Inn, Strongsville**. We are beginning the event at **1:00 PM**, and will run it until at least 3:00. If we are still busy, we have the option to keep things going until 4:00. The hotel has also agreed to September 19 as a rain date.



Buyers: Cost will be \$5 per car. To eliminate excess cash handling, we encourage you to pre-register using PayPal through the OCA's online store (see below). You can also pay at the event.

Vendors: Cost will be \$10 in advance through the online store, and \$20 the day of.

Properly-worn facial covering will be required, and physical distancing will be encouraged and expected.

Sellers will park their vehicles every other parking space as directed, and sell out of their trunks or off their tailgates. Use of tables to help with distancing is encouraged, but not required. It's also recommended that sellers bring hand sanitizer or disinfectant wipes to use on fish bags after prospective buyers handle them.

By submitting payment as a buyer or a seller, you are agreeing to assume all risks involving Covid-19.

Link to OCA's online store: <https://www.ohiocichlid.com/shop/store-14702>

The Holiday Inn is currently offering room rates as low as \$58.00 online so it would be easy to come and stay overnight. Because the Holiday Inn is a business, we must pay for our use of their parking lot for this event, so the event is presented more as a service to our members than as a fundraiser. **ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE JIM SMITH FUND.**

OCA Extravaganza 2020 Virtual Experience!

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

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, September 4th, 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

Michael Liu

“Rare and Unusual African Cichlids”

September 4, 2020 8:00 PM

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

OCA Extravaganza 2020 FaceBook Group

I've been a landscape architect for most of my working life. I've always enjoyed nature and animals, so fish keeping is a natural extension of my being. I'm not an ichthyologist or scientist, just a hobbyist, so what I have to say is from reading and personal experience.

I started keeping fish in 1984. I quickly developed an interest in cichlids and my first real cichlid tank was a mixed species tank with Central American, South American, and West African cichlids commonly available at the local pet shop. My main interest became Central American Cichlids and I still love these fish and still keep several smaller species these days.

Like other hobbyists, one tank became two, then three, then eight, then twenty . . . you know the story. Having multiple tanks meant I could try all sorts of other cichlids from the African Rift Lakes, West Africa, more Central and South American species. and a few Madagascar species.

About six years ago I developed an interest in the cichlids of Lake Victoria after hearing a talk by Greg Steeves, who is a big promoter of the CARES Program. I also heard many talks by Paul Loiselle about hobbyists maintaining CARES species. I decided I should do my part and keep one or two CARES species. My interest in Lake Victoria led to the satellite lakes around Victoria, then to the crater lakes of Cameroon, then to other bodies of water where fish are rarely collected. After all, I had many tanks to play with another species, or two, or three, or eight, or twenty . . .

Mike is active with the New England Cichlid Association, which works with Oliver Lucanus and other collector/importers to bring in many species from all across Sub-Sahara Africa that have never been seen in the US, or haven't been imported for many years. His talk is a survey of many of these species.

Next month, Nick Zarlinga, the head aquarist at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo will be our online speaker. 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.



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/UCAIgwAiaJI7kPVR5y3WdmIg>

Most of these presentations will remain on our YouTube channel.

2020

September 4

Michael Liu

**New England Cichlid Association
"Rare and Unusual African Cichlids"**

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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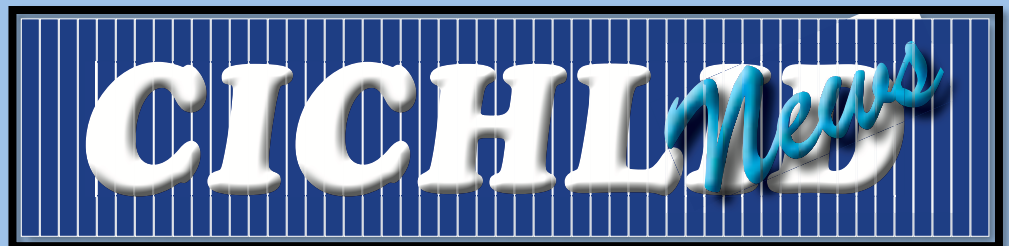
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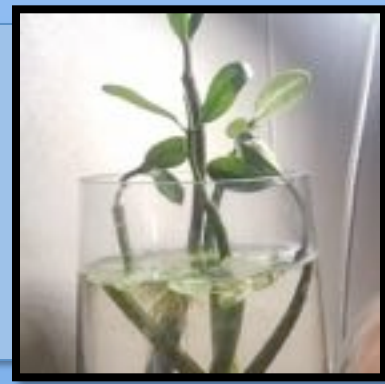
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VIRTUAL BAP!

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. 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!

BAP Submissions for August's Virtual Meeting!

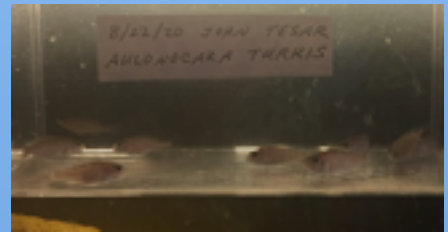
John Tesar
L201 *Hypancistrus* Snowball Pleco



John Tesar
***Staetochranus casuarius* Bump Head Cichlid**



John Tesar
Aulonocara turkis



John Tesar
***Chicotapia euchilus* Malawi Thick Lips**



BAP Submissions for September's meeting must be submitted by September 28th to be published in the October Bulletin!

Please submit official form and fry photo to
buckeyebulletin@gmail.com

Catfish BAP... September 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.

Breeder

Species

Points

**SEE VIRTUAL BAP
GUIDELINES!**

Catfish BAP Totals... September 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... September 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

Cichlid BAP... September 2020

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP submissions for August 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.

Jonathan Dietrich

Amatitlania nigrofasciata "marble convict"	10
Amatitlania septemfasciata	10
Astatotilapia latifasciata	10
Aulonocara maylandi	10
Copadichromis chrysonatus	10
Coptodon kottae	10
Pseudotropheus acei "Ngara whitetail"	10

Ron Maichle

Coptodon kottae	10
Cynotilapia afra "Cobue"	10
Julidochromis marlieri	15

Roger Stark

Amatitlania nigrofasciata "black convict"	10
Nimbochromis venustus	10
Pseudotropheus acei "Ngara whitetail"	10

**CONGRATS!
RON MAICHLE
100 POINT
LEVEL!**

Cichlid BAP Totals... September 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	20	1165
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... September 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

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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... September 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



Bowl Show – September 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

Tanganyican Lamps, exclude Shell Dwellers
Frontosa
Loaches and Botias

July

No meeting

Aug. 7

Discus, Uaru
Tang Mouth Brooders, exc Frontosa
Freshwater Crustaceans

Sept. 4

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

Oct. 2

Apistos
Open Tanganyika
Open Old World Catfish

Nov. 6

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Female Cichlids

Dec. 4

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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

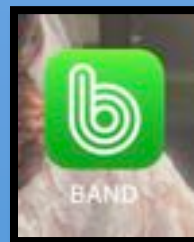
15. Yearly Point awards and prizes:
 1. Grand Prize for 2020: 75-gallon aquarium or cash equivalent. To qualify for the grand prize, you must have earned points in at least three separate monthly shows.
 2. A Certificate (or plaque) will be awarded to the OCA Bowl Show Champion (overall point leader 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 1st 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.

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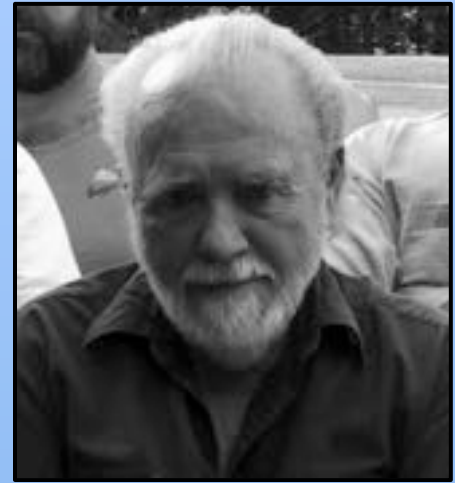


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THE JIM SMITH ENDOWMENT FUND



Who Was Jim Smith?

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

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

What is the Jim Smith Fund?

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

How can I support the Jim Smith Fund?

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

How can I apply for a Jim Smith Fund grant?

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

Who are recent Jim Smith Fund grant recipients?

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



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



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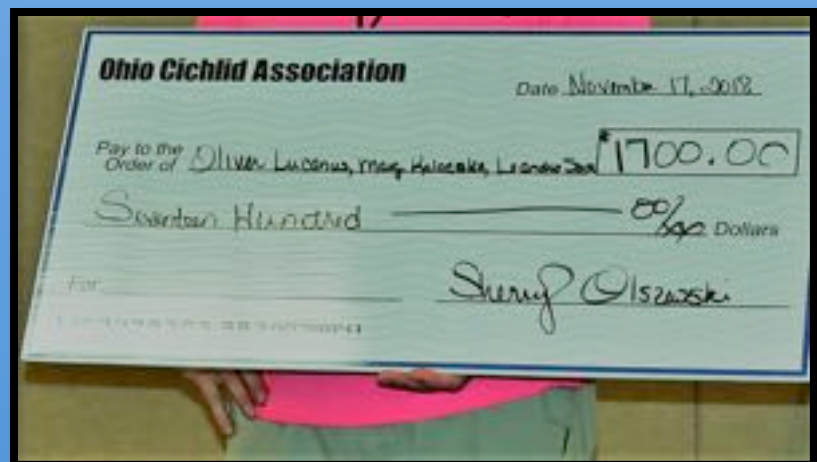
At this recent Extravaganza, the Ohio Cichlid Association announced the winner of the 2018 Jim Smith Endowment Fund grant. Jim Smith was a long-time and highly-regarded Membership Chair of the OCA, who passed away in 2003. Later that year, the Jim Smith Fund was established in his memory. The Jim Smith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

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

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

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

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



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