

# **Buckeye Bulletin**

## **December 2015**

**Social Gathering:  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015**



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Association**



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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.

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### **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  
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Get involved in all things OCA!



# A Word from the Vice President...

Lew Carbone,  
OCA Vice President

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After a long period of preparation, the 2015 Extravaganza has come and gone like a cyclone, leaving a path of destruction. Hopefully, most of the damage was repaired with a good night's sleep.

There are many people who contribute to the success of such an event. I'd first like to thank the attendees for putting their faith in us. It was gratifying to see so many people have such a good time, and the kind words posted afterward on FaceBook and our forum are much appreciated.

I'd also like to thank the sponsors and supporters who helped us by donating funds and products: United Pet Group, Something Fishy, Aquatica, RMS Aquaculture, Omega Sea, and Python products, plus others that you can find listed in the program and on our website. With very high speaker transportation costs, these contributions were especially appreciated this year.

Most of all, I thank the OCA Board members who worked so hard to pull this off, especially Marc DeWerth, Eric and Rhonda Sorensen, Don and Marilyn Danko, and Mark Chaloupka, just to name a few. You guys are a pleasure to work with.

Next up: Christmas party! See the "Program Preview in this issue for details.

Besides enjoying each other's company, the main order of business at the December meeting is the election of the 2016 OCA Board. **If you are interested in joining the leadership of the club, please contact me by email: [lewcarbone@gmail.com](mailto:lewcarbone@gmail.com)**. I can let you know what positions are available. We can generally find a place for anyone who's willing to donate a little time and effort.

I hope to see you at the Christmas Party, but if not, have a wonderful holiday season!

Lew Carbone

## **A Word from the Editor...**

Jon "Jombie" Dietrich,  
Buckeye Bulletin

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Greetings!

Wow! Another amazing Extravaganza in the books! I was super impressed with everything this year. It was all executed perfectly. I hope you felt the same. If you see a board member at the next meeting, extend a thank you for all the hard work. It takes a lot to put together a show like this. It also takes a lot to sustain a show into its 21<sup>st</sup> year. From my perspective, this show gets better every year, and this one was no exception.

This month we have our Christmas Party, so bring a dish and a wrapped present. Enjoy an evening with your OCA friends. We will have our elections that night too.

Don't forget, the next meeting is the last one in our current location. In January, we will hold a meeting with the Medina Country Aquarium Society. In February, we will hold our first meeting in the new location in Middleburg Heights. We look forward to both meetings, as OCA history will be made. Thanks for your understanding and support through these changes.

I hope all your fish are spawning and fry are growing. See you Friday.

Take care friends,  
Jombie



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## **Attention! It's Time to Gather...**

The next OCA Social Gathering is  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Meeting location is  
Old Oak Bible Church  
7575 Old Oak Blvd.  
Middleburg Heights, Ohio

Here's what to expect...

- President's Welcome
- Speaker Introduction
- Amazing Speaker
- Social Time
- BAP Certificate Presentation
- Membership Raffle
- Fish Auction
- Huge Raffle

Enjoy a great time with great people and everyone's  
favorite topic, CICHLIDS!



# **December Program Preview**

## **Christmas Party**

Celebrate the Holidays with your OCA friends!

'Tis the season for the OCA Christmas Party...and come hungry!

This meeting is like no other throughout the year. Basically, we're talking banquet feast! The room will be set up with tables and chairs, plus a long buffet table laden with food. Roast turkey and ham will be provided by the club, facilitated by Eric and Rhonda Sorensen. Side dishes and desserts are handled "pot-luck" style, so bring something for us to share and for you to brag about.

One of the activities will be Fish Room Gift Exchange. Choose an item from your fish room that you no longer need but may be usable for somebody (no more than a \$10 or so value), gift wrap it, and bring it with you. Anyone who brings a gift can receive one. It may be just the item you've been looking for!

Another thing: This one's for kids, too! Don't call Mom or the babysitter... bring them along. There will be plenty of other kids and gifts for them, courtesy of RMS Aquaculture.

This meeting will also feature an unusually generous raffle, plus the usual BAP and Buck-a-Bag Auctions, and the Bowl Show. I'll be looking for you there!

Next month, our meeting will be held in conjunction with the Medina County Aquarium Society, on January 8, at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, in Medina. Steve Heinbaugh, a member of both clubs, and an accomplished catfish breeder, will talk about breeding Corys.



# January 2016 Meeting will be held in Medina

We will be permanently moving our meetings to another location as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. We can't get into our new place until February, so the Medina club has offered to help us out.

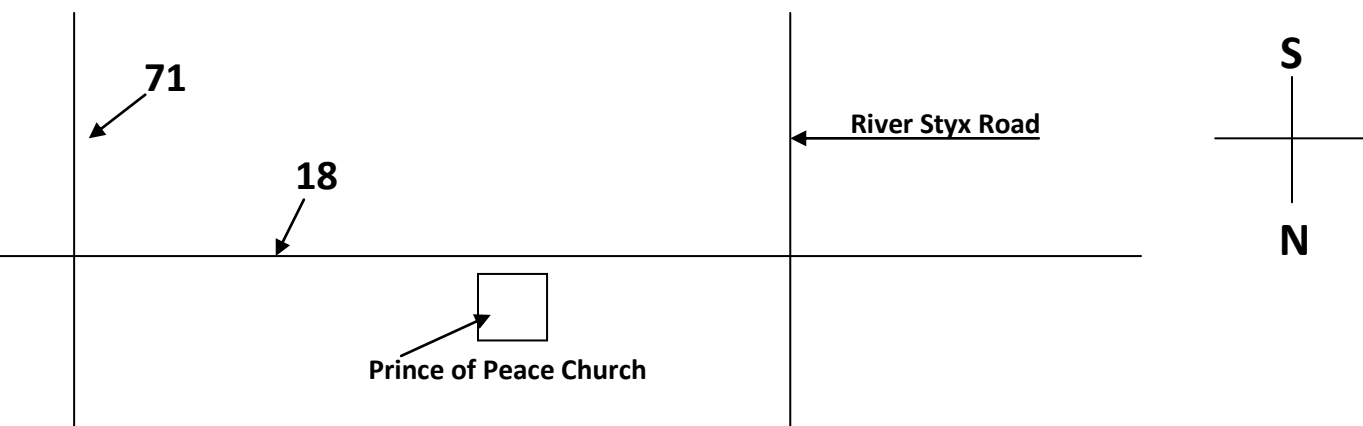
We will have a shared meeting with the Medina club at their location, The Prince of Peace Church. All BAP's, Auctions, Bowl Show, etc, will be the same as they are for all of our meetings.

It's going to be a cool meeting because the Medina club members have some excellent fish that you don't see at our meetings. After this meeting you'll want to join their club too!!

Here's the meeting location:

**Prince of Peace Church**  
**3355 Medina Rd, (route 18 west of 71)**  
**Medina, OH 44256**

**Meeting time is the same as always.**



# A Year of Great Presentations...

**2015**

**December 4**  
**Christmas Party**

Turkey and ham provided by the club.  
Side dishes and desserts "Pot Luck".

**2016**

**January 8**

Joint Meeting with MCAS  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

**Steve Heinbaugh**

Catfish

February 5

**Dr. Ron Oldfield**

Case-Western Reserve University  
"Herichthys Cichlids Introduced in the US"

March 2

Sam Borstein

University of Tennessee

The Lake Victoria Extinction

April 1

Old World Exotic Fish

Laif DeMason (tentative)

June 3

Larry Johnson

Lake Malawi

Joint meeting with  
MCAS Prince of Peace  
Lutheran Church



New Location  
Middleburg Heights  
Community Center

May 6

Chris Biggs

August 5

Mark Soberman

Cory Cats

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Winter  
Auction

**February 13, 2016**

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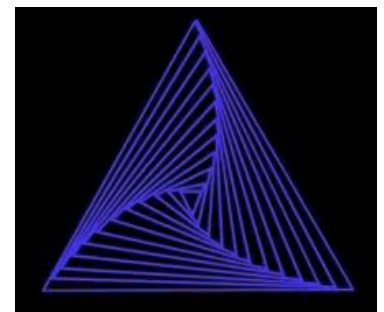
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Thanks for 25 years and 500 shows!

## Cichlid BAP... December 2015

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP submissions for November 2015. 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.

### **Lew Carbone**

*Archocentrus multispinosus* 10

### **Bryan Davis**

*Neolamprologus brevis* "Kata Bay" 15

### **Dave Esner**

*Aulonocara* sp. "OB peacock" 10

### **Tom & Carolyn Evers**

*Melanochromis chipokae* 10

*Neolamprologus multifasciatus* 15

*Protomelas marginatus* 10

*Pseudotropheus elongates* "Chewere" 10

### **John Griffith**

*Protomelas teaniolatus* 10

### **David Hearn**

*Labidochromis caeruleus* 10

*Pseudotropheus demasoni* 10

### **Hilary Lacerda**

*Astatotilapia latifasciata* 10

### **Dan Ogrizek**

*Lamprologus ocellatus* "gold" 15

### **Dennis Rozmus**

*Neolamprologus brichardi* 10

### **Eric & Rhonda Sorensen**

*Callochromis stappersii* "raspberry head" 15

*Tropheus* sp. "Chimba red" 20

### **Jeff Yadlovsky**

*Aulonocara* sp. "dragon blood" 10



# Cichlid BAP Totals... November 2015

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.

## MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

Lew Carbone	100	2800
Don Danko	15	2395
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Bryan Davis	155	1425
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
Josh Cunningham	135	1065
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065
Mark Chaloupka	15	1045
John Tesar	-	1020

## 900 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Tom Swiderski	-	905

## 800 POINT LEVEL

Dustin Brummitt	-	840
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## 700 POINT LEVEL

Ken & Sue Galaska	50	770
Gary Mendez	-	770
Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	95	750
Jeff Yadlovsky	10	750

## 600 POINT LEVEL

Jeff Natterer	-	690
Bill Schwartz	20	615
Jonathan Strazinsky	95	615
Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600

## 500 POINT LEVEL

Tim Craig	-	540
Bob Blazek	20	535
George Anagnostopoulos	85	515
Ron Georgeone	-	510

## 400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
Phil Hypes	-	475
Kyle May	-	445
Tyler Toncler	30	420
Bob Bina	-	415
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	65	400

## 300 POINT LEVEL

David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Gary Zalewski	-	325
Ken & Karen Grimmett	30	300

# Cichlid BAP Totals... December 2015

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.

## 200 POINT LEVEL

Tom & Carolyn Evers	85	285
Andrew Schock	210	280
James Shakour	-	275
Greg Senn	45	260
Dennis Kuehn	60	255
Dave Esner	10	250
Ken Walker	20	240
Jonathan Dietrich	50	230
Paul Collander	-	205
Justin Way	75	200

## 100 POINT LEVEL

Marc & Dawn DeWerth	-	195
Ozeal Hunter	-	190
Chuck Carroll	-	185
Andrew Subotnik	-	180
Jason Mylnar	25	170
Frank Mueller	-	160
Bob Evers	-	155
Steve Heinbaugh	-	150
David Ayers	-	145
Greg Seith	-	145
Dan Ogrizek	15	140
Bill & Janice Bilski	-	135
David Hearn	125	125
Charles Nowakowski	125	125
Dan Ogrizek	15	140
Joe Ring	-	120
John Griffith	85	115
Mark Kazanoff	115	115
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110
Denis Rozmus	30	110

## BREEDER LEVEL

Mark Huntington	-	95
Pete Gembka	-	80
Steve Olander	30	80
Carl Olszewski	15	80
Rick Wood	-	75
Dolores Bacisin	10	70
Bob Tillman	-	70
Matt Urbin	-	70
Dave Dimond	15	65
Paul Palisin	20	60
Chris Jaskolka	-	55
Dave Dimond	-	50
John Kahl	-	50
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	50
Alex Gorges	-	45
Jim Jensen	-	45
John Kaminski	-	40
Anthony Scarton	30	40
Ethan Wiley	-	40
Christopher Sooy	-	35
Tom Tansey	-	35
Jason Gorges	-	30
Paul Hutnyak	-	30
Wayne Corman	-	25
Fred Roberts	-	25
Andy Lacerda	-	20
Scott Meyers	-	20
Bill Sensor	-	20
Jason Webb	20	20
Jim & Amy Damm	-	10
Ron Drungil	-	10
Ben Jensen	-	10
Mike Trader	-	10

Congratulations!

**Eric & Rhonda Sorensen**

400 Point Level  
Cichlid BAP Program

Breed...

Share....

Enjoy...

Cichlid and Catfish BAP



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## Catfish BAP... December 2015

Listed below are the Catfish BAP submissions for November 2015. 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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Dan OGREIZEK	<i>Corydoras weitzmanni</i>	10
Phil Ayres	<i>Corydoras venezuelans</i>	10
Tom Evers	<i>Ancistrus</i> sp. Long Fin Brown	10
Don & Marilyn Danko	<i>Ancistrus</i> sp. Rio Tocantis	10



## Catfish BAP Totals... December 2015

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.

NAME	2015	TOTAL
Dan Ogrizek	55	375
Steve Heinbaugh	35	325
Dave Ayres	30	250
Phil Ayres	30	220
Don & Marilyn Danko	20	215
Ken Walker	10	120
Dan Woodland		100
Matt Urbin		90
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen		75
Tom & Carolyn Evers	20	70
Bryan Davis		60
Phil Hypes		60
Hilary Lacerda		60
Ken Galaska		45
Tyler Toncler		45
Justin Way	10	40
John Kaminski		40
Kyle May		40
George Aganostopoulos	10	40
Karen & Ken Grimmett		30

# Catfish BAP Totals... December 2015

Listed below are more 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.

NAME	2015	TOTAL
Lew Carbone		30
Andrew Schock		30
Bob Evers	20	30
Tony Poth		20
Josh Cunningham		20
Gary Mendez		20
John Tesar		20
David Toth		20
Paul Palisin	10	20
Jason Mlynar	15	15
John Griffith	10	10
Carl Olszewski	10	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



## BAP Success...

I purchased a pair of **Lepidiolamprologus Hecqui** from Tim Craig when he was selling off his fish room. My interest in shell dwellers led me to the purchase. They were young breeders, but even at that size, I had to get much bigger shells than the ones I previously used for *Neolamprologus multifasciatus*. I quarantined them in a 10 gallon tank for a few weeks to acclimate them to my fish room. Within a short time, I spotted many perfectly round, white eggs in the shell. The female remained crammed in the shell most of the day. The male kept guard on the outside. After a time, I had fry. Since the tank was small, I moved the pair to its next stage and left the fry to grow up in the 10 gallon. I've kept the Hecqui with a big group of Frontosa for the better part of two years. They can really hold their own. Given a cichlid cave made by Pleco Caves, those Hecqui spawned numerous times over the years. I recently sent the pair off to Atlanta. I've had only good experiences with this fish. I'd recommend it to anyone.



Got a BAP story to share? Take ten minutes, write it out, and send it to [jdietric@mail.bw.edu](mailto:jdietric@mail.bw.edu)  
We'd love to hear it! And I'm running out!

## Bowl Show – December 2015

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 Olszewski, OCA Board, at a meeting or contact him at [carlolszewski@yahoo.com](mailto:carlolszewski@yahoo.com) for more information.

No entries were submitted in November  
One more month remains!!!

### 2015 OCA FISH BOWL STANDINGS

MEMBER	PTS.	QUARTER	2015
SCOTT MYERS	0	39	71
JUSTIN WAY	0	7	39
NICK ZARZECZNY	0	0	15
LEW CARBONE	0	0	15
DAVID HEARN	10	10	10
TONY POTH	0	0	7
GALVINNORMAN	0	7	7
JASON WEBB	0	0	5
PAUL PALISAN	0	0	1

Novembers's Bowl Show Categories

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## **This Month in OCA History**

Lew Carbone,  
OCA Historian

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**1991:** A “Fish Flea Market” (Swap Meet) is the program for the social meeting, held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Hinckley. Registration for sellers is \$2 and a 50/50 auction is held afterward for sellers not wanting to take all their unsold bags home.

**1992:** In his editorial in this month’s BCLS, editor Dan McMonigle proudly announces that, after three years of monthly payments, the OCA now owns the copier outright. The copier is used to print the BCLB. Dan says this is just in time so the OCA can marshal its resources to make a strong bid for the 1994 ACA convention.

**1993:** At November’s OCA board meeting, a proposal was made to limit BCLB publication to odd-numbered months. As a constitutional matter, the proposal would have to be approved by the membership. At this month’s social meeting, after hearing a speech against the proposal by charter member Rich Schoeffel, the membership voted it down.

## **Exchange Article**

You May Have Too Many Fish If:

by David Isham

First published in "In Depth," Tropical Fish Club of Burlington  
Article maintained at [Aquarticles.com](http://Aquarticles.com)

### *You May Have Too Many Fish If:*

*People ask you how many you have, and you tell them how many tanks you have.*

*You try to hide the power bill from your spouse.*

*You don't buy fish, you sell them.*

*You don't sell fish, you give them away.*

*"Fish Fry" has no culinary meaning to you.*

*Your house is nicely humid, even in the winter.*

*Mosquitoes and Japanese Beetles aren't pests; they're live food.*

*There are some things in the refrigerator you don't talk about.*

*If that dead one isn't too big, you "let the snails take care of it"*

A Special Thanks to David Isham and [Aquarticles.com](http://Aquarticles.com)

If you belong to another club and want to share past articles, please contact Eric Sorensen, Exchange Editor, at [eeleven@aol.com](mailto:eeleven@aol.com)

## **Publish... Share... Learn**



# Membership Reminder...

Membership dues are important in maintaining the quality of the club. OCA membership dues are cycled yearly beginning and ending in November. Dues are currently \$15 for one year or \$25 for two years.

There are three ways to sign up!

1. Sign up through the OCA website, [Ohiocichlid.com](http://Ohiocichlid.com), and pay with PayPal,
2. Email [OCAmember@gmail.com](mailto:OCAmember@gmail.com)
3. See Hilary LaCerde at a monthly meeting

If you know someone on the fence about the whole “club scene,” bring that someone to a monthly meeting or auction and let him/her have an OCA experience. We are confident the environment will *hook* that person into taking the next step into the hobby. The OCA thrives on its membership and we look for all the possible opportunities to make membership worth your time and money.

We do it all for YOU!

If you have any questions about membership, please direct them to Hilary Lacerda, OCA Board.



# Jim Smith Donations Extravaganza 2015

The Ohio Cichlid Association's Jim Smith Endowment Fund is dedicated to supporting those who do work furthering cichlid research, education or conservation.

Each Extravaganza, the OCA accepts proposals for cichlid-related projects. This year we receive many worthy proposals. After long thought and discussion, the OCA Board decided to give two donations this year.

The first donation was given to **MELANIE STIASSNI** for her project in finding live specimens of the newly-discovered and -described (and very rare) *Teleogramma obamaorum*.

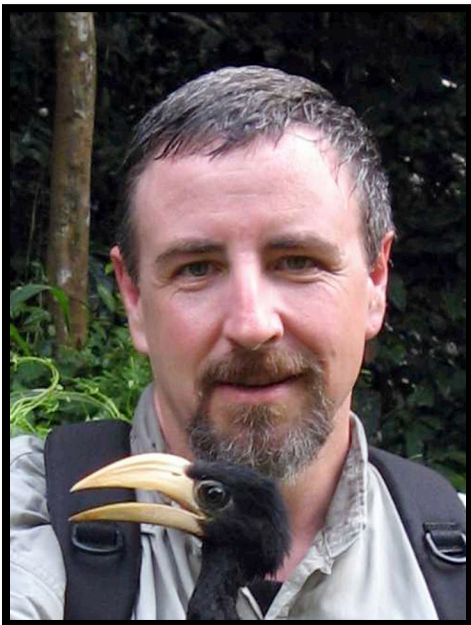
The second donation was given to **SAM BORSTEIN** for his project in studying algae cover feeding specializations in mbuna.

The OCA reminds its members that these projects have been funded by YOU. All funds are produced through our monthly meetings and auctions. Your contributions to the Jim Smith Fund are making a big difference in the world of Cichlids. Thank you!





# Thank you to our 2015 Extravaganza Speakers!



**Konings, Dignall,  
Judy, and Bleher!**

**Thank you to our 2015 Vendors,  
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Ads for the bulletin will be generated this month and will run for one full year starting in January 2016.  
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# Special Thanks to Ray “KingFish” Lucas

For continued support of the OCA  
For auctioneering Saturday night  
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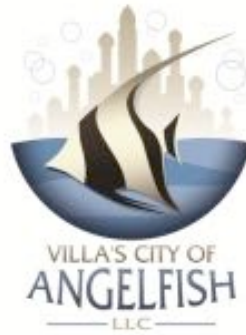




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## What's Important?...

### BAGGING YOUR FISH PROPERLY FOR AUCTION.

It's a big pain to bag fish, especially after a Saturday night at an Extravaganza. Bagging properly, however, is the most important thing you can do to ensure your fish go for big bucks. The care taken to bag your fish increases the price someone will pay for the fish. It shows that if the seller cares enough to bag properly, he/she must put care into the fish inside the bag. Bags that are not properly bagged can lose air and water, leaving the fish and the buyer in a bad position. Few people want to rescue a fish after a long weekend. Few people want considerably lower checks for simple misbagging of fish. Remember, a hundred people could potentially be picking up and placing down your fish. That's a lot of movement. Take the time necessary to bag with care, and enjoy the profits you deserve.

P.S. – I was **really** impressed with this year's bagging overall. Personally handling most of the bags, there were few leaks and no big disasters. Great job!

