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February 2016

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February 5th, 2016
Middleburg Heights**



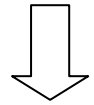
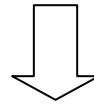
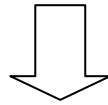
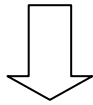
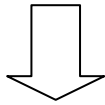
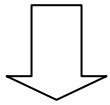
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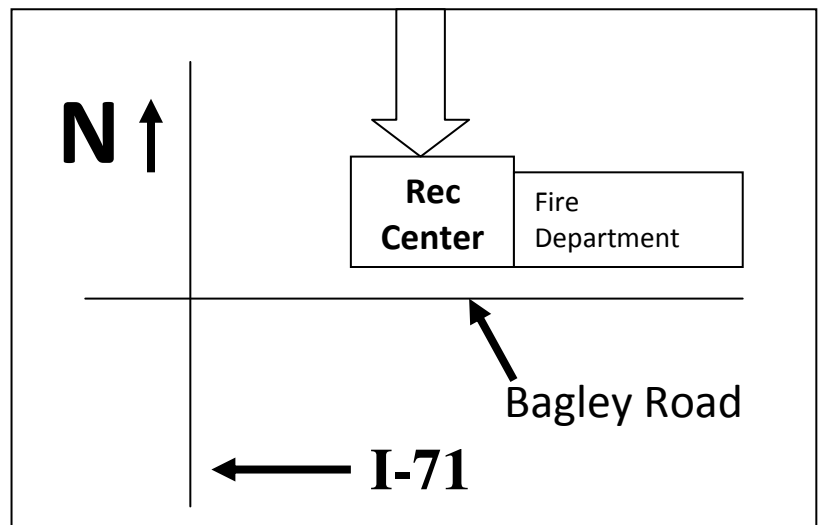
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As you turn these pages, you enter the digital archives of the Ohio Cichlid Association. Take a look around and please enjoy.

Monthly Features include:

**President's Message
Editor's Message
Bowl Show Results
Cichlid BAP Results
Catfish BAP Results
Program Previews
This Month in OCA History
Exchange Article
And more...**

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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
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Get involved in all things OCA!

A Word from the President...

Lew Carbone,
OCA President

Greetings, OCA members.

This is the month we move! Our new meeting venue is the Middleburg Heights Committee Center, known locally as the Rec Center. It's on Bagley Rd, just E of I 71, on the North side of the road. If you go to the old place by accident, you're still only 5 minutes from the new place.

As with any big change, a period of adjustment is inevitable. Please be patient as we sort out the logistics. One of the differences is that the room is smaller than we're used to, and all the chairs will be arranged theater style, so there will be no round tables. Considering all that space in the middle of the room at Old Oak that we didn't really use, there should be enough room. If you have suggestions for a way we can improve the set-up or procedure, let me know.

For the closest entrance to our meeting room, go to the 1st outside door to the right of the main entrance. You can briefly stop your car there to unload, but please don't leave it there too long and inconvenience other attendees.

Don't forget our Winter Auction is this month. It'll be held on Saturday the 13th, at the Strongsville Holiday Inn. **The split for OCA members for this auction will be 75/25 (sellers get 75%),** while non-members' split will be the standard 70/30. The dollar per lot seller fee will still be in effect for all participants, because it has proven effective in cutting down on the low-value items which otherwise would bog down the auction and lower selling prices for everyone.

That brings me to an issue that is often contentious: hybrid cichlids. The OCA BAP rules explicitly prohibit hybrid strains from inclusion. This would include OB, "Strawberry", "Red Flash" and "Dragon Blood" Peacocks as well as OB Malawi "Haps", and, of course, parrot cichlids and flowerhorns. Auction rules prohibit "Flowehorns and Blood Parrot Cichlids". Line-bred varieties such as "Eureka" Peacocks and various albino strains, have always been and will continue to be acceptable for both BAP and auctions. Please don't put our BAP and auction officials in uncomfortable situations by trying to persuade them to break rules for you. Email me at lewcarbone@gmail.com, or contact me on FaceBook if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss any of this.

I hope to see you at the Rec Center Friday night, and in Strongsville on the 13th!

Lew



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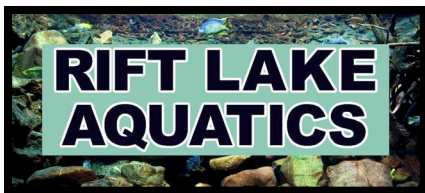
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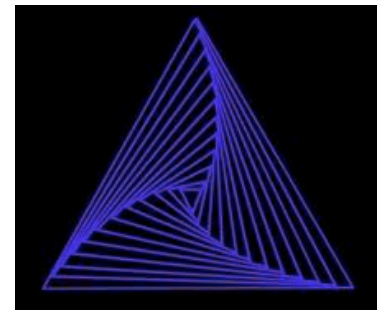


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Attention! It's Time to Gather...

The next OCA Social Gathering is
February 5th, 2016 – 8:00 PM

Meeting location is **New Permanent Location**
Middleburg Hts. Rec Center
6000 E. Bagley Road
Middleburg Hts., Ohio 44130 Room C

Here's what to expect...

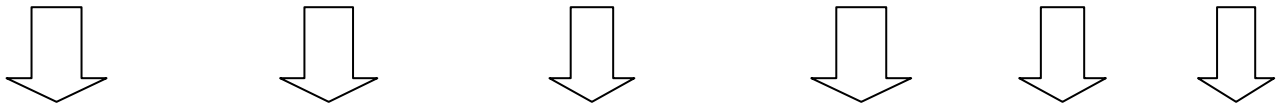
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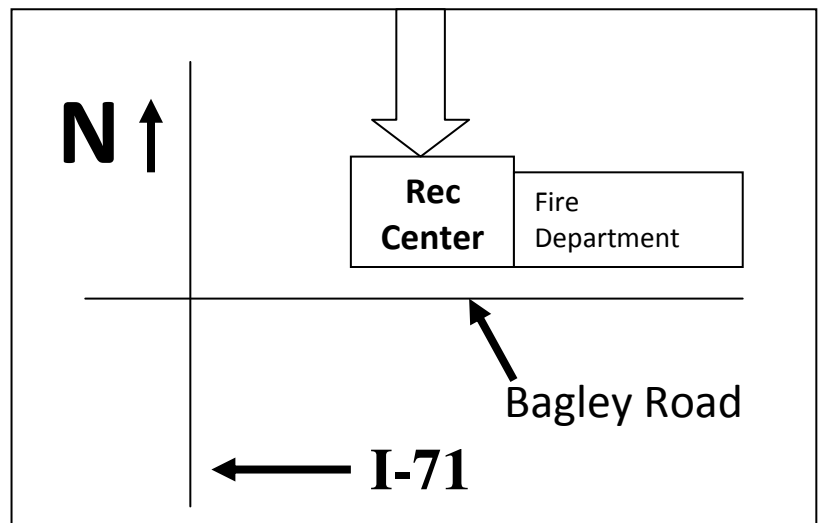
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February Program Preview

Dr. Ron Oldfield

I was sitting in a doctor's office waiting room several years ago, checking out an issue of National Geographic. There was a small but interesting article about research done concerning aggression in aquarium fishes, so, of course, I read it. I was pleasantly surprised that the scientist doing that research, Dr. Ron Oldfield, was based right here in the Cleveland area, and holds the position of Instructor in the Biology Department at Case-Western University. Always on the lookout for interesting speakers for our meetings, I soon contacted Dr. Oldfield. It turns out that he has been a member of the OCA in the past, and he graciously agreed to make a presentation at one of our meetings, and now, we've invited him for a return engagement.

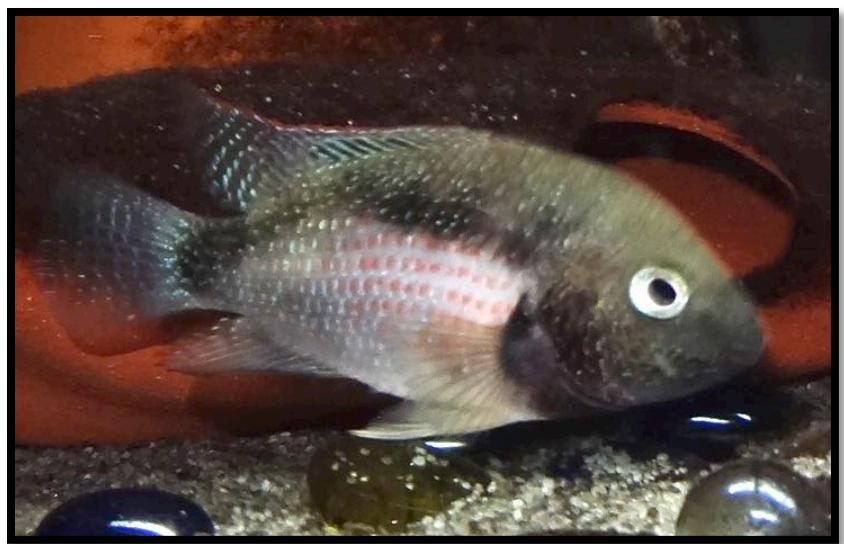
6-year-old Ron Oldfield won a goldfish at the county fair sparking a life-long interest. By the time he graduated from high school, Ron had developed a fascination with Central American cichlids, and decided to make them the focus of his life's work. His studies at the Bowling Green State University Marine Lab and at the Toledo Zoo led to a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of Toledo. Also around this time, he won the Jeffrey Black Memorial Scholarship for aquatic science. He continued his studies at the University of Michigan, where he did research at their Museum of Zoology. His studies of "the effect of social interactions on sexual development in the Midas cichlid" earned him the Jody C. Ungerleider Memorial Award for outstanding contributions to animal welfare. In 2006, the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists awarded him their prize for Best Oral Paper in Neotropical Ichthyology.

After earning his PhD, Dr. Oldfield went to Texas to study mating behavior in *Herichthys*, and spent a few years as a Research Fellow at the Texas Research Institute for Environmental Studies at Sam Houston State University, splitting his work time between Ohio and Texas. He has recently finished a study on introduced *Herichthys* in U.S. waters, based on data from his time in Texas.

Over two dozen of Dr. Oldfield's scientific studies and aquarium articles have been published. One of them, a report on aggression in the aquarium based on experiments with Midas Cichlids, got the attention of over 100 news agencies around the world, which led to articles about his work in the New York Times, and, as mentioned earlier, National Geographic Magazine.

Next month, Ph.D. student and 2015 Jim Smith Memorial Award recipient Sam Borstein will discuss recent thinking on "The Lake Victoria Extinction".

Cryptoheros panemensis



A Year of Great Presentations...

February 5

Dr. Ron Oldfield

(Case-Western Reserve University)

Topic TBA



New Location
@ Middleburg Heights
Community Center

March 2

Sam Borstein

(University of Tennessee)

The Lake Victoria Extinction

April 1

Laif DeMason (tentative)

(Old World Exotic Fish)

Topic TBA

May 6

Chris Biggs

Topic TBA

June 3

Larry Johnson

Lake Malawi



August 5

Mark Soberman

Cory Cats

September 2

Dr. Tom Waltzek

(University of Florida)

“Diseases of Cichlid Fishes”

October 7

Ed Burress

(Auburn University)

Topic TBA

January Meeting Photo Recap

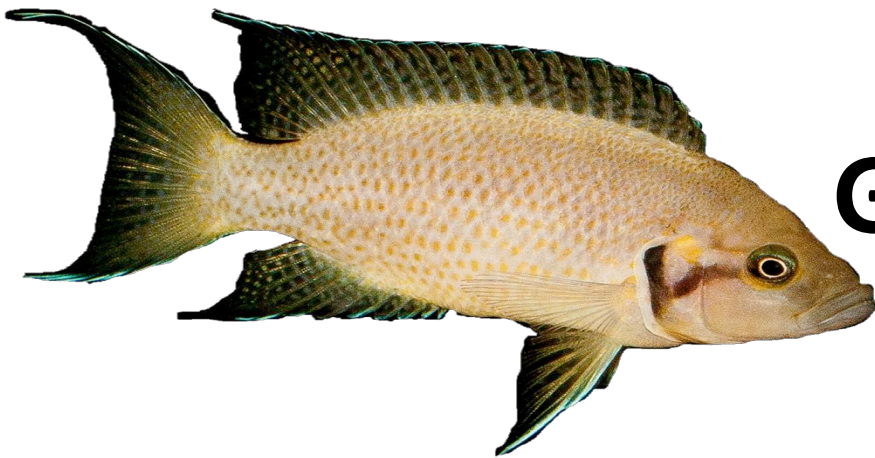
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Congratulations on these spawns and thank you for your participation.

Hilary Lacerda

Protomelas taeniolatus "red empress" 10

Pundamilia nyererei "Makobe Island" 10

Tomocichla sieboldii 20

Xystichromis sp. "Kyoga flameback" 10

Gary Mendez

Lethrinops sp. "red cap Chirwa" 10

Michael Meyer

Aulonocara sp. "dragon blood" 10

Dennis Rozmus

Tropheus sp. "red Moliro" 20

Bill Schwartz

Haplochromis sp. "35 - tomato" 10

Eric & Rhonda Sorensen

Copadichromis melas "midnight Mloto" 10

**Welcome to the Program
Michael Meyer!**



Cichlid BAP Totals... February 2016

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	-	2800
Don Danko	-	2395
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Bryan Davis	-	1425
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
Josh Cunningham	-	1165
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065
Mark Chaloupka	-	1045
John Tesar	-	1020

900 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Tom Swiderski	-	905

800 POINT LEVEL

Dustin Brummitt	-	840
Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	50	800

700 POINT LEVEL

Gary Mendez	10	780
Ken & Sue Galaska	-	770
Jeff Yadlovsky	-	750

600 POINT LEVEL

Jeff Natterer	-	690
Bill Schwartz	10	635
Jonathan Strazinsky	-	615
Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600

500 POINT LEVEL

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

400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
Phil Hypes	-	475
Kyle May	-	460
Tyler Toncler	-	420
Bob Bina	-	415
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	10	410

300 POINT LEVEL

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

Cichlid BAP Totals... February 2016

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	-	285
Andrew Schock	-	280
James Shakour	-	275
Greg Senn	-	260
Dennis Kuehn	-	255
Dave Esner	-	250
Ken Walker	-	240
Jonathan Dietrich	-	230
Paul Collander	-	205
Justin Way	-	200

100 POINT LEVEL

Marc & Dawn DeWerth	-	195
Ozeal Hunter	-	190
Chuck Carroll	-	185
Andrew Subotnik	-	180
Jason Mylnar	-	170
Frank Mueller	-	160
Bob Evers	-	155
Steve Heinbaugh	-	150
David Ayers	-	145
Greg Seith	-	145
Dan Ogrizek	-	140
Bill & Janice Bilski	-	135
David Hearn	-	135
Denis Rozmus	20	130
Charles Nowakowski	-	125
Dan Ogrizek	-	140
Joe Ring	-	120
John Griffith	-	115
Mark Kazanoff	-	115
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110

BREEDER LEVEL

Mark Huntington	-	95
Pete Gembka	-	80
Steve Olander	-	80
Carl Olszewski	-	80
Rick Wood	-	75
Dolores Bacisin	-	70
Bob Tillman	-	70
Matt Urbin	-	70
Dave Dimond	-	65
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	65
Paul Palisin	-	60
Chris Jaskolka	-	55
Dave Dimond	-	50
John Kahl	-	50
Anthony Scarton	-	50
Alex Gorges	-	45
Jim Jensen	-	45
John Kaminski	-	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
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Congratulations!

2015 Participants

Another AMAZING year of
Cichlid Breeding

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Cichlid and Catfish BAP



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Breeder	Species	Points
Rhonda and Eric Sorensen	Ancistrus L279	10



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Thank you for your participation.

Breeder	2016	Total
Dan Ogrizek		385
Steve Heinbaugh		355
Dave Ayres		250
Phil Ayres		220
Don & Marilyn Danko		215
Ken Walker		120
Dan Woodland		100
Matt Urbin		90
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	10	85
Tom & Carolyn Evers		70
Bryan Davis		60
Phil Hypes		60
Hilary Lacerda		60
Bob Blazek		50
Ken Galaska		45
Tyler Toncler		45
Justin Way		40
John Kaminski		40
Kyle May		40
George Aganostopoulos		40
Karen & Ken Grimmett		30

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NAME	2015	TOTAL
Lew Carbone		30
Andrew Schock		30
Bob Evers		30
Tony Poth		20
Josh Cunningham		20
Gary Mendez		20
John Tesar		20
David Toth		20
Paul Palisin		20
Jason Mlynar		15
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 – February 2016

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 for more information.

This month's Bowl Show Categories
Victorian Basin
Angelfish
Synodontis and other Mochokids

The beginning of the
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Good luck and
Thanks for your
participation!

Bowl Show 2016 Schedule

Jan. 2

Tanganyikan Shell- dwellers
Central Americans under 6”
Loracariids (Pleco types) over 6”

Feb. 6

Victorian Basin
Angelfish
Synodontis and other Mochokids

Mar. 6

Pseudotropheus, Cynotilapia, Melanochromis
South Americans under 6”– exclude Angels, Discus, Apistos
Catfish—exclude Callichthids, Loracariids, Mochokids (see other classes for explanations)

Apr. 3

Peacocks
Central Americans over 6”
Freshwater Crustaceans

May. 1

Tanganyikan Mouth- brooders--exclude Frontosa
South Americans over 6”
Loracariids under 6”

June. 5

Mbuna--exclude Pseudo, Cyno, Melano
Discus, Uaru
Open Catfish, limit 3 per participant (all Cats eligible)

July

No meeting

Aug. 7

Old World—exlude Rift Lakes and Victorian Basin
Open New World, limit 3
Open Tanganyika, limit 3

Sept. 4

Frontosa
Open Old World, ex- clude Malawi, Tang.
Corys and other Callichthyids

Oct. 2

Malawi “Haps”
Apistos
Fish Photography

Nov. 6

Female cichlids, limit 3
Loaches and Botias
Telmatochromis, Chalinochromis

Dec. 4

Tanganyikan “Lamps”—exclude Shell-dwellers
Julidochromis
Open Malawi, limit 3



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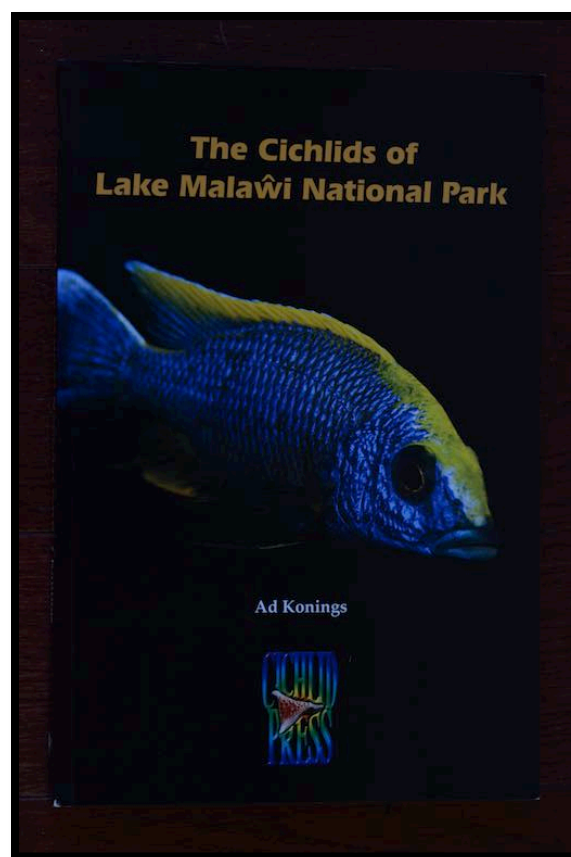
Review of “The Cichlids of Lake Malawi National Park” by Ad Konings By Don Danko

At the 2015 Extravaganza, I was fortunate enough to obtain a copy of Ad Konings' new book, entitled “The Cichlids of Lake Malawi National Park”. Even though I do not specialize in Malawi Cichlids, this book has provided hours of enjoyment for me over the holidays and I thought I'd share my thoughts with you.

This fantastic book is set up much like a field guide to Lake Malawi National Park, with sections on the individual islands and with individual write-ups on each of the species found in the park. As with all of Ad's books, it is well illustrated with high quality underwater shots of the species described. The pictures in this book are glossy which adds a nice touch.

After the introduction which states that an amazing 875 species are found in the lake, there is an interesting section that describes the lake in detail and sets the stage for covering the Cichlids that live there. Ad shares many facts, such as more than 40,000 tons of fish are harvested each by the more than 45,000 fisherman!

The next chapter, called “The Cichlids” covers what Cichlids are, why they are so successful in Lake Malawi and why there are so many species. Ad explains that Cichlids are very successful in the lake's clear water because they can see their offspring and actively protect them from predators. He further explains that they quickly adapt to new environments and this fact helps explain why there are so many species.



The next section, “The Park’s Geography”, provides detailed descriptions of each of the islands and rocky outcroppings in the park. To augment the sixteen thorough descriptions, glossy photographs of each site are provided as well. He provides useful information to those that would visit these islands including the locations of beaches and places to leave boats as well as what to expect below the surface of the water.

In “Cichlid Habitats”, Ad describes the surge zone, rocky habitat, intermediate habitat of sand and rock, bays with aquatic plants, the sandy habitat, and open water. Underwater habitat pictures are shown for each type to go along with each of Ad’s descriptions.

In “Feeding Strategies”, he talks about thirty-two different strategies employed by the Cichlids of the lake. These strategies are categorized by predators and by herbivores. Many illustrations of various species exemplifying the behavior are provided. It is truly amazing that so many unique strategies have evolved in this complex group of Cichlids.

“Breeding Strategies” covers courtship, spawning, post-spawning and postnatal care in detail. Examples of species are noted and many photographs are included as well.

The balance of the 288 page book is devoted to the “Cichlid Species in the Lake”. For each species, much insight is provided concerning the distribution, local morphs, maximum length, habitat, food, breeding behavior, similar species and best place to see the species. For most species, excellent high quality underwater pictures of males and females are provided. An amazing 219 species are covered in great detail making this book a must have reference for all Cichlid keepers.

In “Other Fishes in the Park”, Ad covers the eels, barbs, catfish and other fishes in the lake. I found it amazing that the mottled eel, *Anguilla bengalensis labiata*, grows to 5 feet long, 6” in diameter and stays up to 20 years in the lake before returning to the ocean to breed!

In “Underwater Explorations”, the final chapter, species lists are provided by location in the park. Again, excellent underwater pictures are provided for several of the species.

In summary, “The Cichlids of Lake Malawi National Park” is mandatory reading for those interested in Lake Malawi Cichlids. With all of its excellent content and illustrations, it is an essential reference guide. Take the time to find the book and to read it as you will not be disappointed.

Extravaganza 2015 Show Results

Here are the show results for all classes in the 2015 Extravaganza Show. There were 29 classes with 147 total entries. Class winners, one through three, received monetary prizes for their fish. In addition to the class awards, six special trophies were presented for Best of Show, Reserve Best of Show, Best Catfish of Show, President's Trophy, Memorial Trophy, and People's Choice. The OCA thanks everyone for their participation and encourages even more to get involved next year. The OCA would like to thank all the show sponsors for their support!

Best of Show

Bruce Duong – *Caquetaia umbrifera*
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Reserve Best of Show

Mark Murtaugh – *Sciaenochromis fryeri*
Sponsor: Paradigm Fish Food

Best Catfish of Show

Phil Ayres – *Hypostomus margaritifer*
Sponsor: Pleco Caves (www.plecocaves.com)

President's Trophy

Scott Myers
Sponsor: Claudia Dickinson

Memorial Trophy

Nate Larson
Sponsor: In memory of Dale Woodland and Dale Woodland II

People's Choice

Antonio Martina – *Amphilophus citrinellus*
Sponsor: Aquatica



Class 1 – Discus

Sponsor: Mike's Wet Pets

Entries: 0



Class 2 – Angelfish

Sponsor: Villa's City of Angelfish

Entries: 5

3rd place: Pterophyllum scalare – Bill Sensor

2nd place: Pterophyllum scalare – Dawn Domigala

1st place: Pterophyllum scalare "smokey blue" – Phil Ayres

Class 3 – Apistogramma, Nannacara, Crenicara, Microgeophagus

Sponsor: Scalz Fine Art

Entries: 4

3rd place: Apistogramma norberti – Bill Sensor

2nd place: Apistogramma kelleri – Bill Sensor

1st place: Apistogramma iniridae – Bill Sensor

Class 4 – Central Americans 6 inches and under

Sponsor: Ohio Bigfoot Conference

Entries: 7

3rd place: Thorichthys maculapinnis – Erwin Gundrum

2nd place: Thorichthys meeki – Scott Myers

1st place: Cryptoheros panamensis – Bill Sensor

Class 5 – Amphilophus, Parachromis, Nandopsis

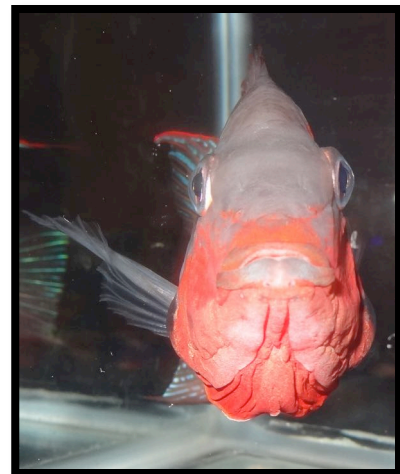
Sponsor: Something Fishy

Entries: 5

3rd place: Amphilophus festae – Scott Myers

2nd place: Amphilophus citrinellus – Antonio Martina

1st place: Nandopsis beani – Scott Myers



Class 6 – All other Central Americans over 6 inches

Sponsor: Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society

Entries: 6

3rd place: *Herichthys pearsi* – Scott Myers

2nd place: *Paratheraps* sp. "Coatzacoalcos" – Scott Myers

1st place: *Astaheros rhytisma* – Scott Myers

Class 7 – All other South Americans 6 inches and under

Sponsor: Ted Judy

Entries: 8

3rd place: *Guianacara sphenazona* – Bill Sensor

2nd place: *Cichlasoma bimaculatus* – David Smith

1st place: *Aequidens* sp. "jennero herrera" – Bill Sensor

Class 8 – All other South Americans over 6 inches

Sponsor: Scarton's Aquatic World

Entries: 5

3rd place: *Astronatus ocellatus* – Antonio Martina

2nd place: *Geophagus brasiliensis* – Scott Myers

1st place: *Caquetaia umbrifera* – Bruce Duong



Class 9 – Haplochromines (Victorian Basin)

Sponsor: Cunningham Cichlids, LLC

Entries: 2

3rd place:

2nd place: *Haplochromis* sp. "35 – tomato" – Scott Myers

1st place: *Pundamilia nyererei* – Scott Myers

Class 10 – Haplochromines (Malawi)

Sponsor: The Wonder of Cichlids

Entries: 4

3rd place: *Protomelas spilonatus* "Liuli" – Scott Myers

2nd place: *Protomelas taeniolatus* "red empress" – Dawn Domigala

1st place: *Sciaenochromis fryeri* – Mark Murtaugh

Class 11 – Aulonocara jacobfriebergi, “Eureka”, “Lwanda”, “Walteri”

Sponsor: Something Fishy

Entries: 4

3rd place: Aulonocara walteri – Scott Myers

2nd place: Aulonocara jacobfriebergi "eureka red" – Erwin Gundrum

1st place: Aulonocara sp. "Lwanda" – Bill Schwartz

Class 12 – All other Aulonocara

Sponsor: Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society

Entries: 2

3rd place:

2nd place: Aulonocara sp. "flavescent – Kande Island" – Scott Myers

1st place: Aulonocara beanschi – Scott Myers



Class 13 – Mbuna

Sponsor: The Wonder of Cichlids

Entries: 7

3rd place: Labidochromis caeruleus – Bill Schwartz

2nd place: Pseudotropheus sp. "Williamsi North" – Scott Myers

1st place: Pseudotropheus sp. "blue dolphin" – Scott Myers

Class 14 – Julidochromis, Chalinochromis, Telmatochromis

Sponsor: Mike’s Wet Pets

Entries: 8

3rd place: Julidochromis marlieri "Maswa" – Matt Anderson

2nd place: Julidochromis ornatus – Matt Anderson

1st place: Julidochromis transcriptus – Hilary Lacerda

Class 15 – All other Tanganyikan substrate brooders

Sponsor: Cunningham Cichlids, LLC

Entries: 6

3rd place: Neolamprologus leleupi – Scott Myers

2nd place: Altolamprologus calvus "white Chaitika" – Christopher Hardy

1st place: Altolamprologus compressiceps "gold head" – Mark Murtaugh

Class 16 – Tanganyikan mouthbrooders, exclude Frontosa

Sponsor: Cunningham Cichlids, LLC

Entries: 1

3rd place:

2nd place:

1st place: *Limnotilapia dardenni* – Scott Myers

Class 17 – All other Old World 5 inches and under

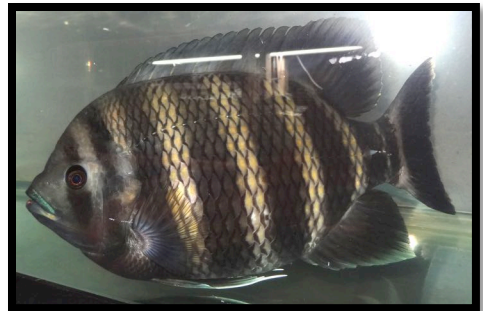
Sponsor: The Wonder of Cichlids

Entries: 9

3rd place: *Nanochromis transvestitus* – Bill Sensor

2nd place: *Pelvicachromis silvae* – Daniel Cohen

1st place: *Pelvicachromis silvae* – Daniel Cohen



Class 18 – All other Old World over 5 inches

Sponsor: Scarton's Aquatic World

Entries: 3

3rd place: *Tilapia* sp. "mamfe" – Scott Myers

2nd place: *Pelmatochromis nigrofasciatus* – Daniel Cohen

1st place: *Tilapia butterkoferi* – Antonio Martina

Class 19 – Loracariids over 6 inches

Sponsor: Something Fishy

Entries: 7

3rd place: *Hypostomus flaveolus* "L37" – John & Jim Baad

2nd place: *Hypostomus rosepunctatus* – John & Jim Baad

1st place: *Hypostomus margaritifer* – Phil Ayres

Class 20 – Loracariids 6 inches and under

Sponsor: Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society

Entries: 12

3rd place: *Hypancistrus* sp. "L333 – Porto de Moz" – Phil Ayres

2nd place: *Loricaria* sp. – Bill Sensor

1st place: *Loricaria similima* – Bill Senso

Class 21 – Corydoras, Aspidoras, Brochis

Sponsor: Mark Kazanoff

Entries: 8

3rd place: Corydoras sp. "red laser" – John & Jim Baad

2nd place: Corydoras delphax – Phil Ayres

1st place: Corydoras similis – Phil Ayres

Class 22 – All other New World Catfish over 6 inches

Sponsor: Greater Chicago Cichlid Association

Entries: 4

3rd place: Phractocephalus hemiliopterus "red tail cat – Toast" – Jonathan Strazinsky

2nd place: Hoplosternum littorale – Phil Ayres

1st place: Pseudopimelodus bufonius "giant bubblebee cat" – John & Jim Baad

Class 23 – All other New World Catfish 6 inches and under

Sponsor: Mark Kazanoff

Entries: 5

3rd place: Megalechis thoracata – Phil Ayres

2nd place: Microglanis iheringi – Phil Ayres

1st place: Tatia intermedia – Phil Ayres



Class 24 – Sharks and Loaches

Sponsor: Zenin Skomorowski

Entries: 1

3rd place:

2nd place:

1st place: Yasuhikotakia nigrolineata "black lined loach" – John & Jim Baad

Class 25 – Synodontid Catfish

Sponsor: The Tropical Fish Club of Erie County

Entries: 2

3rd place:

2nd place: Synodontis sp. – Bill Sensor

1st place: Synodontis multipunctatus – Phil Ayres

Class 26 – All other Old World Catfish

Sponsor: Scarton's Aquatic World

Entries: 2

3rd place:

2nd place: *Chrysichthys ornatus* "ornate catfish" – John & Jim Baad

1st place: *Lophiobagrus cycluris* – Phil Ayres

Class 27 – Prints and Slides

Sponsor: Aquatica

Entries: 15

3rd place: *Neolamprologus savoryi* photo – Andrew Schock

2nd place: Chocolate cichlid photo – Carl Olszewski

1st place: *Severum/Geophagus* photo – Carl Olszewski

Class 28 – All other Art forms

Sponsor: Ted Judy

Entries: 3

3rd place: Wood burning – Matthew Barnes

2nd place: Jack Dempsey acrylic – Stephanie Kelland

1st place: Gold face calvus acrylic – Stephanie Kelland

Class 29 – Any fish or other aquatic pet (participants under 16 years of age)

Sponsor: Ray "Kingfish" Lucas

Entries: 2

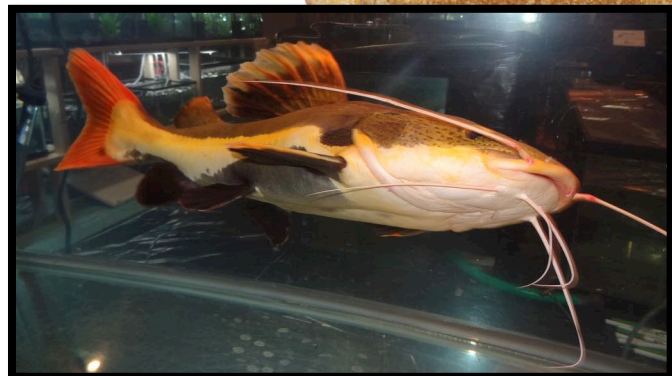
3rd place:

2nd place: *Aulonocara walteri* – James Myers

1st place: *Rocio octofasciata* – James Myers

Thank you to ALL our Extravaganza
2015 Show Participants!

We hope to see you next year!

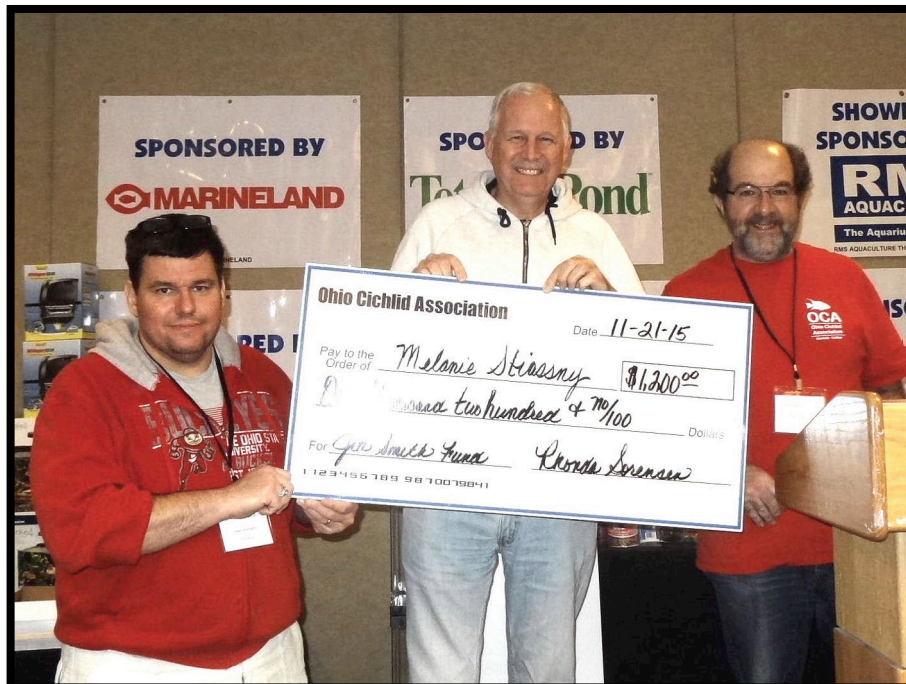


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Each Extravaganza, the OCA accepts proposals for cichlid-related projects. This year we receive many worthy proposals. After long thought and discussion, the OCA Board decided to give two donations this year.

Melanie Stiassny, of the American Museum of Natural History, in New York, received a \$1200 grant from the Jim Smith Fund, at the 2015 Extravaganza. On her next expedition to the Congo River, she will use the money to fund attempts to collect live *Teleogramma obamaorum*, a species she recently described from a single preserved specimen. Accepting the award for Dr. Stiassny is her colleague, Ad Konings.



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Sam Borstein, of The University of Tennessee, received a \$2000 grant from the Jim Smith Fund at the 2015 Extravaganza. Sam is studying mbuna to find out how different species utilize the same areas of the algae cover in different ways. He will use the money to buy components for equipment that will use high-speed videography to record feeding mechanics while simultaneously measuring bite pressure. Long-time friend of the Borstein family, Phil Clary, accepts the award for Sam.





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1. Sign up through the OCA website, Ohiocichlid.com, and pay with PayPal,
2. Email OCAmember@gmail.com
3. See Hilary Lacerda 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.

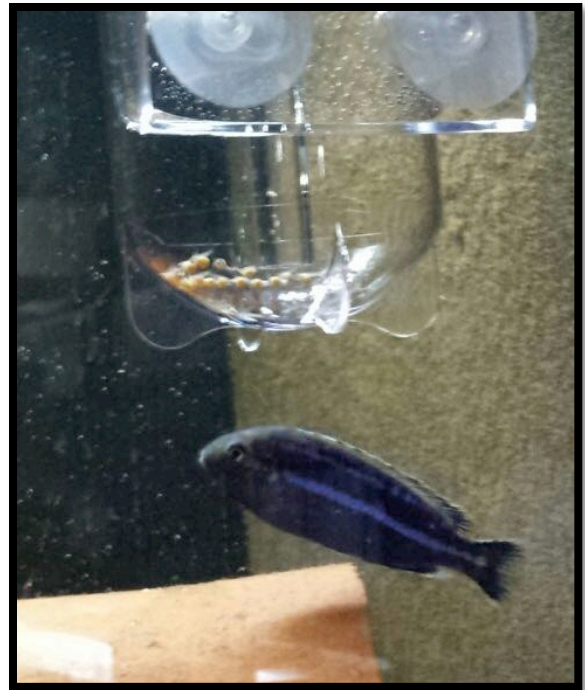
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If you have any questions about membership, please direct them to Hilary Lacerda, OCA Board.



BAP Success...

Here's my *Melanochromis dialeptos* breeding story. I bought a bag of BAP fish at the OCA meeting a year or so ago. I heard they were a cool species so I thought I would give them a try. I knew that it was desirable to have more females than males. While they were young, I could not tell the difference; however, I quickly discovered my ratio when I had four blue fish and one yellow. They were in a 75 gallon tank with some White Zebras. The aggression from the males was intense. They do this really cool circling move – I assume they are fighting. The one female held her own, finding many hiding places when aggression was high. I noticed her holding a few weeks ago. After finally purchasing an egg rocker – from Cobalt – I stripped her. I couldn't believe how many decent-sized eggs were in her mouth. Twenty-two eggs were placed in the egg-rocker. They are currently growing out in a breeder box. I hope to turn them in next month. Here are some pictures.



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

Seriously South American

Carl Olszewski has two passions: South American aquatic inhabitants and photography. Lucky for us, Carl mixes those two hobbies, allowing us to have a front-row, high-def. view into some of the most beautiful South American fish. In this monthly installment, Carl graciously shares some of his best shots from the month. Enjoy!

