

Buckeye Bulletin

November 2020


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An advertisement for the 26th Annual Cichlid and Catfish Extravaganza. The ad features a central image of a laptop screen displaying four photos of fish: a long, thin, brownish fish, a yellowish catfish, a silver cichlid, and a striped cichlid. The text on the ad includes:

26th Annual Cichlid and Catfish EXTRAVAGANZA
November 20-22, 2020
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- Ad Konings on Tanganyika Cichlids
- Haakon Haagensen on New Loricariidae Imports
- Jeff Cardwell on Collecting in Colombia SA
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**President's Message
Editor's Message
Bowl Show Results
Cichlid BAP Results
Catfish BAP Results
Program Previews
Extravaganza Information!**



Thanks to Jeff Natterer for all these amazing photos scattered through this bulletin!

And more...

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

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A Word from the President...

Lew Carbone,
OCA President

Greetings, OCA members!

Well, this month, your club is going to do something that no aquarium club has attempted, to the best of our knowledge, which is to present a totally on-line, multi-day event, the OCA Virtual Extravaganza! The most audacious aspect of the Virtual Extravaganza is the Virtual Fish Show, which uses video entries. (Unfortunately, by the time you read this, deadline for entries will have passed.) Friday, November 13, is the last day you can register for the Virtual Extravaganza for the regular price of \$7. The late registration price is \$15. We've included a summary of all details about the event in this issue.

This ground-breaking event is being planned by a small committee, with help and input from the rest of the board. The committee is chaired by Don Danko, with Byron Von Gunten acting as event host and handling the technical aspects of the online presentation, and Jeff Natterer planning the Virtual Fish Show. Other committee members are Gary Mendez (website and sponsors), JJ Cabin (vendors and technical advice), and me (speakers and what-not).

What? Yes! We have a new board member! Jared "JJ" Cabin has been appointed to the board. JJ's a tech specialist and lives in the Buffalo area. There's a note, included in this issue, in which he tells us about himself.

The last piece of the Virtual Extravaganza puzzle that we're adding is a Rare Fish Raffle, to replace the auction that we originally planned. The fish will be provided by the likes of Imperial Tropicals, Mike's Cichlids, Dave's Rare Aquarium Fish, and The Wet Spot. Pay attention to our FB page and the OCA Extravaganza 2020 FB group for details. Raffle tickets for each offering will be sold from a special page in our online store.

Don't forget Friday's online Social Meeting, to be presented in our FB group and on our YouTube channel! Our speaker will be John Krepper, who'll discuss keeping Tanganyikan feather-fins. There will also be an up-to-the-moment update on the Virtual Extravaganza.

I hope to see you soon!

Lew

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Welcome to the Board

JJ Cabin

Hello My name is Jarod Cabin, but everyone calls me JJ. I live on Grand Island NY, a suburb of Buffalo.

Some of you may know me from attending past OCA events or for being active within the community on Facebook. I'm an Admin of a FB group called Fish Club, we have close to 3000 members.

I started keeping Cichlids back in the early 1990's & I've always been very passionate about the hobby. My fish room consists of about 30 tanks and the majority are Cichlids from Lake Tanganyika.

I have a career in technology; I work for a fortune 100 company. About 80% of all the technology that's sold worldwide passes through my organization. I'm in Business Development and part of the Cloud Division. I work directly with Microsoft, AWS, and other Software Vendors. I help technology re-sellers transform their businesses based upon cloud offerings.



My main goal is to apply my professional knowledge to help the OCA with its digital transformation. It is an honor to serve the Club to extend our digital footprint.

I look forward to establishing stronger relationships with those of you whom I already know, as well as earning the friendship of some of you who may not know me. You can never have enough friends in the hobby, especially if they keep cichlids!

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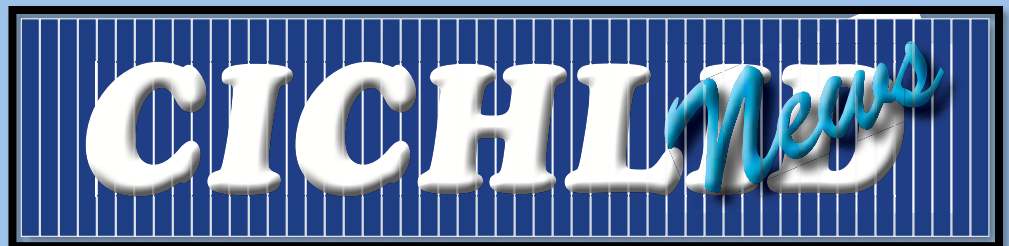
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Gino Dinella

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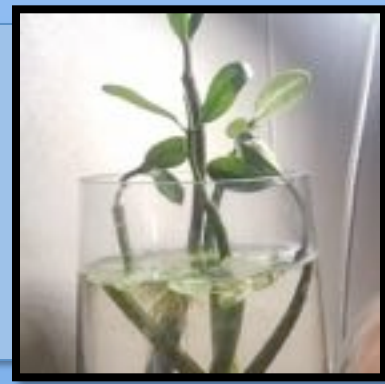
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Ohio Cichlid Association Virtual Extravaganza 2020: Registration now open!

Ohio Cichlid Association Virtual Extravaganza 2020: Registration still open! We'll be having a Rare Fish Raffle instead of an auction Here's an updated account of what will be happening:

The Ohio Cichlid Association Extravaganza is the best known, and by far the longest running, multiday regional aquarium event in the US. The event was first held on the weekend before Thanksgiving, at the Strongsville, Ohio, Holiday Inn, in 1995. Last year, we celebrated our 25th consecutive Extravaganza, still at the same location and on the same weekend. Many aquarists from across the country and Canada say it is their favorite event of the year.

The OCA will be holding an online version of the Extravaganza for 2020, on the traditional Extravaganza weekend. This event is sponsored by **Zoogari Pets**, in Norton, Ohio. Here's a bullet-point list of all we have planned.

Purpose

- Recreate as many features of the OCA Extravaganza as 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.
- 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!**
- 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.

Ohio Cichlid Association Virtual Extravaganza 2020: Registration now open!

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 Carreno, Colombia, 2019"
- Saturday: **Ad Konings** "Tanganyikan Cichlids from the Central Tanzanian Shore"
- Sunday: **Haakon Haagenen**: "New Loricariidae Imports"

Virtual Cichlid and Catfish Show

- The entry deadline was Nov 1.
- Show classes and special awards can be sponsored here:
<https://www.ohiocichlid.com/shop/sponsor-an-extravaganza-show-class-here-14895>
- Winners will be announced during the Sunday session.

Rare Fish Raffle

- Groups of juveniles will be donated by the likes of Imperial Tropicals, Mike's Cichlids, Dave's Rare Aquarium Fish, and The Wet Spot. Some dry goods may also be included.
- The fish will be professionally shipped from the dealers directly to the winners. Shipments will be made to the continental US only.
- Raffle tickets for each group of fish will be sold on a special page in our online store.
- Winners will be announced during the Sunday session.
- More details to follow.

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 1st and October 31st*.
2. *E-mail entries to jeffnatterer@gmail.com after paying the entry fee in the OCA online store.*

Judging

1. Judging will take place from November 1st through November 18th. With the results revealed live online on November 22nd 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

Division A - New World

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

Sponsored by Zenin Skomorowski
Sponsored by Claudia Dickenson

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

Sponsored by Blue Seas Tropicals
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Sponsored by Sand City Cichlids
Sponsored by New England Cichlid Association

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

Sponsored by Megan McGuire
Sponsored by Jeff Natterer

Division D - Video and Photography

Class 10 - Video
Class 11 - Digital Photos

Special Awards

Best of Show
Reserve Best of Show
Best Catfish of Show
Memorial Trophy
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Important NOTICE!



Friday, November 6th, 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

John Krepper

“Tanganyikan Treasures - Featherfins in the Aquarium”

November 6, 2020 8:00 PM

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

OCA Extravaganza 2020 FaceBook Group

John Krepper, entered the aquarium hobby in 1968. His earliest interests were the larger live-bearers, but he quickly got swept up in the African cichlid craze of the time. During the early 1970s, he began focusing on Tanganyikans, and except for a ten year period ending in 2005, has kept them ever since.

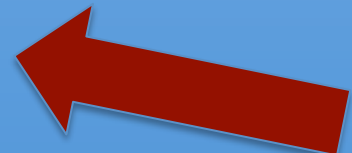
John has been active in the organized hobby from the very beginning, having joined the Louisville Tropical Fish Fanciers as a junior member. As a young man, he moved to California and founded the Santa Barbara Aquarium Society in 1979. Upon his return to Kentucky, he rejoined the LTFF and was eventually elected president. He has lived in Indianapolis since 1993.

John, a long-time ACA member, is a fixture at American Cichlid Association conventions. It was during his time as president that the LTFF hosted the 1992 ACA convention.

John has accumulated a great amount of knowledge of, and experience with, Tanganyikan cichlids. During his presentation he will discuss his years of experience keeping Tanganyika featherfins and sand dwellers, including the best tank mates, nutritional requirements, tank layouts, water conditioning, and general maintenance. He will also share his collection of photos and videos of Tanganyika featherfins and sand dwellers in his own tanks and in fish rooms he has visited.

Cobalt Aquatics has offered these benefits to those who participate in this event:

- 25% discount at <http://cobaltaquatics.com/> . The code will be given out during the live-stream.
- Pro Breeder Flake, 1-lb pail to the 1st name drawn in the Door Prize Raffle.
- Six 5-oz containers of Mysis Flakes to subsequent names drawn.
- Prizes will be shipped directly to the 7 Door Prize winners!



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/UCAIgwAiaJI7kPVR5y3Wdmlg>
Most of these presentations will remain on our YouTube channel.

2020

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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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 November's Virtual Meeting!

Bob Blazek
Herichthys carpintis "Vontehillo"

Breeders and Fry available
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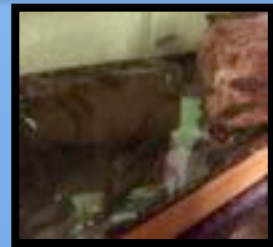
Bob Blazek
Cynotilapia sp. "Lions Cove"

Breeders and Fry available
330-416-3677



Bob Blazek
Labidochromis sp. "Hongi Sweden"

Breeders and Fry available
330-416-3677



Jonathan Dietrich
Aulonocara baenschi

Breeders and fry available
Jonathan.rh.dietrich@gmail.com or BAND app



BAP Submissions for December's meeting must be submitted by
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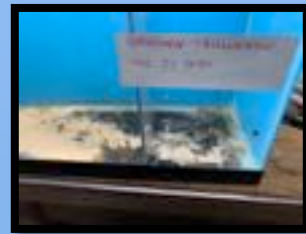
BAP Submissions for November's Virtual Meeting!

Jonathan Dietrich
Copadichromis lupingu

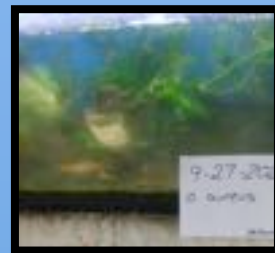
Breeders and fry available
Jonathan.rh.dietrich@gmail.com or BAND app



Bob Musial
Corydoras trilweatus



Jeff Natterer
Oreochromis aureus



Lee Spencer
Aulonocara jacobfreibergi "Otter Point"

Fry available
leespencerphoto@gmail.com



Keep those BAP submissions coming!

BAP Submissions for December's meeting must be submitted by
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Please submit official form and fry photo to buckeyebulletin@gmail.com

Cichlid BAP... November 2020

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP submissions for October 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.

Hilary Lacerda

Pelvicachromis pulcher "Nigerian yellow" 10

Jonathan Strazinsky

Trichromis salvini "Rio Grijalva" 15

John Tesar

Gephyrochromis moorii "orange top" 10

A New and *True* MASTER Breeder!



Jonathan Strazinsky

With the October virtual spawn of *Trichromis salvini* "Rio Grijalva", Jonathan Strazinsky becomes the newest MASTER BREEDER in the Ohio Cichlid Association. Jonathan has been a long-time OCA member with jobs including Board member, Extravaganza coordinator, bulletin contributor, JSF promoter, African Cichlid presenter heckler, OCA lover, helper to all, security guard, auctioneer, social chair, BAP stand-in chair, show guardian, water czar, late night warrior, fish rescuer, forum god, New World Cichlid expert, and so much more.

A true champion for the OCA and the hobby in general.

Congratulations, Jonathan!

Master Breeder

Cichlid BAP Totals... November 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 |
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MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

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|-------------------------|----|------|
| Lew Carbone | 10 | 3095 |
| Don & Marilyn Danko | - | 2435 |
| Dan Woodland | - | 2070 |
| Josh Cunningham | 20 | 2040 |
| Bryan Davis | - | 1455 |
| John Tesar | 65 | 1210 |
| Bill Loudermilk | - | 1200 |
| Mark Chaloupka | 20 | 1130 |
| Linda Wallrath | - | 1130 |
| Jeff Yadlovsky | 20 | 1120 |
| Rich & Maggie Schoeffel | - | 1065 |
| Jonathan Strazinsky | 30 | 1010 |

900 POINT LEVEL

| | | |
|--------------------------|----|-----|
| Dennis Tomazin | - | 965 |
| Gary Mendez | 30 | 955 |
| Hilary & Antonio Lacerda | 10 | 920 |
| Tom Swiderski | - | 905 |

800 POINT LEVEL

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| Dustin Brummitt | - | 840 |
| Ken & Sue Galaska | 20 | 820 |

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700 POINT LEVEL

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| Bill Schwartz | - | 760 |
| Bob Blazek | 10 | 730 |
| Jeff Natterer | - | 725 |

600 POINT LEVEL

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| Jonathan Dietrich | 100 | 635 |
| Charlie & Cathy Suk | - | 615 |
| Steve Zarzeczny | - | 600 |

500 POINT LEVEL

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|------------------------|---|-----|
| 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... November 2020

400 POINT LEVEL

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|---------------|----|-----|
| 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 | 90 |
| Joe Ring | - | 120 |
| Steve Olander | - | 115 |
| Peter Nario-Redmond | - | 115 |
| Aaron Stevens | - | 115 |
| David Toth | - | 115 |
| Raymond Langer | - | 110 |

Cichlid BAP Totals... November 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... November 2020

Listed below are the Catfish BAP submissions for October 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 | |
|----------------|-----------------------|----|
| Bob Musial | Scleromystax barbatus | 15 |
| Hilary Lacerda | Hypancistrus L401 | 25 |

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Catfish BAP Totals... November 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 |
| Hilary Lacerda | 25 | 125 |
| Eric & Rhonda Sorensen | | 120 |
| Ken Walker | | 120 |
| Bob Blazek | | 110 |
| 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... November 2020

| | 2020 | Total |
|------------------------|------|-------|
| Bob Musial | 35 | 35 |
| Jason Mlynar | | 35 |
| John Tesar | | 30* |
| Karen & Ken Grimmett | | 30 |
| Lew Carbone | | 30 |
| Andrew Schock | | 30 |
| Bob Evers | | 30 |
| Jon Dietrich | 10 | 20 |
| 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 |
| Richard Shamray | | 10 |
| William Zarzeczny | | 10 |
| Wayne Corman | | 10 |
| Mark Chaloupka | | 10 |
| David Hale | | 10 |
| Jonathan Strazinsky | | 10 |
| Bob & Jennifer Tillman | | 10 |

Bowl Show – November 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

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 |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------|
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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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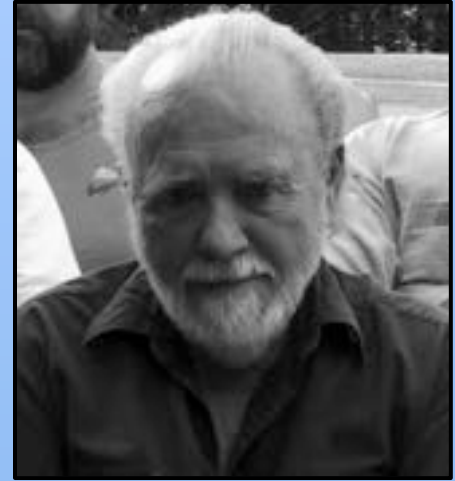


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Who Was Jim Smith?

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.



Who are recent Jim Smith Fund grant recipients?

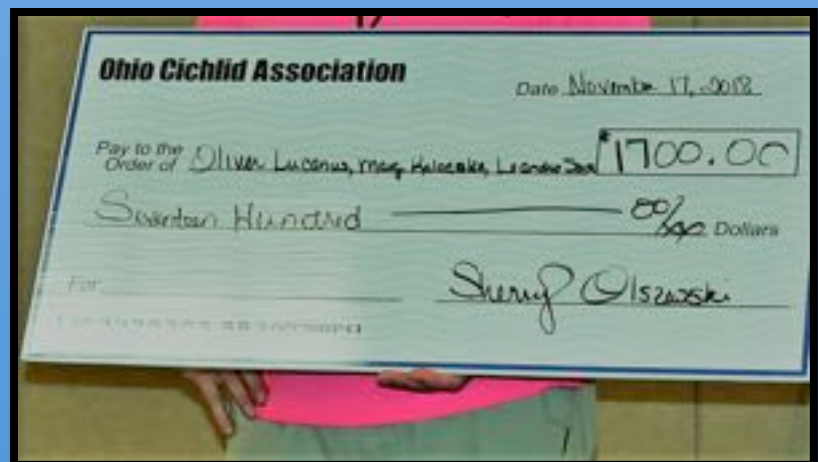
At this recent Extravaganza, the Ohio Cichlid Association announced the winner of the 2018 Jim Smith Endowment Fund grant. Jim Smith was a long-time and highly-regarded Membership Chair of the OCA, who passed away in 2003. Later that year, the Jim Smith Fund was established in his memory. The Jim Smith 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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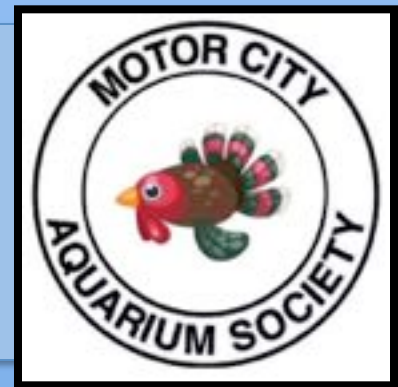
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