

ACA NEWS

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Christmas Day is fast approaching and what better gift to give your fishy friends and family than the gift of ACA. You can visit our website to give Gift Memberships to your loved ones and Buntbarsche Buddies. So, crack open the wallet, let a few moths loose and let others share your passion for cichlids.
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First, you will never have to worry about renewing again. Yes, I know that you can set up autorenewal but with the high rate of scams and the necessity of closing and reopening credit card accounts, you may miss out.

Secondly, the ACA will use those funds in a good way. We annually fund research and conservation projects throughout the world. Your funds will be put to good use. (More on this in the January issue of the *ACANews*.)

Lastly, your membership is tax deductible. As a registered 501c3 the dues you pay to the ACA are tax deductible. Become a Life Member today!

Articles, Articles, Articles

I hope you enjoyed the recent issue of **BB** that had two articles written by me. My interview with Richard Stratton, Founder of the ACA and a little ditty about *Chidongo bellicosus*. They were easy and fun to write. I hope you found them informative. Most authors get paid for their contributions to **BB** but I and Rusty Wessel donate our earnings back to the ACA. As a matter of fact, I bank my earnings and when they accumulate to the next membership level, I level up. Now, as a

long-time Life Member and recent Fellow of the ACA, I have no need to worry about my membership ever lapsing but because I believe in the mission of the ACA, I give back to the organization. But, most authors take the money. It's a personal choice.

Daryl Hutchins, our *BB* Editor, makes it easy for you to write, too. You have no need to worry about punctuation or other complexities. Daryl will punch it up for you and get it published. So, kick your shoes off, sit down at the keyboard, and send him an article for *BB*. And make a few bucks, too.

Election Results

Elections are over and the winners are Jan Benes, Alan De Angelo, Dave Schumacher and Rusty Wessel. Thanks for taking the time to vote and thanks to those who voted for me. I will do my best to get in the trenches and do what's right for the ACA.



Convention 2025 – San Antonio, TX

The convention website is up and running. As a matter of fact, 20 people have already registered. No big deal, right? Wrong That's huge actually. Most convention websites are not functional until February or March. The Texas guys have got their stuff together and you can register now. Kudos to them.

Remember, this is another combo-convention. FOTAS, AKA, ALA, IBC and the ACA will all be represented so the festivities should be grand. You can check out the Convention plans and register now!

convention.cichlid.org

I'm sure that I speak for the entire Board and Cadre of the ACA when I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Safe and Prosperous New Year.

Be good! Santa's watching!

Alan



ELECTIONS

Don't be bashful! Run for the ACA BOT and help to guide the organization through the next few years. Send your short bio to Daryl at daryl@cichlid.org.

Keep in mind also ...

YOUR *Buntbarsche Bulletin* needs articles, articles, articles. The ACA even pays for them, too. Send all submissions to Daryl Hutchins our *BB* Editor at daryl@cichlid.org.



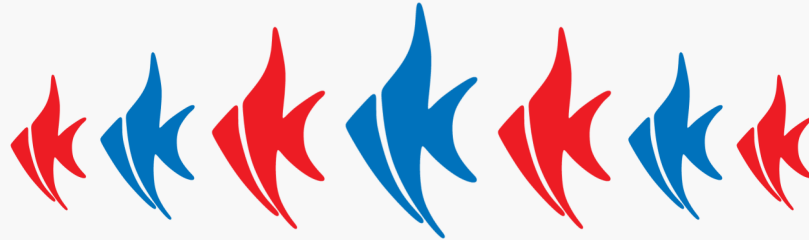
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