



Rocky Mountain Cichlid Association

# The Cichlidfile

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## Membership

Membership to the RMCA is \$15 per year, due January of every year. Membership applications any other time are prorated. Meetings are the second Sunday of each month unless otherwise posted. We meet 9 months out of the year, not in July, August, or December. Membership checks can be sent to Sam Chin 2309 Oswego Street Aurora, CO 80010 For more info call Sam at 303-364-7983 or email at samchin57@comcast.net

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Sunday, January 13th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Englewood Recreation Center, 1155 W. Oxford Ave. Mike Delk, a Denver native, will be our speaker for January, talking about breeding *Synodontis petricola*. We'll have a mini-auction, a pot luck, Bowl Show, and door prizes.

## From your President...

What's that? It's 2013 already? How did that happen??? I don't know about you, but 2012 was quite the blur for me, and it doesn't seem possible that we're only 6 months away from the biggest event in the club's history, the ACA convention. For those that weren't around in 2004, you're in for a real treat, and I think, no, I guarantee that this year's convention will be an historic high, not only for the RMCA, but for the ACA as well. We're fully intent on raising the bar again this year, and making a mark on the ACA's membership at large unlike any other club has achieved. I hope you're on board and will help us make it happen. Contact Bob or Kevin if you're ready to contribute. And if you can only attend the convention, you'll be happy you did. The club will be working on some improvements this year, aside from the efforts involved in the ACA planning. We'll be working to make our auctions better, our meetings better, and hopefully being a member of the RMCA will mean more to you this time next year than it does now. Planning will be in place well in advance for both the summer picnic and Holiday party. I would like to personally apologize to those that are disappointed that we failed to have a Holiday party this past year, our planning fell short and we just did not execute in time. We'll work hard to make sure that this year will be different. Thank you for your patronage, and I hope you'll make every effort to attend every meeting, the auctions, and of course, the "grand daddy of them all", the convention. See you soon!

*Keith*

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## Congratulations to our November Bowl Show Winner(s):

**Malawi**—1st Sam Chin - (*Protomelas* sp. “Steveni Taiwan “Taiwan Reef”), 2nd Dallas Barrett - (*Cyrtocara moorii* “Blue Dolphin”), 3rd Sam Chin - (*Placidochromis phenochilus*)

**Tanganyika**— 1st Sam Chin - (*Paracyprichromis nigripinnis*), 2nd Sam Chin - (*Ophthalmotilapia ventralis* “Kigudu”)

**Other African / Asian**— No Entries (Free auction bucks available for the taking!)

**New World**— 1st Kevin Fehringer - (*Pterophyllum scalare* “Koi Angel”), 2nd Dallas Barrett - (*Mikrogeophagus ramirezi* “Golden Ram”), 3rd Dallas Barrett - (*Pterophyllum scalare*)

**Open (Favorite Fish)**— 1st Dave Schieltz - (*Aulonocara* OB Albino), 2nd Kevin Fehringer - (*Pterophyllum scalare* “Koi Angel”), 3rd Sam Chin - (*Gnathochromis permaxillaris*)

Sorry! I lost the pictures!

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## 2013 RMCA Meeting Dates

January 13th

January 26th—Board Meeting

February 10th

February 23rd—Spring Auction

March 10th

April 14th

May 19th (Third Sunday)

June 9th

July—No Meeting (ACA Convention!!!!)

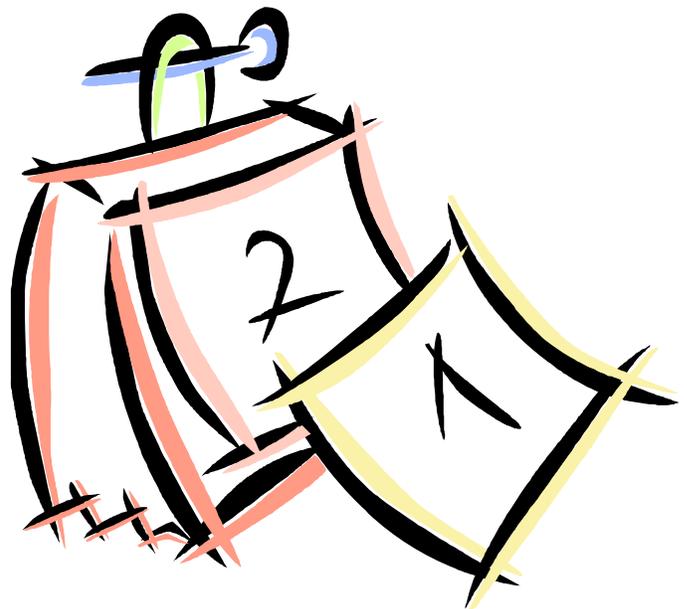
August—No Meeting (Recovery from ACA!; Summer Picnic)

September 8th

October 13th

November 10th

December—No Meeting (Holiday Party)



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## January Bowl Show Categories

Please visit the [Bowl Shows Page](#) on our website for the complete schedule.

### Malawi:

GROUP 1: Abactochromis, Aulonocara, Champsochromis, Copadichromis, Cyathochromis, Dimidochromis, Exochochromis, Gephyrochromis, Iodotropheus, Lethrinops, Metriaclima, Nyassachromis, Pallidochromis, Platygnathochromis, Rhamphochromis, Stigmatochromis, Tramitichromis, Tyrannochromis.

### Tanganyika:

GROUP 1: Altolamprologus, Aulonocranus, Benthochromis, Cardiopharynx, Cunninghamia, Cyprichromis, Eretmodus, Greenwoodochromis, Interochromis, Lepidolamprologus, Limnotilapia, Neolamprologus, Paracyprichromis, Plecodus, Simochromis, Tanganicodus, Trematocara, Tropheus, Xenochromis.

### Other Africans/Asians:

GROUP 1: Alcolapia, Astatoreochromis, Chetia, Congochromis, Divandu, Etia, Gobiocichla, Harpagochromis, Iranocichla, Limbochromis, Macropleurodus, Nanochromis, Orthochromis, Paranochromis, Pelmatochromis, Platytaeniodus, Pseudocrenilabrus, Ptyochromis, Pyxichromis, Schwetzochromis, Teleogramma, Tilapia.

### New World:

GROUP 1: Acarichthys, Amatitlania, Apistogramma, Apistogrammoides, Astronotus, Biotoecus, Chaetobranchopsis, Cichlasoma, Crenicichla, Geophagus, Herichthys, Herotilapia, Hypsophrys, Mazarunia, Nannacara, Parachromis, Petenia, Rocio, Taeniacara, Theraps, Uaru.

**Open:** Synodontis

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## Save The Date!



January 12th—RMCA Meeting,  
Englewood Recreation Center

January 26th—Board Meeting

February 10th—RMCA Meeting,  
Englewood Recreation Center

February 23rd—Spring Auction

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## Future Speakers

**Sarah Roberts**—Author of “Lake Tanganyika : Petrochromis, Gobies, Sand Sifters, and the Odd-Ball Cichlids of Lake Tanganyika” (Longstocking)

Sarah has been a hobbyist for over 20 years, but it wasn't until more than halfway through those 20 years that she found her passion—cichlids from Lake Tanganyika. Born in California, moved to Australia and now residing in Maryland she has always lived near an ocean, which bred her other passion—SCUBA. Sarah lives with her husband, cat and 1100 gallons of tanks, which include some rare cichlids from Lake Tanganyika and some exotic plecós. Her husband and herself are currently moved into a new house and are building a large hatchery in their detached 800 square foot garage. She is a member of the ACA and has been on the Board of the CCA for several years. In 2011 she won second place for the ACA spawn of the year. Currently she runs the BAP program for the CCA. Sarah is an administrator at [EastCoastCichlids.org](http://EastCoastCichlids.org) and [LakeTang.com](http://LakeTang.com) along with being moderator on several cichlid based websites.

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## Growth Contest

April Meeting—*Aequidens tetramerus* due back

May Meeting—*Aulonocara baenschi* due back

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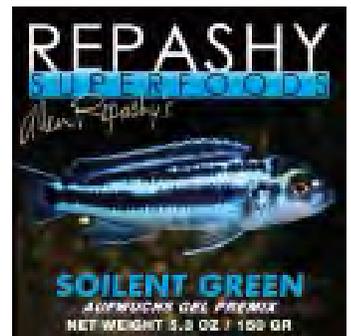
## Trading Post

The Trading Post section is dedicated to helping you raise awareness of fish or equipment that you'd like to sell or give away. If you have something you wish to advertise on the Trading Post, email [fehingerk@ecentral.com](mailto:fehingerk@ecentral.com) by the end of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

### Repashy Foods!

Bob Grauer has Repashy foods gel foods available. Choose from Soilent Green for Aufwuchs eaters (algae-types), Community Plus for omnivores, Meat Pie for your carnivores, or Shrimp Souffle for your scavengers. If you haven't tried it yet, what are you waiting for?! If you have tried it, you gotta be out by now!

Bob also has cichlids for sale from Lakes Malawi, Tanganyika, and Victoria. Email him to find out what cool fish he has available at [balibob5151@gmail.com](mailto:balibob5151@gmail.com)!



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## Spring Auction

Come one, come all to the Rocky Mountain Cichlid Association Spring Auction to be held on Saturday, February 23rd at the First Plymouth Congregational Church, 3501 South Colorado Blvd, Englewood, CO 80123. This is at the southwest corner of Colorado and Hampden. The auction will begin at 11:00 with the doors opening at 9:00 for sellers to register auction and quick sale items. Viewing of auction items begins at 10:00.

Watch for directions in the parking lot regarding unloading and parking. There is a convenient area to load and unload for the auction, but don't plan on leaving your vehicle there! Revenues have been down for the Cherry Hills Police Department. Don't give them an excuse to try and fill their short-fall.

Complete auction rules and seller sheets are available at <http://rmcichlid.org/wp/auctions/> .

Let's all work to make this a highly successful auction. Help spread the news about the auction by handing out flyers at your favorite establishments. The auction is always a good time to share in each other's success' as well as looking for new and interesting fish to stock your tanks with. Come on down and have a great time!

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## RMCA Board Elections, Board Meeting

November was the month we held our annual elections for the Board of Directors. This year, the following people were elected:

Kevin Fehringer—1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Sam Chin—Treasurer  
Corey Theis—Sergeant at Arms  
Matthew Grant—Member at Large

When you see these folks, express your appreciation for them for being obtuse enough to allow their names to stand for election.

We will be having a Board Meeting on Saturday, January 26th at 11:00 a.m. at Kevin Fehringer's house. If you wish to attend, please contact me at [fehringerk@ecentral.com](mailto:fehringerk@ecentral.com) so I can keep you in the loop on information for it. All members are welcome to come. The tentative agenda will be:

Purchasing a new projector for auctions  
Summer picnic planning (date, location, menu)  
Christmas party (date, location, menu)  
Club awards beyond bowl shows  
Final details for spring auction

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