



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 PO Box 172403, Denver, CO 80217 For more info call Sam at 303-915-4992 or email at samchin57@comcast.net

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is this Sunday, May 19th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Englewood Recreation Center, 1155 W. Oxford Ave. There will be a question and answer session in lieu of a speaker for this meeting. We'll have a mini-auction, a pot luck, Bowl Show, Growth Contest (*Aulonocara baenschi*), and door prizes.

From your President...

Tick, tick, tick... can you feel it? It's getting awfully close, and there is a lull before what will be a huge storm. I urge you, beg of you, and plead with you to get signed up for a committee; more importantly, REGISTER for the convention, sooner than later. On June 17, registration jumps from \$45 to \$55, even for RMCA members. Remember, this is not an RMCA event; this is an ACA event, and the biggest of them all. When are you going to find these speakers, these hobbyists, all together in the same place at the same time, and not have to jump on a plane or drive across the country? See Bob, Kevin, Matt, myself to sign up for something or offer your assistance. It will be appreciated more than you can expect.

Our meeting on Sunday is one of the fun ones, where the membership is the program. Bring your questions and topics and join in the discussion as we do a round table discussion forum. There is a wealth of experience and knowledge at our meetings, and this Sunday is your chance to extract a little piece of it, or maybe a big piece of it. I know the weather is finally nice, but I hope you can make it out to join us. It's well worth the time!

See you Sunday,

Keith

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ACA 2013
National Cichlid Convention

July 18-21, 2013
In COLORADO

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WORLD CLASS SPEAKERS - TOURS - AUCTIONS - FRIENDS and FISH

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Attention Fishy Families!

Get your kids involved in Cichlids with our Aquarium Decorating Contest!

Who: Kids between the ages of 8-13

When: Saturday, July 20th: Contest and kids activities from 1pm to 4pm.

Where: Denver ACA Convention 2013, please register at www.2013aca.com

Use your own fish-safe décor to personalize your aquarium. Each entry will be provided gravel and plants on-site!

You'll choose up to four fish for their new home after you've decorated your aquarium!

Contest will be judged on originality and use of decorations.

There will be trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

First-place winners will receive a food and water care prize package.

All entrants will get to keep their aquarium after the Conference ends!

50 Aquariums Available!
Limited to the first 50 entrants.

See the registration desk to find out more.
\$10 entry fee

Brought to you by The Rocky Mountain Cichlid Association, The American Cichlid Association, and The United Pet Group.



ACA Convention

Okay, all I can say is, the biggest event of the year is coming up, and you're sleeping at the switch! The Rocky Mountain Cichlid Association is hosting the 2013 American Cichlid Association (ACA) convention at the Red Lion Inn at I-225 and Parker Road from July 18th to the 21st. And with a few notable exceptions, **YOU HAVEN'T REGISTERED!!!!**

Okay, I'm better now. But really, why haven't YOU registered? We have world class speakers coming in to talk. Ad Konings, Greg Steeves, Mike Wise, Alan Rollings, Felipe Cantera, Heinz Buscher, Joe Middleton and Jeff Greenspan will all be there to regale you with their adventures, information, and most important fish stories about cichlids from around the world. Who would have thought of that?

How about the Bowl Show? You have "Home Field Advantage" with the convention being here. You don't have to worry about shipping fish there and back or any of the other pains associated with traveling for the convention. This is your best opportunity to show some of your fish! Last year, Dan Ye Jennings brought home the Best of Show trophy. Give her some competition! I know she's looking forward to it!

Then there's the Auction. If you've been to our auction, you ain't seen nothin' yet! There will be SOOOO many more fish for sale there, many that you have never heard of or seen before. Plus, it gives you yet another avenue to sell the fruits of your labor.

How about the tours? We have tours set up for the Denver Zoo and Aquarium, a microbrewery tour, a trip to Blackhawk to fund your retirement, and a shopping expedition to Cherry Creek. Keith has volunteered to lead a climbing expedition to a 14er (you did promise to bring everyone back alive, right?). There are rumors about some people taking a trip down to Alamosa to see the Colorado Gators Reptiles Park (yes, we do have alligators in Colorado).

There's also LOTS of opportunities to volunteer to make this convention a success. We're not asking for you to spend the entire time behind a table. We WANT you to have a phenomenal time at the convention. Okay, we're trying to get you addicted so you'll travel anywhere throughout the nation to go to the convention. But we're trying to spread around the tasks that need to happen around to many people so the workload is light. Need some ideas about where to help out? See Bob Grauer or Kevin Fehringer and we'll get you set up.

There should be no reason that we can't have the most people of any club in the nation attend this convention. So far, we're lagging behind some of the other clubs. So go to www.2013aca.com and register. Then contact Bob or Kevin to help make this reality a dream come true. When we held the convention in 2004, we received great accolades across the board. Many people have commented about what a great time they had, and that they are looking forward to this year. Let's prove that 2004 wasn't a fluke and that we are one of the premier clubs. I already know we are!

Bottom line—you'll have a great time! So what are you waiting for?! Get registered and volunteer!

By the way, kudos to Matt Grant for the EXCELLENT job he did on our publicity flyer!

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Congratulations to our April Bowl Show Winners:

Malawi—1st Matt Grant - (*Aulonocara* “Albino Sunburst”), 2nd Steve Weary - (*Aulonocara baenschi*), 3rd Dave Schieltz - (*Aulonocara stuartgranti* (Usisya))

Tanganyika— 1st Chuck Pollet - (*Telmatochromis vittatus*)

Other African / Asian— 1st Dallas Barrett - (*Pytochromis* sp. ‘Salmon’ (Hippo Point)), 2nd Bob Grauer - (*Alcolapia alcalicus*)

New World— 1st Dallas Barrett - (*Cryptoheros* sp. ‘Honduran Red Point’), 2nd Kevin Fehringer - (*Pterophyllum scalare* Koi)

Open (Fry, < 1.5”)— 1st Jesse Schumacher - (Gold Nugget Plecotomus), 2nd Chuck Pollet - (*Ancistrus* sp. Albino), 3rd Steve Weary - (L-165 Leopard Gibbiceps Sailfin Plecostomus)



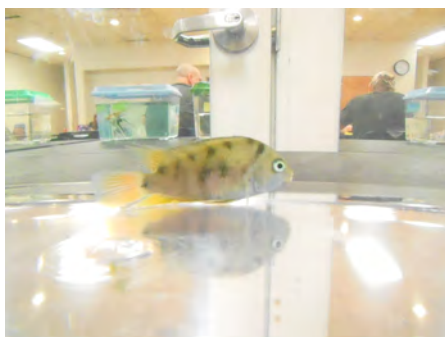
Matt Grant's *Aulonocara*
“Albino Sunburst”



Chuck Pollet's *Telmatochromis*
vittatus



Dallas Barrett's *Pytochromis* sp.
‘Salmon’ (Hippo Point)



Dallas Barrett's *Cryptoheros* sp.
“Honduran Red Point”



Jesse Schumacher's Gold Nugget
Plecostomus

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Congratulations to our April Growth Contest Winner(s):

Aequidens tetramerus—

1st Kevin Fehringer

2nd Jesse Schumacher

3rd Dallas Barrett



Kevin Fehringer's *Aequidens tetramerus*

Growth Contest

May Meeting—*Aulonocara baenschi*
'Benga' due back

September Meeting—*Tropheus duboisi*
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 fehrringerk@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, Morning Wood for your cellulose eaters, Spawn and Grow for your fry, 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)



170 Gallon Tank

George Tefft has a 170 gallon tank in great condition that he would like to find a good home for. It measures 7 feet long by 2 feet high by 1 1/2 feet wide. It includes a wood stand, glass top, filters, heater and lights. Knowing George's success with fish, it probably has some fertility drugs imbedded in the silicone, so your fish will reproduce like crazy! First \$500 takes it all! Call George at 303-986-3213 or email at gatfishgolf.comcast.net.

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May Bowl Show Categories

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

Malawi:

GROUP 2: Alticorpus, Buccochromis, Cheilochromis, Corematodus, Cynotilapia, Diplotaxodon, Fossorochromis, Hemitaeniochromis, Labeotropheus, Lichnochromis, Mylochromis, Nimbochromis, Petrotilapia, Protomelas, Scieanochromis, Taeniochromis, Trematocranus.

Tanganyika:

GROUP 3: Astatotilapia (*A. burtoni*, *A. paludinoso*, *A. stappersi*), Bathybates, Callochromis, Ctenochromis, Cyphotilapia, Enantiopus, Grammatotria, Hemibates, Lamprologus, Limnochromis, Microdontochromis, Oreochromis (*O. karomo*, *O. malagarasi*, *O. niloticus*, *O. tanganicae*), Petrochromis, Reganochromis, Tangachromis, Telotrematocara, Triglachromis, Variabilichromis.

Other Africans/Asians:

GROUP 2: Allochromis, Astatotilapia, (*A. aenocolor*, *A. desfontainii*, *A. latifasciata*, *A. nubila*), Chilochromis, Cyclopharynx, Enigmatochromis, Etroplus, Haplochromis, Hemichromis, Konia, Lipochromis, Mbipia, Neochromis, Oxylapia, Paratilapia, Pelvicachromis, Prognathochromis, Pterochromis, Pundamilia, Saratherodon, Steatocranus, Thoracochromis, Xystichromis.

New World:

GROUP 3: Aequidens, Amphilophus, Astatheros, Biotodoma, Caquetaia, Cichla, Crenicara, Dicrossus, Gymnogeophagus, Heros, Hypselecara, Laetacara, Mikrogeophagus, Neetroplus, Paratheraps, Retroculus, Symphysodon, Teleocichla, Tomocichla.

Open: Non-Sucker-Mouthed Catfish

Save The Date!



May 19—RMCA Meeting, Englewood Recreation Center (Third Sunday due to Mother's Day)

June 9—RMCA Meeting, Englewood Recreation Center

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