



Rocky Mountain Cichlid Association

The Cichlidafile

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is next Sunday, October 13th, 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 and door prizes.

From your President...

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." - Ferris Bueller

As I prepare for another gift to my family, I can't help but think about the blur that has been the past year. While running a business, staying focused on career, raising a one-year old, preparing for a second child, and, oh yeah, working on the ACA Convention, time seems to melt away faster than ever, and I've arrived at a crossroads of sorts. For the past nine years I've been proud of the club's progress through the website and our innovative improvements to the newsletter and auctions. For the past four years, I've worked hard as club president in an effort to make things better, for everyone, members young and old. Honestly, I've had the best supporting cast imaginable, which makes things a lot easier. And it is because of these fine people that I am able to say that I'm taking a break. Elections will be held next month, and there is an influx of energy and ideas forthcoming from new board members, and the club is in really good hands moving into 2014. I will be hiding in the shadows, taking care of family, focusing on career and managing a very challenging business. I've pledged to help out with the website, and will always be an email away, but my time in front of the club has passed for now. I'm thankful to all of you for your contributions, support, and friendship, and I will most certainly see you again at some club function. In the meantime, take some time to sit in front of your tanks and appreciate the reason that you're even reading this, the creations of nature that have brought us all together in the first place. Enjoy your cichlids!

Keith

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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

Fall Auction

It's that the Rocky Mountain Cichlid Association Spring Auction to be held on Saturday, November 2nd 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!

Auction Notes

The Spring Auction went quite well, thanks to everyone paying attention and doing what they should do. Thank you! Here's a few notes on what helped make us successful.

Labels and Seller's Sheet—Many people seem to prefer writing out their own labels. This wouldn't be a problem, as long as your handwriting is good. We had many bags at the last auction that the handwriting was illegible and made things difficult, not only for the auctioneer who is trying to get you a good price, but for the workers who have to write out the auction tag. Do yourself and the crew a favor and use the seller's sheet found on the auction page of the website. You don't have to buy the labels (just print them out on a sheet of paper and cut them out).

Bagging—Make sure you bag your fish well. Leaking bags slow down the process and you get charged a rebagging fee. Make sure your rubber bands are tight. Double bag whenever possible. Not only does it minimize the chance of leakage, but it creates gentle curves in the corners so your fish don't get trapped and die in the corners of the bag. This has been enough of a problem that there will be a station at registration to check all the bags for leaks, size of fish, and number of bags.

Size of Fry—Make sure your fry are of selling size. Our auction rules specify that the minimum size is 3/4 inch. This will be checked at the registration table.

Number of Bags—Sellers are limited to no more than fifty (50) items to be auctioned with no more than five (5) bags of the same species or color morph. For example, you could bring five (5) bags of P. Zebra 'red dorsal' and five bags of P. Zebra 'Chilumba'. You can not bring four bags of P. Zebra 'red dorsal' adults and four bags of P. Zebra 'red dorsal' fry.

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2013 Elections by Kevin Fehringer

November is our traditional time for elections to our Board of Directors. This year will be no different! As you read on page one, Keith is stepping down at the end of his term this year to focus on other priorities. I want to personally thank Keith for his dedication and perseverance in directing our club to the place it is proud to reside now. He has done a phenomenal job guiding, pushing, cajoling, and driving this organization. We owe a debt of gratitude for his service!

This year, we will elect a new President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Member-at Large. Lynn Hopkins, Ed Duggan, and Terry Havalka have agreed to let their names stand to continue on the board. Natasha Hedgecock, Jesse Schumacher, and Erik Witek have also agreed to stand for election this year.

The time commitment for the board is normally minimal. Our by-laws call for three board meetings a year, although we frequently “meet” via email. The description for the positions are as follows:

The **President** shall preside at all general and executive board meetings at which he is present. He shall exercise general supervision over the affairs and activities of the RMCA. In addition, the President shall appoint all committee chairmen. The standing committee’s chairmen shall be: Bowl Show, Auction, Program, Growth Contest, Breeders Award Program. The president may establish additional committees as may be required to sustain the functions of the RMCA.

The **Second Vice President**, in the absence of the President and First Vice President, shall assume the duties of the President. The Second Vice President shall assist the other elected officer in times of need.

The **Secretary** shall keep the original minutes of all executive board and general meetings of the RMCA, and one copy will be provided to the President which shall be the accurate and official record of all business transactions. The Secretary shall maintain a current membership list and all such other records as directed by the executive board. The Secretary is also responsible for keeping an accurate record of all attendance of members and visitors and accountability and inventory of all fixed assets. The Secretary will also handle correspondence with any other cichlid association.

There is no specific responsibilities for a **Member-at-Large**, except to attend board meetings.

While the elections are held in November, the board is installed during the January meeting. If you, or someone you know, would like to try for the opportunity to be elected to the board, please let me know (fehringerk@ecentral.com). I welcome anyone willing to serve on our board.

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Congratulations to our September Bowl Show Winners:

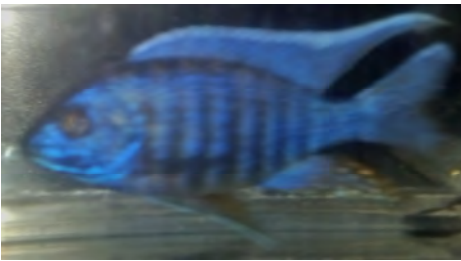
Malawi—1st Dave Schieltz - (*Aulonocara* Red Shoulder), 2nd Kevin Fehringer - (*Aulonocara baenschi* “Benga”), 3rd Chuck Pollet - (*Aulonocara* OB)

Tanganyika— No Entries

Other African / Asian— No Entries

New World— 1st Kevin Fehringer - (*Mikrogeophagus ramirezi*), 2nd Dallas Barrett - (*Amphilophus xildaensis* Barred), 3rd Dallas Barrett - (*Aequidens tetramerus*)

Open (Pairs)— 1st Dallas Barrett - (*Pseudotropheus* Red Zebra), 2nd Chuck Pollet - (*Hemichromis lifalili*), 3rd Kevin Fehringer - (*Metriaclima* sp. “Msobo”)



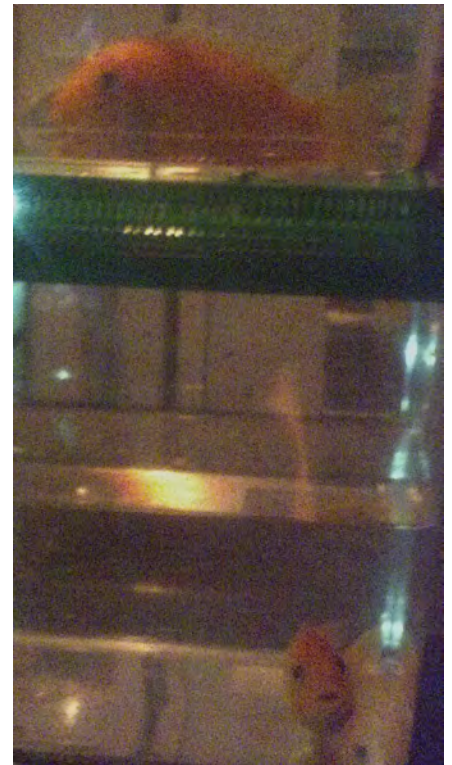
Dave Schieltz's *Aulonocara* Red Shoulder



Tanganyika and Other African / Asian No Entries



Kevin Fehringer's *Mikrogeophagus ramirezi*



Dallas Barrett's *Pseudotropheus* Red Zebra

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Congratulations to our *Tropheus duboisi* Growth Contest Winners:

1st Place—Chuck Pollet

2nd Place— Corey Theis

3rd Place— Terry Havalka



Chuck Pollet's *Tropheus duboisi*

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!



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October Bowl Show Categories

Malawi:

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

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

Open: Fry (5 min, < 1.5")

Save The Date!



October 12—CAS Auction, 6750 Carr St.,
Arvada 10:00 a.m.

October 13—RMCA Meeting, Englewood
Recreation Center

November 2—RMCA Fall Auction, First
Plymouth Congregational Church

November 10—RMCA Meeting, Englewood
Recreation Center

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