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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 a week from this Sunday, January 12th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Englewood Recreation Center, 1155 W. Oxford Ave. Kevin Fehringer will be speaking on common fish diseases. We'll have a mini-auction, a pot luck, Bowl Show and door prizes.

From your President...

We start the New Year off by taking a brief look back and a long look forward. 2013 was a great year for the RMCA! We probably had the strongest year in our history. We had the two largest auctions in our history this past spring and fall. We had a great lineup of speakers for our meetings this year, as well as seeing some great-looking fish entered in our Bowl Show. Steve brought in some new Growth Contest fish that we hadn't seen before. And of course, our crowning jewel was hosting the annual American Cichlid Association convention! You have a lot to be proud of!

So how do we top last year? It won't be easy, but we're sure going to try! We have some new blood on the board this year to guide us. I've heard some great ideas that I think you'll love for the coming year! The website is going to get a facelift this year, and we're going to be hitting the social networks hard, getting our name out in the community and country. There's no reason to believe that the auctions are going to be getting any smaller, although the opportunities to help out will certainly be growing. Bob is lining up another all-star group of speakers this year (except for that clown speaking in January). And we're kicking the year off with a party on Saturday. You don't want to miss it!

2014 is shaping up to be a great year! Hop on board and help us achieve our goals and make this year another for the record books!

Terry

January Bowl Show Categories

Malawi:

GROUP 1—HAPLOCHROMINES—Alticorpus, Aristochromis, Buccochromis, Caprichromis, Champsochromis, Chilotilapia, Copadichromis, Cyrtocara, Dimidochromis, Exochochromis, Fossorochromis, Lethrinops, Lichnochromis, Mylochromis, Nimbochromis, Otopharynx, Placidichromis, Protomelas, Rhamphochromis, Scieanochromis, Serranochromis, Stigmatochromis, Taeniolethrinops, Tramitichromis, Trematocranus, Tyrannochromis.

Tanganyika:

GROUP 1—CYPRICHROMIS, GOBIES, AND OTHER TANGANYIKA—Asprotilapia, Astatotilapia (A. burtoni, A, paludinosa, A. stappersi), Baileychromis, Bathybates, Boulengerochromis, Callochromis, Cardiopharynx, Ctenochromis, Cyprichromis, Ectodus, Enantiopus, Eretmodus, Gnathochromis, Grammatotria, Greenwoodochromis, Haplotaxodon, Hemibates, Interochromis, Lestradea, Limnochromis, Limnotilapia, Lobochilotes, Microdontochromis, Oreochromis (O. karomo, O. malagarasi, O. niloticus, O. tanganicae), Paracyprichromis, Perissodus, Plecodus, Pseudosimochromis, Reganochromis, Simochromis, Spathodus, Tangachromis, Tanganicodus, Telotrematocara, Trematocara, Trematochromis, Triglachromis, Tylochromis, Xenochromis, Xenotilapia.

Other Africans/Asians:

GROUP 1—VICTORIA BASIN CICHLIDS—Allochromis, Astatoreochromis, Astatotilapia, (A. aenocolor, A. latifasciata, A. nubila), Enterochromis, Haplochromis (not H. burtoni), Haplotilapia, Harpagochromis, Labrochromis, Lipochromis, Lithochromis, Mbipia, Neochromis, Oreochromis (O. esculentus, O. mossambicus, O. niloticus, O. variabilis), Paralabidochromis, Platytaeniodus, Prognathochromis, Psammochromis, Pseudocrenilabrus (not P. nicholsi), Ptyochromis, Pundamilia, Pyxichromis, Xystichromis, Yssichromis.

New World:

GROUP 1—CENTRAL AMERICAN CICHLIDS—Amatitlania, Amphilophus (not A. festae), Archocentrus, Astatheros, Cichlasoma (not C. dimerus), Cryptoheros, exCichlasoma, Herichthys, Herotilapia, Hypsophrys, Nandopsis, Neetroplus, Parachromis, Paraneetroplus, Paratheraps, Petenia, Rocio, Theraps, Thorichthys, Tomocichla, Vieja.

Open: Synodontis

Holiday Party

It's not too late!

Our annual Holiday Party is being held this Saturday at Becky and Terry Havalka's house starting at 6:00 p.m. The address is 6406 South Estes Street, Littleton, CO 80123. The club is providing the main dish (turkey and ham). We ask you to bring either a side dish or dessert. Please RSVP to Terry at coloradoavsfans@hotmail.com if you will be attending, and with what you are bringing (either a side dish or dessert).

The party will be a great time! Come join us and kick off our New Year bigger and better than ever!

Membership Dues

Yeah, you were hoping I would forget! It's that time of year again, for everyone to initiate or renew their annual membership for 2014. Sam will be at the meeting with a smile on his face, eagerly waiting to help you sign up! Don't disappoint him and make him wait!

Huh? WHY should you become a member? There are several reasons! First, it's only \$15. What other organization can you join with that low of a membership fee? Your dues are one source of income for the club to perform its duties, such as providing for the meeting space, prizes and awards, paying for speakers, and covering other operational expenses the club has. Second, membership has its privileges. The summer picnic and holiday party are limited to those members. The club provides the main dish for these functions, and we have yet to serve you a LF albino plecostomus! Your membership dues will likely pay for themselves at the auction. Members get to keep a larger percentage of the sales of their fish and goods at the auctions and miniauctions. Finally, it's the right thing to do. Every penny



you put into this club goes right back out to benefit the membership. We try to help you with your goals in the hobby. There are many very good people that can provide great advice to you to make you more successful with your fish, usually because they have made the mistakes themselves. Most are not shy about sharing their secrets to success, but they will equally share in their stories of failures. Invest in your future and the future of your hobby and join us! Don't make Sam have to act like the Sheriff of Nottingham! (You REALLY don't want to see him on a horse!)

Save The Date!



January 4 —Holiday Party—Becky & Terry Havalka's house

January 12—RMCA Meeting, Englewood Recreation Center

February 9—RMCA Meeting, Englewood Recreation Center

March 8—RMCA Spring Auction—First Plymouth Congregational Church

Congratulations to our November Bowl Show Winners:

Malawi—1st Oakes School - (*Labidochromis caeruleus*), 2nd Dallas Barrett - (*Cyrtocara moorii*), 3rd Dallas Barrett - (*Placidochromis johnstoni*)

Tanganyika— 1st Oakes School - (Julidochromis marlieri),

Other African / Asian— No Entries

New World— 1st Kevin Fehringer - (*Pterophyllum scalare*)

Open (Favorite Fish)— 1st Oakes School - (*Cyphotilapia frontosa*), 2nd Dallas Barrett - (*Metriaclima* Red Zebra), 3rd Steve Weary - (*Aulonocara baenschi*)



Oakes School's Labidochromis caeruleus

Oakes School's Julidochromis marlieri

Other African / Asian No Entries



Kevin Fehringer's *Pterophyllum* scalare



Oakes School's Cyphotilapia frontosa

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Spring Auction

Don't miss it! The Rocky Mountain Cichlid Association Spring Auction will be held on Saturday, March 8th 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!

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 fehringerk@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!



2014 Bowl Show Categories

Malawi:

GROUP 1—HAPLOCHROMINES—Alticorpus, Aristochromis, Buccochromis, Caprichromis, Champsochromis, Chilotilapia, Copadichromis, Cyrtocara, Dimidochromis, Exochochromis, Fossorochromis, Lethrinops, Lichnochromis, Mylochromis, Nimbochromis, Otopharynx, Placidichromis, Protomelas, Rhamphochromis, Scieanochromis, Serranochromis, Stigmatochromis, Taeniolethrinops, Tramitichromis, Trematocranus, Tyrannochromis.

GROUP 2—MBUNA—Abactochromis, Cynotilapia, Gephyrochromis, Iodotropheus, Labeotropheus, Labidochromis, Melanochromis, Metriaclima, Petrotilapia, Pseudotropheus, Tropheops.

GROUP 3—PEACOCKS AND OTHER MALAWI—Aulonocara, Cheilochromis, Corematodus, Ctenopharynx, Cyathochromis, Diplotaxodon, Docimodus, Genyochromis, Hemitiapia, Naevochromis, Nyassachromis, Pallidochromis, Platygnathochromis, Taeniochromis.

Tanganyika:

GROUP 1—CYPRICHROMIS, GOBIES, AND OTHER TANGANYIKA—Asprotilapia, Astatotilapia (A. burtoni, A, paludinosa, A. stappersi), Baileychromis, Bathybates, Boulengerochromis, Callochromis, Cardiopharynx, Ctenochromis, Cyprichromis, Ectodus, Enantiopus, Eretmodus, Gnathochromis, Grammatotria, Greenwoodochromis, Haplotaxodon, Hemibates, Interochromis, Lestradea, Limnochromis, Limnotilapia, Lobochilotes, Microdontochromis, Oreochromis (O. karomo, O. malagarasi, O. niloticus, O. tanganicae), Paracyprichromis, Perissodus, Plecodus, Pseudosimochromis, Reganochromis, Simochromis, Spathodus, Tangachromis, Tanganicodus, Telotrematocara, Trematocara, Trematochromis, Triglachromis, Tylochromis, Xenochromis, Xenotilapia.

GROUP 2—JULIDOCHROMIS, LAMPROLOGINES, SHELL-DWELLERS—Altolamprologus, Chalinochromis, Julidochromis, Lamprologus, Lepidiolamprologus, Neolamprologus, Telmatochromis, Variabilichromis.

GROUP 3—FEATHERFINS, FRONTOSA, TROPHEUS, PETROS—Aulonocranus, Benthochromis, Cunningtonia, Cyathopharynx, Cyphotilapia, Opthalmotilapia, Petrochromis, Tropheus.

2014 Bowl Show Categories (Cont.)

Other Africans/Asians:

GROUP 1—VICTORIA BASIN CICHLIDS—Allochromis, Astatoreochromis, Astatotilapia, (A. aenocolor, A. latifasciata, A. nubila), Enterochromis, Haplochromis (not H. burtoni), Haplotilapia, Harpagochromis, Labrochromis, Lipochromis, Lithochromis, Mbipia, Neochromis, Oreochromis (O. esculentus, O. mossambicus, O. niloticus, O. variabilis), Paralabidochromis, Platytaeniodus, Prognathochromis, Psammochromis, Pseudocrenilabrus (not P. nicholsi), Ptyochromis, Pundamilia, Pyxichromis, Xystichromis, Yssichromis.

GROUP 2—OTHER AFRICAN CICHLIDS—Alcolapia, Anomalochromis, Astatotilapia, (A. desfontainii), Benitochromis, Chetia, Chilochromis, Chromidotilapia, Congochromis, Cyclopharynx, Danakilia, Divandu, Enigmatochromis, Etia, Gaurochromis, Gobiocichla, Haplochromis (H. burtoni), Hemichromis, Heterochromis, Konia, Limbochromis, Macropleurodus, Myaka, Nanochromis, Oreochromis (O. mossambicus), Orthochromis, Parananochromis, Pelmatochromis, Pelvicachromis, Pharygochromis, Pseudocrenilabrus (P. nicholsi), Pterochromis, Pungu, Saratherodon, Sargochromis, Schwetzochromis, Steatocranus, Stomatepia, Teleogramma, Thoracochromis, Tilapia.Thysochromis.

GROUP 3—MADAGASCAR CICHLIDS, ASIAN CICHLIDS—Etroplus, Iranocichia, Oxylapia, Paratilapia, Paretroplus, Ptychochromis, Ptyochochromoides.

New World:

GROUP 1—CENTRAL AMERICAN CICHLIDS—Amatitlania, Amphilophus (not A. festae), Archocentrus, Astatheros, Cichlasoma (not C. dimerus), Cryptoheros, exCichlasoma, Herichthys, Herotilapia, Hypsophrys, Nandopsis, Neetroplus, Parachromis, Paraneetroplus, Paratheraps, Petenia, Rocio, Theraps, Thorichthys, Tomocichla, Vieja.

GROUP 2—SOUTH AMERICAN CICHLIDS—Acarichthys, Acaronia, Aequidens, Amphilophus (A. festae), Andinoacara, Astronotus, Australoheros, Biotodoma, Bujurquina, Chaetobranchopsis, Chaetobranchus, Caquetaia, Cichla, Cichlasoma (C. dimerus), Crenicara, Crenicichla, Dicrossus, Geophagus, Guianacara, Gymnogeophagus, Heroina, Heros, Hoplarchus, Hypselecara, Krobia, Mazarunia, Mesonauta, Pterophyllum, Retroculus, Satanoperca, Symphysodon, Teleocichla, Uaru.

GROUP 3—SOUTH AMERICAN DWARF CICHLIDS—Apistogramma, Apistogrammoides, Biotoecus, Cleithracara, Laetacara, Mikrogeophagus, Nannacara, Taeniacara, Tahuantinsuyoa.