



Rocky Mountain Cichlid Association

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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

From your President...

It's auction time! I know that many of you are busy preparing for the upcoming auction on March 8, 2014. As it typical we have a number of members working behind the scenes preparing for the Auction as well. Because we will be using www.mygroupauctions.com for the first time at the auction next week this was a primary topic of discussion during the most recent board meeting. In addition to the auction the Board meeting included discussions on a number of other topics including:

- Permanently moving the location of our monthly meetings from the Englewood Rec Center to the Colorado Academy
- Finalizing the financials from the 2013 ACA Convention
- Planning for the 2014 Summer Picnic and the Holiday Party
- Appointment of Committee chairman
- Updating the Club's Website
- The Breeders Award Programs
- A proposal to modify the payout structure for the Bowl Show

There was a lot of good discussion and I want to say "thank you" to all who participated. Your club is in good hands.

That's it for this month....see you at the auction!

Terry

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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.

We'll be using MyGroupAuctions for registering and submitting fish and dry goods for the auction. Please use this link to access the instruction booklet on how to do this. [MyGroupAuctions Instruction Booklet](#)

Complete auction rules 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!

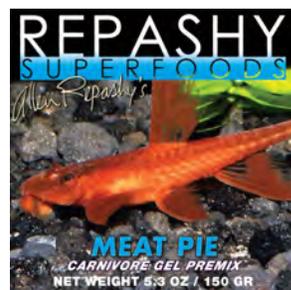
Trading Post

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!



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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is a week from this today, March 9th, at 5:30 p.m. at Colorado Academy, 3800 South Pierce Street, Denver, CO 80235. This is the day after our auction on March 8th. This is a permanent change from our old meeting location. Bob Grauer will talk about Tanganyikan cichlids, and we'll critique the auction from the day before. We'll have a mini-auction, a pot luck, Bowl Show and door prizes.

March Bowl Show Categories

Malawi:

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

Tanganyika:

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

Other Africans/Asians:

GROUP 3—MADAGASCAR CICHLIDS, ASIAN CICHLIDS—Etroplus, Iranocichla, Oxylapia, Paratilapia, Paretroplus, Ptychochromis, Ptychochromoides.

New World:

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

Open: Fry—5 minimum, < 1 1/2" in length

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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 mini-auctions. 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!)



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Congratulations to our February Bowl Show Winners:

Malawi—1st Steve Weary - (*Labeotropheus* sp. *hongi*), 2nd Erik Witek - (*Metriaclima fainzilberi*), 3rd Kevin Fehringer - (*Metriaclima* sp. “Msobo”)

Tanganyika— 1st Matt Grant - (*Lamprologus caudopunctatus* “Red Fin”)

Other African / Asian— 1st Erik Witek - (*Thoracochromis brauschi*)

New World— 1st Kevin Fehringer - (*Aequidens tetramerus*),

Open (Favorite Fish)— 1st Kevin Fehringer - (*Melanotaenia splendida*), 2nd Kevin Fehringer - (*Melanotaenia praecox*), 3rd Dave Schieltz - (*Glossolepis pseudoincisus* Millennium rainbow)



Steve Weary's *Labeotropheus* sp. *hongi*



Matt Grant's *Lamprologus caudopunctatus* “Red Fin”



Erik Witek's *Thoracochromis brauschi* “Bloodthroat Cichlid”



Kevin Fehringer's *Aequidens tetramerus*



Kevin Fehringer's *Melanotania splendida*

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