



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

## June Meeting

Our next meeting is this Sunday, June 14, at 6 p.m. at the Englewood Recreation Center, 1155 W. Oxford Ave.

Doors open at 5:35 for bowl show setup; please arrive early. Bowl Show, Mini-Auction, and much more.

## From your President...

The joys of summer, last Sunday my gardens got hammered with hail. This caused me a great deal of anxiety only to realize that in the big picture of everything, this is so insignificant that I should hardly have stressed over it. We have so many things to be thankful for and there are also so many things that we have no control over, which weather is one of them. We live in an amazing part of the country and hopefully all of you appreciate how wonderful Colorado is. So what does this have to do with my report this month - Nothing!!

Whenever I have the out of town speakers come in, in addition to seeing fish rooms and fish stores, they usually want to go to the mountains. Some of us take those peaks for granted and some of us are still in awe of them. I've been here 31 years and I am one of those still in awe. I still feel that way about my fish. So many varieties, so many differences, so few tanks. My trip to Uruguay last year, renewed my interest in South American fish, with them slowly taking over real estate in my fish room. I am currently dedicating 3 - 55 gallon tanks to SA cichlids with more to come. I guess that I am still in awe of nature and the fishes that swim. Our club is very diverse in the types of fish we keep and only by communicating with each other, do we get a chance to share the passion that we each have for our fish. The exchange of knowledge is one of the benefits of belonging to a club and ours is no exception. Our meeting last month was a good indication of the questions and knowledge shared with each other. Let's keep this up and watch our club continue to grow. You can always contact me with your comments, questions or gripes at [balibob@aol.com](mailto:balibob@aol.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

Please remember that the picnic is coming up soon. We will be sending out announcements, but save the date 8/8. There are no meetings in July and August so this is the time to visit with your fellow cichlidiots.

Bob

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## June Bowl Show Categories

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

### Malawi

GROUP 3: Buccochromis, Caprichromis, Champsochromis, Chilotilapia, Copadichromis, Corematodus, Ctenopharynx, Cyrtocara, Dimidochromis, Exochromis, Fossochromis, Genyochromis, Hemitaeniochromis, Hemitilapia, Mylochromis, Naevochromis, Nimbochromis, Otopharynx, Placidichromis, Protomelas, Rhamphochromis, Scieanochromis, Stigmatochromis, Taeniochromis, Taeniolethrinops, Tilapia, Trematocranus, Tyrannochromis.

### .Tanganyika

GROUP 1: Altolamprologus, Baileychromis, Callochromis, Cardiopharynx, Ectodus, Enantiopus, Grammatotria, Lamprologus, Lepidiolamprologus, Neolamprologus, Variabilichromis, Xenotilapia.

### Other:

OTHER CICHLIDS – GROUP 2 (CENTRAL AMERICA):

Amphilophus, Archocentrus, Cichlasoma, Herichthys, Herotilapia, Hypsophrys, Nandopsis, Neetroplus, Parachromis, Petenia, Theraps, Thorichthys, Tomocichla, Vieja.

### Open:

Botia Loaches



## AUCTION

The RMCA fall auction will be held on November 7, 2009 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2100 North Wadsworth, Lakewood, CO. The doors will open at 9:00 am and the auction will start at 11:00 am.

The last two auctions were the most successful we have had in quite a while. We attribute that fact to showing pictures of the adult fish in full color. We will continue this practice. Unfortunately we do not have pictures of all the fish auctioned. So now is the time to prepare for the fall auction. Please send pictures of your adult fish (in breeding color if possible) to Steve Huff. The sooner the better since it is a time consuming task to put the video package together.



## D.C. Oakes High School

Other than relocating my fish room from the basement to the class room (my wife is still cheering), we would not have been able to survive without donations from the following generous RMCA members: Bob Grauer, Steve Huff, Corey Theis, and Warren Carter. THANK YOU!!!

Graduation was May 28th and we want to specifically congratulate our chapter vice president Jeremy Polgar for earning his diploma! We will miss you and the hard work you did to start the club at the school. We will be on break until the second week in July.

### Student Tank Updates

Brittany Herrera, our chapter secretary, was chosen to receive a 20 gallon long tank and back filter to set up at home as a reward for her hard work. She was very excited to get the news. She let us know that it is up and running and ready for cichlids soon!

Chuck Vasquez, our tank master, has been doing well with his tank of cichlids. He liked how we would place the rocks from the betta bowls in the tanks to be cleaned and the cichlids would feed of the algae like they would in the wild. Lately he has been dabbling with an algae growth tank for an extra food source. His fish love the snack when it is ready!

Kenny Fritzler is the second chapter member to try the *Melanochromis auratus* experience. He got a male that darkened up and ruled his tank. He ended up getting rid of him, so the rest of his cichlids could rest easy. Now he says a bumble bee cichlid is taking over. This has prompted some great discussion of cichlid selection and the best ways to dispose of unwanted cichlids.

Adam Delohery, our chapter president, decided to make a "frankin tank." He took a tank and knocked out the bottom and then added it to the top of another tank to create a super tank. I didn't find out about the tank until after it's trial run, but apparently it holds water but kills fish as he used non-aquarium silicone. The great thing about all of this is the spirit they have to discover all the nuances of keeping cichlids. It just wouldn't be the same if they took my word for everything. That's what we have the class room tanks for!

### Chapter Tanks

Domino, our Tiger Oscar is doing great but doesn't look like he likes the small 29 gallon tank very well. He is still our most popular cichlid, but we don't keep him in our largest tanks so that we are able to keep communities in them.

Our Malawi community has a new mother. Our *Labeotropheus trewavasae* pair that Chuck Vasquez brought in has just spawned and the female is holding for the first time. The dominant electric yellow does not look thrilled to have the competition for top dog in the tank. The "super red" variant of Red Empress that we bought at the last auction is starting to produce a few coloring males. They are becoming more vibrant by the day and the students have been very excited to track their progress from a plain silver cichlid to amazing color.

The star of the Tanganyikan community right now seems to be a cherry spot *Tropheus*. He doesn't come out much, but when he does the students comment on how different his body shape is. They are very excited when he comes out.

Carter dropped by this month and filled up an empty tank with cherry shrimp and fry albino ancistrus longfin plecos. This has provided endless entertainment and interest in watching the boundless activity in this tank now!

Our demasoni female has also spawned for the first time since last year.

Classroom spawning so far:

Spring 2008 - 30 demasoni fry in two spawnings

Spring 2009 - 45 electric yellow in three spawnings, 7 demasoni in one spawning, and a trewavasae batch on the way soon!

Have a great summer!

RMCA Oakes Chapter Adviser - Chuck Pollet