



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, April 14th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Englewood Recreation Center, 1155 W. Oxford Ave. There will be no speaker for this meeting. We'll have a mini-auction, a pot luck, Bowl Show, Growth Contest (*Aequidens tetramerus*), and door prizes.

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## What is Your Role?

Yep, that's right... just about three months away from the biggest event in the club's history, and things are going to really start to heat up. Of course you know I'm talking about the ACA Convention, and hopefully you all understand just what it means to the club, and the scope of the event itself. More importantly, I hope you're planning to register, and SOON. As of now, the rest of the country is far ahead of us in registration, and it's high time for the members of the RMCA to step up and show what we're capable of! So the first step is to register. Go to [www.2013aca.com](http://www.2013aca.com) and click your way around for a bit, then find the registration link in the main menu and get signed up. This event is an absolute "can't miss" for anyone in our hobby, and it's a rare privilege to have it right here in our front yard. There is no good reason that we shouldn't have the most members in attendance of any club, is there? Once you're registered, it's then time to decide if you can donate some time and energy to the process, as we will need as much help as we can get. At the upcoming meetings we'll have some committee sign up sheets, allowing you to choose your role, and believe me, it's an important role no matter what it is! But wait, there's MORE! From now until the convention, you can play an important part in our campaign to make this the most successful ACA Convention of all time by contributing to our discussions on Facebook, [rmcichlid.org](http://rmcichlid.org), and [cichlid.org](http://cichlid.org). Links to those are easy to find here in the newsletter, and we want to see the RMCA "represent"! See you at the meeting.

*Keith*

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# Cichlids With An Altitude



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## 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](http://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 March Bowl Show Winners:

**Malawi**—1st Kevin Fehringer - (*Pseudotropheus* sp. “Perspicax Orange Cap” Ndumbi), 2nd Dallas Barrett - (*Cyrtocara moorii*—Blue Dolphin), 3rd Dallas Barrett - (*Labidochromis caeruleus*)

**Tanganyika**— 1st Garrette Scarberry - (*Petrochromis* sp.), 2nd Sam Chin - (*Reganochromis calliurus*), 3rd Sam Chin - (*Cyphotilapia gibberosa* Tembwe

**Other African / Asian**— No Entries

**New World**— 1st Kevin Fehringer - (*Mikrogeophagus ramirezi* Blue Ram), 2nd Dallas Barrett - (*Astatheros rhytisma*), 3rd Dallas Barrett - (*Mikrogeophagus ramirezi* Gold Ram)

**Open (Fry, < 1.5”)**— 1st Sam Chin - (*Lamprologus speciosus*)

Yep, you guessed it. SOMEONE screwed up the photos from the meeting so they can't be used. Sorry, guys!

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## Growth Contest

April Meeting—*Aequidens tetramerus* due back

May Meeting—*Aulonocara baenschi* 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](mailto: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](mailto:gatfishgolf.comcast.net).

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## April Bowl Show Categories

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

### Malawi:

**GROUP 1:** Abactochromis, Aulonocara, Champsochromis, Copadichromis, Cyathochromis, Dimidochromis, Exochochromis, Gephyrochromis, Iodotropheus, Lethrinops, Metriaclima, Nyassachromis, Pallidochromis, Platygnaethochromis, Rhamphochromis, Stigmatochromis, Tramitichromis, Tyrannochromis.

### Tanganyika:

**GROUP 2:** Asprotilapia, Baileychromis, Boulengerochromis, Chalinochromis, Cyathopharynx, Ectodus, Gnathochromis, Haplotaxodon, Julidochromis, Lestradea, Lobocheilotes, Ophthalmotilapia, Perissodus, Pseudosimochromis, Spathodus, Telmatochromis, Trematochromis, Tylochromis, Xenotilapia.

### Other Africans/Asians:

**GROUP 1:** Alcolapia, Astatoreochromis, Chetia, Congochromis, Divandu, Etia, Gobiocichla, Harpagochromis, Iranocichla, Limbochromis, Macropleurodus, Nanochromis, Orthochromis, Parananochromis, Pelmatochromis, Platyaeniodus, Pseudocrenilabrus, Ptyochromis, Pyxichromis, Schwetzochromis, Teleogramma, Tilapia.

### New World:

**GROUP 2:** Acaronia, Andinoacara, Archocentrus, Australoheros, Bujurquina, Chaetobranchus, Cleithracara, Cryptoheros, Guianacara, Heroina, Hoplarchus, Krobia, Mesonauta, Nandopsis, Paraneetroplus, Pterophyllum, Satanoperca, Tahuantinsuyoa, Thorichthys, Vieja.

**Open:** Plecos and Other Sucker-Mouthed Catfish

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## Save The Date!



April 14—RMCA Meeting, Englewood Recreation Center

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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