



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, March 10th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Englewood Recreation Center, 1155 W. Oxford Ave. Anthony Tu from Maryland will be our speaker for March, talking about frontosa. We'll have a mini-auction, a pot luck, Bowl Show, and door prizes.

From your President...

This month I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who contributed to the Spring Auction. Once again, we broke records, and it just speaks to the health of the club, the hobby, and the dedication of so many to continue to raise the bar. I was very happy to see an increased participation by members of the Colorado Aquarium Society, and I hope that members of the RMCA take note and can find the time to check out a CAS meeting some time, as well as attend their auctions. There could be a lot of strength in a collaborative effort amongst all local hobbyists, and both clubs have a lot to offer one another.

Now that the auction is behind us, we turn our attention to convention. If you have not volunteered your time to help out, I strongly encourage you to do so. Speak to Bob or Kevin, as they are the convention chairs, and they'll let you know how, when and where you can help. There is a ton of work involved in this thing, but the reward will be well worth the effort.

That's all for now, see you at the next meeting!

Keith

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Spring Auction

All I can say is this—YOU GUYS AND GALS ARE AMAZING!

As you saw from Keith's President's message, our spring auction was a phenomenal success! For the first time, our gross sales broke the \$10,000 mark! And we had a few members that couldn't be there for the auction, so their fish couldn't be there to be sold either. The level of participation was great! There was a wide selection of fish, plants, shrimp, tanks and accessories for sale and auction. How about those Petros!? Haven't seen them for a while, and it was good to see how well they did.



Thank you for paying attention to our guidelines pertaining to the auction! We had few problems with sizes, number of bags, and bagging, but overall things were much better.

Also wanted to put a shout out to the Colorado Aquarium Society folks that were in attendance and helping. Thank you! You helped us out tremendously! By the way, their auction is next weekend, March 16th at 6750 Carr Street, Arvada, CO. Sellers come at 8, viewing begins at 9, and the fun starts at 10. I suspect they wouldn't mind a bit of reciprocal assistance, and it should be a lot of fun!

And thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make this auction so successful. We were missing some vital players like the kids from Oakes, our auction chairman, and our hospitality chair, but due to everyone's efforts we sailed through without any major hiccups. Speaking of that, the auction is a great place to volunteer some of your time, especially if you don't want to make a big commitment. It's only one day, but your efforts are so greatly valued! There are opportunities with registration, concessions, quick sale table, raffle sales, assisting at the auction table, bagging, pulling up pictures, etc. Take advantage of these opportunities!



Just a word of warning—we're trying to move to an on-line auction registration process for sales. We'll try this with the mini-auctions at our monthly meetings to work out any issues that may arise. We believe this will alleviate many issues we've had in the past and help smooth the process of checking in. Stay tuned for more information!

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Congratulations to our February Bowl Show Winner:

Malawi—1st Chuck Pollet - (*Labeotropheus trewavasae*), 2nd Chuck Pollet - (*Protomelas taeniolatus*), 3rd Bob Grauer - (*Protomelas taeniolatus* “Red Empress”)

Tanganyika— 1st Chuck Pollet - (*Telmatochromis vittatus*)

Other African / Asian— 1st Bob Grauer - (*Neochromis caeruleus* “Purple Muhuru” Female), 2nd Bob Grauer - (*Neochromis caeruleus* “Purple Muhuru” Male), 3rd Bob Grauer - (*Haplochromis* sp. “Tomato”)

New World— 1st Dallas Barrett - (*Pterophyllum scalare*), 2nd Unknown - (*Pterophyllum scalare*),

Open (Favorite Fish)— 1st Dave Schieltz - (*Melanotaenia lacustris*), 2nd Bob Grauer - (*Melanotaenia herbertaxelrodi*), 3rd Bob Grauer - (*Melanotaenia boesemani* “Red”)



Chuck Pollet's *Labeotropheus trewavasae*



Chuck Pollet's *Telmatochromis vittatus*



Bob Grauer's *Neochromis caeruleus* “Purple Muhuru”



Dallas Barrett's *Pterophyllum scalare*



Dave Schieltz's *Melanotaenia lacustris*

Thanks to Corey Theis for taking these pictures in my absence!

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Future Speakers



March Speaker—Anthony Tu has been involved with tropical hobby more than 29 years. At twelve years of age, he started to breed betta fish which he caught from a neighbors pond in South East Asia. His passion for African Cichlids began in 1995 and he joined the PCCA since 1998. In fact, he joined the ACA (American Cichlids Association) in 2000 and ACA 2000 convention was his first ACA convention. He has specialized of keeping and breeding *Cyphotilapia*.

He currently maintains 12 variant of *Cyphotilapia*. Last April 2008, he was recognized as a Master Breeder from the PCCA's Breeder Awards Program. He wrote several frontosa articles and those articles republished on several fish club journals in U.S. Anthony is currently the PCCA's Web Master Chair and a member of Board of Directors.

In fact, Anthony has given several talks at major fish clubs such as: Pacific Coast Cichlid Association, San Francisco Aquarium Society and Silicon Valley Aquarium Society, Sacramento Aquarium Society, Greater Chicago Cichlid Association, Capital Cichlid Association and California's Organization of Aquatic Show Tropicals. All his lectures use PowerPoint, video clips and most of all pictures in his lectures are taken by him.

May Speaker—Stephan Tanner—He has been an active fish keeper since the mid 1980s. Back in Switzerland where he was born, he got his first tropical fish tank when he was 14 years old, and the "tank fever" has since never left him. In fact, his interest in biology and nature pushed him to earn a master's degree in Behavioral Ecology and Molecular Biology (1995) and finally a Ph.D. in Human Molecular Genetics (1998). During his undergraduate years he also worked in the Spiezer Zoo, a nice local fish store with quality fish and great service. As for his fascination with fish, a pivotal moment was when he went to a meeting of the German Barb, Tetra, Loach, and Catfish association VDA AK BSSW in 1992. He felt instantly comfortable among highly devoted specialists and became a member. In 1994, a new editor for the quarterly publication BSSW Report was needed and he held this position until the end of 2006. He occasionally travels to Germany for fish related meetings and to visit friends that he has made throughout the fabulous German hobbyist community. The origin of the Swiss Tropicals Limited Liability Company has a simple reason. He was setting up a large fish system with well over 100 tanks to properly house all the fish that he was interested in. And breeding - which is naturally the ultimate goal - produces lots of offspring that need a good home. Well, selling a few fish is not an issue but selling them by the hundreds would sooner or later bring the IRS or the state treasurer to his door step. To avoid any legal issues, he decided to set up a company that does proper business and pays taxes. In addition, he has valid US Fish and Wildlife Service and USDA import licenses that allows him to legally bring back fish and plants from his trips.



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Growth Contest

April Meeting—*Aequidens tetramerus* due back

May Meeting—*Aulonocara baenschi* due back

September Meeting—*Tropheus duboisi* due back

Just a quick note as a result of the board meeting held January 26th. It was decided that we are going to limit the purchase of growth contest fish to one “group” of fish (however many fish are being sold to each participant) for each **PAID** club membership. For example, if Joe Blow gets a family membership for himself, his wife and son, he can only purchase one group of fish, not one each for himself, his wife and son. We’re hoping to get some great fish in this year, and we want to maintain the spirit of the growth contest and not see the fish immediately sold to a LFS or on Craigslist.

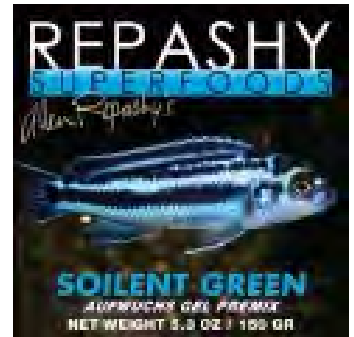
Trading Post

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@central.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, 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!



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 gatfish-golf.comcast.net.

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March Bowl Show Categories

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

Malawi:

GROUP 3: Aristochromis, Caprichromis, Chilatilapia, Ctenopharynx, Cyrtocara, Docimodus, Genyochromis, Hemitilapia, Labidochromis, Melanochromis, Naevochromis, Otopharynx, Placidichromis, Pseudotropheus, Serranochromis, Taeniolethrinops, Tropheops.

Tanganyika:

GROUP 3: Astatotilapia (*A. burtoni*, *A. paludinoso*, *A. stappersi*), Bathybates, Callochromis, Ctenochromis, Cyphotilapia, Enantiopus, Grammatotria, Hemibates, Lamprologus, Limnochromis, Microdontochromis, Oreochromis (*O. karomo*, *O. malagarasi*, *O. niloticus*, *O. tanganicae*), Petrochromis, Reganochromis, Tangachromis, Telotrematocara, Triglachromis, Variabilichromis.

Other Africans/Asians:

GROUP 3: Anomalochromis, Benitochromis, Chromidotilapia, Danakilia, Enterochromis, Gaurochromis, Haplotilapia, Heterochromis, Labrochromis, Lithochromis, Myaka, Oreochromis (*O. esculentus*, *O. mossambicus*, *O. niloticus*, *O. variabilis*), Paralabidochromis, Paretroplus, Pharygochromis, Psammochromis, Ptychochromis, Pungu, Sargochromis, Stomatepia, Thysochromis, Yssichromis.

New World:

GROUP 3: Aequidens, Amphilophus, Astatheros, Biotodoma, Caquetaia, Cichla, Crenicara, Dicrossus, Gymnogeophagus, Heros, Hypselecara, Laetacara, Mikrogeophagus, Neetroplus, Paratheraps, Retroculus, Symphysodon, Teleocichla, Tomocichla.

Save The Date!



March 10—RMCA Meeting, Englewood Recreation Center

April 14—RMCA Meeting, Englewood Recreation Center

May 19—RMCA Meeting, Englewood Recreation Center (Third Sunday due to Mother's Day)

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