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## November 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Bill Thompson

### *Topic: How to build your own custom fish pond*

I've been involved in fish keeping as a hobby just about all my life. My dad brought me some guppies when I was 5 years old; and the guppies, of course, multiplied. Soon we had several tanks and branched out into more exotic species like platies and swordtails. From then on I've usually had between 1 and 20 tanks of fish and am probably the only person to maintain an aquarium on a U.S. Navy heavy cruiser.

In the 60's I was very involved with the [San Diego Tropical Fish Society](#) (President, Show Chairman), and around that time I became interested in koi. Several 300 – 500 gallon ponds later, I joined the [Koi Club of San Diego](#)

(<http://koiclubsandiego.org>) and built my present 3000 gallon pond. Being one of those people who can't stop raising their hand, I have been Show Chairmen three times and President for the last two years, as well as serving on the Board of our magazine, "[KOIUSA](#)", and on the Board of the [Associated Koi Clubs of America](#). I live in Carlsbad with my wife and two boys and in my spare time am remodeling my house and building a new filter for the pond. — *Bill Thompson*

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## Conservation News – Conservation planning grants awarded by the Department of the Interior

9-27-06 Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne announced more than \$67 million in grants to 27 states to support conservation planning and acquisition of vital habitat for threatened and endangered fish, wildlife and plants. Hunting and fishing licenses, land donations, and taxes make these conservation grants possible.

**San Joaquin County, CA:** \$6,531,054.

California red legged frog, three vernal pool shrimp species

**Western Riverside County MSHCP** (Riverside County, CA): \$12,000,000.

The funds will be used to purchase 128 acres of land in the Santa Rosa Plateau area to protect one of the most ecologically significant complexes of vernal pools in southern California that supports populations of the Riverside fairy shrimp.

**Multi-species HCP for the City of Tucson** (Pima County, AZ): \$252,829.

Chiricahua leopard frog, Gila topminnow

**East Bay Regional Parks District HCP/NCCP** (Contra Costa County, CA): \$297,500

California tiger salamander in a regional preservation strategy. EBRPD's Vasco Caves Preserve includes 50% of the critical habitat for the listed longhorn fairy shrimp

**Comal County Regional HCP** (Comal County, TX): \$612,852

Fountain darter, San Marcos salamander, Texas blind salamander

**Coal Mine Spring Phase III** (Santa Cruz County, AZ): \$750,000. This grant will enable the acquisition of up to 874 acres by the Arizona Game and Fish Department for the benefit of the Gila topminnow, Mexican spotted owl, western yellow-billed cuckoo, and lesser long-nosed bat. The acquisition is the third phase of property acquisition in Coal Mine Spring, bringing the complete acquisition to 4,376 acres and providing critical protection to an existing population of Gila topminnow.

**Acquisition of the Raccoon Creek Tract** (Paulding County, GA): \$1,000,000. This purchase, located within the Etowah River basin, is expected to result in the protection of 3,296 acres to benefit listed species of fish, including Etowah and Cherokee darters. This project is expected to result in protection of over two miles of stream frontage and buffers along the main stem of Raccoon Creek.

### Species Conservation Program – How about an update?

Cesar Mora bought the newest group of *Zoogoneticus tequila* fry put up for auction. The Tequila is the first fish in COAST's Species Conservation Program begun last December. How many others have had success with this threatened little goodeid? Where have they gone?

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## MEMBER NEWS –

### *The wonderful news*

Bill Scott's daughter had her baby in September, just a day or two after our monthly meeting. She had a healthy little girl, christened Diedre, who arrived with beautiful long black hair.. Mother, daughter, and grandfather are all doing well.

### *The devastating news*

Ron and Pauline Jackson's ten year old grandson Cody, a charming little blonde kid who always helps with our Holiday Banquet, is being treated for brain cancer that has wrapped itself around the pituitary gland and possibly invaded it. It may have spread to one other location or there may be a different cancer in the second location. There is hope that aggressive chemotherapy may destroy the cancer, and he has started undergoing several series of treatments.

Because chemotherapy temporarily wipes out the body's ability to fight infection, it is vital that Cody's supporting family members remain in pristine health, so Pauline and Ron will be avoiding anyone who so much as looks like they might have a germ.

Cody's mother, Pauline, and great-grandfather have all done battle with cancer. Any prayer or spiritual and healing energy that you can send Cody's way will help.

## NEW / RENEWED MEMBERS

GARY BAGNALL, new member  
ROBERT AND RENATE PELTZ, new members  
*Thank you and Welcome Aboard!*

## MEMBERSHIPS DUE AND PAST DUE

### DUE / PAST DUE MEMBERSHIPS      **Due in:**

PAM & GARY CHIN	September
YEMYINT WU	September
BARBARA HEALY-SPRAGUE	September
JOHN SKOCILIC	September
PAUL AND VIRGINIA EMGEN	October
STAN SUNG	October
BRIAN DOWNING	October
ALAN ROSEN	November
TERRY HEMMENT	November

**Note: September members -- this is your last Showfish until you renew.**

### EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS      **Due in:**

JOE & ESTHER CANDELARIA	August
KEN & EVA HENGSTEBECK	August
SCOTT KROEGER	August
DON MACKEY, MARIA BLAIR	August
CHUCK MATEO	August
VICTOR TONGCO	August

### **When do we meet:**

COAST meets the first Sunday of every month from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Meeting agendum:	12:30	Board Meeting
	1:00	Meeting begins; general announcements
	1:30	Presentation begins
	2:45	Auction begins
	4:15-4:30	Auction usually ends; check-out begins
	5:00-5:30	Vacate the room

### **Where do we meet:**

The Center is a brown brick building between a fire station and Lion's Park. Closest major intersection is 19<sup>th</sup> and Harbor Blvd. Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center. in the Victoria Room (usually) or the Harper Room 1845 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa

### **Upcoming meetings:**

November 5      Speaker and Topic: Bill Thompson, Building Pools  
December 3      Speaker and Topic: Luke Roebuck, TBD (European equivalent of the Aquarama Show?)

**Discussion Group (members only)** <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/coastfishclub/>

**Website:** <http://www.coastfishclub.com>

## USDA HAS NEW STRINGENT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS on live fish, fertilized eggs and gametes susceptible to Spring Viremia Of Carp

*Common carp (including koi), grass carp, silver carp, bighead carp, Crucian carp, goldfish, tench and sheatfish are now subject to significant import restrictions*

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29, 2006 -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is proposing to establish regulations restricting the importation of live fish, fertilized eggs and gametes of fish from certain species that are susceptible to spring viremia of carp (SVC).

The following species are considered susceptible to SVC: common carp (including koi), grass carp, silver carp, bighead carp, Crucian carp, goldfish, tench and sheatfish.

SVC is an extremely contagious viral disease of carp. Outbreaks of SVC confirmed in the United States in 2002 and 2004, and since eradicated, have been linked to unregulated importation of SVC-infected fish. This action is necessary to prevent further introductions of the virus into the United States.

This action is scheduled for publication in the Aug. 30 *Federal Register* and becomes **effective Sept. 29**.

See also <http://www.koiusa.com/news/importrestrictions.html> for additional info on these restrictions.



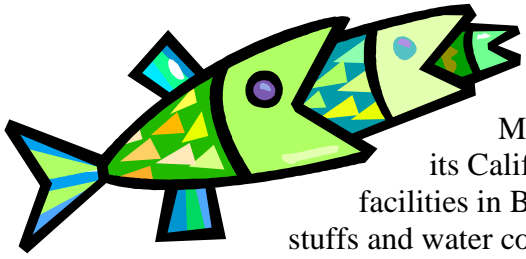
## NANFA To Again Award Up To \$1000 For Conservation Research

*As posted by Bruce Stallsmith in the Scientific Forum on Fish and Fisheries, FISH-SCI@SEGATE.SUNET.SE*

The North American Native Fishes Association (NANFA) will again award up to \$1000 for research that can aid the conservation of North America's native fishes, particularly those that are threatened or endangered. The award may also be divided among one or more individuals. Professionals and hobbyists are all eligible for the award.

Applicant must also be a member of NANFA and can opt to join when they submit their proposals. The deadline for applying is January 20, 2007. The award decision will be announced by March 31, 2007.

Additional details on the award are available from NANFA's website, <http://www.nanfa.org>. Questions about the award may be addressed to Dr. Bruce Stallsmith, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Huntsville, AL 35899. Dr. Stallsmith may also be contacted by telephone at 256-824-6992 or by e-mail at [stallsb@uah.edu](mailto:stallsb@uah.edu).



## Spectrum Brands now a major player in ornamental fish manufacturing market

Marineland as a separate manufacturing company is finally gone, with its California doors virtually closed and production moved to Tetra's facilities in Blacksburg, Virginia (equipment R&D) and Melle, Germany (food stuffs and water conditioners). Marineland is now owned by Spectrum Brands,

formerly known as Spectracide. Marineland's speaker program has been discontinued and the Moorpark, California facility closed. Dr. Hovanec's discoveries and pivotal work in commercial production of various *Nitrosomonas* and *Nitrobacter* strains of bacteria have been delegated to Tetra Werke in Melle, Germany.

## California Assembly Bill 2862 Vetoed

*Governor Schwartzenegger, in spite of his strong support for animal welfare laws, vetoed the draconian assembly bill that could have put many small pet shops out of business.*

The governor's veto was caused by the assembly bill structure, which "mandates the creation of a state program without providing the authority or funding ... to develop or enforce" the law. The Pet Industries Joint Affairs Council argued against the bill because:

- some of the proposed standards within it were contrary to the welfare of the animals when the purpose of the bill was to improve standards of care
- it required paperwork that is beyond the capability of many small pet shops to handle
- it contained no provisions for a rulemaking process that would allow input from all concerned parties, a process which minimizes bias of elected parties.

## Member donates sales proceeds to club

*Angelfish speaker gives club well over \$100 in addition to his excellent presentation*

Charles Clifford brought several outstanding examples of angelfish pairs to sell at auction when he gave his presentation on breeding and raising angelfish in September. At the end of the auction, he donated most of the sales money he earned back to the club. Many thanks for a generous spirit and donation.

## Two major events in the region next year

SuperZoo-West, the trade show, will be held from Wednesday, September 19, 2007 through Friday, September 21, 2007 at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV.

The American Cichlid Association convention is being hosted by the Sacramento Aquarium Society in July 2007. More details can be found on the ACA website, <http://www.cichlid.org>.



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## Scheduled Meetings, 2007

January 7	Topic TBD	Victoria Rm	July 1	Topic TBD	Victoria Rm
February 4	Topic TBD	Victoria Rm	August 5	Topic TBD	Victoria Rm
March 4	Topic TBD	Victoria Rm	Sept 2 or 9	Topic TBD	Victoria Rm
April 1	Topic TBD	Victoria Rm	October 7	Topic TBD	Victoria Rm
May 6	Topic TBD	Victoria Rm	November 4	Topic TBD	Victoria Rm
June 10	Topic TBD	Victoria Rm	December 2	Topic TBD	Victoria Rm

**Auction Rules**

You must be a current member of COAST to sell items at the auction.

**NOTE WELL:**

Buyer Beware! Auction items are sold "as is" and COAST does not guarantee items sold at auction as to health, accuracy, working condition, suitability, etc.

**BAGGING FISH:**

Use proper fish bags. Double bag the fish.

**Bag adult males separately from females and separate territorial or aggressive fish**

from each other to minimize damage or death. Individual bags can then be taped together to be sold as pairs or groups.

Do not feed fish the night before. Bag fish in clean water, with a ratio of 1/3 water to 2/3 air. Bag fish at home please.

**LABELLING:**

Label bags with member no. and bag no., qty and sex of fish, genus/species, and phone no. Paper labels are preferred. Use Sharpie for marking on bags if reqd.

**PLANTS:**

Plants may be single bagged and do not need to be submersed in water. Label as for fish.

Turn completed and double checked auction form in to an auction recorder.

<b>SELLER NAME:</b>		Date	Member No.
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION .....

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL .....

GUEST Registry / AUCTION Sign-In .....

**COAST MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Mail to: **Pauline Jackson, COAST Treasurer**

**10926 Ranney Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92843**

(Received by \_\_\_\_\_ Date Rcvd \_\_\_\_\_ Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Member No. \_\_\_\_\_ )

**Yes!** I want to be a member or guest of COAST. Enclosed/attached is my check or money order made **payable to COAST in the amount of \$20** for a one year membership as an individual or family (within the same household please). Senior citizen (aged 62 or over) or junior (aged 20 or under) memberships are \$15 for one year. Members receive Showfish (ten to twelve issues a year), which contains information of interest to hobbyists. Meetings have programs specific to the hobby, and you are eligible to participate in our monthly auctions and raffles. Why wait any longer?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your membership and registration. Please tell us how you heard about COAST:

Member  Magazine  Fish Store  Website  Showfish Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

What fish do keep / want to keep? \_\_\_\_\_

What contact information would you like to list in the Membership Roster? (Membership Rosters are COAST property and distributed only within the club to encourage fellowship among members.)

Publish full contact info (default)  Do not publish street address  Do not publish phone  Do not publish email  
Unless otherwise specified, the full membership listing of member no., name, phone number, address, city, state and zip code will be listed in our membership directory. Please be sure to notify us of any changes in your contact information, either by email or by using this form.

**Please fill it out completely when you're renewing, too. That's how we keep the membership list correct and up to date.**

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