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Editorial Team: C. Marelus, Mike McCabe, and Pauline Jackson

September 4th Meeting — Speaker TBD Presentation: TBD

Annual Elections this month—and we have people to elect, so come put in your two cents of approval!

The following people have volunteered to do the work next year:

STANDING FOR ELECTION:

President Art North
 Vice President Brian Downing
 Corresponding Secretary .. Mamie Hall
 Treasurer John Skocilic
 Recording Secretary Ron Nash

ACCEPTING DIRECTORSHIPS / CHAIRS (appointed positions):

Director Scott Kroeger
 Director Ron Jackson, Sr.
 Director Tom Varin
 Director Steve Ehrlich
 Director Ron Estrada
 Membership Chair Charlotte Marelus
 Showfish Editor Charlotte Marelus
 Showfish Publisher Not yet confirmed (Mike McCabe?)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING CALLED Sunday, September 4, 12:30 p.m.

Please be on time.

Existing and incoming board members, please attend.



Can you guess the fish profiled this month?

ATTENTION

Killifish Club Barbeque Saturday 2pm Sept 3 —

COAST MEMBERS INTERESTED IN KILLIES INVITED TO PARTICIPATE in the Southern California Killifish Club barbeque in La Crescenta.

Details on page 2 and at their website:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~mmills>

The World Famous "SCKC Fish Fry" for 2005

will be held at the home of Dr. Ron Harlan & Family in the La Crescenta foothills.

The date is September 3, 2005 festivities begin @ 2 pm, with the BBQ feast around 5 pm. There will be a continuous big screen presentation of programs from Conventions in viewing salon. There will be fish brought in from outside the area for the auction. AUCTION WILL FOLLOW THE BBQ.

The Club will provide water and soft drinks as well as the main course. Tri-Tip, Chicken, and Fish (Ahi tuna not Killi) on the Bar-B.

All attendees who are planning to bring a "side dish" should call Professor Harlan at (818) 248-7133 to find out what is needed. (Salad - Baked Beans - Deserts - Breads, etc.)

Ron has a new fish room (building) to display. There is a "walk" to a view point available. The fish/food and soft drinks will be provided by the SCKC.

Directions below and map on page 3 to the Harlan's home
3837 CEDARBEND DR,
LA CRESCENTA, CA 91214-3244

1.	From the 405 & 101 intersection
2.	Turn onto the US-101 SOUTH - go 3.9 mi
3.	Take Left fork onto CA-134 EAST toward BURBANK/GLENDALE - go 8.7 mi
4.	Take the CA-2 exit - go 4.7 mi
5.	Take the I-210 Left exit toward SAN FERNANDO - go 3.2 mi
6.	Take the LOWELL AVE/TUJUNGA exit onto HONOLULU AVE - go 0.3 mi
7.	Turn Right on LOWELL AVE - go 0.4 mi
8.	Turn Right on COMMUNITY AVE - go 0.1 mi
9.	COMMUNITY AVE becomes 4TH AVE - go 0.2 mi
10.	Turn Right on BOSTON AVE - go 0.5 mi
11.	Turn Left on EL LADO DR - go 0.1 mi
12.	Turn Right on FORESTGLEN DR - go < 0.1 mi
13.	Turn Right on CEDARBEND DR - go 0.2 mi
14.	Arrive at 3837 CEDARBEND DR, LA CRESCENTA, on the Right

Membership News –

New/Returning Members

The following people joined COAST recently - Welcome and Thanks!
Scott Kroeger of Glendora
Don Mackey, Maria Blair of Sherman Oaks
Victor Tongco
Norman Brown of San Diego

Renewals Received

The following people have renewed their memberships—Thank You!
Ken Hengstebeck
Rino Olivares
Joe Candelaria
Chuck Mateo

Member Renewals Due September

Please remember to renew your membership this month.
Wanda Jacobson
Art North
Barbara Healy-Sprague
A J Sprague
John Skocilic

Member Renewals Due in October

Michael Booth
Brian Downing
Paul, Virginia Engen
Bryan Lampl
Lawrence Leshinski
Bonnie Lewis
Mike and Elaine McCabe
Joseph Shuryan
Machiel and Kathy Van Dam

Showfish is not sent to people whose memberships have been expired more than one month.

Member Renewals Past Due

- ▶ Paul Loiselle due August
- ▶ Chuck Rambo due August

▶ This symbol means this is your last Showfish until you renew.

Renewing members, please fill in a fresh membership application and mail it to Pauline Jackson. Application and Pauline's address are on the last sheet of the newsletter. Membership number and due date are on the Showfish address label.

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Refreshment Chair, Program Chair;
Auction Clerk; and Storekeeper

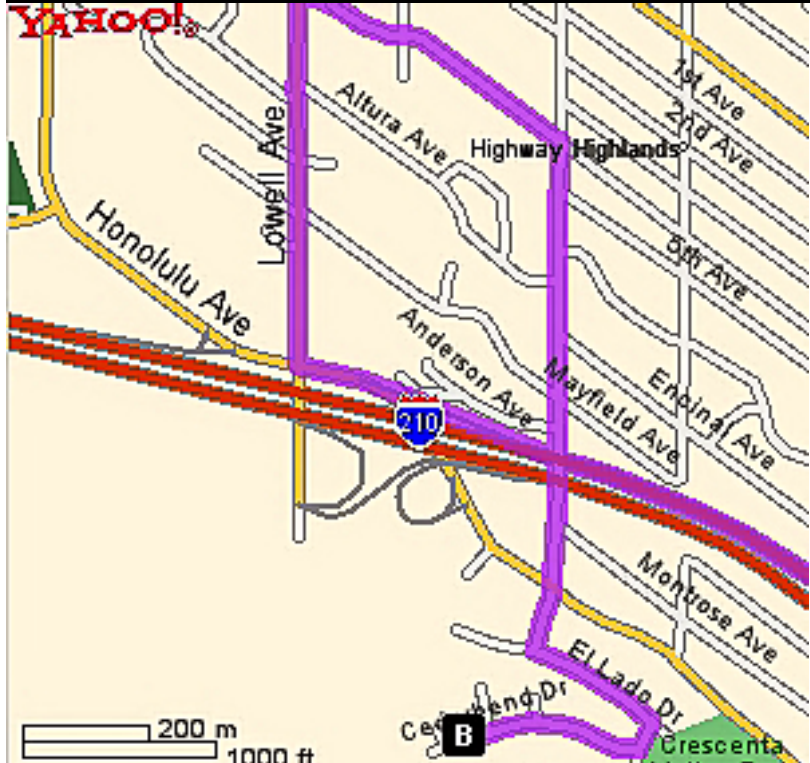
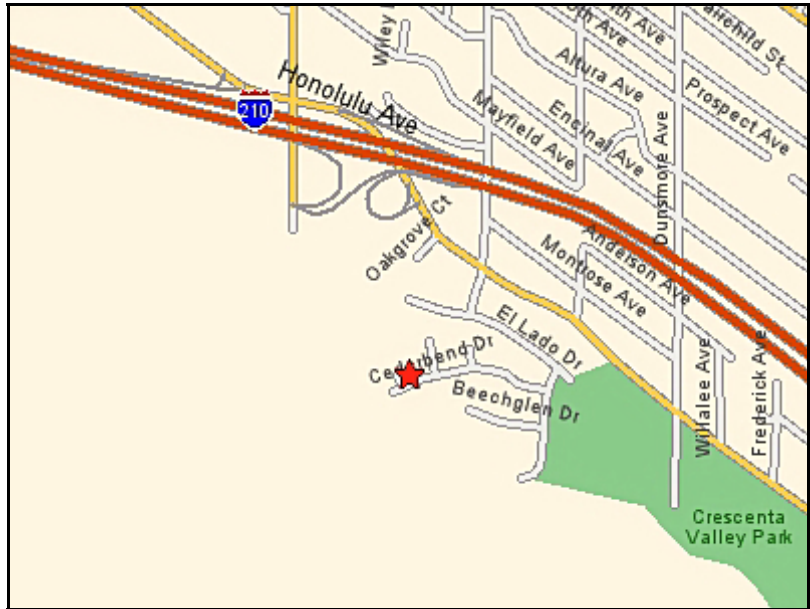
COAST fish club meets the first Sunday of every month, in Costa Mesa from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center, Victoria Room
1845 Park Avenue,
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

For map, see Orange County Thomas Bros Guide pg 888 Zone J3. Maps are also shown on our website:
<http://www.fishclub.freesevers.com> and Internet map sites.

COAST MEETING DATES:

September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4, January TBD



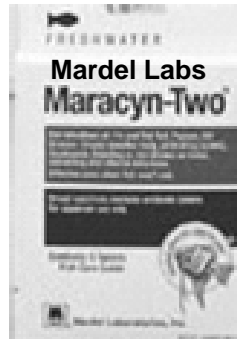
coastfishclub DISCUSSION GROUP ON YAHOO

COAST has a discussion group on Yahoo that is open to all (and only) COAST members. We announce meetings, talk about speakers and articles desired, ask for and give advice, post items for sale or want, post the membership roster, auction forms, and membership application/renewal forms. One of these days I'll figure out how to post the Showfish there. People post accomplishments, convention news, interesting links, and engage in a bit of general discussion.

Brian Downing is the moderator; if you want to join, just tell him in an email to brianjdowning@msn.com. Here's the link to the group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/coastfishclub/>

OUR SPONSORS – Manufacturers Who Support Our Club

When making buying decisions, please assess these companies' products and remember the investment they make in the tropical fish hobby. I'm sorry I've missed some sponsors, I did not see the raffle table this month.



Guppy Colors

We all tease our guppy breeders and designers, especially Frank Chang, for the color and pattern names they put on their auction bag labels, names so long they can't be spelled out on the bag sometimes (you'd think they were cichlid scientific names!).

In spite of all the information these colorful and descriptive names provide, the International Fancy Guppy Association lists only the following color categories as legitimate show categories:

- Red
- Blue
- Green
- Black
- Multi
- AOC (Any Other Color)
- Yellow
- Purple
- Albino (Red)
- Albino (AOC)
- Bronze
- Gold
- Half Black Green
- Half Black Red
- Half Black Blue
- Half Black Pastel
- Half Black AOC
- Half Black Yellow
- Half Black Purple
- Red Bicolor
- Blue/Green Bicolor
- AOC Bicolor
- Snakeskin solid
- Snakeskin Variegated

The development and stabilization of new color varieties and patterns are often goals of dedicated guppy breeders, many of whom refer to themselves as guppy designers. It's not easy to do, but clearly worth the effort. Good quality broodstock of known genetic history sells for \$25 to \$75 a pair, depending on rarity, color, pattern, and their ability to produce to type, among other factors. If you want color, you gotta check out the guppies.

Gratitude Payments –

Food donors - I did not find out who brought food in August; I'm sure if Wanda Jacobson was there, she was involved. Any one can bring home-made or purchased food for the buffet.

Jeff Long lent his digital projector again for our speaker's presentation.

Member Accomplishment

I haven't been to a meeting since May for reasons that have nothing to do with the club, so I didn't find out about this except by chance until now. I apologize for being so late in bragging about this member accomplishment.

LUKE ROEBUCK
was granted
MASTER BREEDER

status by the International Fancy Guppy Association in April 2005. He is one of only eight in the worldwide organization.

REQUEST FOR ARTICLES on Local Fish Stores

One of the most consistently requested types of information is the location and quality of local fish stores. Those members who patronize local fish stores, please take a moment and tell me about your favorite store or stores.

Don't worry about grammar or spelling or any of that stuff, I can edit it for that and make it sound good, as long as you provide information about the store.

Email your comments to rcmarelius@earthlink.net or mail them to
Showfish Editor
16229 Armstead St.
Granada Hills, CA 91344

Species Profile – *Leporinus fasciatus* (BLOCH, 1794) Planquette, Keith & Le Bail, 1996 "The Banded Leporinus"

The banded leporinus is a member of the Anostomidae family of characins found in Venezuela, Peru, Paraguay, Brazil, and Columbia in the Amazon tributaries.



Leporinus fasciatus, with nibbled tail tips, photo by Christopher Jameson (copyright holder), used in accordance with permission for educational purposes.

They are almost identical to *Leporinus affinis*; the *Leporinus affinis* has 9 bars while the *fasciatus* has 10 bars; the *affinis* maintains a yellow blush on its chin while the *fasciatus* has a dull orange to brick red chin; and the caudal fin tips are rounded in the *affinis* but pointed in the *fasciatus*. Both species have a smudge on their nose that is not included in the bar count. The body shape differences between these



Probably *Leporinus affinis* with intact tail, from <http://www.badmanstropicalfish.com>

two fish in the photos are individual differences; their general overall body shape is the same for both species. There are four sub-species described: *Leporinus fasciatus affinis* (GUENTHER 1864), *L. f. altipin-nis* (BORODIN, 1929), *L. f. fasciatus* (BLOCH, 1794), and *L. f. tigrinus*

(BORODIN, 1929).

Leporinus fasciatus are herbivores, consuming fruit, leaves, watercress, chickweed or other floating plant matter. They will accept vegetable flake food, at least when young, and preferentially snatch floating plants from the surface as they floats by. Indeed, their genus name comes from the Latin description of their mouths and two prominent teeth, which translates roughly as "hare-like". They will also browse the surfaces of submersed trees. In nature, they are found in the "floating meadows" of the river valleys. Floating meadows are areas where floating plants with trailing root systems form such dense mats they appear to be solid ground, and their extent and location are dependent upon the cyclical flooding of the river valleys and forest floors.

The water in these meadows is soft to medium (up to 20° dGH) and acidic-to-neutral for most of the year (range pH 5.5 to 7.8); like most Amazonian flood plain fishes, *L. fasciatus* can adapt to various water conditions. As might be expected given their floating meadow habitat, they are mid-water fishes that like to have cover available in stones and roots but have no use for rooted plants in the sandy bottom. The plant cover in their native water prevents the growth of plants on the bottom. The stones or roots should to be large enough to provide a current "shadow" where they can rest, out of the strong current they need. Their preferred temperature range is 72° to 79°F; they can tolerate up to 84°F.

There are no distinguishing gender characteristics and breeding attempts remain unsuccessful. This fast-growing fish can reach 12 inches standard length as an adult, and is a very fast swimmer with a fondness for jumping. While a 55 gallon long tank will be excellent for the fish when small, clearly this is a 200-gallon-tank adult. As a young fish (under four inches) it is generally peaceful, limiting obnoxious behaviour to fin-nipping of its own species. The larger it gets, unfortunately, the more aggressive it can become. Although some prefer to select a cleft in the rocks and stay there (behaviour more typical of *L. affinis*), others will wound, ram, and eventually kill tank mates, starting with conspecifics. It is not a stupid fish, in that it will not seek out battles with fish it can't kill, and people have kept them successfully with cichlids such as the red devil or jaguar cichlid. Other people report their *L. fasciatus* killed all their conspecifics but one, with which it then shared a hole in a log at night while having spats during the day. The aggression appears to have little to do with tank size or population density, and it is unknown whether it is stimulated by gonadal maturity rather than just body size or habitat size — or anything else.

The hardy *Leporinus fasciatus* is a good fish for the tap water conditions of much of Southern California. It is a handsome, active fish that can hold its own with similarly-sized semi-aggressive tankmates. It can be recommended for those hobbyists who can provide for its habitat needs and for the size of tank it will need as an adult.

Events elsewhere in the hobby —

Desert Fish Club, a brand new club in Palm Desert, meets the third Sunday of the month in a local aquarium store. For more information, call Wanda Jacobson at 760-328-8842.

San Diego Fish Club meets the second Sunday of the month. For more information talk to Barbara or Kirk Bean or Brian Downing at one of our meetings.

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American Cichlid Club 2006 Convention will be near Chicago.