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NEXT MONTH'S MTG: OCT 7

## Sept 2 Meeting, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.: Topic – Bacteria and Algae *Kirk Bean will be talking about the good, the bad, and the ugly*

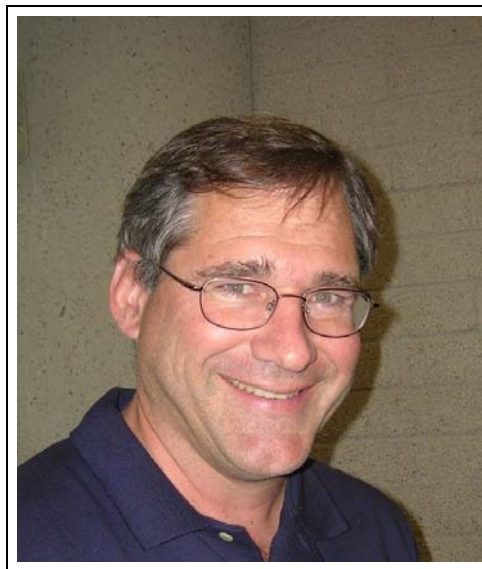
Kirk Bean will speak about about two of his favorite things to keep in the aquarium: bacteria and algae. Discussion will include the different types of bacteria in the tank and which ones actually contribute to a cycled tank, and a nostalgic look at all those great algae types that we love to grow. Additional emphasis will be given to the noxious critters, additives, and equipment that cut back on algae growth.

Kirk has been keeping and apparently breeding several types of bacteria and algae for several years. He has a lot of hands on experience in maintaining cloudy and murky green environments in his home. Some day he hopes to successfully keep fish as well, but for now is specializing in blue green algae and several variants of basic slime.

**October speaker: Dick Au** “Making Money with Tropical Fish”

**November speaker: Dr. Tony Mazeroll** “The Colombia Expedition”

See page 4 for more information on these speakers



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## Summary of Meeting Last Month –

**Topic/Speaker:** Brian Downing presented an excellent film on the Amazon and how fish have adapted to make use of the flood/dry season cycle. It was incredible to see a four foot long arowana completely clear the water (without a run-up to it), grab a bug off on overhanging branch, and yield only a shallow splash upon reentry. The underwater and above water footage was incredible.

**General meeting business** The club remains in sound financial condition. We have again been losing money on food, sometimes because the food costs more than \$1 a person will cover, sometimes because people forget to pay their \$1. Lunch will be \$2 per person from now on—remember that bringing food to share means you can eat free. Hikari made a very generous donation of food sample packets to Codey's booth in July's American Cancer event; Codey's Crew raised over \$18,500 for the fight against pediatric cancer. Lauro Seijo set up an AquaBid auction for Cody, along with Jeff Long, and a couple of other club members; they were able to contribute a nice sum to Codey's fight as well. Codey is Ron and Pauline's 11 year old grandson.

**Board meeting business:** Ron and Pauline Jackson are retiring from all board/director positions—for real this time. At the elections next month, someone else will have to step up and fill the positions.

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## Election Time –

*Brian Downing*

Well folks, it's almost election time again. I don't want to have anyone miss the next couple meetings due to elections, so I am trying not to make this a focal point of any meeting if possible. I am looking for members who are willing to be officers or directors, starting now. Most of the positions require very little work beyond showing up at most of the meetings.

The most demanding positions take only a few hours a month in addition to the meetings. Most positions can be done with as much or as little time as you have available. Please look at the positions on the next page and email me directly at [brianjdowning@msn.com](mailto:brianjdowning@msn.com) if you are willing to volunteer or would like to nominate a member.

Existing officers and directors are more than welcome to run again, you've all been great. If you don't want to run again, that's ok, just start looking for someone to nominate! New members can run too!

Thanks.

**8-26-07 Codey has been diagnosed as "Cancer Free"!!**

*Here are the officer positions:*

**The President** represents the organization in all business matters, conducts both general and board meetings, appoint any other position should it become vacant between elections, implement all organization mandates in a timely manner. One nominee

**The Vice President** assists the president and committee chairpersons in the performance of duties and replaces the president should that office become vacant. One nominee

**The Recording Secretary** maintains a written record of monthly organization activities, all general organization correspondence, keeps and maintains notes recording all directives and declarations of policy adopted by the Board as well as true copies of all official documents.

**The Corresponding Secretary** writes letters to solicit donations, maintains records of donations received, sends acknowledgment letters in appreciation for support received on behalf of the organization

**The Treasurer** is responsible for collecting and disbursing COAST revenues, responsible for maintaining a documented record of all monetary transactions, presents verbally an officer's report at Board meetings as well as quarterly written statements and an annual summary

**The Editor** is responsible for the publication and mailing of a newsletter called Showfish and for any special publication the organization mandates.  
One nominee

**Here are the Director Positions:**

- Program Chair (gets the speakers)
- Website (updates the website monthly)
- Membership Chair (renewals, new members)
- Auction Chair (at the computer during the auction)
- Publisher (mails the newsletter)
- Auctioneer (auctioneer!)

**Editor's Electoral Parody**

*To the tune of Roy Orbison's "It's Crying Time Again"*

"It's election time again, each member's fleeing.  
I can see that cornered terror in your eyes.  
I can tell by the way you haunt the exits  
That you like watching more than doing ev'ry time."

If you want to feel the real club experience, sometimes you gotta do more than watch. Everybody's qualified—come and play!

**FOR SALE**

**55 GALLON AQUARIUM FOR BEST OFFER.**

Contact Ron Jackson at [katfishron@aol.com](mailto:katfishron@aol.com) or 714-638-8445

**THE ORIGINAL CAVES - RINO'S**



Phone 951-657-4634

## Information on Upcoming Topics and Speakers

### *October: "Making Money with Tropical Fish", Dick Au*

We are very fortunate to have Dick Au as our October speaker, author of several books dealing with Discus, the newest of which is "Trophy Discus - The art of selecting, grooming and showing discus". Dick will give us some tips and insights on raising tropical fish for fun and profit. He has given talks to clubs on keeping, breeding and judging discus as well as other subjects such as Asian fish farm tours, Aquarama, Asian fascination with ornamental fishes, cichlids, and angelfish.

### *November: "Colombian Expedition", Dr. Anthony I. Mazeroll*

Our November speaker will be Dr. Anthony Mazeroll, bringing us up-to-date on his recent and ongoing expeditions to Columbia to do research on the region's fish populations.

### **ANNUAL KILLIFISH CLUB PICNIC MEETING IS COMING SOON.**

If you want to specialize in killifish, this would be the perfect meeting at which to join their club.

For more information, contact Sandy Binder at [sandy1238@aol.com](mailto:sandy1238@aol.com)

## Member News

### *New Members—Welcome!*

- 379 Jessica Castro of Northridge
- 380 Diane Brown of Los Angeles
- 381 Daniel Kerson of Culver City
- 382 Sheik Shahabudeen of Irvine

### *Due this month—*

- 57 Chris Breitreutz
- 18 Wanda Jacobson
- 89 Art North
- 361 Robert and Renate Peltz
- 66 Luke Roebuck
- 365 Gary Bagnall
- 143 Lauro Seijo

### *Renewals received—Thank You!*

- 269 Kim Chi Bui-Filkin
- 70 Russ Madsen
- 5 Rich and Mallory Beckett
- 80 Harold Lieberman
- 348 Edwardo Millan, Jr.
- 358 James Castro

### *Past due—this is your last Showfish*

- Norman Brown
- Ken Hengstebeck
- Chuck Mateo
- Rino Olivares – Rino Caves
- Jean Rockford
- Rusty Wessel
- Kirk Bean
- Cassie Favello
- Ross Freeman
- Shawn Page
- Robert Stone

### **BIG TICKET RAFFLE**

**WILL BE DRAWN DURING THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.**

**BE SURE TO BUY PLENTY OF TICKETS TO IMPROVE YOUR CHANCE OF WINNING THIS NEW MODEL MARINELAND CANISTER FILTER.**



## Meeting and Club Information

### Board of Directors

Brian Downing   Pauline Jackson   Rahul Kumar   (Open)   Ron Jackson   Rick Marelius



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**Discussion Group:** <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/coastfishclub/>

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

**Newsletter:** The club's newsletter, the Showfish, is published at least six times a year (usually 10 to 12) and mailed to arrive a day or two before the meeting. The current issue is published on our discussion group in the Files section around the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month, and previous months' Showfish are published on our website.

(Meeting and Club Information, continued)

***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:***

We meet in the Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center in the Victoria Room (usually) or the Harper Room. 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  
1845 Park Avenue  
Costa Mesa, CA

***Upcoming meetings for 2007:***

September 2: Dick Au, Making Money in Trop. Fish	November 4	Speaker and Topic:
October 7 : Dr. Tony Mazeroll, Colombia Expedition	December 2	Speaker and Topic:

***Auction Bag Labels*** (The LOT NO. is made of your member number followed by the bag number.

Example: member 97 is selling 5 bags of fish. The lot numbers are 97-1, 97-2, 97-3, 97-4, and 97-5.)

<p><b>LOT NO.</b> _____ <b>Qty</b> _____</p> <p>Genus/Species or common name _____</p> <p>Phone No. _____</p>	<p><b>LOT NO.</b> _____ <b>Qty</b> _____</p> <p>Genus/Species or common name _____</p> <p>Phone No. _____</p>
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SELLER NAME:		Date	Member No.		<b>Auction Rules</b> 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. <b>Bag adult males separately from females and separate territorial or aggressive fish</b> 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.
BAG NO.	QTY	NAME OR DESCRIPTION	Sold for Amount	Mark if donating	
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION .....

**COAST MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL .....

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

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

**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 our newsletter, Showfish (six to twelve issues a year), and are eligible to participate in our monthly auctions and raffles.

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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