

MASWA Newsletter

(October 2000)

ATTENTION: This month's MASWA meeting is Wednesday, **25th October**. Check your calendar, because it could be the day you receive this!!!

This Month's Meeting

The meeting is to be held at Grant Magill's house. Grant has had a few meetings at his house now, the last was in February, and every time, his tank has looked quite different from the previous viewing. It will be interesting to see what Grant is up to with his tank this time. Grant's address is **7 Begonia Place, Forrestfield**...it's right near the Forrestfield Forum Shopping Centre. The meeting will begin at **7.30pm**.

Last Month's Meeting

The last meeting was at Steve Toff's house. Steve's was the first fish-only aquarium that I've seen at a host's house (and I've been a member for 3 or 4 years now). Unfortunately, I came to the meeting an hour late (still trying to get the concepts of "fatherhood" and "scheduling" to work together), so I completely missed the host's presentation on tank dimensions, filtration, lighting, etc. Suffice to say that it was a large tank (8' long and 3' tall, I think) with the "wall" style rock layout at the back of the tank that looked quite dramatic in the big open room it was housed in. There were several species of fish, including a few schools of individual species, and even a couple of corals here and there. These were all low light corals as the tank lighting was understandably quite dim compared to the usual high-intensity lighting of reef tanks. Numerous hermit crabs also wandered around the tank. All in all, I would have to say that it was a very interesting tank and a nice change from the usual reef set-ups that we normally see each month.

Corals of the World

I have now received all but one of the payments for Corals of the World (and next month I'm going on a nice holiday with the proceeds...okay, you can stop putting together that lynch-mob, I'm only joking!). Thankyou to everyone for the prompt payment.

The books still haven't arrived, but they were only scheduled to be published this month, and it is possible that the schedule has slipped. Regardless, I will try to get in touch with the publishers before this week's meeting and see if they can give some sort of indication as to when we are likely to see the finished product.

Live Sand Samples Please!

Thankyou to the four people who brought me some live sand samples last month (Jan, Sid, Grant and David). I really appreciate your effort and generosity.

The samples were excellent and have really helped get my sand bed off to a good start but I can still do with some more samples, if anyone is able to bring some along to the next meeting. I bought a raffle ticket for each of the four who brought me a sample last month to thank them and am quite willing to do it again for anyone who brings me some this week. Just a cup or two (depending on the size of your system) with a little tank water in a sealed lunch or freezer bag is fine.

Raffle Time

Last meeting

Seven prizes were up for grabs at the September meeting; 115mL bottle of Kent "Zoe Marine" vitamin and mineral supplement/food additive, 2 x Grey Nurse shark teeth!, 2 x Lettuce Clips, a 250g jar of InstaKalk calcium hydroxide and a 250g jar of Seachem MatrixCarbon.

Steve was drawn out of the hat first and decided on the Zoe Marine vitamin. Grant came second and took the InstaKalk. Rick chose the carbon, Greg and David both chose Lettuce Clips and Darren and David took the last prizes, the Grey Nurse teeth.

This meeting

This month's prizes are: a 235mL bottle of Kent Poly.Ox organic material oxidiser, 2 x Lettuce Clips, a 115mL bottle of Kent "Zoe Marine" vitamin and mineral supplement/food additive and some corallimorphs (mushroom polyps) donated by Grant Magill. There might even be some Grey Nurse teeth again. A \$2 raffle ticket puts you in the draw to pick one of 5 great prizes!

Anyone who would like to see different types of prizes used in the raffles or perhaps some particular types of prizes removed from the raffle, please let either David Bloch or Nathan Cope know, so that we can adjust the prize line-up accordingly.

That's All Folks

Unfortunately, no articles were received for this month's newsletter, so again, it is a bit bare. I have been told by David Bloch and Greg Weryk that they will have articles ready for the next newsletter, so we can at least look forward to something next month, but please everyone, send in something to add to the newsletter. It doesn't have to be huge, it just has to be relevant to marine life...it can even be a joke!

Upcoming Meetings

October 25th: Grant Magill
November 29th: Fremantle OceanFarm
December 20th: ???Nathan Cope??? (We'll see)

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MASWA Membership

Currently MASWA requests an annual \$20 donation from members, \$10 for Junior members. This covers the cost of newsletters, drinks, nibbles and other costs associated with the society. Members will receive information sheets and discounts on some products.

Friends in Common

Jan Anderson, David Bloch, Darren & Raqual Collins, Nathan Cope, Andy Dolphin, Tony Fiorentino, Rob Fowler, Achille Gaglia, Paul Groves, Sid Harrison, Sean Hooper, Frank & Ben Krause, David Lee, Grant Magill, Stephen May, Phil & Caron Melvin, Wayne Mothershaw, Phil Searle, Ronald Tan, Paul Tayler, Steve Tofts, Greg Weryk, Rick White.

If you've paid your money and your name is not on this list, tell David! Members on the web should check they are on the web site members list.

If there is anything you would like to know more about or anything you would like to add to the newsletter, call or send comments to the current editor, Nathan Cope. Remember, this is your newsletter.

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