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April Coral of the Month

Brain Coral

Genus: Lobophyllia

Family: Mussidae

Origin: Thirteen genera. Eight in the Indo-Pacific, four in the Atlantic

Common Name: Lobed Brain, Flat Brain, Open Brain, Meat or Large Flower Coral

Water Flow: Medium

Light: Medium to High

Care Level: Easy, Very Hardy and Tolerant

Placement: All

The Lobophyllia Brain Coral is a large polyp stony coral (LPS) and they get their name from the brain-like ridges that go across it's surface. It is found in a variety of color forms and textures. The fleshy polyps hide its calcareous skeleton, some of which are smooth and others are pimply. The colors range from a bright red, green, orange, blue, tan or brown. They get their name 'Brain Coral' because the polyp tissue is heavy and prominent which makes it look like a 'Brian'. They can be found on upper-reef slopes and fore-reef slopes. Most often they can be found in somewhat of a protected area. They are very adaptable to the reef aquarium and are highly recommended.

- article submitted by Chris Ritsert

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Membership Update

New Members

Scott Patterson
Stephen Sump & Family
Tom Vitaz
Kit Nelson

Updated Members

Michael Canterbury
Jean Paul Haulard
Carole McLaren
Stan Dannemiller
Paul Cimino
David & Rita Lewis
Ted & Sarah Macosko





Prez Says

Hello Members. I hope everyone enjoyed last month's speaker Kelly Jedlicki and learned something about some of the particulars about keeping puffers and some of the not so normal marine species. People seem to have questions and a general interest in Kelly's presentation. Thanks to all the members that pitched in and helped with setup, cleanup, your efforts are really appreciated. It was great to see all the new faces at last month's meeting. Thanks to all who joined and also renewed. Please continue to encourage your friends and fellow marine aquarists to become a member of C-SEA, the club continues to grow with your help and support.

This month we will be having Than Thien give a presentation on his coral propagation endeavors in our area. We will also have our monthly livestock raffle. As a result of a recent suggestion that the club acquire some test equipment for the members to be used much the same way the library works, the club has acquired a TDS tester. This tester is simple to use and can be used to test the purity of your source water, RO and DI water, the rejection rate of your RO membrane etc. We are also looking at acquiring a refractometer and some type of light measuring equipment. All the test equipment will have to be signed out so it can be tracked as an asset of the club. Thanks Andy for a great suggestion.

WOW is all I can say about the 12th All Ohio Frag Swap that the club hosted last month. We purchased 300 wristbands and those were gone in short order. We estimate 350-400 paid people in attendance for the event. Everyone seemed happy with the location and facilities, and the hall was happy to host our group, and the hall manager even bought a tank setup that someone brought to the swap. All in all a good time was had by everyone. Again a big thanks to Carole for all her hard work and to everyone else that pitched in to help make the event a overwhelming success. All the revenues from the event go to provide the means for the future of C-SEA, thanks again to everyone that help make it a success.

And lastly don't forget the officer elections next month. Anyone that is interested in running for an office please let Alan Harrell the Vice-President or myself know your intentions so we can get your name on the election ballot. The positions are not hard but do require some effort. It is a great way to learn about the club and your fellow marine keepers. Positions can be shared by individuals so as to spread the position workload around so long as one person is accountable for that position. There are also non-board positions available that allow members to become involved in the workings of the club. It is great to see the volunteer spirit that helps to make this club great to belong too. I have seen months in which we signup or renew more members than some clubs have attend their regular meetings.

Please keep the thoughts and ideas coming. Participate, don't just belong. Support the activities with your attendance, volunteer, ask "Is there something I can do to help?". **YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN, REMEMBER THIS YOUR CLUB.**

Happy Marine Keeping,
John Janda, President

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Calendar of Events

April Meeting

April 21, 2006

Than Their speaking on “Greenhouse Projects”

May 19, 2006

Annual Elections & Possible Auto Top-Off Workshop

June 16, 2006

TBA

March 2006 Meeting Pictures!!!



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