

Re: Absence of Canines in Apiths

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mclark wrote:

> Lee Olsen wrote:

>> mclark wrote:

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>> I'm getting old, folks,

>>> and along with that comes tired. I'm tired of the loons and

>>> would support building a fence to keep them out of SAP if

>>> that sort of thing were possible. Does anyone want to talk

>>> about moderation?

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>> Congratulations on your new job as moderator of sap (moderated).

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>> Here is a postulated preview of your duties. As you can see they will

>> be ideally suited for your condition----old.

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>> Activity: Low

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>> <http://groups.google.com/group/sci.archaeology.moderated/about>

>> Notice the month of August, 4 posts total. No matter how old you get,

>> you will always be able to keep up with a workload like that. In fact,

>> if the activity gets any lower, your arthritic fingers won't even need

>> to click a mouse. If, heaven forbid, blindness sets in, no problem here

>> either, no posts, no reading required.

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>> And as an added bonus, notice one of the top all-time posters is the

>> moderator himself. This means that if the pace get too hectic, you have

>> the option to stop posting and the activity level will once again drop

>> to zero, leaving you plenty of free time to hang around your local

>> medicare office.

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> Shall I take it, then, that you're opposed to some form of moderation?

I've been on moderated and unmoderated lists in the past, so it really wouldn't make that much difference to me I guess. My point was that there are moderated anthro lists out there already and the posting activity is near zero. Here is a typical example (I think):

<http://www.versiontech.com/origins/forum/>

Last post in October. I could find several others like this one if you

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want.

- > I don't want your job, frankly, and it isn't because I'm arthritic.
- > It's because I have an unusually low tolerance for stupidity and would
- > cut too close to the bone for most folks' liking. I would *really*
- > like to be reading anthro-paleo in this group and ~cringe~ every time I
- > see another LOONatic going on about snorkel noses, 8 mya ag, ad
- > nauseum. Yea, I know it's a tough call but maybe we ought to at least
- > *eliminate* it as a possibility.

That is the first problem, who would be unbiased on this list at this point in time? It would seem to me that whoever the moderator was, would have to be a person that did not post on the list for fear of looking biased on unpopular decisions. Something like this is going on right now over at sci.arch.

SBE is moderated, after a fashion,

- > and they seem to be moving along at a respectable clip ---and moderation
- > can be as simple as a filter (or anything in between).

Yeah, there are some that work I suppose. Take another example, the new Palanth forum. Loons are quickly weeded out, but the discussions generally last two or three posts and that's it, nothing like the extended discussions here (of course many here do not stay on topic).

OK, so who is moderator?

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- > Incidentally, Lee, you can take your "Grampa" tags and shove 'em right up
- > your ass.

Ouch that hurt. But you will get there faster than you think, trust me on that one.

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