

March 2004

Comments on the proposed precedence of *Bolboceras* Kirby, 1819 (July) (Insecta, Coleoptera) over *Odonteus* Samouelle, 1819 (June)

Brett C. Ratcliffe

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, bratcliffe1@unl.edu

Follow this and additional works at: <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/entomologypapers>



Part of the [Entomology Commons](#)

Ratcliffe, Brett C., "Comments on the proposed precedence of *Bolboceras* Kirby, 1819 (July) (Insecta, Coleoptera) over *Odonteus* Samouelle, 1819 (June)" (2004). *Papers in Entomology*. 26.

<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/entomologypapers/26>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Museum, University of Nebraska State at DigitalCommons@University of Nebraska - Lincoln. It has been accepted for inclusion in Papers in Entomology by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

Comments on the proposed precedence of *Bolboceras* Kirby, 1819 (July) (Insecta, Coleoptera) over *Odonteus* Samouelle, 1819 (June)

(Case 3097; see BZN **59**: 246-248, 280-281; **60**: 303-311)

(1) Brett C. Ratcliffe

Systematics Research Collections, W436 Nebraska Hall, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68588-0514, U.S.A.

I support the application to use *Bolboceras* Kirby, 1819 (July) instead of *Odonteus* Samouelle 1819 (June) because of prevailing usage of the name *Bolboceras*. The name *Odonteus* has not been used since it was first proposed except by Krell in 1990, who suggested that *Odonteus* should be used since it had priority. To do so, however, would not only destabilize the nomenclature for the often cited genus name *Bolboceras*, but it would also decrease the flow of information that is normally associated with the name *Bolboceras*. Moreover, *Bolboceras* is also the type genus for the tribe BOLBOCERATINI and subfamily BOLBOCERATINAE. It would be confusing to use *Odonteus* instead when referring to the type genus of the family-group names. The second volume of 'American Beetles', published in 2002, will be the standard for North American Coleoptera classification for the next several decades, and *Bolboceras* is used in this work (with reference to the current application to the Commission).