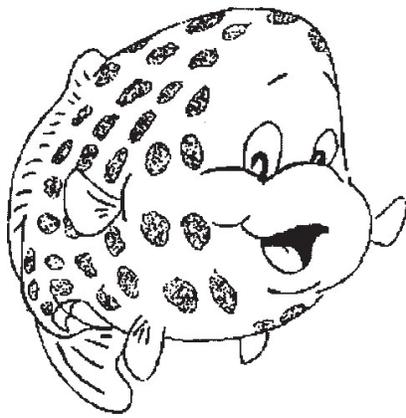


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## Our Mission Statement

*The Society, established in 1958, is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the task of promoting interest in the breeding, raising, maintenance and study of tropical fish; both at the beginner and more advanced levels.*

The January meeting of The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society, (SCAAS) is going to be held on Monday February 3, 2026, at Our Lady of Scapular Hall at 6557 Thorold Stone Road in Niagara Falls. The doors open at 7:00 PM and the meeting will be starting at 7:30 PM.

SCAAS is a charter member of the **Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs Inc.**, (CAOAC, [www.caoac.ca](http://www.caoac.ca)).

More news and information about SCAAS can be found on our website: [www.scaas1958.ca](http://www.scaas1958.ca)

We also have a Facebook page under **The St. Catharines Area Aquarium Society 1958** where you can ask aquarium related questions and post photographs of your aquariums and fish, plants, etc. Unfortunately, due to Facebook policies we are unable to post fish for sale ads using our club page.

# **EXECUTIVE CONTACT INFORMATION**

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SURE WHO TO GET A HOLD OF? CONTACT US AT  
OUR GENERAL EMAIL INBOX.**

**SCAASEXEC@GMAIL.COM**

# Jim's Presidential Message



Hello all! I hope you have been keeping warm in this crazy weather! We have just recently secured a Program chair to line up all the speakers! Kassy Stefanac has accepted the position, which means all of our spots are full! This meeting we will have two ladies from Hamilton who have travelled around visiting various aquariums. Should be very interesting. I also had a meeting with C.A.O.A.C. and it went very well, will talk about that at the meeting. Stay warm, check those fish, see you at the meeting.

Jim Chalmers President

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## Editor's Note



Please I need your aquarium related articles, and photos for future editions of the SCAT. Wanted or for sale ads are welcome too.

Please send them to me by email at [pshriner17@gmail.com](mailto:pshriner17@gmail.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the next SCAT edition.

Special thanks to all those who contributed to the previous SCAT newsletters.

Thank you.

Pat



# Treasurer's Report for January 2026

I would like to welcome everyone back to the club in the new year, also a warm welcome to our new members. It is so nice to see new members to the hobby, let's keep getting the word out about our meetings so that this hobby continues to thrive and grow. You would be surprised how many people do not even know there are fish clubs in existence. During the January meeting, we had a very interesting presentation by Peter DeSouza. I for one did not know there were that many different varieties of bettas. It was also nice to see so many participate in the auction, it really helps our club to continue to prosper. At the end of December our cashbox balance was:

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSIT	WITHDRAWAL	BALANCE
12-01-25	Balance carried forward			\$529.20
1-05-26	50/50 Raffle	\$21.50		\$550.70
	Raffle	\$35.00		\$585.70
	Fish Auction - club share	\$80.90		\$666.60
	Presentor - Peter DeSouza		\$100.00	\$566.60
	Purchase - Auction supplies		\$40.15	\$526.45
	Grace/Gratitude			\$526.45
				\$526.45
	Total			\$526.45

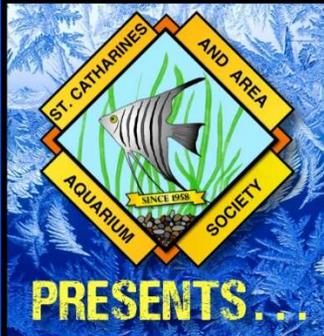
As for our bank balance since last meeting report, we have had two entries:

			\$7,478.08
January 5, 2026	OLOTSC - Jan. Rent	\$100.00	\$7,378.08
	cheque thirty six		\$7,378.08
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January 22, 2026	Kandys Mattatall	\$435.00	\$6,943.08
	cheque thirty seven		\$6,943.08
	CAOAC-mem/insuran.		\$6,943.08

There has been no change to the shareholder account, it remains at \$135.00.

Thank you once again for everyone who does anything in anyway to help this club keep going, it really means a lot. Please keep spreading the word of our meetings. We have so many new and exciting things to come in the new year and everyone's participation will be enormously appreciated. Let's grow this club (and our bank account)!

Kandys Mattatall - Treasurer



**TRAVELLING TO DIFFERENT  
AQUARIUMS FEATURING**

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**PATRICIA AND MARGARET  
FROM HAMILTON AQUARIUM SOCIETY**

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 2ND 2026**

**6557 THOROLD STONE RD.  
NIAGARA FALLS  
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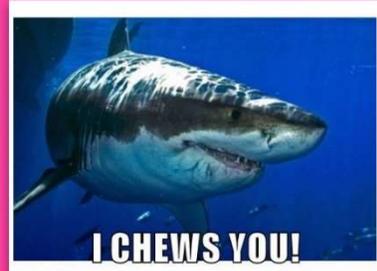
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- You're one great catch
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- You are the sweetest fish in the sea valentine
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- You're my sea of happiness
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Club meetings resume in September.

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Days	Hours	Minutes	Seconds

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**THE ST. CATHARINES AND AREA AQUARIUM SOCIETY**

**About Us**

Welcome to the St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society. The Society was established in 1958. It is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to the task of promoting interest in the breeding, raising, maintenance and study of tropical fish and plants both at the beginner and advanced levels. We hold our monthly meetings in the months of September to June on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 pm at OUR LADY OF THE SCAPULAR, 6557 THOROLD STONE RD, Niagara Falls Ontario. At the meetings we start off with welcoming new members and discussing club business. After that we have a presentation/speaker who will speak on a specific topic in the aquarium hobby.

**Ready to Join The Club?**

Becoming a member is easy. Simply sign up and start enjoying all the benefits of being a part of our community.

[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER](#)

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# Our January 20265 Club Meeting



Oodinium, domestic Beta parasite & treatment

Recommended treatments (** low effective results**)			
Chemical name	Commercial product	Therapy	Durations
Acriflavine	Pub Chem	Follow product indications, dilute in water	5 to 8 days
Sodium Chloride	Non iodine salt	Short baths	3 - 5 minutes, 7 days
Non Chelated Copper	Kordon, Granulated Copper powder	Follow product indication, dilute in water	7 ± 14 days
**Potassium permanganate	Granulated several companies	Apply on concentration of 2 mg/L	Four hour minimum, (prolong baths); once/week
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# Upcoming Events

May 16, 2026

St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society Auction  
Our Lady of the Scapular Parish Hall





# AQUARIUM FISH AUCTION

**SATURDAY MAY 16TH**

**6557 THOROLD STONE RD. NIAGARA FALLS  
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# CLUB YEAR AT A GLANCE 2025-2026

September						
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SCAAS MEETING DATES	
SEPTEMBER 8TH	FEBRUARY 2RD
OCTOBER 6TH	MARCH 2RD
NOVEMBER 3TH	APRIL 6TH
DECEMBER 1ND	MAY 4TH
JANUARY 5TH	JUNE 1ST

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HOLIDAYS
September 1 - Labour Day
October 13 - Thanksgiving
November 11 - Remembrance Day
December 25 - Christmas Day
December 26 - Boxing Day
January 1 - New Years Day
February 16 - Family Day
March 17 - St Patrick's Day
April 3 - Good Friday
April 5 - Easter Sunday
May 18 - Victoria Day
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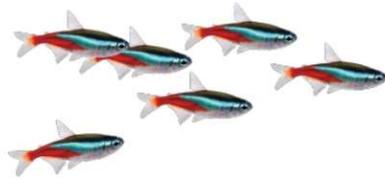


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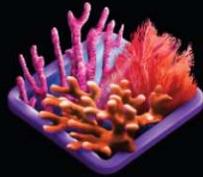
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