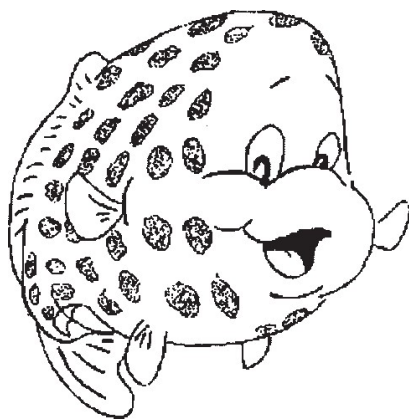


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Our Mission Statement

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 April 6, 2026, at Our Lady of Scapular Hall at 6557 Thorold Stone Road in Niagara Falls. The meeting will be starting at 6:00 PM.

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

More news and information about SCAAS can be found on our website: 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.

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SURE WHO TO GET A HOLD OF? CONTACT US AT
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Jim's Presidential Message



Hello all! Hope all is well! Spring is right around the corner, and I cannot wait for one. To kick off spring we will start at 6 pm and we will be serving hot dogs pop or water a salad and dessert for \$10.00 so bring your appetite as well. We have Theresa Hunter from Aqueon coming in to give us a presentation about the products they carry! Always, an interesting talk. Our spring auction will be on May 16/26 at the church hall, and we have already been receiving products to auction off. I have been in touch with the local Humane society on fish rescues, recently they were in the news for fish they had rescued but didn't know exactly what to do once they had them. Will keep you posted on that. Hamilton club had their auction on March 28 Saturday, and it was packed lots of deals to be had and always a good time. Looking forward to seeing all who can make it !!

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 by the 20th of the month to be included in the next SCAT edition.

Special thanks to Kandys who submitted a recipe that appears this month's SCAT

Thank you.

Pat



Treasurer's Report for March 2026

What a great night had by all, the make and take was quite fun. Always fun to get your hands dirty once in a while. Thank you so much to Catherine for her activity of caves, Dan for his worm activity and Erin for the mop activity. It was such a busy night and yet still had time for a fish auction as well. The whole night was a success. Last month our cashbox ended with a balance of \$522.05.

2-02-26	Balance carried forward			\$522.05
				\$522.05
3-02-26	50/50 Raffle	\$45.00		\$567.05
	Raffle	\$49.00		\$616.05
	Fish Auction - club share	\$40.20		\$656.25
	Catherine Salmon - Gas fee		\$40.00	\$616.25
	Catherine Salmon - Cost of Kiln, Clay		\$55.00	\$561.25
	Mop activity purchase 4	\$12.00		\$573.25
	Worms activity purchase 9	\$27.00		\$600.25
	Cave activity purchase 11	\$55.00		\$655.25
	Donation			\$655.25
				\$655.25
	Total			\$655.25

The bank balance last month had a balance of \$6243.08.

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March 2, 2026	OLOTSC - Mar. Rent	\$100.00		\$6,143.08
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March 29, 2026	Kandys Mattatall			\$6,143.08
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Thank you to everyone who participated in the Make and Take. It's a different activity for our meetings instead of just speakers, it a way of getting you up and moving and learning something you didn't know. It was not a profit-making thing to do but it was something different and fun. What very much helped was everyone participating in the auction and raffles.

Next meeting will be our Hot Dog Social, a much anticipated and looked forward to event. Please support the club by attending and taking part. Remember you are the reason we continue to be the best fish club there is, we are setting the example for all others on how a good club can be and one that is able to support the community as well, so thank you for all you do!!

Kandys Mattatall - Treasurer



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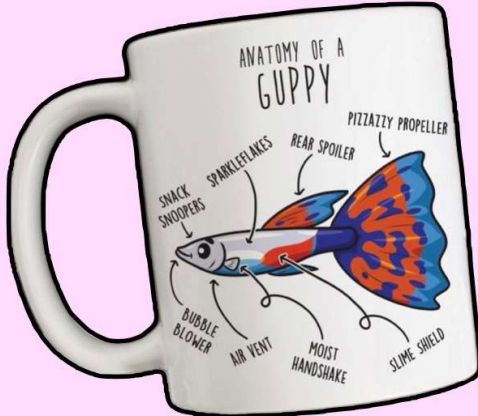
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**THE
FISHY
FUNNIES**



- What Did The Fish Say When He Saw An Old Friend On Easter? Longtime No Sea!
- Why Was The Fish Invited To The Easter Party? Because He Was A Real Catch.
- Why Did The Fish Skip The Easter Egg Hunt? Because He Didn't Wanna Get Caught In The Net.
- What Day Of The Year Do Fish Fear? Good Friday.
- I Emailed The Salmon About Easter Brunch. I'm Still Waiting For His Re-Spawn-Ce



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OUR FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW CLUB SEASON IS ON SEPTEMBER 9TH

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.

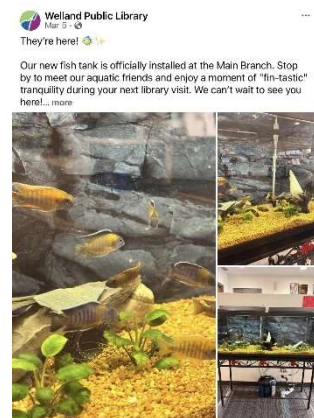
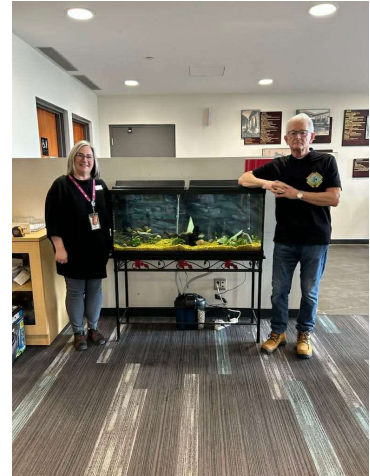
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Our March 2026 Club Meeting



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Upcoming Events

April 12, 2026

Durham Region Aquarium Society Auction

April 19, 2026

Niagara Coral Expo, Casablanca Hotel, Grimsby

April 25, 2026

Sarnia Aquarium Society Auction

April 26, 2026

Peel Region Aquarium Club Show & Auction

May 3, 2026

London Aquarium Club Auction

May 16, 2026

St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society Auction

Our Lady of the Scapular Parish Hall

Recipe: Easy Lemon Butter Fish in 20 Minutes

By Kandys Mattatall

This Easy Lemon Butter Fish only takes 20 minutes and a handful of ingredients. It's a delicious and nutritious weeknight meal the entire family will devour (even non-fish eaters!). Serves 4

Prep Time: 7minutes mins

Cook Time: 12minutes mins

Total Time: 19minutes mins

Ingredients:

- 4 firm white fish fillets, about 6" long, 1" thick (cod, halibut, or mahi mahi are great)
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- Juice and zest from 1 medium lemon
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, divided, plus extra to taste
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- freshly chopped basil or parsley leaves, for garnish and flavor
- extra lemon slices for serving

Instructions:

Use paper towels to thoroughly pat-dry excess moisture from fish fillets. This step is crucial for fish to brown nicely in pan - otherwise, it will steam instead of brown. Set aside.

In a bowl, combine melted butter, lemon juice and zest, and 1/4 tsp kosher salt. Stir to combine well. Taste and add a bit more kosher salt, if desired.

In a separate bowl, combine remaining 1/4 tsp kosher salt, paprika, garlic powder, onion powder, and black pepper. Evenly press spice mixture onto all sides of fish fillets.

In a large, heavy pan over medium high heat, heat up the olive oil until hot. Once your oil is sizzling, cook 2 fish fillets at a time to avoid overcrowding; this allows for even browning.

Cook each side just until fish becomes opaque, feels somewhat firm in the center, and is browned, about 2-3 minutes per side; lightly drizzle some of the lemon butter sauce as you cook, reserving the rest for serving. Take care not to overcook, as that will result in a tougher texture. Season with extra kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste.

If desired, season with extra kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste.

Serve fish with remaining lemon butter sauce, basil or parsley, and lemon wedges.

Notes:

Be sure to use coarse kosher salt, not fine table salt. Learn more about kosher salt!

Actual cook time varies, depending on type, cut, and starting temp of fish. I typically cook 2-3 minutes per side for cold fish fillets that are 1-inch in thickness.

Check for doneness by lightly pressing fillet centers for firmness. Once it feels somewhat firm, it's usually done. The key to tender, flaky fish is to not overcook.



AQUARIUM FISH AUCTION

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SCAAS MEETING DATES	
SEPTEMBER 8TH	FEBRUARY 2RD
OCTOBER 6TH	MARCH 2RD
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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
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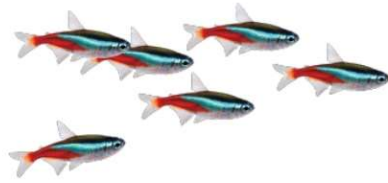


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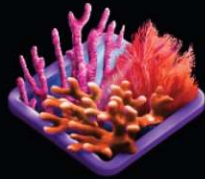
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