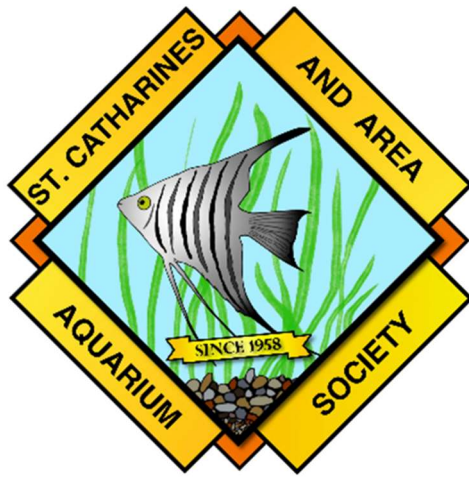
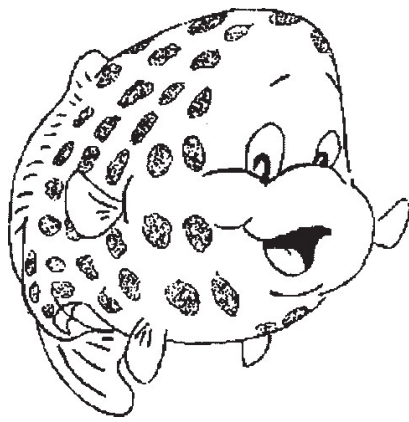


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Our Mission Statement

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 6577 Thorold Stone Road in Niagara Falls. The doors will open at 7:00 PM with the meeting starting at 7:30 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! Two more meetings and our auction are coming up! Wow, the year went by quickly! We have David Simek as our speaker who will show us how 3D works and how it fits in with fish keeping! Very interesting! Our elections will be coming up in June, so if anyone wants to run for a position let Bruce Palmer know as he is the steering lead! Our auction will take place on May 16/26 at the Scapular Hall, and it will be epic! Lots of items, already being collected, so make sure to put it on your calendar. Our club is still growing we are up to 73 members. Fantastic! If you know someone who is into fishkeeping and is not a member, bring them out to a meeting or give them our address and meeting dates. Lots more going on, hope to see all who can attend.

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.

Thanks, to the executive and others who helped make our supper March meeting a success.

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

Thank you.

Pat



Treasurer's Report for February 2026

(didn't appear in the March SCAT)

Is it just me or does February feel like a much slower month, a time to take it easy. That being said, it was nice to see everyone in attendance at our meeting. We had some new faces, all the regulars and an introduction to a new member of the team Kassy. We had some great presentations by Patricia and Margaret of their adventures at different aquariums. For me it was a chance to see things I would never be able to see myself, a virtual vacation of sorts. What an amazing opportunity to see such things in person, I am in awe. Last month our cashbox ended with a balance of \$526.45, changes from our meeting were:

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSIT	WITHDRAWAL	BALANCE
1-05-26	Balance carried forward			\$526.45
2-02-26	50/50 Raffle	\$31.50		\$557.95
	Raffle	\$50.00		\$607.95
	Fish Auction - club share	\$54.60		\$662.55
	Presentor - Patricia McDougal		\$60.00	\$602.55
	Presentor - Margaret Dent		\$60.00	\$542.55
	Category Sponsor - HDAS - via K.Mattatall		\$35.00	\$507.55
	Donation	\$14.50		\$522.05
				\$522.05
	Total			\$522.05

I would also like to remind everyone that because of all our members we have been able to provide some enjoyment for others by the various tanks we have been able to donate and set up in the libraries. And more recently, we have been able to make a sizeable donation to Big Al's to help with the care of the animals since the fire they had. It makes you feel good to be able to help a business that has been so generous to this club for so many years. Last month our bank balance was \$6943.08, we have only had two items to report:

				\$6,943.08
February 10, 2026	OLOTSC - Feb. Rent	\$100.00		\$6,843.08
	cheque thirty eight			\$6,843.08
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February 16, 2026	Kandys Mattatall	\$600.00		\$6,243.08
	cheque 39			\$6,243.08
	pybk J.Matt. Gofundme			\$6,243.08

One other note I would like to bring to everyone's attention; it has not been quite 2 years since we had to restart this club financially. We started with a balance in the bank of \$151.08, look at us now. We are now at a balance of at least what we were thought to have had under that leadership team. We have far exceeded it now, the balance we have does not include all the bills and donations we have made or items we have had to purchase in keeping this club going. So, a big thank you to all the members and everyone who participates in our auctions, you really do make a difference.

Treasurer's Report for April 2026

What a night, what meeting, what presentation, what an auction and what fun. Our April meeting was such a fun filled night, it was crazy busy, but it was fun. Our hot dog dinner was so good, everyone enjoyed all the fixings. I think we all left a few pounds heavier. The delicious dinner was followed up by our presentation by the wonderful Teresa Hunter. It's always good to get updated information on new products for our hobby. To top the night off we had one of our best fish auctions to date, what a way to support your club. I wanted to thank everyone who helped set up and take down all the tables and chairs and everything that needed to be done. I believe it was the best organized chaos I've ever seen. It's great when everyone just pitches in and does what needs to be done.

Last month our cashbox had a balance of \$655.25:

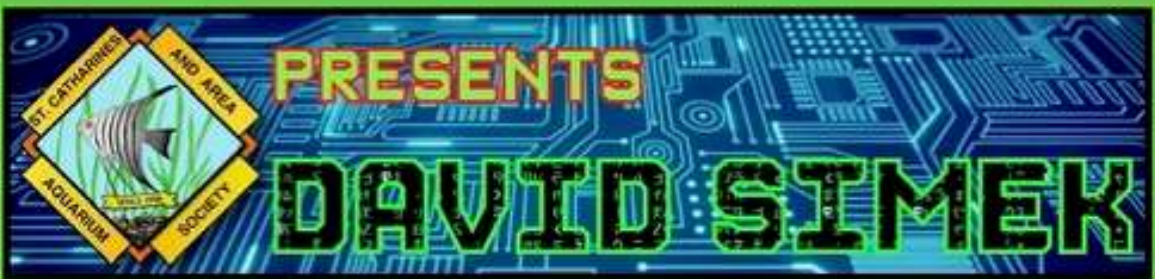
3-02-26	Balance carried forward			\$655.25
				\$522.05
4-06-26	50/50 Raffle	\$41.00		\$696.25
	Raffle	\$76.00		\$772.25
	Fish Auction - club share	\$75.50		\$847.75
	Purchase of materials for make and take		\$118.02	\$729.73
	Purchase of supplies for dinner		\$27.35	\$702.38
	Purchase of tank for Penn - Shawn		\$65.00	\$637.38
	Purchase wood stand - Jim		\$40.00	\$597.38
	Grace & Gratitude	\$0.52		\$597.90
				\$597.90
				\$597.90
	Total			\$597.90

The bank balance last month was \$5878.78:

			\$5,878.78
April 6, 2026	OLOTSC - April Rent	\$100.00	\$5,778.78
	cheque forty two		\$5,778.78

Once again, thank you to everyone who helped to make our hot dog dinner a success again, every little bit of help in any way made a difference. I'm looking forward to the next one already. Not that I need to remind anyone but don't forget to share to anyone you know about our upcoming Fish Auction on May 16th. Let's see if we can top our total from last time. Make sure you come out to next months meeting; you don't want to miss the presentation by David Simek. Find out how the new process of 3D printing is helping to create some impressive items for our hobby. Modern technology is amazing. Please continue to show your support for the club by attending and participating at meetings and auctions, let's keep this club the best there is and let's keep this hobby current and out there for future generations.

Kandys - Treasurer



How 3D printing can enhance your fish room and what is involved to get started in the hobby. Learn about equipment, software, materials (including aquarium-safe filaments). See real-world examples of how 3D printing empowers hobbyists to creatively and affordably solve common aquarium challenges.

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THE FISHY FUNNIES

There's plenty of fish in the sea...



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- Why Is An Octopus Always Ready For War? They're Well Armed
- What Day Do All Fish Dread? Fry-Day
- What Game Do Fish Play At Parties? Name That Tuna
- Why Did The Fish Get Bad Grades? Because It Was Below Sea Level
- Why Was The Shark Good At Singing The Blues? He's Had Sole
- Where Do Fish Sleep? In Their Water Beds
- What Was The Fish That Stomped All Over Japan? Codzilla



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What the fish see





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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?

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Upcoming Events

April 12, 2026

Durham Region Aquarium Society 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: Tuna Noodle Casserole

By Kandys Mattatall

YIELDS: 6 - 8 serving(s) PREP TIME: 25 mins TOTAL TIME: 50 mins

Ingredients:

- 12 oz. wide egg noodles
- 1 12-oz. can solid white tuna in water, drained
- 1 10.5-oz. can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 1/2 cups of heavy cream
- 1 cup frozen sweet peas
- 1 small red bell pepper, chopped
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley, plus more for garnish
- Salt, to taste
- Black pepper, to taste
- 2 cups of crushed potato chips

Instructions:

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375°.

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add noodles and cook 2 minutes less than the package directions. Drain and rinse under cool water. Set aside.
2. Stir together the tuna, cream of mushroom soup, sour cream, heavy cream, peas, bell pepper, celery, onion, 1 cup of the cheese, 2 tablespoons of parsley, and salt and pepper in a large bowl until combined.
3. Stir in the cooked noodles and spoon the mixture into a lightly greased 13-by-9-inch baking dish.
4. Top the casserole with the remaining 1 cup of cheese, then the potato chips.
5. Bake the casserole 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown and bubbly all around. Let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes before serving.

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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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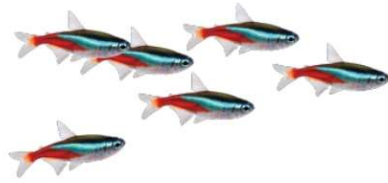


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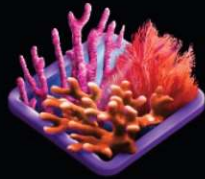
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