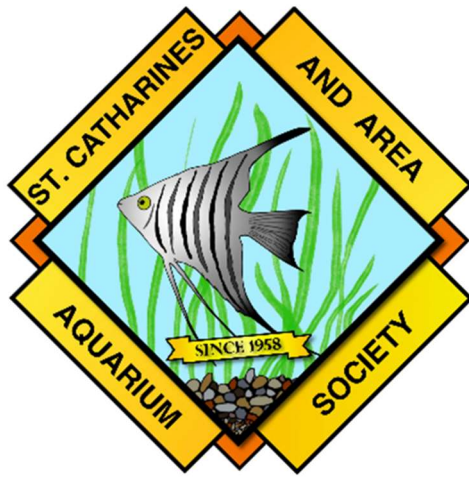
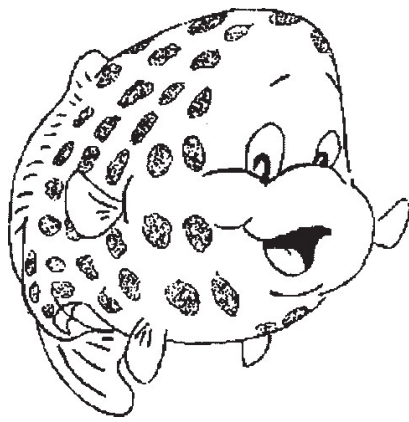


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## Our Mission Statement

*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 June 1, 2026, at Our Lady of Scapular Hall at 6557 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](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.

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# Jim's Presidential Message



Hello all! Hope all is well! The last meeting and off for the summer! The election results will be known at the meeting, and it looks good for the incumbents! We will have a slow evening with something to eat and an auction! A few reports on what's going on in the world of fishkeeping and that's it. Please make every effort to attend! See you there

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.

Thanks, to the executive and others who helped make our May auction a success.

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

Thank you.

Pat



## Treasurer's Report for May & Spring Auction

First off, I wanted to say what an amazing presentation we had by David Simek. What technology can do now is simply amazing. I can see this kind of technology becoming very integrated with the fish hobby. Whole tanks could be designed/decorated with items made this way. Thank you David for such a great and informative presentation.

At the end of last month our cashbox stood at a balance of \$597.90, changes this month were:

4-06-26	Balance carried forward			\$597.90
				\$597.90
5-04-26	50/50 Raffle	\$19.50		\$617.40
	Raffle	\$38.00		\$655.40
	Fish Auction - club share	\$19.80		\$675.20
	Presenter fee - 3D print David S.		\$100.00	\$575.20
	Donation - David S. Fee	\$100.00		\$675.20
	Grace & Gratitude			\$675.20
				\$675.20
	Total			\$675.20

I would also like to thank David for graciously donating his presentation fee back to the club, this meant so much and left many of us speechless.

At the end of last month our bank balance was \$5,778.78, changes this month were:

				\$5,778.78
May 1, 2026	OLOTSC - May Rent	\$100.00		\$5,678.78
	cheque forty three			\$5,678.78
				\$5,678.78
May 1, 2026	OLOTSC - Oct. Auction Rent	\$350.00		\$5,328.78
	cheque forty four			\$5,328.78

We have decided to again prepay for our auction rent for the fall to lock ourselves into a date and ensure the availability of the hall here.

Now onto the results of our spring auction. Once again, it was a success for the club. Everyone seemed to have had an exciting time, and everything went off without a hitch. Thank you for Bob Wright for stepping in for Gerry and auctioneering for us. Big thank you to Kassy and her troupe of helpers, man they sure could hustle, what a fantastic job done. Everyone pulled their weight and made this day go so smoothly.

As shown above the cashbox was at a balance of \$675.20 before the auction start, here is how it played out:

5-04-26	Balance carried forward			\$675.20
5-16-26	50/50 Raffle #1	\$143.00		\$818.20
	Raffle of tank	\$130.00		\$948.20
	Fish Auction - club share	\$1,622.10		\$2,570.30
	Fish Auction - donations	\$731.00		\$3,301.30
	50/50 Raffle #2	\$34.00		\$3,335.30
	Bumps X4	\$8.00		\$3,343.30
	Auctioneer fees - Mike M. & Bob Wright		\$340.00	\$3,003.30
	Donations	\$2.00		\$3,005.30
	Grace/Gratitude		\$10.70	\$2,994.60
				\$2,994.60
	Payouts to be done		\$248.50	\$2,746.10
	Float		\$250.00	\$2,496.10
				\$2,496.10
	Total			\$2,496.10

So, if we take this balance and take of what was the balance prior, it will show that we came out of the auction with a profit of \$1,820.90. I would say that was a pretty darn good outcome. I will wait till after our June meeting to give a deposit to Jim. That way all monies from the June meeting and monies from the canteen can all be included and a total can be shown in the next SCAT, so keep your eyes peeled for that publication. We will find out if we did better than last year, let's hope.

Once again, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who took part in making this auction happen, from canteen, set up and take down, helpers, auctioneers, runners and any and all who helped, and especially to those who brought items in to sell, because of you we are keeping this club and hobby alive.

Kandys Mattatall - Treasurer



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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.

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# Upcoming Events

**September 19, 2026**

**Sarnia Aquarium Society Auction**

**September 27, 2026**

**London Aquarium Club Auction**

# Recipe of the Month

Submitted by Kandys Mattatall

## Crab Cakes Recipe

**Total Time:** 55 minutes    **Yield:** 6 large crab cakes

For the best texture, use lump crab meat, and bake the cakes in a very hot oven. Serve with lemon wedges, a garnish of chopped parsley, and/or cocktail sauce or tartar sauce. For more success tips and to learn which crab meat to use, see blog post above.

### Ingredients:

- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley (or 2 tsp. dried)
- 2 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp. Old Bay seasoning
- 1 tsp. fresh lemon juice, plus more for serving
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1lb. fresh lump crab meat
- 2/3 cup saltine cracker crumbs
- optional: 2 Tbsp. melted butter

### Instructions:

Whisk the egg, mayonnaise, parsley, Dijon mustard, Worcestershire sauce, Old Bay, lemon juice, and salt together in a large bowl. Place the crab meat on top, followed by the cracker crumbs. With a silicone spatula or large spoon, very gently and carefully fold together. You don't want to break up that crab meat.

1. Cover tightly and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes and up to 1 day.
2. Preheat oven to 450°F. Generously grease a rimmed baking sheet with butter or nonstick spray, or line with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat.
3. Using a 1/2 cup measuring cup, portion the crab cake mixture into 6 mounds on the baking sheet. (Don't flatten!) Use your hands or a spoon to compact each individual mound so there aren't any lumps sticking out or falling apart. For extra flavor, brush each top with melted butter.
4. Bake for 12-14 minutes or until lightly browned around the edges and on top. Drizzle each with fresh lemon juice and serve warm.
5. Cover leftover crab cakes tightly and refrigerate for up to 5 days, or freeze for up to 3 months.

### Notes:

**Freezing Instructions:** You can freeze the portioned unbaked crab cakes for up to 3 months. Thaw in the refrigerator, brush with melted butter, then bake as directed. You can also freeze the baked and cooled crab cakes for up to 3 months. Thaw, then warm up in a 350°F oven for 10-15 minutes or until warmed throughout. Or bake the frozen crab cakes at 350°F for about 25-30 minutes.

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SCAAS MEETING DATES	
SEPTEMBER 8TH	FEBRUARY 2RD
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HOLIDAYS
September 1 - Labour Day
October 13 - Thanksgiving
November 11 - Remembrance Day
December 25 - Christmas Day
December 26 - Boxing Day
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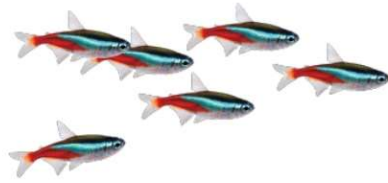


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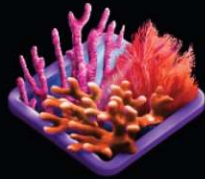
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