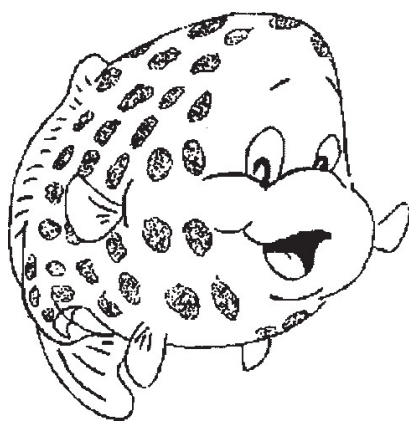


# THE SCAT



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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 June meeting of The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society, (SCAAS) is going to be held on Monday September 8, 2025, at Our Lady of Scapular Hall at 6557 Thorold Stone Road in Niagara Falls. 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.

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Horticultural Award Program	OPEN	N/A	N/A
Program Director	OPEN	N/A	N/A

# Jim's Presidential Message



Hello all,

Where did the summer go, I hope you had a great summer holiday. We have been working to get the first meeting in shape! First up, The Hamilton Birthday Bash and Convention will take place on November 14-15-16 at the Burlington Holiday Inn. Tickets are available, get yours right away! Also, the Pet Expo and International Betta show will take place in Toronto. Tickets are on the Expo website. On Saturday November 1 our club auction will be at Our Lady of the Scapular Hall! We had a great turn out last auction and hope to fill the hall again.

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 2025 SCAT newsletters.

Thank you.

Pat



# Treasurer's Report for June 2025

What a great turnout for our final meeting of the 2024-2025 season. We even had a fair size fish auction as well, thank you to all who participated. The meeting was quite the social event, everyone had fun, and the pizza was a hit. I would like to thank everyone this season for all the help in supporting our club and making it the best there is in Ontario. Since the last meeting, we ended with a cashbox balance of \$250.00:

6-02-25	Balance carried forward			\$250.00
6-02-25	50/50 Raffle	\$42.00		\$292.00
	50/50 winner donated back	\$42.00		\$334.00
	Fish Auction - club share	\$78.70		\$412.70
	Raffle	\$82.00		\$494.70
	End of Year Canteen & Membership Deposit	\$373.00		\$867.70
	Purchase of Pizza		\$141.10	\$726.60
	Donation	\$19.00		\$745.60
	Grace/Gratitude			\$745.60
				\$745.60
	Total			\$745.60

As for our bank account, we ended last meeting with a balance of \$6,568.68:

			\$6,568.68
June 9, 2025	Karl Pihack - June auction p/o	\$266.60	\$6,302.08
	cheque twenty three - \$5 admin fee		\$6,302.08
			\$6,302.08
June 9, 2025	OLOTSC - June Rent		\$6,302.08
	cheque twenty four	\$100.00	\$6,202.08

Let me just remind you that we started this season with a bank balance of \$2,933.47. That means that with all your help in fish auctions and raffles and other events this season you have increased the bank balance by \$3,268.61. That is with all rents, supplies and insurance paid. What a successful year if I do say so myself. Here is hoping you all had a great summer and looking forward to the coming 2025-2026 season. Let us see how far we can go this year!

Kandys Mattatall - Treasurer





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# PRESENTS...



## **THE RETURN OF THE AQUATIC REDNECK**



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### **DOORS OPEN AT 7:00PM**

### **MEETING STARTS PROMPTLY AT 7:30PM**

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**DON'T FORGET YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE!!**

**FOR MORE CLUB INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT**

## **WWW.SCAAS1958.CA**





**SEPTEMBER'S  
FISH OF THE  
MONTH  
GOLDFISH**







# IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 8TH.

Come See Jon at the Canteen, To Renew Your Membership Ahead of Time and Receive Your New Yearly Membership Card That Provides You and Your Family With the Benefit of Discounts at Multiple Retail Stores That Sponsor our Club.



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## THE FISHY FUNNIES



Q: How can you tell the pufferfish had too much salt at dinner?

A: He's looking blow-ted!



- What Fish Is In The Air After A Rain Storm? A Rainbow Trout!
- What Fish Is Cool In A Duel? A Swordfish!
- What Type Of Fish Purrs? A Catfish
- How Do You Make A Fish Laugh? Tell It A Whale Of A Tale
- What Happens When You Put Nutella On Salmon? You Get Salmonella
- How Does A Seahorse Quickly Get From One Place To Another? He Scallops!

The neon tetras are on sale. How many would you like?



**THIS NEXT SONG IS  
CALLED I FORGOT  
TO PUT WATER  
CONDITIONER IN  
AFTER A MASSIVE  
WATER CHANGE!**



I wish you  
wouldn't poop  
while I'm talking  
to you.



My Wife: Are you really gonna do a water change? It's 11 pm!



**I DON'T ALWAYS  
THINK ABOUT  
AQUASCAPING**



**OH WAIT, YES I DO**

What I look like explaining the  
Nitrogen cycle to non-fish people



**You told me you  
had a lot of  
money invested!**

**Yea, in my  
aquarium!**







# KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ALL THINGS

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

Club meetings resume in September.

1	7	0	6	1	5	1	9
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 off every month at 7:00 pm at OUR LADY OF THE SCAPULAR, 6657 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  
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# Our June 2025 Club Meeting







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**THANK YOU - MANAGEMENT**





# Upcoming Events

November 14, 15 and 16, 2025  
CAOAC Convention, Burlington, Ontario

## Awards from Last Month

June Jar Show  
No show entries





# 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

## 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  
**July 1** - Canada Day



# SEMI-ANNUAL FISH AUCTION

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1ST**



**DOORS  
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## Hamilton and District Aquarium Society 75th Birthday Bash and CAOAC Convention.

Hall - Burlington Holiday Inn - Fri Nov 14 - Sun Nov 16

- 1000 room - Biotope, Aquascape

- 2000 room -Dinner

- Speaker & Auction room

5th Canadian Biotope Competition

Aquascape Competition

Vendors -

Speakers - Marcus Nicholls

- Dean Baayen

- Jacqueline Heijman Bennett-Leaver

- Eric Bodrock

Sponsors - sponsor a Speaker -

Donations - Mike M is in charge of Donations

Fri - 4:00 - Welcome - check in

7:00 - opening of convention, meet the speakers

8:00 - speaker

Hospitality Suit - mingle

Sat - speakers 9, 10:15, 11:30 lunch 1:30, 2:45, 4

5th Canadian Biotope Competition



Aquascape Competition

Vendors

6:00 - cocktails

7:00 - dinner - buffet

8:00 - \*presidents table\* gift draw, draws, 50/50

8:45 - dinner speaker

Hospitality Suit - mingle

\*asking all clubs to provide a donation for a draw at the dinner appropriate value \$100-\$150.

All gifts should be fish related.

Sun - 10am - auction

#### **GUEST ROOMS - rates available Thurs thru Sun**

##### **Room Type Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday**

King Bed \$160.00

Two Queen Beds \$160.00

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commissionable and "run-of-house" category, unless otherwise noted. Rates are based on Single/Double

Occupancy. Additional person is \$10.00 per room per night.

**\*Hotel is providing a courtesy block at a discounted rate for those guests wishing to stay overnight. Rooms**

**are NOT being held and are based on first come first serve availability. Guests are responsible for booking. Link will be provided on website**

#### **Convention Pricing**

Full weekend - **Early Bird**- April to July 14 - \$125

- July 15 to Sept 14 - \$135

- Sept 15 to Nov 5 - \$150

Speakers only - \$85

Dinner only - \$65

- e-transfer - information on website first week of April

Other items/suggestions

-Room fish sales - anyone wanting to sell fish from their room

-There are many restaurants in this area - only Sat dinner is provided

All information will be on our website the first week of April



**Dean Baayens Marcus Nicholls**



**Jacqueline Heijmen  
Bennett-Leaver**

**Eric Bodrock**



**Nov 14th  
Thru**

**Nov 16th  
Burlington  
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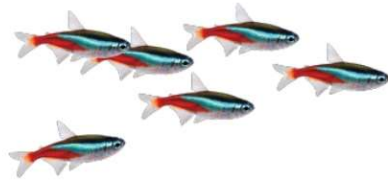


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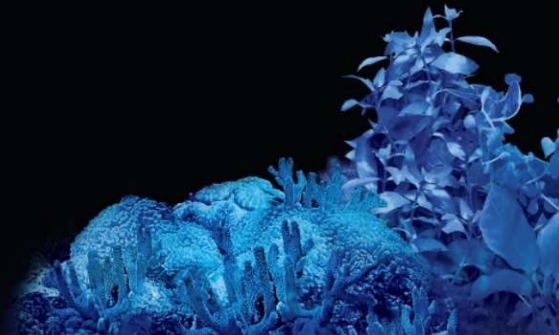
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