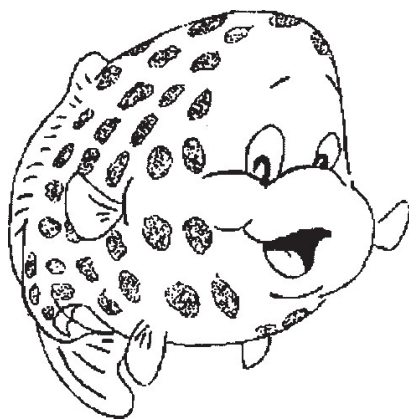


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## Our Mission Statement

*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 December 3, 2025, at Our Lady of Scapular Hall at 6557 Thorold Stone Road in Niagara Falls. The doors open at 6:00 PM and the meeting will be starting at 6:30 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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| Club Archivist                                     | Dave Furness           | N/A            | N/A                         |
| Breeder Awards<br>Program                          | OPEN                   | N/A            | N/A                         |
| Horticultural Award<br>Program                     | OPEN                   | N/A            | N/A                         |
| Program Director                                   | OPEN                   | N/A            | N/A                         |

# Jim's Presidential Message



Hello everyone, hope all is well!

Went to the Hamilton club's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday bash on November 14, 15, and 16. What a great time! Met a lot of new people and old friends, the food and speakers were second to none! The auction had lots of plants and fish the whole experience was great ,hats off to Carla McDonald Pres. and Mike Majer Vice President for putting this all together. Our club meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> will feature pizza, a desert and soft beverage to say thank you to the membership and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as well! There will be a few other activities as well! Hope to see all that can attend!

Jim Chalmers President of the best club on the planet!!!

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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 2025 Fall Auction & Nov. Meeting

We had an extremely exciting and profitable auction this fall. There were so many in attendance and we had quite a few sellers. We also had new supporters in the way of donations given to be auctioned to also help our club. I would venture to say it all went off without a hitch; we sure have it all dialed in now. Thank you all so much to those that helped us out by volunteering their time, we could not have done it without you. As the auction followed our last meeting the cashbox stood at a balance of \$1,015.40 to start us off. The auction details are as follows:

|          |                                      |            |          |            |
|----------|--------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|
| 10-06-25 | Balance carried forward              |            |          | \$1,015.40 |
|          |                                      |            |          |            |
| 11-01-25 | 50/50 Raffle                         | \$70.00    |          | \$1,085.40 |
|          | Raffle of tank                       | \$79.00    |          | \$1,164.40 |
|          | Fish Auction - club share            | \$1,300.80 |          | \$2,465.20 |
|          | Donations                            | \$718.00   |          | \$3,183.20 |
|          | Bumps                                | \$20.00    |          | \$3,203.20 |
|          | Tips                                 | \$4.00     |          | \$3,207.20 |
|          | Auctioneer fees - Mike M. & Jerry D. |            | \$300.00 | \$2,907.20 |
|          | Tool Sets                            |            | \$43.00  | \$2,864.20 |
|          | Auction Supplies                     |            | \$18.65  | \$2,845.55 |
|          | Mouse purchased                      |            | \$13.55  | \$2,832.00 |
|          | Grace/Gratitude                      |            |          | \$2,832.00 |
|          |                                      |            |          | \$2,832.00 |
|          | Total                                |            |          | \$2,832.00 |

From the numbers we can see the auction brought in \$2,191.80 but we also must remember we paid out the auctioneers for their services and the rental of the hall, a total of \$650.00. So, the total for just the auction proceeds was \$1,581.80. Let's just say it was an ENORMOUS SUCCESS!!! We had a few purchases required before the auction which when deducted left the cashbox at a balance of \$2,832.00 to start our November meeting. For it just being two days later, our meeting was also quite the success as well as highly informative because of the presentation given by Brian Glazier.

|          |                           |          |            |            |
|----------|---------------------------|----------|------------|------------|
| 11-01-25 | Balance carried forward   |          |            | \$2,832.00 |
|          |                           |          |            |            |
| 11-03-25 | 50/50 Raffle              | \$36.00  |            | \$2,868.00 |
|          | Raffle                    | \$62.00  |            | \$2,930.00 |
|          | Fish Auction - club share | \$93.80  |            | \$3,023.80 |
|          | Red fish - donation       | \$34.00  |            | \$3,057.80 |
|          | Donation - Brian Schram   | \$3.50   |            | \$3,061.30 |
|          | Deposit of Karl P payout  | \$247.80 |            | \$3,309.10 |
|          | Cannteen deposit          | \$250.00 |            | \$3,559.10 |
|          | Grace/Gratitude           |          | \$2.60     | \$3,556.50 |
|          | Deposit to bank           |          | \$3,101.00 | \$455.50   |
|          |                           |          |            | \$455.50   |
|          | Total                     |          |            | \$455.50   |



The canteen has also turned in proceeds from the auction and recent meetings. We had so many compliments on the offerings we have during the auction to keep everyone happy. After all the proceeds from the auction and meeting we were able to hand in a deposit of \$3,101.00 to Jim, leaving our cashbox at a balance of \$455.50.

Added into the cashbox had been the payout to seller Karl. He chose to have a check mailed out so you will see his payout added to the cashbox but was included in the deposit to the bank.

The bank balance last month ended with a balance of \$5752.08, changes were as follow:

|                   |                         |            |          |            |
|-------------------|-------------------------|------------|----------|------------|
| November 3, 2025  | OLOTSC - Nov. Rent      |            | \$100.00 | \$5,652.08 |
|                   | cheque twenty eight     |            |          | \$5,652.08 |
|                   |                         |            |          | \$5,652.08 |
| November 24, 2025 | Karl Pihack auct.p/o    |            | \$242.80 | \$5,409.28 |
|                   | less \$5 admin fee      |            |          | \$5,409.28 |
|                   | cheque twenty nine      |            |          | \$5,409.28 |
|                   |                         |            |          | \$5,409.28 |
| November 24, 2025 | Auction deposit         | \$3,101.00 |          | \$8,510.28 |
|                   | Fall auction            |            |          | \$8,510.28 |
|                   |                         |            |          | \$8,510.28 |
| May 29, 2025      | Kateryna Kladka         |            | \$150.00 | \$8,360.28 |
| adjustment        | cheque sixteen          |            |          | \$8,360.28 |
|                   | aquarium purchases      |            |          | \$8,360.28 |
|                   |                         |            |          | \$8,360.28 |
| November 14, 2025 | Big Al's                |            | \$132.20 | \$8,228.08 |
|                   | cheque twenty           |            |          | \$8,228.08 |
|                   | donation to pres. Table |            |          | \$8,228.08 |

That leaves our bank balance for the end of this year at \$8,228.08. I am still expecting a few adjustments to the bank journal as I have not been able to balance our check book as access to the statements has been sporadic but that is being looked into. There has been no change to the shareholder account, it remains at \$135.00.

Once again thank you to all who helped with the auction and for everyone who supported our event. I would like to wish everyone an incredibly Happy Holiday Season and a very safe New Year. May it be prosperous for all of us and all our wishes come true. See you in 2026!!!

Kandys Mattatall - Treasurer





# CHRISTMAS PARTY



We would like to welcome all members from the society to join us for our annual Christmas party. This event is **MEMBERS ONLY**. We encourage anyone who wishes to become a member and would like to sign up at our Christmas meeting is welcome to do so as well.

Normally, we have a potluck dinner but this year we're switching it up. On Monday's meeting, we will be providing members with a pizza dinner as well as a few other goodies, coffee, tea and bottled water. Canteen will be available for other beverages and goodies as usual. We will also be commencing the meeting at 6:30 with doors opening at 6:00pm 1 hour earlier than usual.

We will still have our usual mini auction as well as raffles and draws for everyone to participate in. The Jar Show's fish of the month category will be "OPEN CLASS"

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## THE FISHY FUNNIES



- What Do You Call A Merry Lobster? Sandy Claws
- What Do Fish Use To Tie Off Their Presents? Ribbon Eels
- What Do You Get When You Cross A Shark And A Snowman? Frostbite
- How Did One Ocean Wish The Other Ocean Merry Xmas? It Waved
- What Do Fish Sing During The Holidays? Christmas Corals
- What Did The Fish Say During Xmas Dinner? This Is "Gill"orious
- What Type Of Fish Reside At The North Pole? Jolly Fish







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Club meetings resume in September.

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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 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.

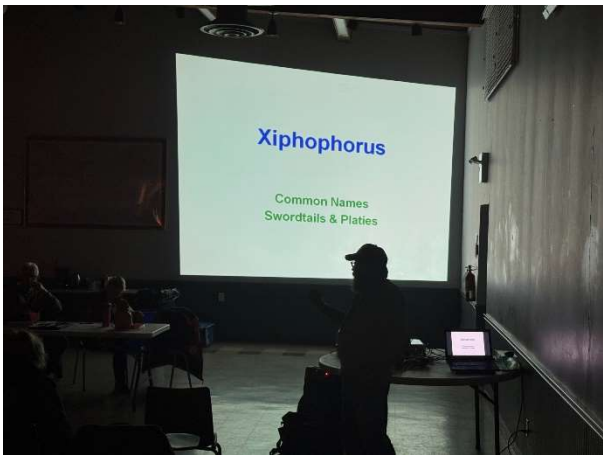
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# Upcoming Events

March 28, 2026

## Hamilton District Aquarium Society Show & Auction Waterdown Legion







# 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     |

| May |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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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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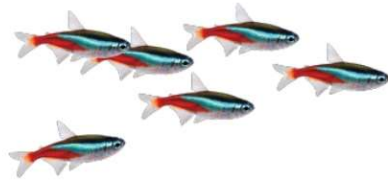


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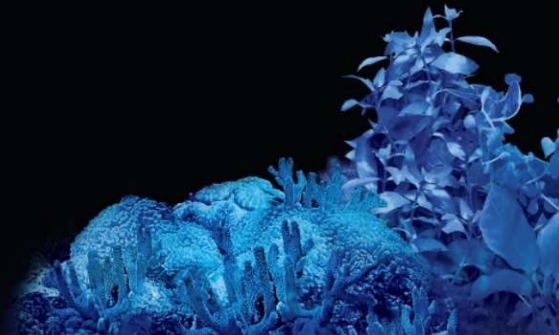
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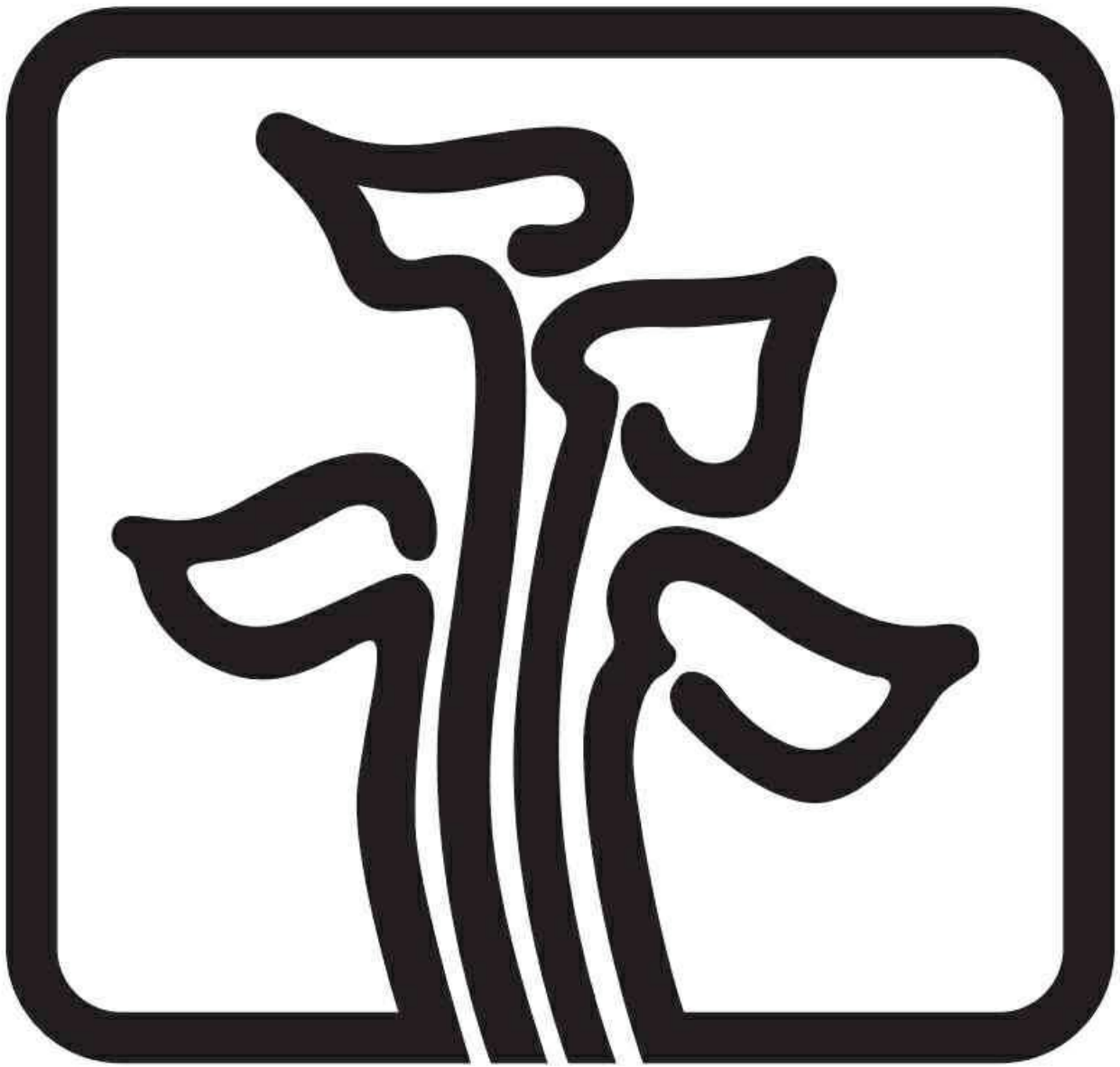




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