

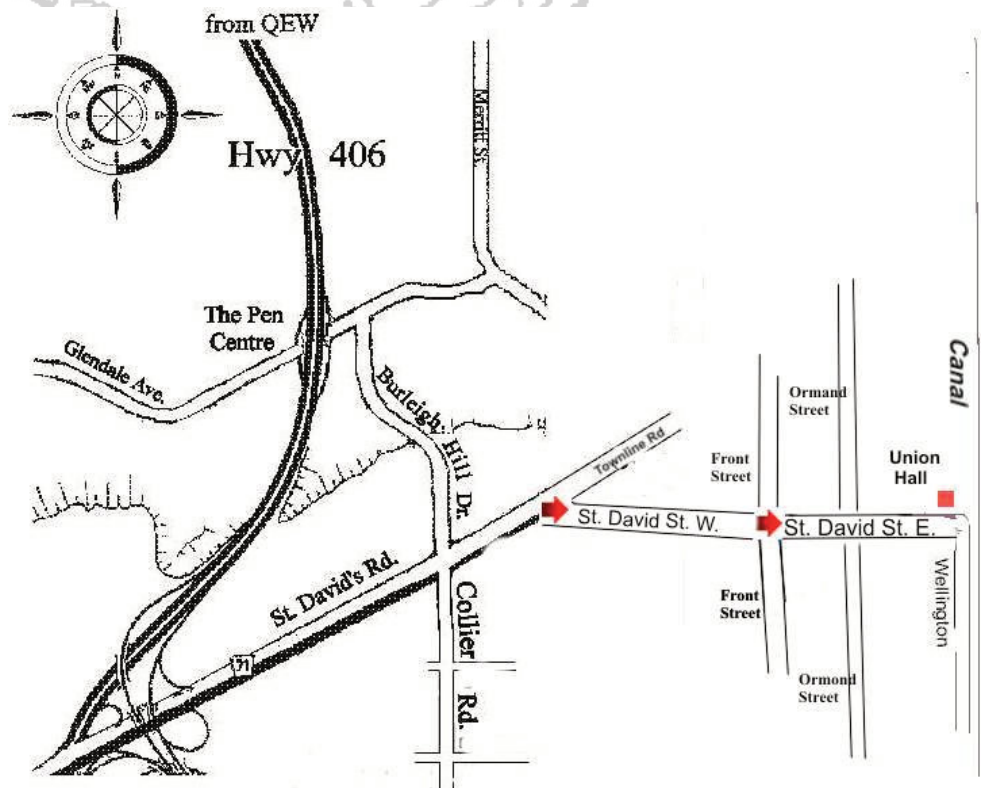
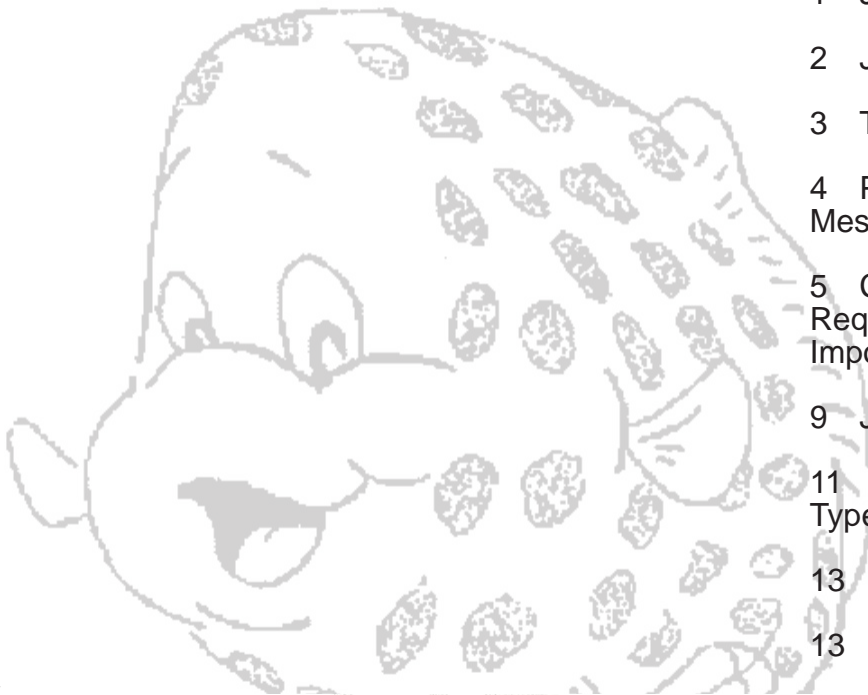
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Meetings of The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society, (S.C.A.A.S.), are held on the First Monday of each month at the Seafarers' and Teamsters' Union Hall, 70 St. David St. E., Thorold, ON. If the First Monday falls on a holiday, the meetings are held on the second Monday. **Meetings begin at 7:30. There are no meetings in July and August.** **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. S.C.A.A.S. is a charter member of the Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs Inc., (C.A.O.A.C.), [www.caoac.ca](http://www.caoac.ca) and a member of the Federation of American Aquarium Societies, (F.A.A.S.), [www.faas.info](http://www.faas.info)  
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Jar Show F.O.M.

- September Goldfish
- October Danios, Barbs & Tetras
- November Cichlids (Any Type)
- December. No Specific Fish of the Month – Open to All Types
- January Plants
- February Loaches & Sharks
- March Swords, Platies, Mollies
- April Anabantids including Gouramis and Bettas
- May Guppies
- June Corys & Catfish (Including Plecos)
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## January Program

On Monday, January 7th, Oscar Virgilio will deliver the "The Dragon Behind the Glass – Arowana Fish" presentation. Oscar will cover many topics about this amazing fish, such as housing, feeding, breeding, and grooming Arowanas.

Born and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Oscar Virgilio has been an aquarium aficionado since the age of 5. He has kept and bred both freshwater and marine fish. He is the manager of MA ON Line Tropical Fish, distributor for Canada of SING Arowanas Farms Ltd, organizer of the First Canadian Flowerhorn Show in 2015, founder of the UFA Canada Flowerhorn Group, 2018 Arowana Canada Club moderator, and administrator of several Facebook aquarium-related groups. He is currently keeping and breeding several varieties of discus, flowerhorns, plecostomus, and Asian Arowanas.



Of course this presentation will be followed up with our usual raffles and mini auction.



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I would also like to thank the Frucks, Ken Brady, & Tom Hillier for making arrangements and for picking up all of the donations.

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## Pat's Presidential Message

Welcome to you all, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



It was good to see so many members attend our December Christmas party meeting. I want to thank all those who brought out food for our pot luck dinner. I couldn't believe the selection of both dishes and desserts. I want to also thank our members Tom Hillier, Ken Brady and the Frucks who picked up the fish from Big Al's Hamilton, The Tropical Fish Room in Brantford, Finatics in Mississauga and Petland in St. Catharines that were given away in our membership draws. The club also made a donation to Community Care St. Catharines/Thorold as well as included the club's proceeds from its monthly auction to that total.

Our January club meeting where Oscar Virgilio will deliver the "The Dragon behind the Glass – Arowana Fish" presentation. This is a first for our club and I am looking forward to this presentation. We will begin the meeting at 7:30 PM sharp so please try to make it to the hall a few minutes early.

I hope to see you at our meeting on Monday January 7.

Thank you

Pat



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## Changes to the CFIA Requirements for the Import of Koi



### YOUR FEEDBACK IS REQUESTED

We are working with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to help distribute information about a new requirement regarding the importation of Koi from the USA into Canada. This new measure is in response to outbreaks of Koi herpesvirus disease (KHV) in Canada in 2018. They are reaching out through us to collect feedback as soon as possible. A memo from the CFIA outlining export certificate requirements is below. Please review it and send your comments and questions directly to [programs@pijaccanada.com](mailto:programs@pijaccanada.com).

We will be gathering the feedback and sending it to our contact at the department. It is important to note the start date for this adjustment is January 2019. We appreciate your assistance with this. Your engagement helps to keep our Canadian pet business network strong, as well as our collaborative relationships with the government.

#### Notice to Industry

*Changes to the CFIA animal health requirements for the export of Koi carp from the USA to Canada*

*December 17, 2018*

*As a result of outbreaks of Koi herpesvirus disease (KHV) in Canada in 2018, the CFIA has renegotiated with the USA, the export certification requirements for Koi carp. Implementation of these new export certification requirements will begin in January 2019.*

*Currently, Koi carp exported to Canada from the USA are required to have a valid CFIA import permit and shipments must be accompanied by the USDA endorsed export certificate "Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Aquarium/Outdoor holding units-private/commercial from the United States of America to Canada".*

*As of February 2019, all imports of Koi will require the new USDA- APHIS export certificate "Veterinary Health Certificate for the Export of Live Koi Carp for Aquarium or Outdoor Holding unit from the USA to Canada" to accompany the valid CFIA import permit. This new certificate will apply exclusively to the export of Koi carp from the US to Canada. There will be no change in the export certification requirement for all other susceptible ornamental or aquarium species and these species will continue to use the existing export certificate "Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Aquarium/Outdoor holding units-private/commercial from the United States of America to Canada".*

*There will be a transition period to provide time to adjust to the new import requirements to minimize impacts on trade. Importers are reminded that the CFIA only requires import permits for species that are susceptible to CFIA regulated diseases (Susceptible Species List).*



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The new zoo-sanitary requirements for Koi carp are summarized below:

Either

The exporting premises can be designated as free from the diseases of concern if the US official can verify that:

The facility has historical testing and ongoing testing to support freedom from CFIA regulated diseases.

The facility has a biosecurity plan.

There has been no unexplained morbidity/mortality prior to export and no official disease restrictions have been placed on the exporting facility.

The populations have not been in contact with water or animals of a lesser or unknown health status.

The animals have not been vaccinated for the diseases of concern.

OR

If the premises does not have a recognized health status as free from diseases of concern, then the population to be exported:

Has been tested and found free of diseases of concern.

Has had no unexplained morbidity/mortality prior to export and no official disease restrictions have been placed on the exporting facility.

The animals to be exported have not been in contact with water or animals of a lesser or unknown health status.

The animals have been inspected and shown no clinical signs of disease.

The animals have not been vaccinated for the diseases of concern.



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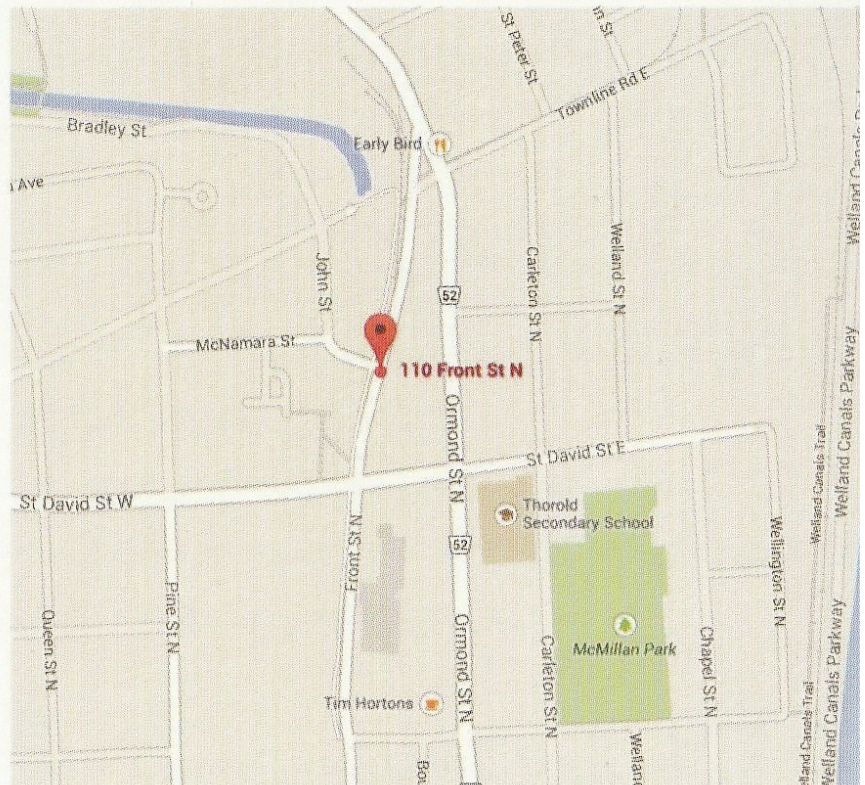
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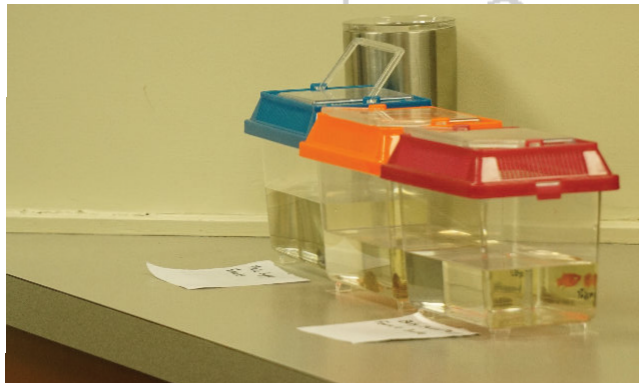
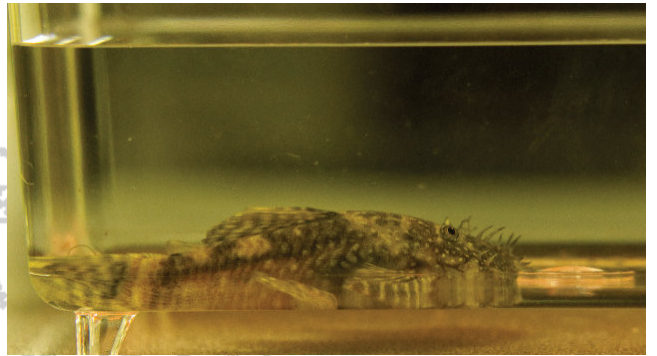
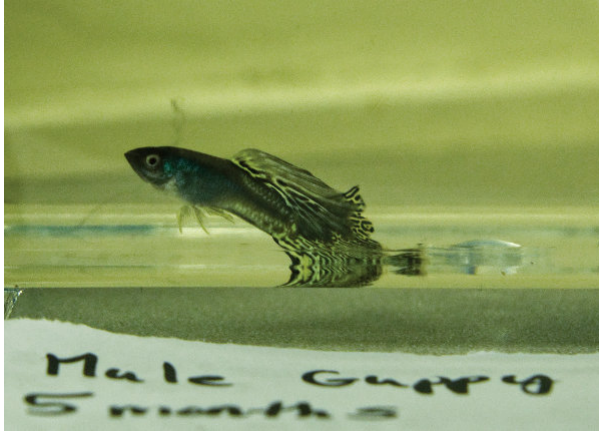
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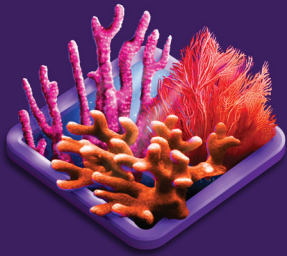
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Who couldn't join us due to prior commitments





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## Words From the Editor Type Person

Well Happy New Year!! I sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas season with their families. I know mine was not only fantastic but busy. Hockey, family gatherings, more hockey and hockey tickets. Might have overindulged slightly in all of the goodies, but hey we only live once. This year me and my little buddy spent New Year's Eve watching our very own Niagara Ice Dogs defeat the Ottawa 67's in a very exciting game and we even won a game worn and autographed Brady Johnson jersey. But enough of my excitement, how about that Christmas meeting?



It was a wonderful turnout with all kinds of fantastic food, and we even had new members join. The fish draw was smooth and it was great watching everyone laugh and trade or try to trade their fish. The fish raffles after that even caused a good laugh between me and a friend of mine.

As we progress into the New Year I look forward to the speakers that Ernest lines up for our meetings as well I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Should you not be receiving the SCAT via E-mail and wish to or you simply have an article or idea for an article feel free to contact me

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Or come see me at the meeting. I am the guy usually running around with the camera and likely a Snap-On hat on my head.

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As Librarian for the Society, I am in the process of preparing a list of books, magazines, and newsletters in the club library box. It is a slow labour intensive job to organize then inventory items in such a cramped space. A new storage arrangement would greatly assist in this endeavour.

To date we have two outstanding books on loan from the library along with 1 video disc.

The new subscription of Amazonas are well received by members. We do not have a complete collection in that we are missing: Vol 1 # 1, 2, 3, 4; Vol 2 # 4, 5; Vol 3 # 3; Vol 4 #5, 6. If anyone has these issues and wishes to donate them to our library collection, it would be greatly appreciated.

Several members have donated items to the library. We received a donation of older Tropical Fish Hobbyist Magazines. I would like to thank Petland at 318 Ontario St. For this contribution.

One of my other tasks is digitize older club monthly newsletters. A few volumes are missing some newsletters due to misplacement, or being unpublished. A list is available from the librarian.

To date my records show about 20 members borrowed 13 Amazonas magazines, 30 books, and one DVD disc.

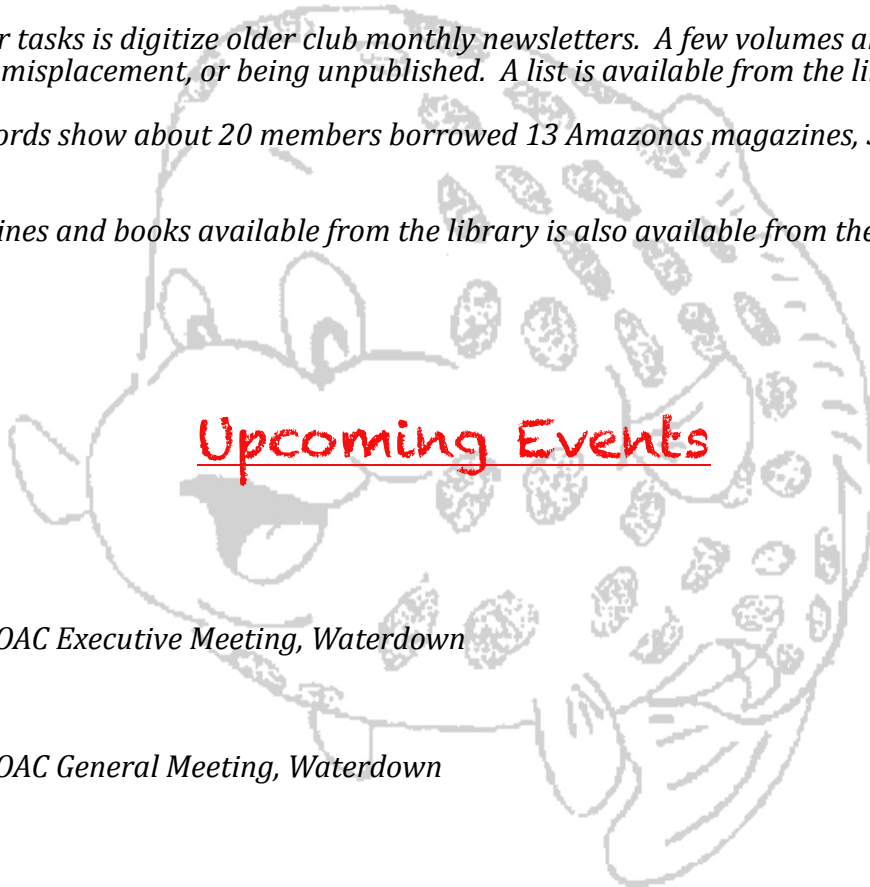
A list of magazines and books available from the library is also available from the Librarian.

## Upcoming Events

January

20 - 11:00 - CAOAC Executive Meeting, Waterdown

20 - 12:00 - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown





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