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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.

Meetings of The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society, (SCAAS) are held on the last Monday of each month at the Columbus Club at 6944 Stanley Avenue in Niagara Falls. Doors open at 7 PM with the meetings starting at 7:30 PM.

SCAAS is a charter member of the **Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs Inc**., (CAOAC, <u>www.caoac.ca</u>), and a member of the **Federation of American Aquarium Societies**, (FAAS, <u>www.faas.info</u>).

More news and information about SCAAS can be found at our website: www.scaas.info

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.



### **Executive**

## Advertising in The Scat

Interim President: Jim Chalmers	Full Page	<b>\$150</b>
Jchalmers17@yahoo.ca	Half Page	<b>\$100</b>
	Quarter Page	\$80
	Business Card	<b>\$50</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President: Tom Hiller		
scaasexec@gmail.com 905.227.5008	Membership F	ees
	Family/Couple	\$30
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Cindy Barrett	Adults	<b>\$25</b>
Cindygolden2005@gmail.com 289 407 2131	Junior (under 16)	\$15
Secretary: Phil Barrett		
Pbarrett1970.pb@gmail.com 905.931.2044	Senior (60+)	<b>\$10</b>
Interim Treasurer: Kandys Mattatall	Senior Couple (60+)	\$15

kingtutkc@hotmail.com



#### Jar ShowFOM

September: Goldfish	March: Postponed
October: Danios, Barbs, Tetras	April: Anabantids including
November: Cichlids	Gouramis and Bettas
December: Open to All Types	May: Guppies
January: Plants	June: Corys, Catfish, Plecos
February: Loaches, Sharks	No shows for July and August

#### **Committees**

Breeder/OAA Awards:	Tom Bridges <u>tp.bridges@sympatico.ca</u>	
Horticulture Awards:	Vacant	
CAOAC Representative:	Phil Barrett	
Programs:	Open Position	
SCAT Newsletter & Jar Show Coord.: Pat Shriner		

Past President & Membership: Jon MattatallWebmaster:Jon MattatallWays & Means:Open PositionCAOAC Corresponding Secretary & SCAAS:Cindy BarrettAuction Committee:Cindy Barrett

#### Jim's President's Message



#### Hello

Hope all is well! The weather is changing and time to fire up your ponds and get them ready for the summer season! The fish are swimming near the top of the pond stretching their fins and looking for food. As you are aware, it's been a very tumultuous start to the year, but I have every confidence that we will survive as a club and be better than before. As the Interim President, I would like to thank the Executive for working tirelessly to get us back on track and secure our sponsors and friends and let them know we are still here. We will be having an auction on June 2 to raise money and will be looking for lots of help from our members! See you at our meeting April 29.

Thanks

**Jim Chalmers** 

#### **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 <u>pshriner17@gmail.com</u> by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the next SCAT edition.

Thank you

Pat

#### **Club Meeting Minutes**



- March 4th General meeting minutes.
- Call to order by 1st VP Tom Hillier.
- A complete financial statement from the fall of 2019 to present was given.
- The members were informed of the resignation of the Club president Trish Fruck and the resignation of treasurer Andrew Fruck.
- The members were informed Jim Chalmers would be interim president until the June election.
- Members were also informed that Kandys Mattatall would be interim treasurer until the June election.
- Members were reassured that going forward, there would be financial transparency.
- Frank Aguirre spoke of angelfish.
- There were 39 in attendance.
- A raffle, 50/50 and mini auction were held.

#### Treasurer's Report from March meeting to date

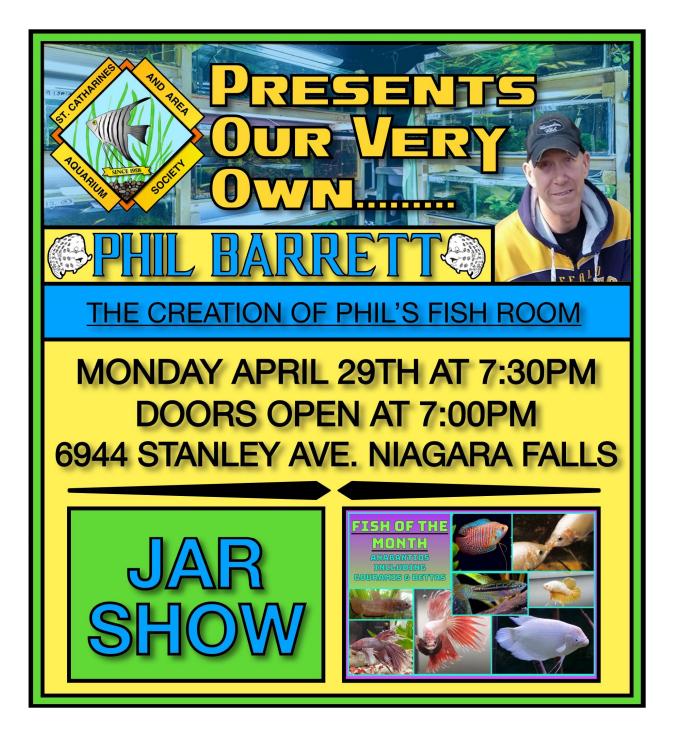
Let me just say how wonderful it has been to see how all our members have pulled together to save our club, we are, along with the book balance, growing strong. We started off with a forwarding balance of \$373.95.

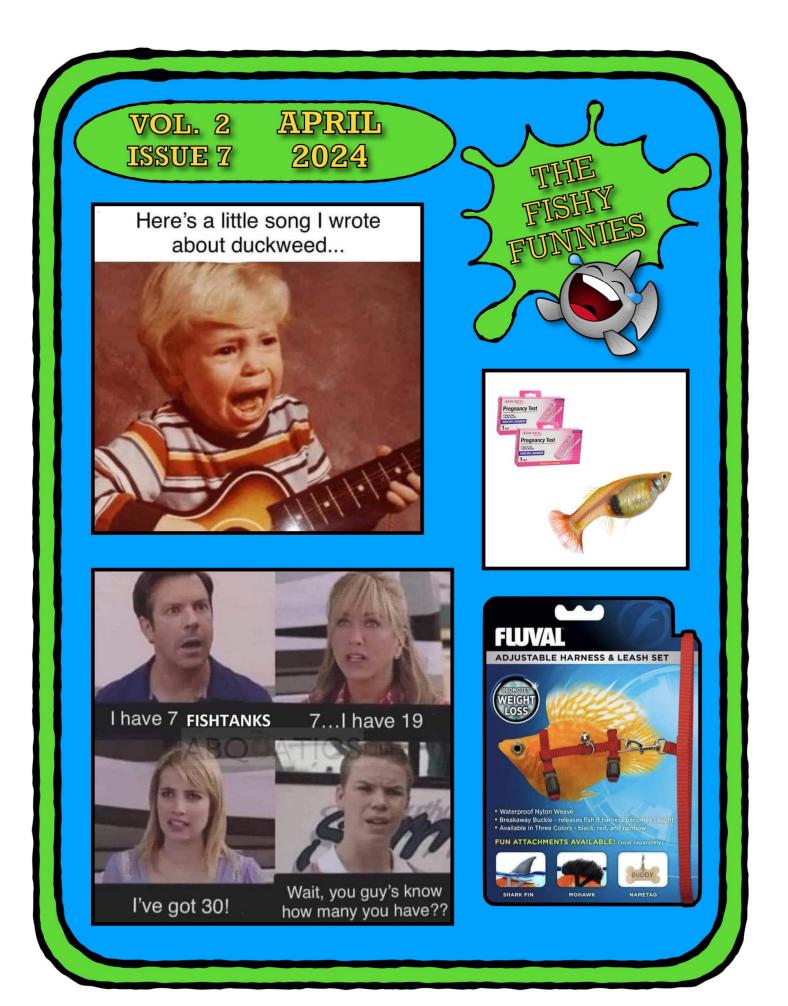
Since March 3<sup>rd</sup> we have had:

- Total money donations of \$471.80.
- New memberships of \$94.00.
- The winner of the 50/50 donated his winnings back, so we earned a total of \$95.00.
- The earnings from the raffle were \$48.00.
- Auction earnings were \$95.10.
- Earning from items donated for the auction were \$40.00.
- Cash returned from old moneybox was \$54.80.
- New sponsor at \$50.00.
- We paid our March rent of \$75.00.
- We purchased a new tote for the canteen items for \$13.55.
- Home Depot purchase for our inventory rack of \$47.10
- Purchased executive stationary journals/archival pens for 67.35.
- We purchased the website domain and hosting fee for \$266.55,

All that being said, we are now at a balance of \$853.10. A big congratulations to all of us for bringing this club from beyond the brink in just a few short months, let's keep it going!!

#### Kandys Mattatall







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OFFERS INCLUDING COUPONS.

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Awards from LastMonth's Meeting

No awards from last month's meeting

## **Upcoming Events**

Durham Club 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner on Apr. 27, 2024. See DRAS.ca/social dinner for address.

Niagara Coral Expo, on Apr. 28, 2024 at Niagara Falls Convention Centre from 10 AM to 5 PM.

















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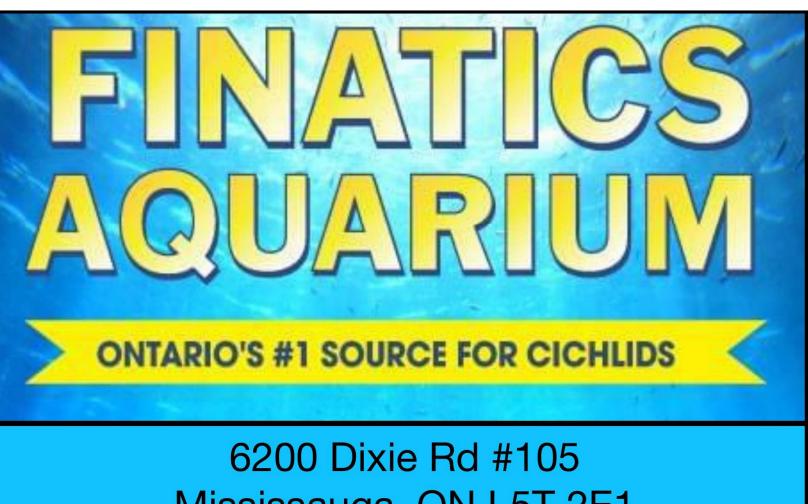
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