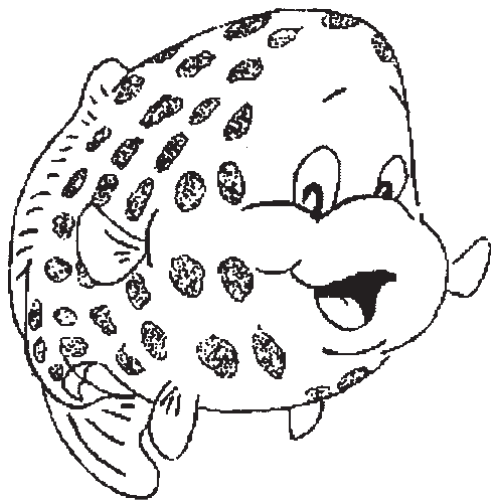


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Our Mission Statement

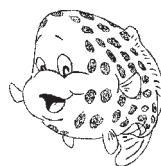
The Society, established in 1958, is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the task of promoting interest in the breeding, raising, maintenance and study of tropical fish; both at the beginner and more advanced levels.

Meetings of The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society, (SCAAS) are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Grantham Lions Club at 732 Niagara Street in St. Catharines. Door 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.**, (www.caoac.ca), and a member of the **Federation of American Aquarium Societies**, (FAAS, www.faas.info).

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 and Area Aquarium Society** where you can ask aquarium related questions and post photographs of your aquariums and fish, plants, etc. We have over 680 members on this page. Unfortunately, due to Facebook policies we are unable to post fish for sale ads using our club page.



Executive

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(Note: All fees, except senior, increasing by \$5 in Sept. 2023)

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Student with card	\$10
Senior over 65	\$10
Senior Couple over 65	\$15

Jar Show FOM (ON HOLD)

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

Committees

Breeder/OAA Awards: Tom Bridges
tp.bridges@sympatico.ca

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CAOAC Representative: Phil Barrett

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ebiktimirov@brocku.ca

Jar Show Coordinator & Judge: Pat Shriner

Membership: Jon Mattatall

Webmasters: Jon Mattatall

Ways & Means: vacant

Jon's Presidential Message



It's official, May is finally here. The flowers are blooming, the birds are chirping and the temperatures are finally getting nice. Pretty soon we will all be outside enjoying our backyards and having company over for barbeque, beers and enjoying the beautiful weather.

As we know, May is our second last meeting of the year, but don't fret we have a couple more events before the year is over. At this month's meeting, we will be having Oscar Virgilio giving a presentation on brackish water, fish, and the husbandry that is associated with that type of fish keeping.

At this month's meeting we will have a sign-up sheet for our annual potluck dinner that is held in June. For more information or to sign up your dish for the party contact Trish at scaasexec@gmail.com and she will get you all set up. As usual, the club will be providing drinks and pizza, but we always encourage members to bring a dish so we have a variety to choose from.

We are still accepting nominations for our upcoming election as well. So, don't forget to contact Cindy Barrett at cindygolden2005@gmail.com for more information regarding the election. There are many positions that you can run or nominate a friend for. There are also other committee positions that are vacant and need to be filled. So, if you are willing to stand up and volunteer some time to make your club even more awesome, please do so.

Canada Day July 1 is our giant summer public auction and will be held at our new location 6944 Stanley Ave in Niagara Falls Ontario. To pre-register for our auction or just simply to get some information, please contact our auction committee at scaasauctions@gmail.com and we will be glad to get you set up. We will also be looking for volunteers for runners, and a few other little odd jobs that will get this auction running smoothly. So, if you are willing to help, please don't hesitate to contact the email address above.

With all that said, I hope we have a great end of the year as our final meetings are upon us. I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Jon

PRESENTS...

OSCAR VIRGILIO

BRACKISH WATER FISH AND AQUARIUMS

MONDAY MAY 8TH AT 7:00PM
732 NIAGARA ST, ST. CATHARINES

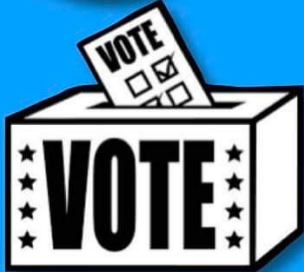
Oscar Virgilio was born and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He is currently semi-retired from the pharmaceutical career that brought him to Canada after living in 5 countries around the globe.

He has been an aquarium aficionado hobbyist since he was five and has kept and raised freshwater and marine fishes. Oscar started his passion for fish learning and keeping while spending long hours collecting fish and plants in the Rio de la Plata area, which is rich in a variety of fish. Oscar has visited different regions of Amazonia and Manaus on several trips and recently visited several Arowana farms in Indonesia and Thailand.

With more time on his hands since retirement, he has been focused on supporting the hobby and generating new initiatives like the organization of the First Canadian Flowerhorn Show in 2015, founding several online initiatives like UFA Canada, participating as moderator at the Arowana Canada Club forum, manager of MA ON LineTropical Fish, and administrator of Discus, Arowana, Brackish Aquariums and Freshwater Stingrays Fanatics Canada groups on Facebook.

Since 2020 is experiencing studying, learning, and keeping different brackish aquarium environments focusing on the brackish environment habitat and understanding how it functions and how to maintain it.

As a speaker, he has participated in radio engagements at the Reef and Rivers Aquarium Show. In addition, he has been invited to share presentations on Arowanas, Stingrays, Plecos, and Discus knowledge at the several GTA Aquariums club.



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JUNE 12TH 2023

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SECRETARY ★ TREASURER

COMMITTEE POSITIONS

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BREEDERS AWARDS CHAIR ★ AQUATIC HORTICULTURE CHAIR
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**CONTACT CINDY BARRETT FOR MORE
INFORMATION OR TO NOMINATE/RUN**

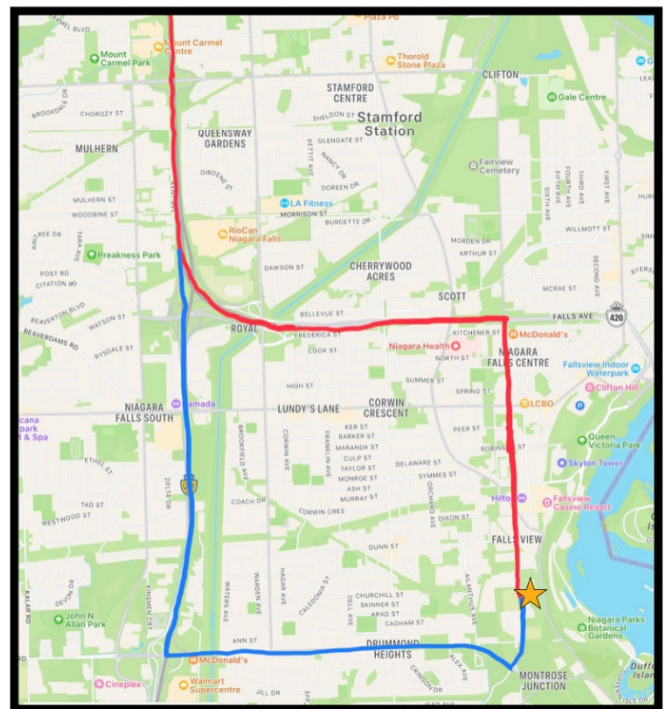
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- 4.) Follow Stanley Ave for 2.3 KM
- 5.) The Columbus Club Will Be On The Left

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- 1.) Take QEW Niagara To QEW Fort Erie
- 2.) Follow QEW Fort Erie For 3.5KM To McLeod Exit
- 3.) Turn left on McLeod Rd.
- 4.) Follow McLeod Rd for 3KM To Stanley Ave
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- 6.) Follow Stanley for 0.7KM to The Columbus Hall
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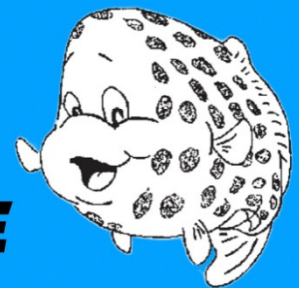
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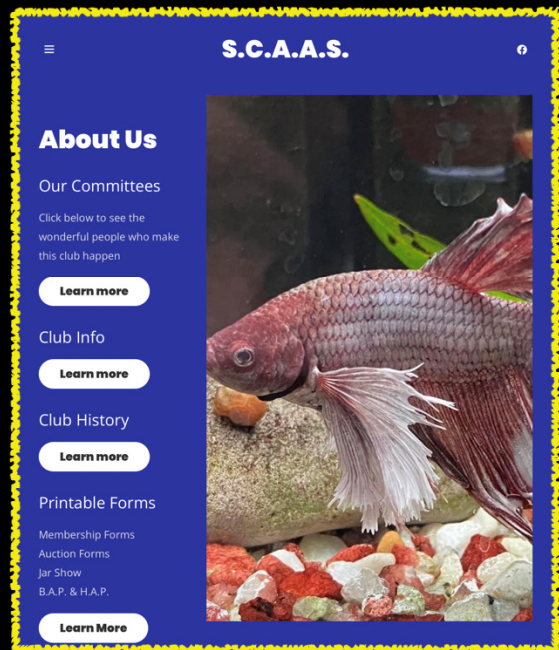
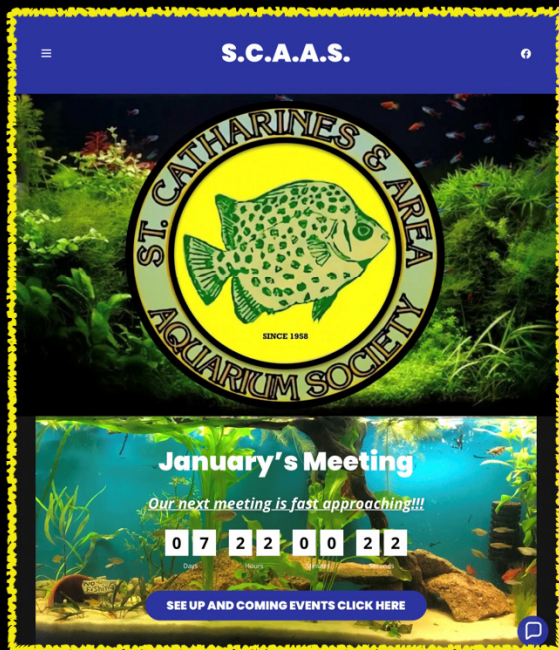
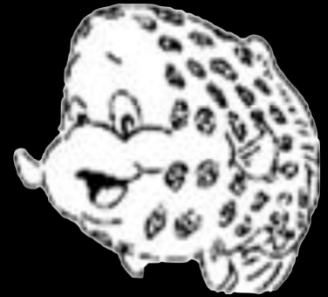
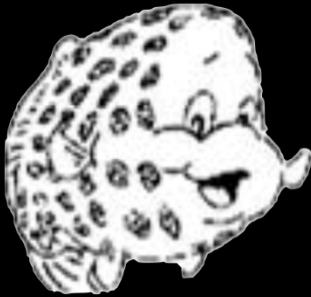


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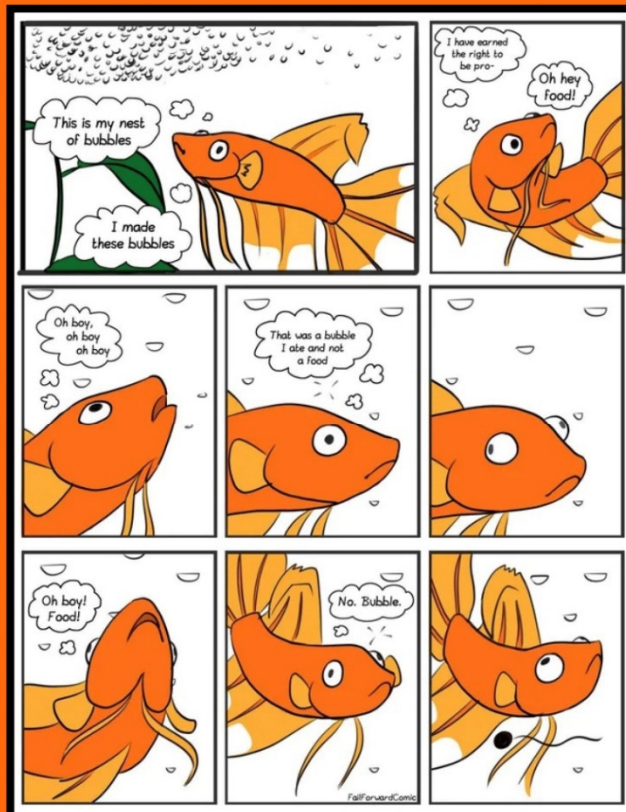
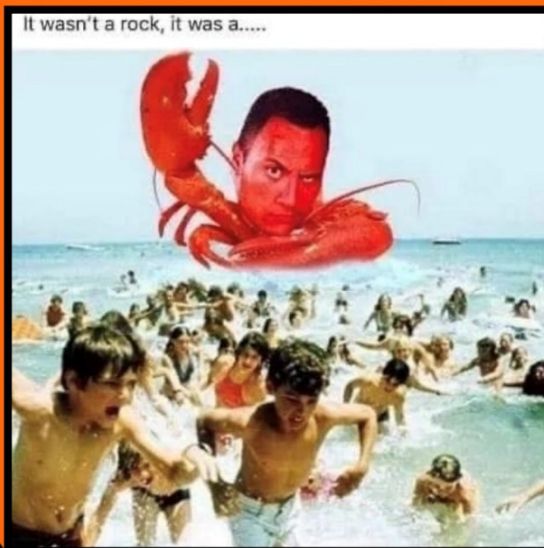
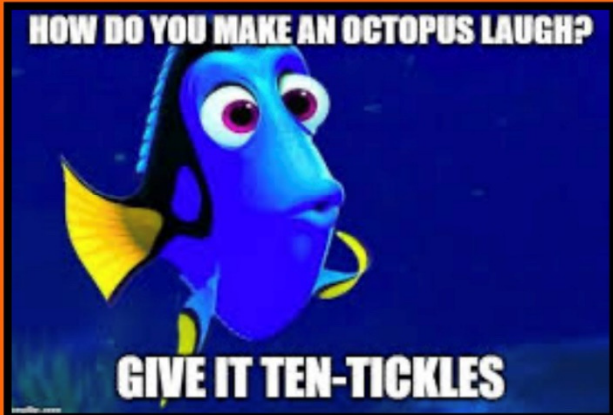
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Ameca splendens
(Butterfly Goodeid / Butterfly Splitfin)



By Catherine Salmon May/2019

This live bearer has been considered extinct for years but has been found in the Valley of Sayula, in central-western Mexico. Originally it was thought to be only found in the Río Ameca drainage basin in Jalisco state, of central-western Mexico. The Ameca splendens is still on the C.A.R.E.S. list as an endangered species, however. The Ameca splendens is a unique live bearer that likes hard water and is a great addition to your aquarium. They are silver in colour with black specks on the body. The mature male has a distinct yellow strip on its tail with its other fins being yellow in colour. Therefore, they are sometimes referred to as the Butterfly Goodeid. The male possesses an andropodium which is a modified anal fin for reproduction. The female is much bigger than the mature male and can reach three inches in length. Being omnivores, they will thrive on a diet with lots of plants material although they do enjoy live worms, brine shrimp and daphnia. They are considered one of the few fish that will eat hair algae.

Unlike other livebearer, the female is unable to store sperm and must mate each time with the male. The eggs/fry will mature in 6 -10 weeks. Like other goodeids, the female nurtures the fry via an umbilical cord resulting in the fry being a good size when born. The fry when born can be as large as $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in length. I have had Ameca splendens before but thought I would give them another try last year. I picked up a trio and placed them into a 10-gal tank with a few plants and a sponge filter. They were still young and needed to do some growing out before they matured enough to spawn. They thrived on a variety of foods I feed them from freshly hatched brine shrimp, North fin pellets and mixed tropical flake food. I tried to remember to throw in an algae wafer every once in a while.

Before long I would see a new addition to the tank but at first only a few fry at a time. If you were at the CAOAC convention you will have seen them in the Family class of the show. The funny thing was that I had added only 10 fry to the tank plus the parents, as required by the rules but when I went to bag them up after the show there was a good 18 fry. Once a mature female starts to deliver her babies, she will release them over several days and you will have a nice number of them before long.

The Ameca splendens is a great addition to any general Tropical fish tank. Just remember to not put them in with slow moving fish such as mollies for they can become nippy at times. They do not require any special requirements. Good food that includes algae, fresh water that is slightly on the hard side (our water in Hamilton is just right), moderate temperature between 70-80° F and space to swim. Consider adding them to your tank and help this fish survive and thrive.



City of St. Catharines Downtown Public Library Aquarium

For the last several years, Tom & Pat Bridges have generously donated their time cleaning and maintaining our club's aquarium located in the children's section of the Downtown Public Library in St. Catharines. Recently this task has been shifted to Cindy and Phil Barrett.

In Appreciation for their dedication, all 4 were honored by the library. Cindy & Phil attended this event and were presented with thank you cards, mugs and notepads. The library also made Certificates of Appreciation for Tom & Pat Bridges along with thank you cards and other little gifts to recognize their years of dedication to the library's fish tank. As Tom and Pat were unable to attend this event, they were later presented with their awards by Cindy & Trish



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May 20, 2023

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- 5:00 pm - Fish room tour
- 6:00 - Dinner (atrium)
- 7:00 - Presentation
- 8:00 - Auction

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SPENCER JACK
Winnipeg, Canada

Spencer has had a lifelong passion in keeping and handling tropical fish since the age of 3. He owns and operates a wholesale / retail tropical fish operation, The Mishimados Incorporated, which currently has over 38 thousand gallons of aquariums.

He has been active in aquarium societies since the age of 12. His passions for fish have led him to collecting on four continents and to speak at countless Aquarium club events.

After 11 years of useless university education, he is a fantastic fellow to have along for a night of trivia. Some of his other passions include hockey, golf, BBQing, Lego building and short, romantic walks along the beach.

Spence greatly hopes he does not have to be consoling the locals and reminding them of the glory of 1967.

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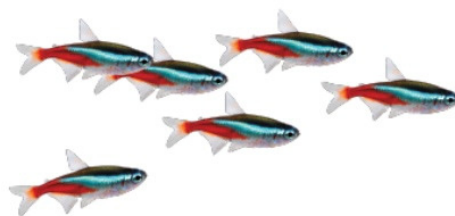


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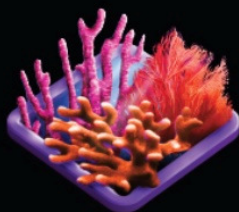
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