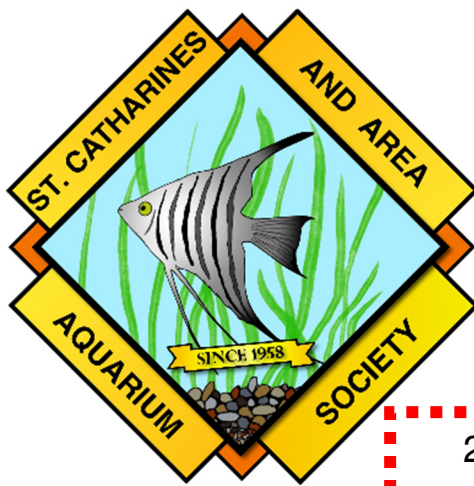
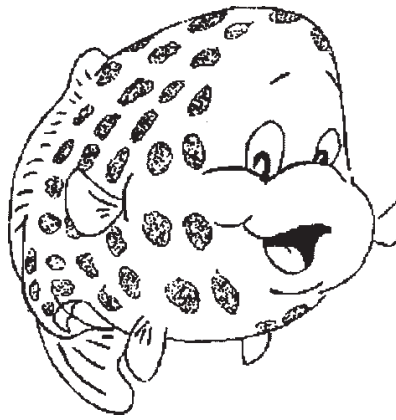


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## Our Mission Statement

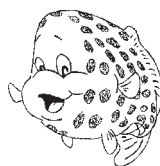
*The Society, established in 1958, is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the task of promoting interest in the breeding, raising, maintenance and study of tropical fish; both at the beginner and more advanced levels.*

**NEW!!!** The December meeting of The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society, (SCAAS) is going to be held on Monday December 2, 2024 at Our Lady of Scapular Hall at 6557 Thorold Stone Road in Niagara Falls. The annual Christmas party starts at 6 PM.

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

More news and information about SCAAS can be found at 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.



## Executive

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## Advertising in The Scat

Full Page	\$150
Half Page	\$100
Quarter Page	\$80
Business Card	\$50

## Membership Fees

Family/Couple	\$30
Adults	\$25
Junior (under 16)	\$15
Senior (60+)	\$10
Senior Couple (60+)	\$15

## Jar ShowFOM

**September:** Goldfish

**October:** Danios, Barbs, Tetras

**November:** Cichlids

**December:** Open to All Types

**January:** Plants

**February:** Loaches, Sharks

**March:** Postponed

**April:** Anabantids including Gouramis and Bettas

**May:** Guppies

**June:** Corys, Catfish, Plecos

**No shows for July and August**

## Committees

**Breeder/OAA Awards:** Vacant

**Horticulture Awards:** Vacant

**CAOAC Representative:** Phil Barrett

**Programs:** Open Position

**SCAT Newsletter & Jar Show Coord.:** Pat Shriner

**Past President & Membership:** Jon Mattatall

**Webmaster:** Jon Mattatall

**Ways & Means:** Open Position

**CAOAC Corresponding Secretary & SCAAS:**

Cindy Barrett

**Auction Committee:** Cindy Barrett

## Jim's President's Message



Hello all,

Hello there! Hope all is well! Wow we had the best auction that I can remember. I think the Saturday date helped tremendously as the people just kept coming! A lot of good deals were had! I would like to thank the runners that never stopped Phil and Ernest doing chits Gary and Kandys handling the money and slips. A big thank you to Mike Majer who did excellent auctioneering along with Brian Glazier and Hayden Pounder out of the Peel Club. I had to tap out as my voice and throat stopped making any sounds! I found a new calling in running, and I am not too bad, if I say so myself. Jon and Annie did great at the canteen sold it out. Dan did great job keeping the bags flowing to the auctioneers Erin, Brett and Shawn for audio. Cindy selling the raffle tickets and Pam who welcomed people at the door and sold tickets for the tank raffle Tom for procuring all the items we had for the raffle! If I missed anyone my apologies. The December meeting is our Christmas Party and will be a good time for all who can attend! See you there.

Jim Chalmers, President



## Minutes from the September Meeting

- Call to order @7:45 PM
- Attendance 29
- Announcements
- Presentation on Aqueon by Teressa Hunter
- We had 50/50 draw
- Raffle
- A 5-gallon aquarium was donated by Aqueon as a door prize
- Mini auction
- Adjournment 9:00 PM

### 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.

Thank you

Pat

## Treasurer's Report for November Meeting & Fall Auction

All I can say is WOW! What a wonderful time November was for the club. We started off already on a good note and ended the month and a great one. Our meeting was so fun and informative and then the auction, what a successful one it was. Let us start with where we left off with the last report. We started with a balance of \$684.15. At the meeting we had:

50/50 raffle	+\$23.50
Fish Auction share	+\$37.40
Raffle	+\$72.00
Reimbursement for printer	-\$154.23
Auction Supplies	-\$58.40
Grace/Gratitude	+\$2.18

This left us with a balance of \$606.60 going into the auction. From there, the auctions amounts were:

50/50 – Raffle One	+\$114.50
Fish Auction share	+\$1714.20
50/50 – Raffle Two	+\$66.00
Tank Raffle	+\$140.00
Bumps – 19 Auctions	+\$38.00
Donations	+\$592.50
Memberships	+\$35.00
Canteen	+\$282.60
Batteries	-\$8.99
Auctioneer Fee	-\$100.00
Grace/Gratitude	+\$13.69

That left us with a cashbox balance of \$3,494.10. If we take that balance and minus the float and the previous balance (though factored into that balance was the cost of supplies and the printer), it means we brought in a little over \$2,400.00 for the club from the auction. What a fantastic turnout, help and participation by all, we are all amazing. Tonight, I am giving in a deposit of \$2,894.00 for the bank account. Our bank account had a previous balance of \$2103.47. Since the last report we have had:

Rent for November	-\$100.00
Adjustment to prior deposit	-\$5.00
Deposit from cashbox	+\$2874.00

This will bring our bank account to a balance of \$4,872.47. I have so much appreciation for everyone doing their part in keeping this club going. Let us keep that spirit going in the coming year.

Kandys



**2024**



# **CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER MONDAY DECEMBER 2ND**

## **DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**

We Would Like To Welcome all Members to our Annual Potluck Christmas Party. The Club Will Be Providing Coffee, Water and Pizza. Pop Will Be Available at the Canteen as Usual for purchase. This Is a Members Only Event. If You Would Like To Join Us and You're Not a Member We Encourage You To Sign Up at the Meeting To Enjoy the Festivities. Single Memberships as of December Are Offered at a Prorated Fee of \$18. All Members Are Asked to RSVP for This Evening by December 1st So That We Have an Good Idea of How Many Are Attending. If You Wish To Bring Something for our Potluck, Please Notify the Club by the Same Date. All RSVPs and Potluck Submissions Can Be Made by Replying to This Email [scaasexec@gmail.com](mailto:scaasexec@gmail.com). If You Are Bringing Food Please Send Us at Least 2 Options So That We Can Make Sure We Don't Have Many People Bringing the Same Thing. We Will Email You Back Right Away and Tell You Which of Your Items Are Good To Be Brought. Below Is a List of Dishes Already Coming. We Look Forward to Seeing You All There To Celebrate Christmas and Have a Fun Time.





# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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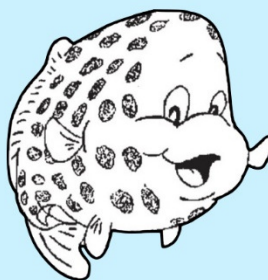
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**THE ST. CATHARINES AND AREA AQUARIUM  
SOCIETY**

**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, 6557 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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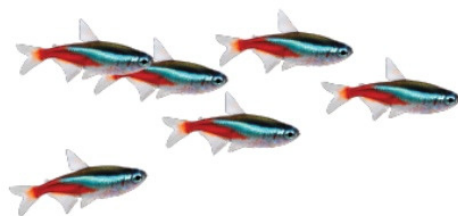
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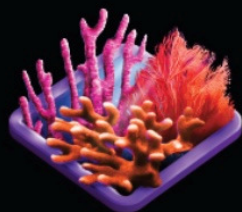




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