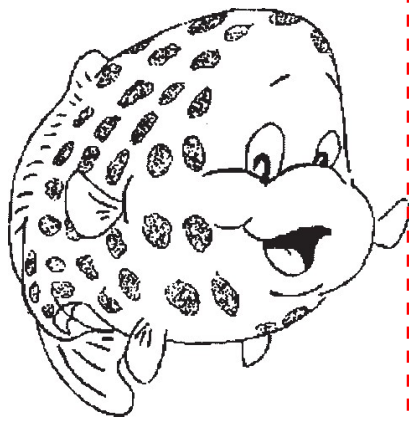


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Our Mission Statement

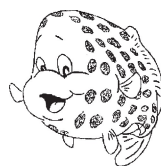
The Society, established in 1958, is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the task of promoting interest in the breeding, raising, maintenance and study of tropical fish; both at the beginner and more advanced levels.

Meetings of The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society, (SCAAS) are held on the 1st 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, 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 close to 700 members on this page. Unfortunately, due to Facebook policies we are unable to post fish for sale ads using our club page.



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Membership Fees

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

Jar Show FOM (See Jar Show Rules pg. 9)

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
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Horticulture Awards: Andrew Fruck

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
& Trish Fruck

Trish's Presidential Message



WOW October already, this month we are celebrating our 65th Anniversary with a spaghetti dinner and special guest speaker Tom Mason. We will also be holding raffles and giving out some awards. We hope that everyone will be able to join us. Remember if your membership is in good standing or you renew on Monday your meal is on the club, a way for the exec to say Thank You for standing behind us and keeping us going for 65 years. If you're not a member of a CAOAC-affiliated club or want to bring a friend your still welcome to join us we just ask that you pay the \$5.00 fee for dinner. Spaghetti, Meatballs, fresh buns and dessert, not a bad deal. I hope to see you all there, don't forget members of SCAAS will be voting on our new logo as well.

September was our 1st month back, CAOAC set up a booth at the Canadian Aquatic Expo, it was a great weekend with some amazing fish out on display including guppies and bettas from around the world. The club had a 17 gal Cube Glo Tank that we set up to show off our club. Attendance was good at the show. The show is still young and is in its early stages. Hopefully, we can help it grow and bring more people in to the hobby.

We had a great 1st meeting back presentation by Mike Majer talking about how the pandemic vs the hobby. We want to thank him again for helping us out on such short notice, even with the hiccups of being the 1st meeting back at a new location we made it through.

Looking forward November 4th 2023 will be our big Fall Auction, doors open at 8am, Auction will start promptly at 10:00am. Auction information will be sent out this month, location will be at our regular meeting hall. We are always looking for people to volunteer and help out with the auction, no job is too small if you can help get things ready for the auction, or help that day with set up, tear down or running it please email myself or Cindy at SCAASAUCTIONS@GMAIL.COM This is the LAST auction of the year for CAOAC clubs, so as usual we are looking forward to having a large successful turnout.

I look forward to seeing you all Monday at the Anniversary dinner, my email, phone and texts are always open if any member has questions or wants to help out more with club to contact me and we can work together to find something that suits each person.

Take Care See You on the 2nd

Trish



65th

CELEBRATION

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
TOM MASON

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IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING OUR CELEBRATION DO US A FAVOUR AND SEND US AN EMAIL WITH YOUR R.S.V.P. STATING HOW MANY WILL BE ATTENDING IN YOUR GROUP. WE ONLY ASK THIS JUST TO ENSURE WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD TO GO AROUND.

YOU MAY R.S.V.P. VIA EMAIL OR THROUGH THE CLUBS WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK MESSENGER.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE.

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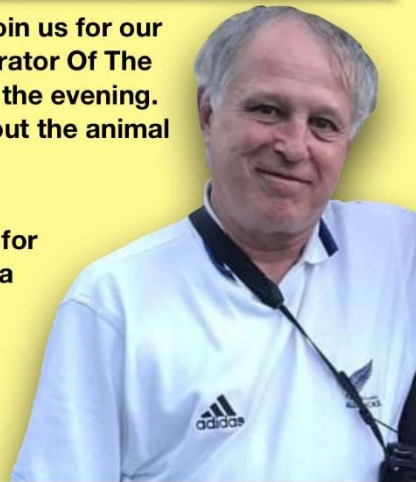
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ITS OUR 65TH BIRTHDAY

TO HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 65TH, WE ARE ASKING CLUB MEMBERS TO HELP US OUT WITH DESIGNING A NEW LOGO FOR OUR CLUB. THE LOGO CAN BE ANY FISH OF YOUR CHOOSING AS LONG AS THE NAME "**ST. CATHARINES AND AREA AQUARIUM SOCIETY**" IS INCLUDED IN, ON OR AROUND THE CREATED DESIGN. SO LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD.

THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A T-SHIRT WITH THE NEW LOGO, A COMPLEMENTARY ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP TO THE CLUB AS WELL AS BRAGGING RIGHTS. ALL LOGOS SUBMISSIONS MUST BE ENTERED **ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2023**. MULTIPLE SUBMISSIONS BY THE SAME ARTIST IS ALLOWED.

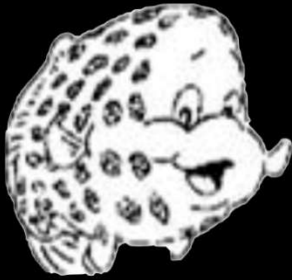
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HERE

THE ST. CATHARINES & AREA AQUARIUM SOCIETY
JAR SHOW RULES
(revised November 2015)

1. The monthly jar show will consist of three separate classes:

- (a) Fish of the Month
- (b) Open Class
- (c) Junior Class (16 yrs. of age and under).

2. All members entering Fish of the Month may be Senior or Junior with no distinction. If a Junior is awarded points, these points go to his/her junior total points. **Entries only obtain points in one class at a time.**

- (a) Any flat-sided glass or plastic containers are required to show your fish. No round jars or fish bowls are permitted.
- (b) Containers should be proportional to the size of the fish.

3. The jar show chairperson will have complete control of all entries disqualifying sick or injured fish, etc.

4. No plants (except when plants are Fish of the Month), gravel, ornamentation, artificial colouring or medication of any kind will be allowed. Solid coloured paper backing outside of tanks is permissible.

- 5. (a) Members may enter a total of three entries each month.
- (b) A family membership consists of a couple (and their children if any). A family entering monthly jar shows is only allowed six fish (3 senior and 3 junior entries). These entries must come under individual point scoring as a Junior or Senior.

6. All entries for the jar show must be single fish only (i.e., only 1 fish per container) unless pairs are Fish of the Month.

7. The decision of the judge/s is final. Judges may be available for comment at the close of the meeting.

8. Entries must be registered to be judged.

9. A fish should only be shown in Open Class once during any club year.

10. All entries shall be owned and maintained by the

entrant for a minimum of thirty days before entry.

RECOMMENDATION

To play the game fairly, we suggest that you show any given fish once during the club season.

AWARDS AND POINTS SYSTEM

Ribbons will be awarded monthly to each entry placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each class during the club season. One trophy will be awarded each month for Best in Show. NOTE: If there is only a single entrant during any given month, only ribbons will be awarded.

Points will be awarded monthly and accumulated for the show year, (September to June), based on the following point system:

1 st in each class	6 points
2 nd in each class	5 points
3 rd in each class	4 points

other entries —1 point for each entry not placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd.

YEARLY AWARDS

High Points Senior
High Points..... Junior

Trophies will be awarded to each of these individuals.

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**THE
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Me, at my funeral when I hear them say, "Sell his aquariums"



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Breeders Awards Program Report by Dave Furness for the *Ondinoacara pulcher*



This light blue cichlid lives in slow moving waters in South and Central America. They do well in waters with a pH between 6.0 to 7.5, and a temperature between 72-82 F. The average size of this fish is 6 to 7 inches.

I tried to spawn these fish last year, in a fifty-gallon tank, with no gravel, but had a lot of ornaments for hiding places, with no luck. They were fed plant-based flakes, shrimp pellets, and some live foods. I decided, after a few months, to free up that tank, and moved them to a 100-gallon community tank. All the fish were fed the same foods as before. The water temperature of the tank was a constant 76F. Within another five months, they surprised me with a spawn. It was in the middle, and back of the tank. The spawn was not very large, and the fry were very small and cream coloured. That made them very hard to see at first. At feeding time, the fry were fed first by blowing in some liquid fry. The parents took turns feeding and protecting the fry. On the whole, the tank was very peaceful.

Breeders Awards Program Report by Dave Furness for the *Nandopsis Haitiensis* (The Black Nasty)



This fish is known as the Black Nasty or the Haitian cichlid, which originated in Haiti, in fast moving rivers and streams. This cichlid is a large fish that can grow to 15-16 inches, and require a large tank. The minimum tank size should be 120 gal. The Black Nasty is fairly rare in the hobby, and are known to be very aggressive. I now have a group in a 150-gallon tank, with a lot rocks and ornaments to hide in and around, and to establish territories. So far, I have not noticed why they have such a bad reputation. They often spare with each other, but I have not noticed any damage to each other.

One of the pairs spawned in the species tank. The male is larger than the female, and has a white background under the black dots. The female turns a dark black when spawning.

The spawning took place on a flat rock, under a piece of driftwood, in the front corner of the tank. The water temperature should be between 72-82 degrees F, and the pH between 7.0-9.0. The parents were fed mostly pellets, which they preferred. The fry were fed some liquid fry at first, with some micro worms and some crushed flakes. I found that the parents were a little more aggressive when the fry arrived, but not overly so.



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THANK YOU - MANAGEMENT





Awards from Last Month's Meeting

None to report

Upcoming Events

Oct. 1, 2023 – Barrie Club Auction, 80 Livingstone E., Barrie

Oct. 14, 2023 – Hamilton Club Auction, Waterdown Legion

Oct. 22, 2023 – Octoberfish Auction & Show, Waterloo Gun & Rod Club, St. Jacobs

Oct. 29, 2023 – London Club Auction, Dorchester

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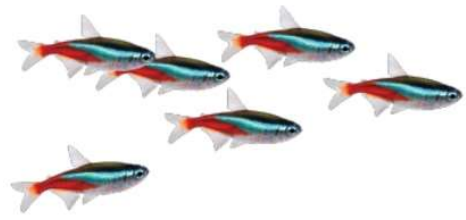


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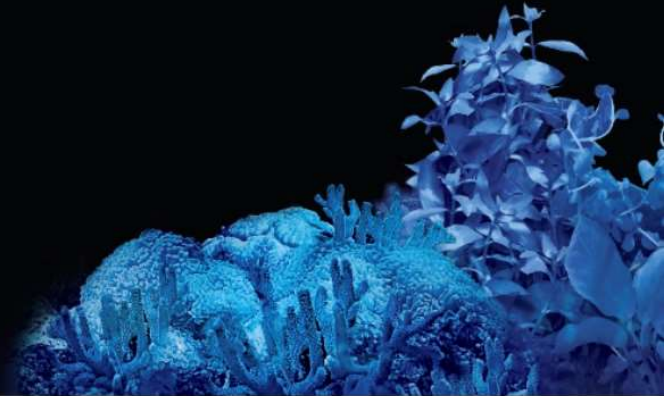
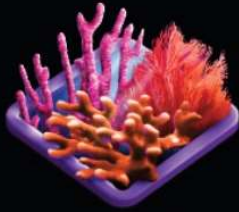
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