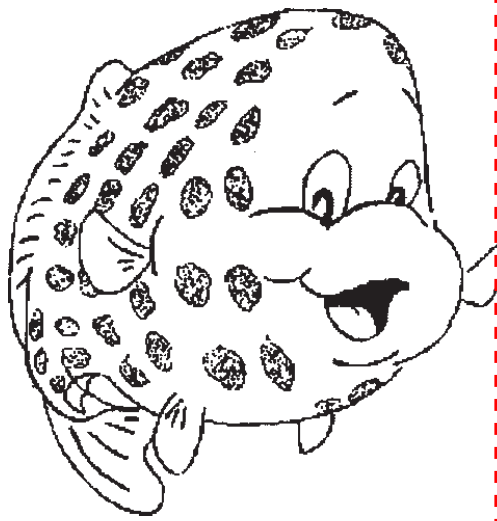
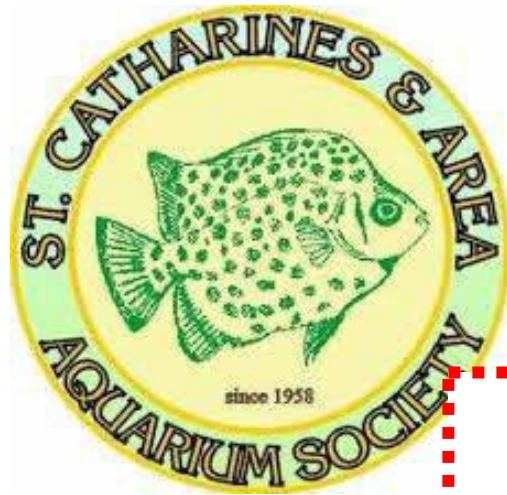


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Our Mission Statement

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. at 7 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 over 650 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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Full Page	\$150
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Quarter Page	\$80
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Membership Fees

Family	\$25
Single Adult	\$20
Junior (under 16)	\$10
Student with card	\$10
Senior over 65	\$10
Senior Couple over 65	\$15

Jar Show FOM - Suspended

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

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Jar Show Coordinator & Judge: Pat Shriner

Membership: Jon Mattatall

Webmasters: vacant

Ways & Means: vacant

Pat's Outgoing Presidential Message



Welcome,

It was good to see so many of you out at our November meeting. The presentation by Peter Desouza, was both interesting and informative about his collecting adventures in Cameroon. A couple of photos from the meeting shown below.

Also during the November meeting we had our club elections. I would like to welcome and congratulate our new club executive.

President – Jon Mattatall

1st Vice President – Tom Hiller

2nd Vice President – Trish Fruck

Club Secretary – Phil Barrett

Treasurer – Andrew Fruck

We this ends my time as President and I just wanted to say thank you for your support over the years that I was in this position. We couldn't have continued on as a club without all the hard work and dedication to this club that executive have provided over the years. I look forward to seeing the club grow again once we put this pandemic behind us.

As always, we are looking for your aquarium-related photos, articles, fish ads for the SCAT.

Also, we are looking for a volunteer to take on the upkeep of the aquarium at the St. Catharines Public Library. Pat & Tom Bridges have been tending to this aquarium since 1998. A big thank you to the Bridges for caring for this aquarium for so long. This aquarium has been valued by the library staff and patrons, specifically the children. If you are interested please contact any member of the executive and they can provide you with the details.

Pat



Jon's Presidential Message



Can you believe it's December already, time for warm clothes warm drinks and keeping the house at a balmy 78F to keep them tanks warm. We've had a great 2022 so far and been able to finally operate the club as normal with no more lockdowns or restrictions. That being said I hope everyone continues to stay safe, happy and are able to enjoy our upcoming events.

I would like to thank everyone for coming out last month for our November meeting and enjoying our presentation by Peter DeSouza as he told us about his "Collecting Adventures in Cameroon". It was a very informative presentation with great footage, pictures and a lot of great information on many of the native fish, local wildlife and style of life in the African Country. I would look forward to having him again as a speaker sometime in the future.

I would also like to congratulate all executive members on the election we had as well. Many of the old executive members have stayed on to keep this club awesome and moving forward into the rest of the 2022/2023 club season. Your new executive committee is as follows; President JON MATTATALL, 1ST Vice President TOM HILLIER, 2ND Vice President TRISH FRÜCK, Secretary PHIL BARRETT and Treasurer ANDREW FRÜCK.

I would especially like to thank Pat Shriner our past president who has just stepped down this year. He has kept this club going strong since 2017. Pat may have stepped down as president but his dedication to the club hasn't stopped. He has agreed to continue on as our SCAT author/editor as well as continuing to be the Jar Show coordinator and Judge once we get the monthly show back up and going.

As your new president I will work with our executive members and our other committee members to get this club back up and running since COVID-19 knocked us down with all the restrictions and lockdowns. Now that our club has settled in to our new home at the Grantham Lions Club things should start to get back to normal. Our membership count is on the rise and getting speakers for presentations and workshops are becoming more readily available. One item I would like to see back up and going is the jar shows. Hopefully with membership on the rise and more members willing to participate we may see a come back to the program.

I can't wait to see you all at our December meeting as it will be my first as your new president. December's meeting will be our annual potluck Christmas party with delicious items brought in by members as well as the club providing pizza and drinks. Gifts will be provided to paid members who signed up for the Christmas party at the November meeting. So if you didn't get to sign up or wasn't at the last meeting please contact Trish to let her know you are coming to the December party. If you choose to bring a dish of some sort please contact Trish as well to let her know what your bringing as to avoid people bringing the same thing.

With all this said I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Fishmas and a prosperous New Year.

Your President,
Jon





Christmas POTLUCK



MONDAY DECEMBER 12TH
7PM - 732 NIAGARA ST

We would like to welcome all members from the society to join us for our Christmas potluck party. We encourage everyone to bring a dish if possible as that will give us more variety to snack on. The club will be providing pizza and pop for all as well as gifts for all persons with paid memberships and who put their name on the sign up sheet last meeting.

If you decide to bring a dish to the party please contact Trish Frück Via email or messenger to let her know what you will be bringing so that we don't get double dishes. Also contact Trish if you missed the last meeting and were unable to signup to receive your gift from the club.

Deadline for food submissions and gift signup will be DECEMBER 5th. We can't wait to see you there!!!

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Last Month's Meeting Minutes

Nothing to report at time of publishing.



Upcoming Events

Nothing to report.



Awards from Last Month's Meeting

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