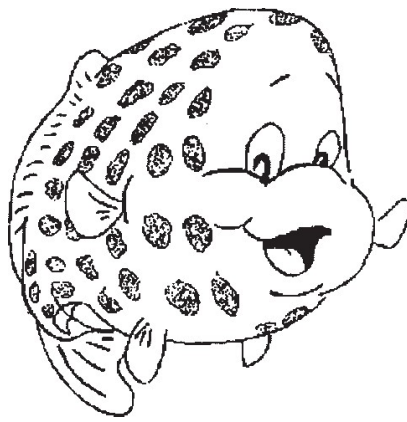


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Our Mission Statement

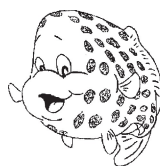
The Society, established in 1958, is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the task of promoting interest in the breeding, raising, maintenance and study of tropical fish; both at the beginner and more advanced levels.

The May meeting of The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society, (SCAAS) is going to be held on Monday May 5, 2025, at Our Lady of Scapular Hall at 6557 Thorold Stone Road in Niagara Falls. The doors open at 7 PM with the meeting 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 on our website: 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.



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Advertising in TheScat

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	February:	Loaches, Sharks
October:	Danios, Barbs, Tetras	March:	Mollies, Swords, & Platies
November:	Cichlids	April:	Anabantids, including Gouramis and Bettas
December:	Open to All Types	May:	Guppies
January:	Plants	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 Presidential Message



Hello all,

Hope all is well! Our last meeting was top shelf with Hayden Pounder giving us a glimpse of collecting fish and all that goes with it, an excellent presentation will certainly ask him back! The hot dog night went off without a hitch kudos to Jon for getting together and setting it up will do it again in the future. On a high note, we had Ernest Biktimirov, who is certified in accounting, to look over our books, he was satisfied that we are on the right track. Thank you, Ernest and Kudos, to Kandys for your hard work. On the membership side of things, we hit a high note with 38 members attending, the highest in 6 years! We are striving to be the largest club in CAOAC! People show up at a meeting and like what they see and sign up, so we have to keep that going! If anyone knows a person who may be interested, bring them to a meeting! Your Executive is working on some things to make us bigger and better and will put them in play after checking them out thoroughly. Our speaker for our meeting on Monday May 5th/25 will be Sasha Hunter. The topic is ponds and pond keeping! Also, Bruce Palmer will let everyone know that June is election month if needed for the Executive positions. Also, we have an auction on May 03/25 the early registering is looking like a busy day. Get ahold of Jon to get registered and be ready to have a good time. Lastly, Dave Holland Treasurer and Frank Aquirre President of CAOAC will have a table at our auction for information and sale items

Hope to see all who can attend.

Jim Chalmers, President

Club Notes

As June is the election month, please consider if you'd be interested in running for one of the following positions:

- **The President.**

Shall officiate at all meetings and shall guide and direct the affairs of the society for the best interests of the society and the hobby. They shall be an ex-officio member of all communities and may countersign disbursement cheques.

- **Vice-President.**

Shall take over and substitute for the President they are unable to attend.

- **2nd Vice-President.**

Duties shall be determined by the executive as a whole.

- **Secretary.**

Shall record the minutes of the regular and executive meetings. Be responsible for reading the minutes of previous meetings.

- **Treasurer.**

Shall receive all the monies of the society and make sure the funds are deposited in the society's account and shall disburse them only on the approval of the society's officers.

Speaker Bio Sasha Hunter

I am a Landscape Designer by trade. I have been working with and for Aquascape for 30+ years. My mission is to 'Connect People to Water the Way Nature Intended.'

Graduate of Fanshawe College – Landscape Design

Certified Landscape Designer through Landscape Ontario

Award Winning Designer

Awarded the Community Leadership Award from Landscape Ontario

I am a nature lover. I love to be outside; gardening, taking photos, painting or exploring nature. When I'm not in the woods, I'm at the beach. I love working with nature and people to create beautiful spaces for people to connect with nature and their loved ones. Love helping people and love helping people enjoy the Aquascape Lifestyle.

The logo for Iconic Aquatics is displayed on a solid black rectangular background. The word "ICONIC" is written in a large, white, sans-serif, all-caps font. Below it, the word "AQUATICS" is written in a large, red, sans-serif, all-caps font. The letter 'Q' in "AQUATICS" is stylized with a long, curved tail that extends downwards and to the left.

Minutes from the April 7 Meeting

- Hot dog dinner with salad and treats- doors opened at 6pm
- Dinner seemed really good from the members enjoying it
- Meeting called to order at 16:30- deferred half hour as we did not have the correct remote for Projector- had to set up alternative projector
- Counted 38 members at meeting- Most we have had in a long time- with a handful of new people signing up
- Treasurers Report:
 - \$4,236.92 in bank last month
 - \$100 to rent
 - \$258.90 in cash box
 - \$49.50 50/50
 - \$84.20 in member's auction
 - \$78.00 in raffle
 - \$39.36 in Card blanks for business cards
 - \$7.00 in donation
 - \$100 in new member supplies
 - \$466.64 for Go Daddy website renewal
 - \$143.13 returned from 466.64 as we got a discount
 - \$4,020.80 final amount we have
- Bruce is Election Steering Committee- June is Elections- needs nominations in by May- reach out to Bruce or anyone on Executive committee (all 5 spots)
- Tom officially announced he has stepped down from 1st vice Chair
- Erin 2nd vice Chair acting Secretary moving into 1st Vice Chair acting Secretary
- Haydn Harper was guest speaker- presentation was very well loved

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 by the 20th of the month to be included in the next SCAT edition.

Thank you.

Pat



Treasurer's Report for April 2025

I would like to say what a great meeting we had in April. There was so much enjoyment had by all for our special evening. I would like to thank all who put so much effort into making our hot dog social such an enormous success, and boy it was so good. A great dinner was followed by an equally great presentation by Hayden. Our evening concluded with a very successful auction. Thank you to all who made that whole evening so enjoyable. Last month the cashbox had a surplus of \$420.80, here are the changes since:

4-07-25	Balance carried forward			\$420.80
	Float	\$258.90		\$679.70
4-07-25	50/50 Raffle	\$39.00		\$718.70
	Fish Auction - club share	\$109.30		\$828.00
	Raffle	\$57.00		\$885.00
	Memberships			\$885.00
	Purchase stationary supplies and tote		\$47.20	\$837.80
	Purchase club banner and magnets		\$196.08	\$641.72
	Purchase auction supplies and prizes		\$88.80	\$552.92
	Presenter fee - Hayden		\$100.00	\$452.92
				\$452.92
	Donation			\$452.92
	Grace/Gratitude	\$0.13		\$453.05
	Deposit to bank			\$453.05
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	Total			\$453.05
		Float	\$250.00	\$203.05

Last month the bank did not change much:

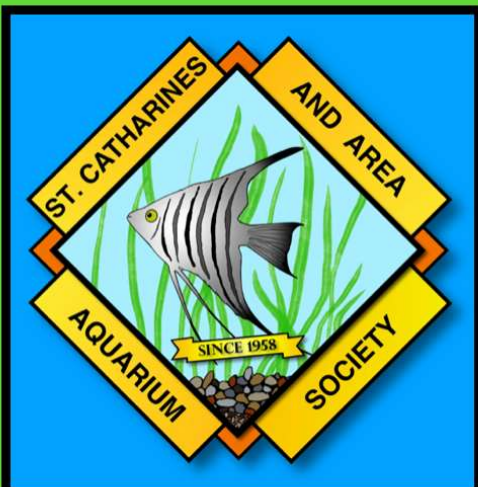
			\$3,670.28
April 7, 2025	OLOTSC - April Rent	\$100.00	\$3,570.28
	cheque nineteen		\$3,570.28

But the shareholder account had its yearly earnings deposited:

		\$130.00
March 26, 2025	\$5.00	\$135.00

This report is coming out before our spring auction but not presented to the club until after it so let us just say here's to it being a resounding success and that everyone pitched in once again to make this club the best there is. Thank you to everyone for everything you have ever done, no matter how big or small, it all helps. Keep it going!!

Kandys Mattatall - Treasurer



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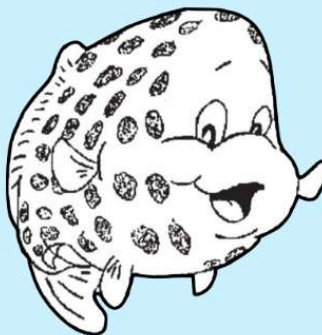
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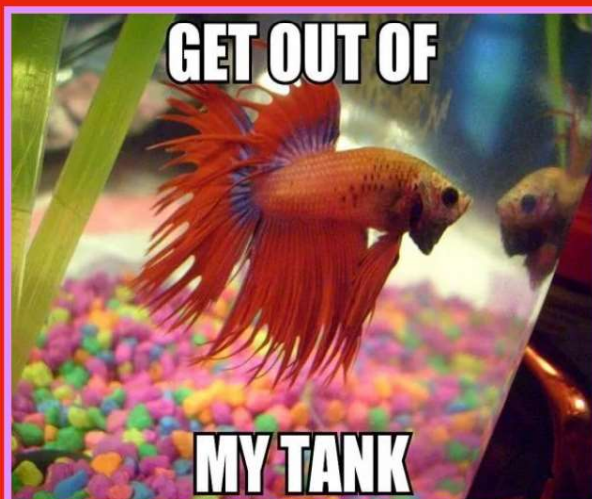


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- How Do Fish Always Know Their Weight? They Have Scales
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- You Can Tune A Piano, But You Can't Tuna Fish
- What Type Of Fish Purrrs... A Catfish



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•B: I've had that.

•C: I got a deal on it.

•D: You look very pretty today.



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Days	Hours	Minutes	Seconds				

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**THE ST. CATHARINES AND AREA AQUARIUM
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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.

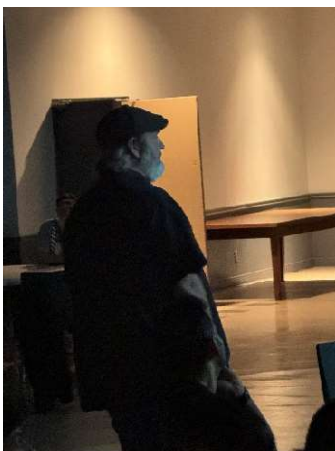
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Upcoming Events

May 3, 2025

**St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society
Spring Auction**

May 24, 2025

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Awards from Last Month

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Best in Show & 1st – Erin

2nd – Brett

3rd – Shawn



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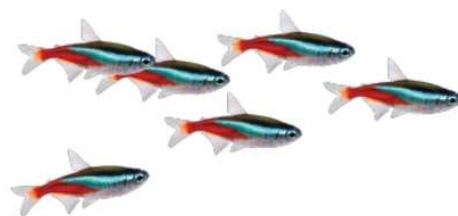
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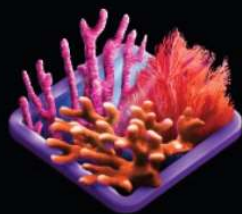
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