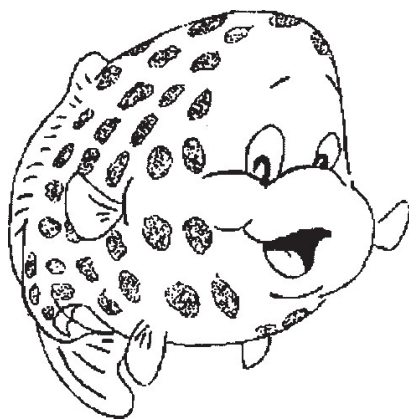


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## Our Mission Statement

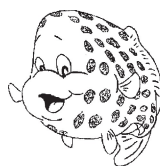
*The Society, established in 1958, is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the task of promoting interest in the breeding, raising, maintenance and study of tropical fish; both at the beginner and more advanced levels.*

The March meeting of The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society, (SCAAS) is going to be held on Monday March 3, 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](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 on 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	<b>\$150</b>
Half Page	<b>\$100</b>
Quarter Page	<b>\$80</b>
Business Card	<b>\$50</b>

## Membership Fees

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

## Jar ShowFOM

**September:** Goldfish  
**October:** Danios, Barbs, Tetras  
**November:** Cichlids  
**December:** Open to All Types  
**January:** Plants  
**February:** Loaches, Sharks

**March:** Swords, Platys & Mollies  
**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 Presidential Message



Hello all,

Hope all is well! This has been one of the coldest snow, ice and windy winters that have dropped on us in a long while. If you have ponds keep an eye on them, make sure they are not covered right over with ice as that would be fatal. On the other hand, it gives you time to keep the tanks clean and fish well fed. We have been advertising heavily on our web page to try and get more members to attend our meetings, and we have had some success with 7 people coming over and signing up! If any of you know people in the hobby bring them to a meeting! Our speaker this month is someone new to the speaker's world and one of our own members Skip (Matthew) Rocheleau who will talk about how to make gadgets and gizmos to help you in the fish room. Upcoming events are Hamilton clubs auction Mar 22 at the Waterdown Legion 79 Hamilton St. N. from 9am to 6 pm. More to follow on our web page or upcoming meeting March 3/25.

Hope to see all who can attend.

Jim Chalmers, President

## Minutes from the September Meeting

- Call to order @7:38 PM
- Attendance 39
- Welcoming of 3 new members
- Announcements
- Financial report
- Speaker, Katie Church on invasive species. Don't let it loose.
- We had 50/50 draw
- Raffle
- Monthly Auction
- Door prize
- Meeting adjourned 9:10 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 February 2025

Well for a month that is ho-hum and has everyone down and done with winter, it was still an exciting time for the club. What a wonderful speaker we had that provided us with so much information. You are never too old to learn some new things. And for such a lousy weather day we had such a great turnout and even gained a few new members. We are growing. Last month we ended with a cashbox balance of \$306.40. During our meeting we did the following:

Balance carried forward			\$306.40
50/50 Raffle	\$44.50		\$350.90
Fish Auction - club share	\$62.10		\$413.00
Raffle	\$68.00		\$481.00
Memberships	\$43.00		\$524.00
Canteen Deposit	\$35.00		\$559.00
Deposit of Karl P payout cash	\$188.90		\$747.90
Admin Fee for check 17 to Karl P	\$5.00		\$752.90
Payment to Phil B re: fish food		\$80.00	\$672.90
Cash to Phil B re: hamilton sponsorship		\$35.00	\$637.90
Donation	\$1.00		\$638.90
Grace/Gratitude			\$638.90
Deposit to bank		\$380.00	\$258.90
			\$258.90
Total			\$258.90

As for the bank account, we ended the last meeting with a balance of \$4,145.82. Since then, we have had a few transactions:

			\$4,145.82
February 3, 2025	OLOTSC - February Rent	\$100.00	\$4,045.82
	cheque thirteen		\$4,045.82
			\$4,045.82
February 24, 2025	Karl Pihack - '24 fall auction	\$188.90	\$3,856.92
	payout - \$5 admin fee		\$3,856.92
			\$3,856.92
February 24, 2025	Deposit	\$380.00	\$4,236.92

As they say, slow and steady wins the race, and we are a winning club, we are on the rise and showing everyone, we are the best and nothing can get us down. Let us keep up the great work everyone, you should all be so proud of yourselves in contributing to keeping alive an outlet for a hobby in this area. Till next month.....

Kandys Mattatall - Treasurer





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## **SKIP'S DIY AQUATICS**



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# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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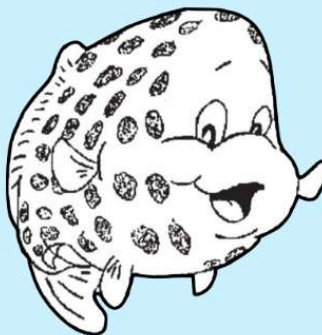
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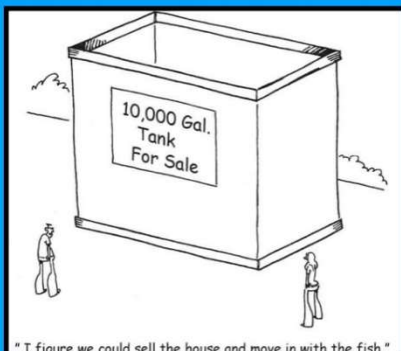


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# THE FISHY FUNNIES



"I figure we could sell the house and move in with the fish."

**I DON'T ALWAYS  
THINK ABOUT**

**AQUASCAPING**



**OH WAIT, YES I DO**



- Why Don't Fish Play Basketball? They're Afraid Of Nets!
- Where Do Fish Sleep? In A Water Bed!
- Why Do Fish Live In Salt Water? Because Pepper Makes Em Sneeze!
- Why Are Fish So Easy To Weigh? They Come With Their Own Scales!
- What Does A Fish Say When It Runs Into A Wall? Dam!



**WIFE:** Did you buy another Fish tank ?  
**ME:**



**A:** It was an accident.

**B:** I've had that.

**C:** I got a deal on it.

**D:** You look very pretty today.






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**OUR FIRST MEETING OF  
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Club meetings resume in September.

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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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# Our February 2025 Club Meeting





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# Upcoming Events

**March 22, 2025**

**Hamilton and District Aquarium  
Society Spring Auction**

**April 6, 2025**

**Peel Regional Aquarium Club  
Society Spring Auction**

# Awards from Last Month

**Jar Show**

**Fish of the Month**

**Sharks & Loaches**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Brett**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Denise Wyse**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Shawn**

**4<sup>th</sup> - Erin**

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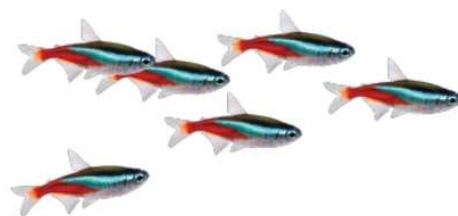
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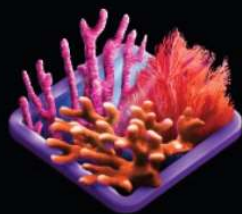




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