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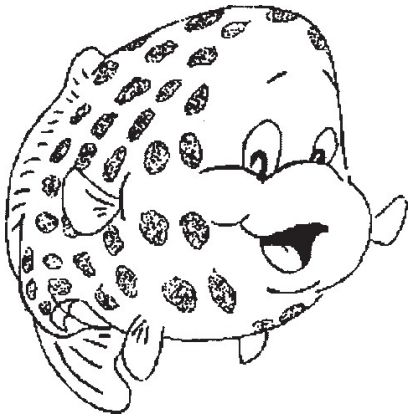

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Our Mission Statement

The Society, established in1958, 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 June meeting of The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society, (SCAAS) is going to be held on Monday October 6, 2025, at Our Lady of Scapular Hall at 6557 Thorold Stone Road in Niagara Falls. The doors open at 7:00 PM and the meeting will be starting at 7:30 PM.

SCAAS is a charter member of the **Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs Inc**., (CAOAC, **www.caoac.ca**).

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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Breeder Awards Program	OPEN	N/A	N/A
Horticultural Award Program	OPEN	N/A	N/A
Program Director	OPEN	N/A	N/A

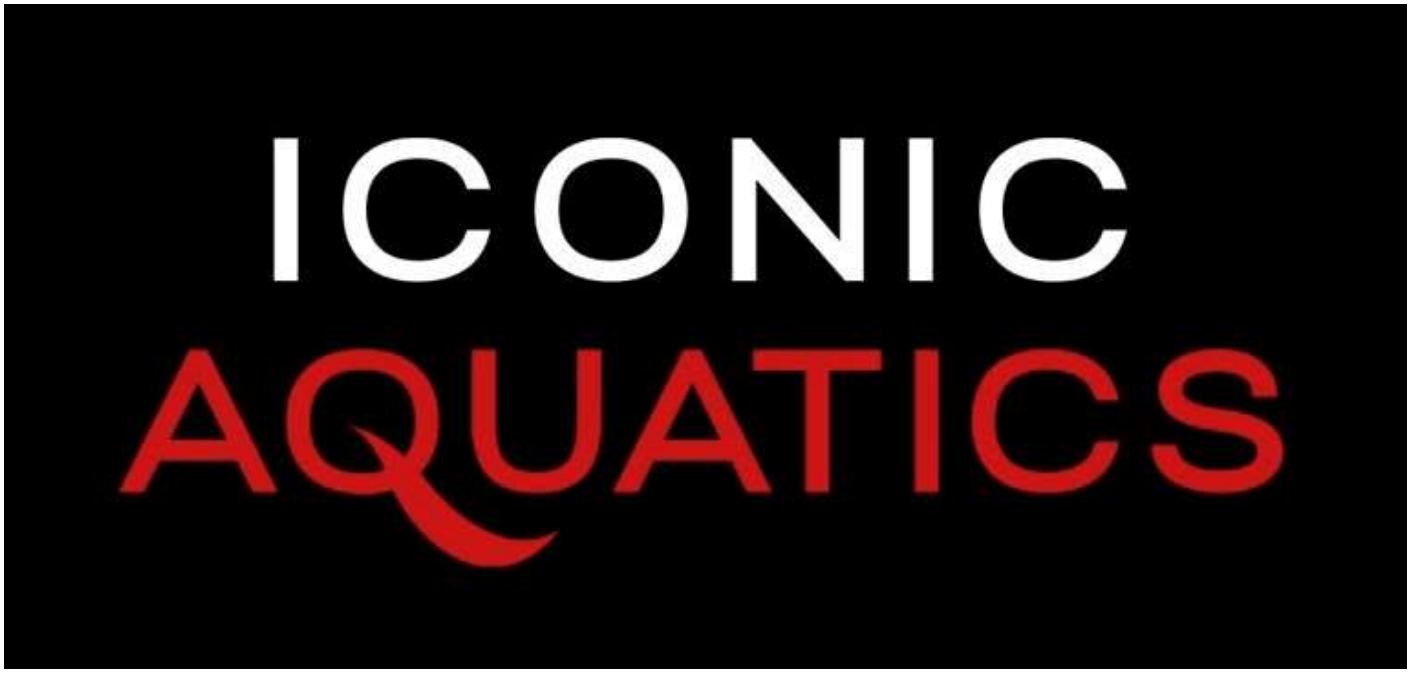
Jim's Presidential Message

Hello all,

We are going to have a program that I am excited to have it for our club! Franky Sebastioa will be doing aqua scaping using a 20-gallon aquarium which will be raffled off! He is a professional ranked 94th in the craft and heading towards Number 1. Make sure you do not miss this! Your executive have been working getting ready for our auction on November 1/25 at the hall. We had a great auction in the spring, and this one may be bigger. Also get your tickets for the upcoming Hamilton Birthday Bash/Convention which will be a great time! Get your tickets before they sell out! CAOAC elections are in full swing, and the results will be known Tuesday Sept. 30th .I have thrown my hat into the ring for the Presidents spot, if I do win, I will still be the President of the best club around St Catharines!

See you at the meeting.

Jim Chalmers, President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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.

Special thanks to all those who contributed to the previous SCAT newsletters.

Thank you.

Pat

Treasurer's Report for September 2025

To say we started off the new season with a bang is an understatement. We had such a great turnout of attendees, our presenter was hilarious, as was expected, and the participation of members was very much appreciated. This season's beginning is forecasting a highly successful year to come. It is looking like we will once again be the most growing club in the aquarium/fish clubs in Ontario. We started this season with a cashbox balance of $745.60:

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSIT	WITHDRAWAL	BALANCE
9-08-25	Balance carried forward			$745.60
9-08-25	50/50 Raffle	$43.00		$788.60
	Raffle	$60.00		$848.60
	Fish Auction - club share	$93.60		$942.20
	Membership	$265.00		$1,207.20
	canteen start up supplies		$77.62	$1,129.58
	canteen cashbox purchase		$35.02	$1,094.56
	Oct. purch. Filter &light for presentation		$98.63	$995.93
	Presenter - Mike M. fee & gas		$150.00	$845.93
	Donation	$7.00		$852.93
	Grace/Gratitude	$1.02		$853.95
				$853.95
	Total			$853.95

As of last month, our bank balance was at $6,202.08:

Bank Account - 0001386042				
Date	Description	Deposits	Withdrawals	Total
September 8, 2025	Balance Forward			$6,202.08
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September 8, 2025	OLOTSC - September Rent		$100.00	$6,102.08
	cheque twenty five			$6,102.08
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September 8, 2025	HDAS -sponsored speaker		$250.00	$5,852.08
	cheque twenty six			$5,852.08

Our shareholder account has not changed; it is still $135.00. That account only gets a new dividend added in the beginning of the year.

We are off to a fabulous start this season. We will be having many more fascinating presenters and fun times all around. I cannot wait to see what we all do and how far we bring this club this year, let's beat last year's totals. Come on guys I know we can do it, let's all show are fish club love and pride. Also, thank you all to everyone for all you do, no matter how small it all adds up to us being one phenomenal club.

Kandys Mattatall - Treasurer

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AND AREA
AQUARIUM
SOCIETY
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PRESENTS .....
FRANKY A. SEBASTIAO
AQUASCAPING
SCAPING THE SIX
MONDAY OCTOBER 6TH
DOORS OPEN AT 7:00PM
MEETING STARTS AT 7:30
6557 THOROLD STONE RD
OUR LADY OF THE SCAPULAR PARISH HALL
TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER FRANKY'S
PRESENTATION FOR A CHANCE TO WIN
HIS AMAZING AQUASCAPED CREATION

FISH OF THE
MONTH
DANIOS, BARBS &
TETRAS

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 8TH.

Come See Jon at the Canteen, To Renew Your Membership Ahead of Time and Receive Your New Yearly Membership Card That Provides You and Your Family With the Benefit of Discounts at Multiple Retail Stores That Sponsor our Club.

MEMBERSHIP PRICES

SINGLE ADULT - $25.00
FAMILY - $30.00
JUNIORS (18 & UNDER) - $15.00
SENIOR (60+) - $10.00
SENIOR COUPLE (60+) - $15.00
SENIOR FAMILY (60+) - $20.00

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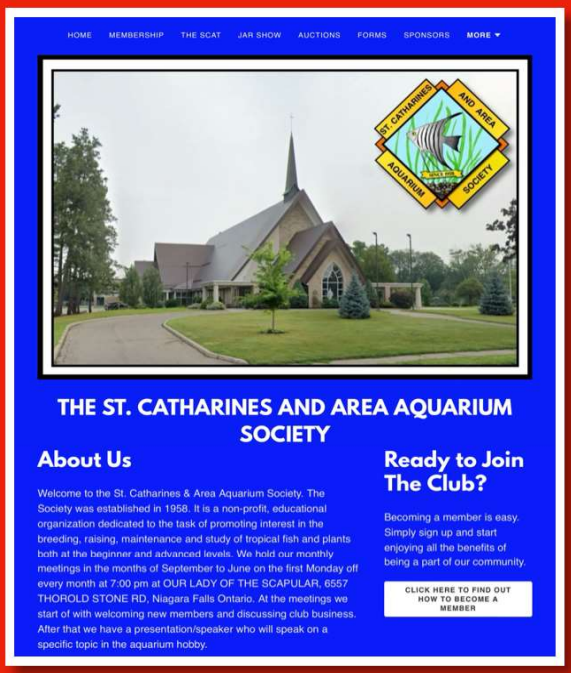
THE FISHY FUNNIES

ST. CATHARINES AND AREA AQUARIUM SOCIETY SINCE 1958

- What Did The Aquarist Say On Halloween. Trick Or Trout!
- Where Do Fish Keep Their Money. The River Bank
- What Type Of Fish Works At A Circus? A Clown Fish.
- What Do You Call A Fake Fish? A D Koi
- What Country Do Fish Love? Finland.
- Where Do Fish Borrow Money From? The Loan Shark
- Why Was The Fish Skeleton Afraid To Cross The Road. He Didn't Have The Guts.

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ALL THINGS S.C.A.A.S.



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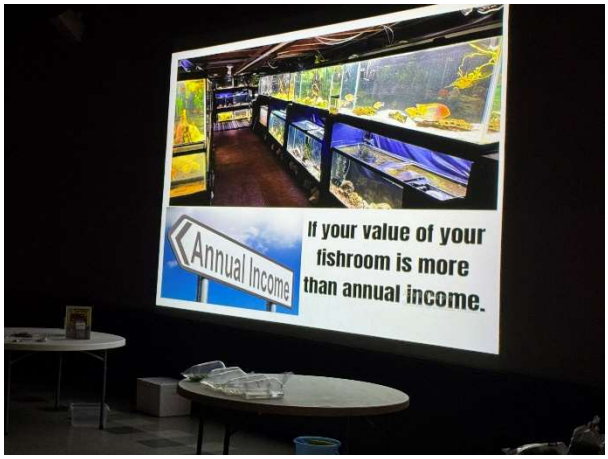
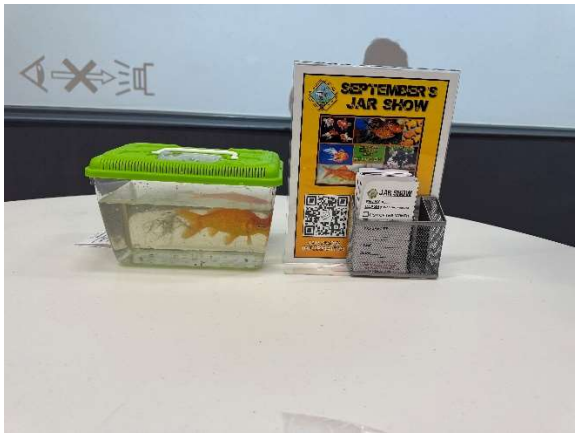
Our September 2025 Club Meeting





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THANK YOU - MANAGEMENT

Upcoming Events

November 1, 2025
St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society Fall Auction
Niagara Falls, Ontario

November 14, 15 and 16, 2025
CAOAC Convention, Burlington, Ontario

Awards from Last Month

September Jar Show
1st FOM – Shawn Jaques

CLUB YEAR AT A GLANCE 2025-2026

ST. CATHARINES AND AREA AQUARIUM SOCIETY

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SCAAS MEETING DATES

SEPTEMBER 8TH	FEBRUARY 2RD
OCTOBER 6TH	MARCH 2RD
NOVEMBER 3TH	APRIL 6TH
DECEMBER 1ND	MAY 4TH
JANUARY 5TH	JUNE 1ST

HOLIDAYS

September 1 - Labour Day
October 13 - Thanksgiving
November 11 - Remembrance Day
December 25 - Christmas Day
December 26 - Boxing Day
January 1 - New Years Day
February 16 - Family Day
March 17 - St Patrick's Day
April 3 - Good Friday
April 5 - Easter Sunday
May 18 - Victoria Day
July 1 - Canada Day

SEMI-ANNUAL FISH AUCTION

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1ST

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DOORS OPEN AT 8:00AM

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OCTOBER 28TH IS THE FINAL DAY FOR PRE-REGISTERING AS A SELLER. ALL OTHER SELLERS WILL BE REGISTERED AT THE EVENT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EMAIL OUR AUCTION TEAM AT

SCAASEXEC@GMAIL.COM

Hamilton and District Aquarium Society 75th Birthday Bash and CAOAC Convention.

Hall - Burlington Holiday Inn - **Fri Nov 14 - Sun Nov 16**
- 1000 room - Biotope, Aquascape
- 2000 room -Dinner
- Speaker & Auction room
5th Canadian Biotope Competition
Aquascape Competition
Vendors -
Speakers - Marcus Nicholls
- Dean Baayen
- Jacqueline Heijman Bennett-Leaver
- Eric Bodrock
Sponsors - sponsor a Speaker -

Donations - Mike M is in charge of Donations

Fri - 4:00 - Welcome - check in
7:00 - opening of convention, meet the speakers
8:00 - speaker
Hospitality Suit - mingle

Sat - speakers 9, 10:15, 11:30 lunch 1:30, 2:45, 4
5th Canadian Biotope Competion

Aquascape Competion
Vendors
6:00 - cocktails
7:00 - dinner - buffet
8:00 - *presidents table* gift draw, draws, 50/50
8:45 - dinner speaker
Hospitality Suit - mingle
*asking all clubs to provide a donation for a draw at the dinner appropriate value $100-$150. All gifts should be fish related.
Sun - 10am - auction

GUEST ROOMS - rates available Thurs thru Sun
Room Type Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday
King Bed $160.00
Two Queen Beds $160.00
The Hotel room rates are per night and quoted in Canadian Dollars. All Room Rates subject to applicable taxes are currently four percent (4%) MAT and thirteen percent (13%) HST. Taxes subject to change. Rates are net non-
commissionable and "run-of-house" category, unless otherwise noted. Rates are based on Single/Double
Occupancy. Additional person is $10.00 per room per night.
***Hotel is providing a courtesy block at a discounted rate for those guests wishing to stay overnight. Rooms**
are NOT being held and are based on first come first serve availability. Guests are responsible for booking. Link will be provided on website

Convention Pricing
Full weekend - **Early Bird**- April to July 14 - $125
- July 15 to Sept 14 - $135
- Sept 15 to Nov 5 - $150
Speakers only - $85
Dinner only - $65

- e-transfer - information on website first week of April

Other items/suggestions
-Room fish sales - anyone wanting to sell fish from their room
-There are many restaurants in this area - only Sat dinner is provided
All information will be on our website the first week of April

Dean Baayens

Marcus Nicholls

Jacqueline Heijmen Bennett-Leaver

Eric Bodrock

Nov 14th

Thru

Nov 16th

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Bonus Speaker —>

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