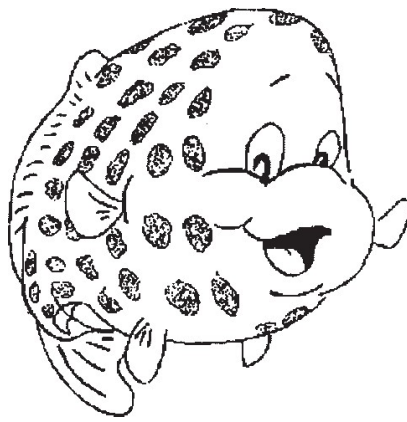


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Our Mission Statement

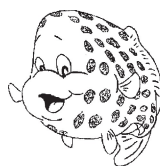
The Society, established in 1958, is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the task of promoting interest in the breeding, raising, maintenance and study of tropical fish; both at the beginner and more advanced levels.

The January meeting of The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society, (SCAAS) is going to be held on Monday January 6, 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 The Scat

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

October: Danios, Barbs, Tetras

November: Cichlids

December: Open to All Types

January: Plants

February: Loaches, Sharks

March: Postponed

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,

Hello all! Happy New Year! Hope your holidays were great! The Executive has been meeting to discuss ways we can make it a very interesting time for everyone. We are going to try the Zoom platform to see how it would benefit members, so we need some feedback. Also, the Hamilton club has stepped up and will be hosting a convention in Burlington at the Holiday Inn November 7, 8, 9, 2025 also its their 75th anniversary. So, congrats to them! They will be looking for helpers to make this an awesome time for all involved. Let me know if you can volunteer your time. Our speaker this month is Brian Glazer, who will talk on raising killie fish.

Hope to see all who can attend.

Jim Chalmers, President

Minutes from the September Meeting

- Call to order @6:35 PM
- Potluck Christmas party
- Attendance 33
- Announcements
- Financial report
- We had 50/50 draw
- Raffle
- Draw for a Fluval Flex aquarium kit, won by Clyde!
- Door prize
- Mini auction
- Adjournment 8:10 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 by the 20th of the month to be included in the next SCAT edition.

Thank you.

Pat

Treasurer's Report for December 2024

Welcome to the new year everyone. Here is hoping that all following reports for the new year will be as wonderful as the past ones. Let us all continue to help this club remain one of the best in the hobby and grow our bank account, the more we have the more we can help encourage to help more to learn to enjoy the hobby and continue to provide help with the local library and charities.

We ended November with a balance of \$ 600.10. At the December festive meeting we brought in:

50/50 Raffle	\$34.00		\$634.10
Fish Auction - club share	\$45.90		\$680.00
Raffle	\$41.00		\$721.00
Christmas party supplies/food		\$84.53	\$636.47
Kids Christmas Cards 2 @ \$5		\$10.00	\$626.47
Memberships	\$48.00		\$674.47
Fluval Raffle	\$150.00		\$824.47
Fluval Raffle donation to Community Care		\$150.00	\$674.47
Fish donation to Library		\$23.00	\$651.47
Grace/Gratitude	\$10.88		\$662.35
Deposit to bank		\$412.35	\$250.00
Total			\$250.00

The balance in the bank as of last report was \$ 4892.47. Since then, there have been some entries:

OLOTSC - December Rent cheque ten	\$100.00	\$4,792.47
Community Care cheque eleven	\$200.00	\$4,592.47
CAOAC - Insurance cheque seven	\$409.00	\$4,183.47
Deposit	\$412.35	\$4,595.82

In total with our Christmas donations, bills, and deposit from the cashbox we now have a balance in our bank account of \$ 4595.82. Now if you have been keeping track, in less than a year we have gone from a zero balance to a remarkable over \$ 4600.00 (including the cashbox float). It will be exciting to see where we will stand at the end of another year. Keep the good times happening.

Kandys Mattatall - Treasurer



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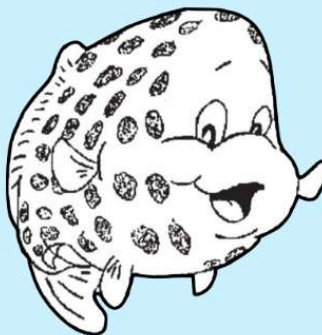
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About Us

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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- If your breeding your fish, newly hatched Brine Shrimp are one of the best foods to feed fry. Now you can buy yourself a hatchery on line from maybe Amazon or build one. I built this one pretty simply, mostly from stuff I had in my fish room.



I had an older 10 gallon tank that I wasn't using, so I set it up on one of my tanks benches. Filled it up and put an old in tank filter in it to circulate the water. You have to keep the water at 30 C so water circulation is important. I had an old 100W heater that wasn't reliable anymore for heating tanks with fish in them. I put it in to keep the water warm. Next I needed containers to actually hatch the brine shrimp in. So I went to the dollar store and for around \$6, I got 5 containers 1 Ltr in size with caps. They are actually drink cups and they work perfectly.



Next, I needed a way to suspend the cups in the tank. I took an old piece of plywood and cut it to the size I needed. I then cut some holes to put the cups through.



Next I put a small air pump at the tank and ran it into a valve assembly that I had kicking around. I ran 4 air lines to the tank, one for each cup. You need to have water circulating in the cup to help hatch the shrimp.

Next, the most important part which is the salt water mixture the eggs are put in. You can get your salt water 2 ways. You can buy salt water at a shop like Big Al's or mix your own. I mix my own. I buy aquarium salt off Amazon. It is the cheaper way in the long run.



In order to make sure you have the right concentration of salt you will need to pick up a simple tool, a Salinity Refractometer. Its \$23 on Amazon and you will use it a lot mixing your salt water.



In order to get the salinity you put a couple of drops of your mixed salt water on the slide part of the meter. Hold it to the light and read your salinity. Your Salt content needs to be between 25-30 ppt. It's really easy to read the meter. If the content is too low, increase the amount of salt in your mix. If it's too much, dilute it down with just plain water.

When you get the mix right it's time to put the eggs in the mix. I use Artemia Cysts Off Amazon. The particular brand I use has a high 95% hatch rate. These come straight from Thailand.



You don't put a massive amount into the 1 ltr container. It's about half a teaspoon. Too much and you actually will get a smaller hatch. Trust me I know from experience!



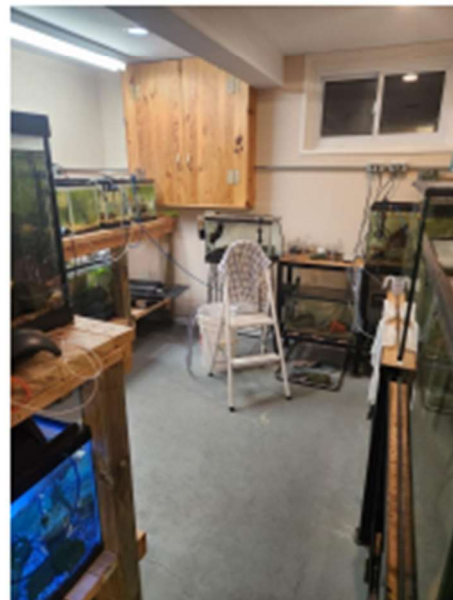
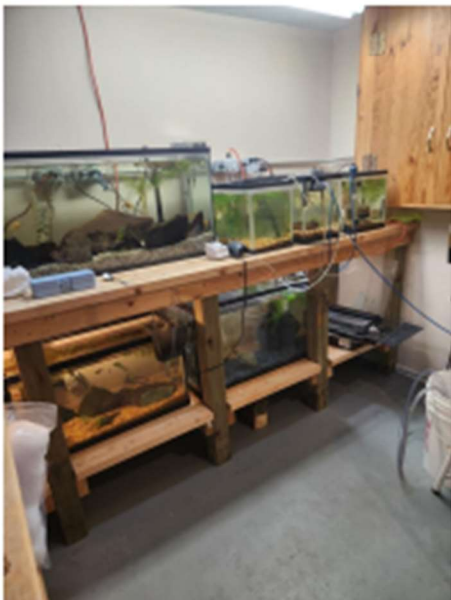
Put the container in the tank with a cap on it and the air bubbling at a good rate. Leave it for 24 hrs and then if your temp held at right level, you can harvest the shrimp. To harvest, I use a turkey baster to suck up the hatched shrimp. Some people use a siphon, I find the baster better. To aid in the harvest, put a strong light near the container. The shrimp are drawn to the light and are easier to collect.



I collect the shrimp into a cloth. The cloth is then washed into a cup.



Once the shrimp are in the cup, you can feed them too your fish. I feed, guppy fry, my breeding guppy pairs, tetra's, barbs and even some small convict cichlids. I run around 20 tanks and I'm adding tanks every month.



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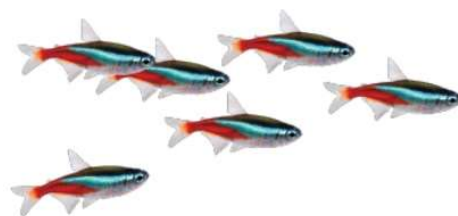
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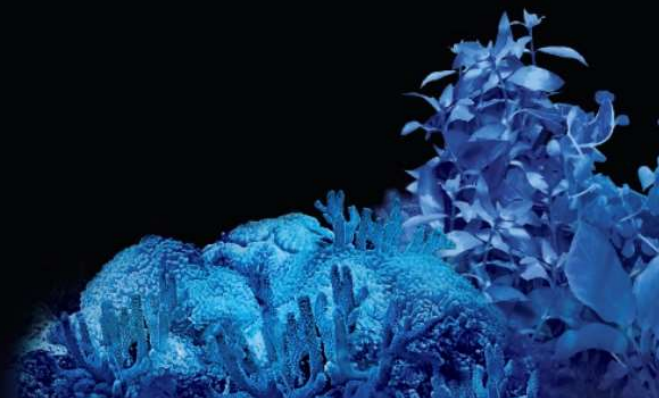
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