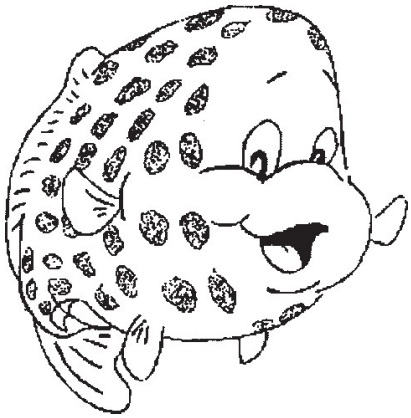
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Our Mission Statement

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 January meeting of The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society, (SCAAS) is going to be held on Monday September 14, 2026, at Our Lady of Scapular Hall at 6557 Thorold Stone Road in Niagara Falls. The doors will open at 7:00 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**).

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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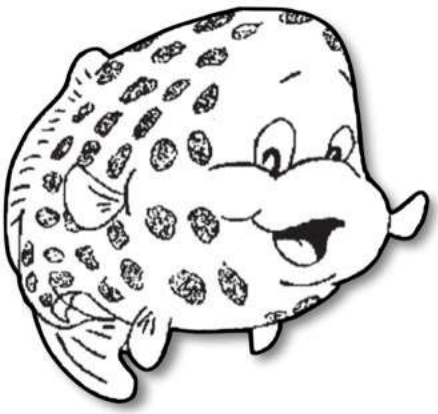
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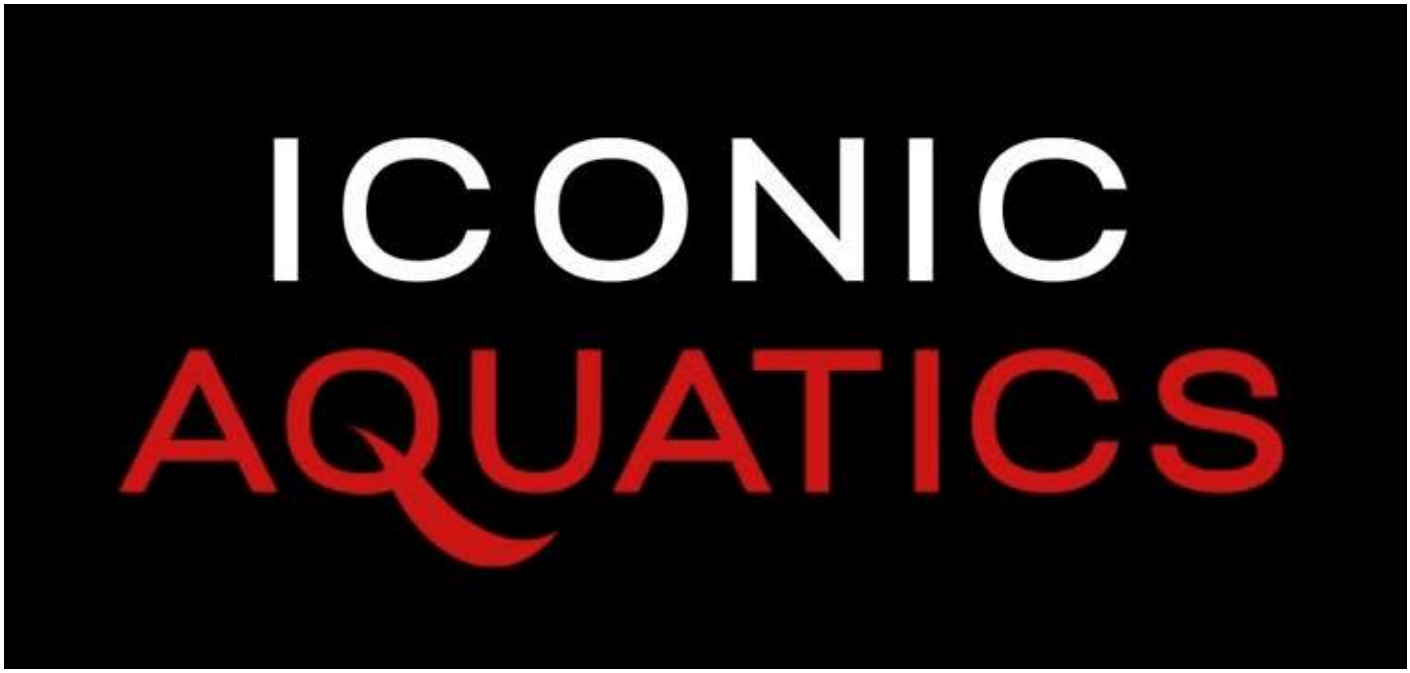
Jim's Presidential Message



Hello all! Welcome back after a long couple of months off! I hope all is well! Lots of activity in the works. Our auction will take place on Oct. 3rd, and the next club meeting will be on October 5, 2026. We are starting off with a bang! The Pet Expo will take place September 19/20 at the International Center in Mississauga 6900 Airport Rd. This venue is a must-see if you get a chance to come by. You will not be disappointed. At our opening meeting September 14/26, we will have Mike Majer THE AQUATIC REDNECK! on hand for a fun meeting. If you know of anyone who is in the hobby who is not a member bring them out to our meeting!

Hope to see all who can attend!

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 Kandys who submitted a recipe that appears this month's SCAT.

Thank you.

Pat

Treasurer's Report for end of 2025-2026 Season

It was a great last meeting, lots of friendship and fun. This season was quite successful if you ask me, we are one strong willed group of people who just love this hobby and want to see this club grow and prosper. Our final meeting was a light one, filled with food, full bellies and some fishiness.
Our cashbox balance at the end of last report was $2496.10.

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSIT	WITHDRAWAL	BALANCE
5-04-26	Balance carried forward			$2,496.10
6-01-26	50/50 Raffle	$33.00		$2,529.10
	Raffle	$36.00		$2,565.10
	Fish Auction - club share	$39.20		$2,604.30
	Deposit of payout to Lee Durham	$73.50		$2,677.80
	Deposit from Canteen	$420.00		$3,097.80
	Donations - goldfish & Pam D. payout	$12.00		$3,109.80
	Grace/Gratitude			$3,109.80
	Float	$250.00		$3,359.80
	Deposit given to Jim		$2,962.00	$397.80
				$397.80
	Total			$397.80

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I would like to add a special thank you to Jon and Annie and all the work they do with the canteen, as you can see it brought in quite a sizeable amount for the year end deposit. That's a lot of hard work done, some seen, most of it not but much appreciated.
At the last meeting our bank balance was $5328.78:

				$5,328.78
June 1, 2026	OLOTSC - June Rent		$100.00	$5,228.78
	cheque forty five			$5,228.78
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August 9, 2026	Lee Durham		$73.50	$5,155.28
	cheque forty six			$5,155.28
	auction payout			$5,155.28
				$5,155.28
August 9, 2026	Deposit	$2,962.00		$8,117.28

As you can see by the balance we ended the season on a good mark. If you go back, you will see that we started the season with a bank balance of $6202.08. This means that after all our payouts of rent, speakers, supplies and other expenses we came out $1915.20 ahead. This is all do to you, to all of us and the hard work put in to keeping this club going. I am hoping we can top this coming season and end it with a total of $10K. So, let's do all we can to make this a reality, support the club in any way you can, nothing and no action taken is too little to give. Here's to the 2026-2027 season, let it be Fintastic!!

Kandys Mattatall – Treasurer


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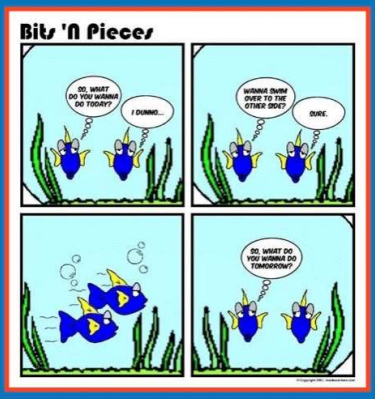




- What Type Of Fish Gets The Most Fan Mail? A Starfish
- What Is A Fishes Favourite Subject In Schoo? Algae-Bra
- What Did The Fish Say When He Posted Bail? I'm Off The Hook.
- Why Don't Fish Play Basketball? They're Afraid Of The Net.
- What Do Sea Monsters Eat? Fish And Ships.
- How Do You Make A Fish Laugh? Tell Them A Whale Of A Tale.
- Who Cleans The Bottom Of An Ocean? A Mermaid.
- Welcome Back Everyone Let's Have A Wonderful 2026-2027













TROPICAL FISH AUCTION

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD

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SEPTEMBER 29TH 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 AUCTIONSSCAAS@GMAIL.COM

Our June 2026 Club Meeting















TO OUR VALUED AQUARIUM SOCIETY CUSTOMERS

ALL AQUARIUM SOCIETY MEMBERS MUST PRESENT A CURRENT MEMBER CARD IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE 10% DISCOUNT AND IT IS ONLY VALID AT TIME OF PURCHASE.

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THANK YOU - MANAGEMENT









Upcoming Events

September 19-20, 2026
Pet Expo, Mississauga (see ad for details)

October 3, 2026
St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society Auction
(see ad for details)

October 17, 2026
Georgian Shores Aquarium Club Auction
Midland

October 25, 2026
Oktoberfish Show & Auction
St. Jacobs

Clam Chowder

Recipe by Kandys Mattatal.

This classic clam chowder is cream-based and calls for the traditional chowder ingredients: onion, celery, potatoes, diced carrots, cream, and clams. A little red wine vinegar is added before serving for extra flavor.

Prep Time:20 mins **Cook Time:**25 mins **Total Time:**45 mins **Servings:**8

Ingredients

- 2 cups cubed potatoes
- 1 cup diced carrots
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 cup minced onion
- 3 (6.5 ounce) cans minced clams, drained with juice reserved
- water to cover
- 3/4 cup butter
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 quart half-and-half cream
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1.5 teaspoons salt
- ground black pepper to taste

Directions

1. Place potatoes, carrots, celery, and onion into a large skillet; pour in clam juice and add enough water to cover. Cook and stir over medium-low heat until vegetables are tender.
2. Meanwhile, melt butter in a large, heavy saucepan over medium heat. Whisk in flour until smooth. Whisk in cream and stir constantly until thick and smooth. Stir in vegetable mixture with any juices until just heated through.
3. Stir in clams just before serving to prevent them from overcooking. When clams are heated through, stir in vinegar and season to taste with salt and pepper.

CAOAC

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF AQUARIUM CLUBS

CANADIAN AQUATIC EXPO

THE CANADIAN PET EXPO

5 SHOWS – 1 TICKET

Dear CAOAC Member Clubs,

We are excited to announce that the Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs (CAOAC) will once again have a booth at the Canadian Aquatic Expo, held as part of the Canadian Pet Expo, on **Saturday, September 19 and Sunday, September 20** at the **International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga, Ontario.**

This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our aquarium clubs and introduce thousands of visitors to the aquarium hobby. We hope to have as many CAOAC member clubs represented as possible.

5 SHOWS – 1 TICKET

- Canadian Pet Expo
- Canadian Reptile Breeders Expo
- Plant Expo
- Canadian Aquatic Expo
- World of Curiosities Expo

Sneek Peek!
Joey "King of DIY" Mullen and Chris "The Mad Aquarist" Biggs

HOW YOUR CLUB CAN PARTICIPATE

We invite every CAOAC club to be represented at our booth by submitting a club information flyer that includes:

- Club logo
- Meeting day, time, and location
- Membership information
- A brief description of your club
- A QR code linking to your website or social media

Please email your flyer to **caoac1@gmail.com.** Your club information will be included in our digital presentation throughout the weekend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are also looking for volunteers to help staff the CAOAC booth during the event. Whether you can help for a few hours or an entire day, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet hobbyists from across Canada and help promote our clubs.

BIOTYPE AQUARIUM COMPETITION

Pet Expo and **FLUVAL** are supporting the Canadian Aquatic Expo by donating twelve (12) 20-gallon aquariums for participating CAOAC clubs.



These aquariums will be used in a Biotype Aquarium Competition, where clubs or teams will create natural habitat displays that accurately represent the environment of a chosen fish species.

Participating clubs will receive their aquarium in advance, allowing time to plan and build their display. We encourage participants to document their journey with photos from concept to completion, which may be shared during the event and on social media.

The completed aquariums will be displayed and judged during the Canadian Aquatic Expo.

- Each participating club or team keeps their aquarium after the event.
- A cash prize will be awarded to the winning display, to be shared among the participating members or donated to their club.

We hope your club will take advantage of this exciting opportunity to showcase your creativity, promote the aquarium hobby, and represent your club at one of Canada's largest pet-related events.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer or participate in the Biotype Aquarium Competition, please contact us at **caoac1@gmail.com.**

We look forward to seeing you in Mississauga on September 19 & 20!

Sincerely,
Mike Majer

Mike Majer
1st Vice President
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SCAAS MEETING DATES

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00PM MEETING STARTS AT 7:30PM

SEPTEMBER 14TH	FEBRUARY 1ST
OCTOBER 5TH	MARCH 1ST
NOVEMBER 2ND	APRIL 5TH
DECEMBER 7TH	MAY 3RD
JANUARY 4TH	JUNE 7TH

HOLIDAYS

September 7 - Labour Day
October 12 - Thanksgiving
November 11 - Remembrance Day
December 25 - Christmas Day
December 26 - Boxing Day
January 1 - New Years Day
February 15 - Family Day
March 17 - St Patrick's Day
March 26 - Good Friday
March 28 - Easter Sunday
May 24 - Victoria Day
July 1 - Canada Day


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