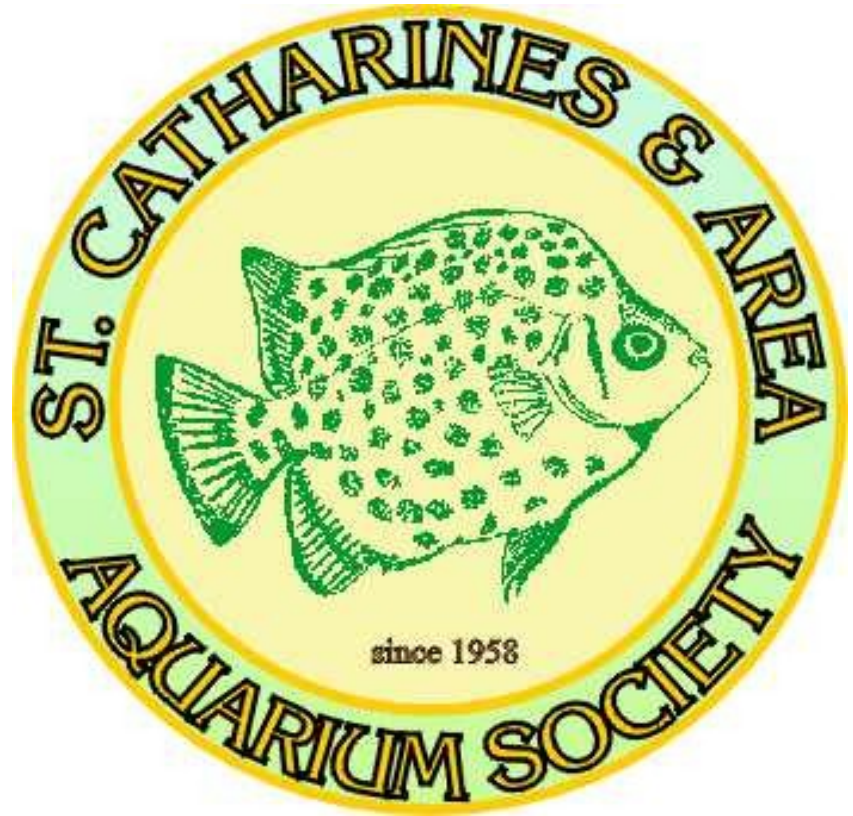


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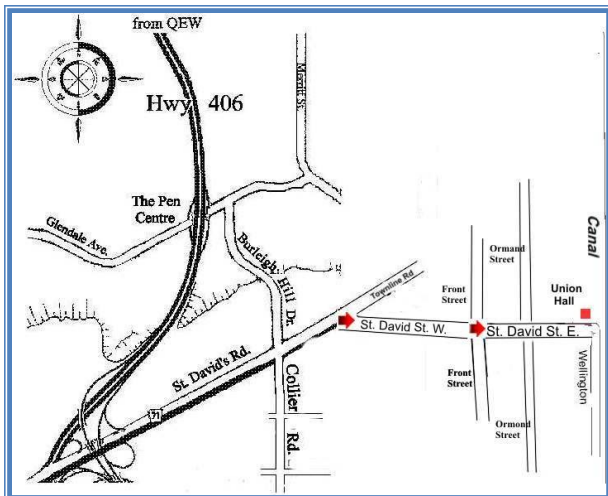
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Club Notes



- ▶ Meetings of The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society, (S.C.A.A.S.), are held on the first Monday of each month at the Seafarers' and Teamsters' Union Hall, 70 St. David St. E., Thorold, ON. If the first Monday falls on a holiday, the meetings are held on the second Monday.
- ▶ There are no meetings in July and August.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ S.C.A.A.S. is a charter member of the Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs Inc., (C.A.O.A.C.), www.caoac.ca and a member of the Federation of American Aquarium Societies, (F.A.A.S.), www.faas.info
- ▶ More news and information about S.C.A.A.S. can be found at our web site www.scaas.info and check us out on the new S.C.A.A.S. page at Facebook.com, thanks to Paul Paradis.

The next meeting is on Monday April 13, 2015
The speaker for this month will be Larry Johnson who will be giving a talk on Lake Malawi Cichlids

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Membership Fees

Family	\$25
Single Adult	20
Junior (under 16)	10
Student with card	10
Senior (over 65)	10
Senior couple (both over 65)	15

Upcoming Events

Apr 18 Sarnia Aquarium Society Spring Auction

**Sarnia Christian School
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**CAOAC Convention May
 15, 16, 17 2015**

Jar Show

Fish of the Month

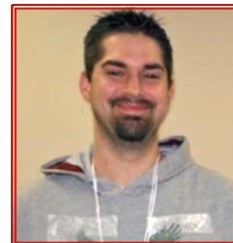
April Anabantids including Gouramis and Bettas
May Guppies
June Corys & Catfish (including plecós)

**Remember each month there is always
 open class (your choice)**

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JOE'S PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



Hello Everyone!

As I write this, I'm tempted to say Happy Spring! This is because by the time you read it, it will be officially Spring. However, since there is more cold weather in the forecast, I'm not sure if that would be such a great idea. Instead, I'll just say that I hope that pond season is upon us all very soon!

It has been encouraging to see the number of new members and visitors growing every month. We, the executive and volunteers, are working hard to continue to keep our monthly gatherings new and exciting. It is great to see our members actively encouraging new people to come out and attend our meetings. We are very thankful to have such dedicated members who are willing to promote the club. Without these active members our club attendance would not be what it is today.

Last month we had the pleasure of listening to Peter Desouza present on his experiences with Killie fish. This was a very informative presentation and I know that it encouraged me to try my hand at raising them. I bought both pairs Peter brought for our auction. Both pairs are doing well and I am having a lot of fun checking their spawning mops and hunting for eggs. If you get a chance I would highly recommend Killie fish as a breeding project.

This month we have a fantastic presentation on Cichlids from Lake Malawi. Larry Johnson travels to Lake Malawi regularly where he collects and takes photos of various Lake Malawi Cichlids. My favorite part of his presentation is always listening to where he is collecting the fish. It is interesting to see just how far the fish come from, and the pictures he shows us are incredible. It is simple to think of Cichlids just living in an aquarium, it is nice to see the natural surroundings of where they originate.

June's meeting will feature elections for next year's executive. If you or someone you know is interested, I urge you to speak to current executive members at April or May's meeting for information. With many past presidents and a wealth of knowledge to draw from, executive positions demand little time outside of monthly meetings. The only way that the club can continue to exist is with willing volunteers – we can all do our part to make the club great!

I hope to see you at our next meeting,

Joe Krauchuk **SCAAS President**

JAR SHOW RESULTS

- March** - There were no entries for March
- April** - Anabantids including Gouramis and Bettas

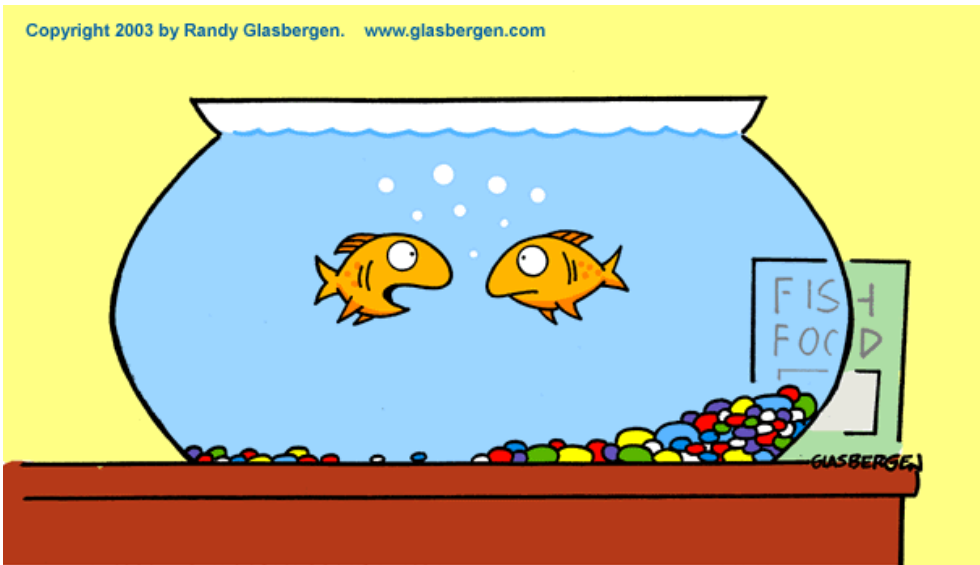
From the Editor's Desk – Lee Routhier

April!!! Finally we are looking at some greenery out side rather than that awful white stuff. Hopefully this month I will be able to get my pond back to its awesomeness. Right now it looks like a black hole in a sea of mud . But I have seen movement, the fish have survived including the koi we added last year, yes there is hope. Anyone that has followed the St Catharines and Area Aquarium Society on Facebook, may have noticed that in March there was a friendly online competition as to who had the Better Betta. Since April's jar show includes Betta's I wonder if it will carry over to the meeting. Guess we will just have to wait and see.



How did you begin your tropical fish hobby? Pick up a pen and paper, make some notes, then send them to Lee for publication in The SCAT for the April, May or June issues, asap. If you have any photos, great!

Pat Bridges



“I pay you five pebbles a session to be my personal trainer, but all we ever do is swim!”



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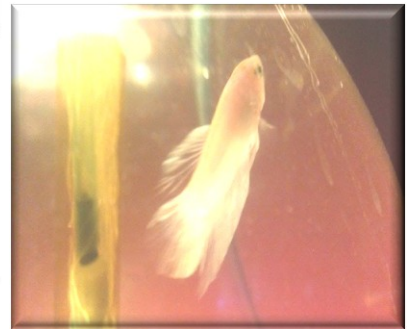
www.caoac.ca/convention

TIME TO SHOW OFF

Thank You Paul Paradis for his photos of the recent Hamilton Auction. Apparently there were many great bargains.



My Betta is better than your Betta



The names of owners have not been added just in case they show up in the jar show

**St. Catharines Aquarium Society
March 2015 Minutes**

7:31pm: Meeting called to order.

Upcoming Events:

March 21: Hamilton Area Aquarium Society Spring Show and Auction.

April 18: Sarnia Area Aquarium Society Spring Auction
CAOAC Convention - May Long Weekend (15-17).

Catherine has tickets for the convention (\$79) and the draw (\$5). The convention includes speakers and the banquet. The draw is done once 20 tickets are sold. If you buy your tickets before March 15th you can be entered to win your ticket for free. Also if you book the hotel (Holiday Inn) before March 15th you have the chance to win a painting by one of the speakers. All the information is on the CAOAC website.

Breeder Awards:

None this month

Horticultural Awards:

None this month

Jar Show: No entries this month

Librarian Update: We have many great books available to be taken out or looked through during the meeting. This month feature was a Guppy book; great for knowing the different varieties as well as characteristics of show quality guppies.

We also heard about the Aquarium Plants Encyclopedia on how to grow different plants and what parameters work best for certain species. Both of these books are great guides to get started with for beginners.

Facebook Update: This month's contest is a St. Patrick's day themed tank. Petland has donated a \$50 gift card as the prize.

Presentation: Peter D'Szousa - Killie Fish

After the meeting:

Raffle, Door Prize and Auction.

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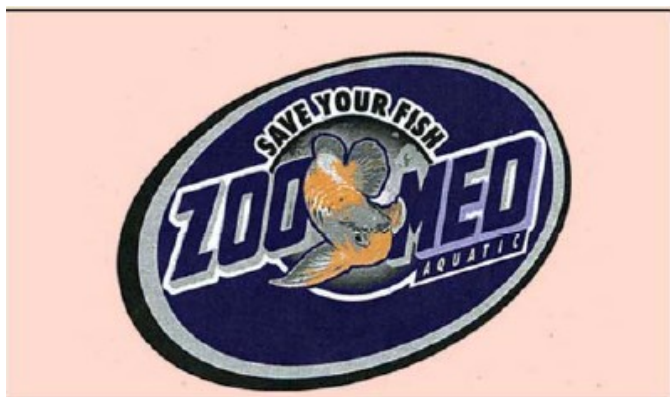
2014-2015 SCAAS Meeting Dates

Mondays:

September 8
(2nd Monday due to
the Labour Day
holiday)
October 6
November 3

December 1
January 5
February 2
March 2

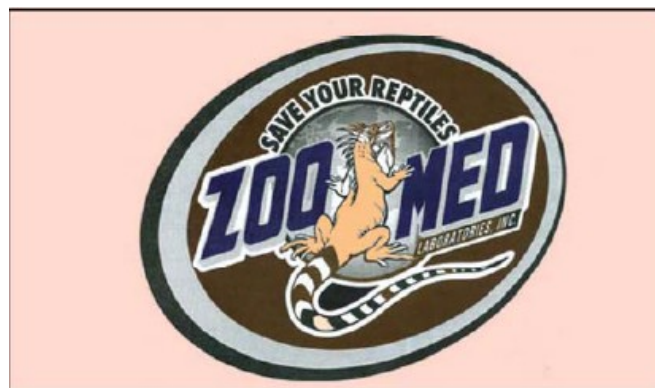
April 6 (Easter Monday)
May 4
June 1



AHAP AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE MARCH MEETING

No awards this month

Joe Krawchuk
AHAP Chairperson



OAA stands for **O**ther **A**quatic **A**nimals, (mainly invertebrates but includes vertebrates such as aquatic frogs).

Please note: The points may change as we find out more regarding degrees of breeding difficulty. Appropriate certificate forms are available from the OAA Chairperson.

OAA AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE MARCH MEETING

No awards this month.

Tom Bridges
BAP Chairperson

BAP AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE MARCH MEETING

No awards this month

Tom Bridges
BAP Chairperson

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Want To Buy	For Sale
No Items wanted this month	No Items for sale this month

No items to SWAP this month



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CAOAC was founded in 1959 (incorporated in 1963) to allow the clubs to work together for their common good and the good of the hobby. Legislative issues, promotion of events, a judging system, national awards, assistance for new clubs, and liability insurance, are just a few of the things on which clubs can work and benefit together.

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