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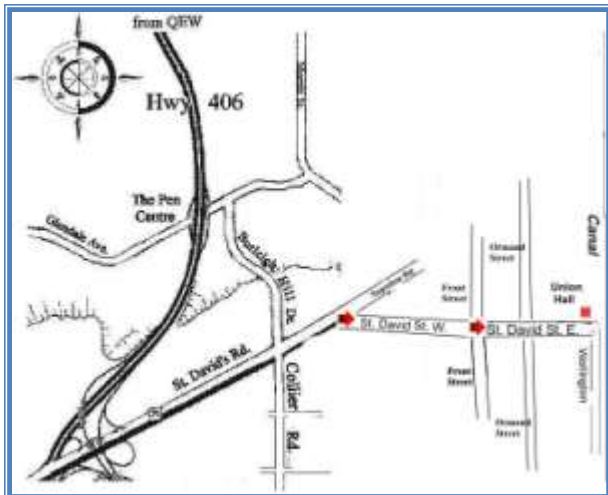
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Club Notes



- ▶ 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, December 2nd

This month we'll be having a pot-luck supper. Bring in some food to share...
and Santa may stop by! There may also be other surprises.

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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

March 15-16 - Calgary will be having its annual speaker weekend, jar show and auction at Montgomery Community Hall. Speakers confirmed are Mike Hellweg and Birger Kamprath.

March 22 Hamilton & District Society Spring Auction and Show – Waterdown

March 29 Brant Aquarium Society Spring Annual Auction & Show.

for more dates go to www.caoac.ca and click on 'Calendar'. ☆

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Jar Show - Fish of the Month

- December** Swords, Platies, Mollies
- January** Anabantids
- February** Loaches & Sharks
- March** Plants
- April** Angels & Discus
- May** Dwarf Cichlids
- June** Goldfish & Koi

Jar Show - Open
(your choice!)

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING A
FOOD ITEM TO SHARE
AT THE POTLUCK SUPPER!
(If you can.)**

JOE'S VICE-PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE




Season's Greetings to All!

I was honored to be asked to come up with a Christmas message for the club. I think that often, we get stagnant (pun intended) with some of our breeding projects during the winter months. However, this time of year really is the perfect time to start hatching and raising fry to be ready in time for the spring auctions - they're only a few months away (remember that with hope as the snow starts to fall soon)!

I'd like to share an updated version of my sister, Heather's version of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas that she wrote for the club last year. While she hasn't been able to attend meetings this year due to a new job, she said that last year's Christmas edition of the SCAT was her favorite to write. Please enjoy.

'Twas The Night Before Fish Club

by Heather Krawchuk

'Twas the night before fish club and all through the tanks,
The fishies were happy, for fresh food they gave thanks.
The heaters were set to high seventies with great care,
With hopes that news of breeding soon members could share.
The members were seated so snug in their chairs,
While Pam Danyluck told them all about C.A.R.E.S.
And Tom had his stories about all of his fish travels,
While Ken, the projector cord, he tried to unravel.
Out in the parking lot there arose such a clatter,
It was just Paul, trying to escape all of the chatter.
Away from the window they all flew like a flash,
It was time for the auction, they all had spare cash. The moon shone on plants, illuminated by snow,
The H.A.P awards were presented by Joe. Pat collected fees from late membership offenders,
Tom readied for B.A.P, tightening his suspenders. When what to our wondering eyes did appear,
But Shirley and Shawn who brought soda, not beer.
Paul tried to get order, but no one could tell,
At last he gave up and he started to yell:
"Now John V! Now Gary! Now Gerald and Bob!
Hey Claudette! Hey Thomas! Hey Dudley and Rob!"
"Go back to your seats! Come sit down one and all!
I want this meeting to be done by next Fall!"
As they all sat back down, order was restored,
The speaker was great and nobody was bored. Pat Shriner judged fish —how they all twinkled and swam,
Roman gave his report after counting the clams.
Everyone had a good night, some new fish stuff they won,
Another year of fish club seemed about to be done.
Tom walked to the door, to the executive gave a whistle, "Someone bring my pleco, I think it's got bristles!"
And I heard him exclaim with pride as the last car door slammed,
It'll be a good Christmas for Community Care, look at all these cans! 



Here is the report I received from the reception desk at the auction:

“Here are the totals that we have for this year’s auction. We had 33 sellers and 48 buyers. I didn’t count the buyers last year but we didn’t have nearly that many, so that’s a great improvement. I think we are finally reaching the locals, which is awesome. Members have been advertising on Kijiji, on our Facebook page and on the forums. We also received help advertising on the local forums thanks to members from other clubs. Also we did awesome on the tank raffle, the goal was \$200 and we surpassed that with a grand total of \$236. The 50/50 draw was a great success over last year’s and made the club \$100.”

Roman and Pam

Wishing all of you a very happy and healthy holiday season and all the best in 2014! Joe

**The St. Catharines and Area
Aquarium Society Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2013**

The regular meeting of The St. Catharines and Area Aquarium Society was called to order at 7:30pm on November 4, 2013 by President Paul Paradis.

30 members were in attendance.

The minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

New visitors Matthew, Shane and Lee were acknowledged and welcomed.

Club's upcoming events were outlined.

Members were reminded to ensure their contact information was updated.

Members were informed of set up times for Auction on November 10 and were reminded that volunteers are needed.

Club Treasurer Roman provided YTD Totals which are 2700.00

Guest Speakers Tom Mason and Tommy Lam started their presentation on Crustaceans and Shrimp at 7:53 and ended at 9:35.

Auction started at 9:55 and ended at 10:25

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 by President Paul Paradis.

The next general meeting will be at 7:30 on Monday December 2, 2013 in Thorold.

Minutes submitted by: Tammy Pooley (Secretary)

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Photo ops at the November meeting



Tom Mason and Tom Lam, guest speakers,
with an amazing presentation
on crustaceans



The auction!



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Coldwater Corner

by Dave Easingwood - December, 2013



Last month's 'Thanksgiving' spawning was my sixth spawning of Bristol Shubunkins for 2013, I was especially pleased because they were bred from my best adults, a pair of two year old fish that I also bred.

I mentioned last month that the fry hatched and I was anxiously waiting for the babies to take their first food, 48h after becoming free swimming. That is the critical time for the fry, they look like silver 'slivers' and are only 3mm long, this batch were given a mixture of diluted and strained Heinz Baby Food (Mixed Vegetables and Turkey of course !!) mixed with crushed Spirulina tablets...they fed !!! Next few days they were fed on a variety of strained foods (Mushy Peas (Pat !!) and egg yolk included), sometimes with the juice from Frozen bloodworms added.

On day six they had doubled in size to 6mm (1/4") and took their first feed of freshly hatched Brine Shrimp which made them very active and they hunted for more. Their little bellies filled up and showed pink so I knew then I was on my way. The fry are being kept at 68F, there are approx' 50 in a 36" tank in my fish house, Temp is constant with a 100W heat lamp on top and an internal sponge filter with gentle aeration.

As I write, they are four weeks old and still love their Brine Shrimp and a Hatchery Dried Mix. They also get an occasional feed of Walter Worms and Grindal Worms. They are over 10mm (3/4") long now and the best are just beginning to show a hint of colour. I give my fish a variety of live and quality dry mixes to encourage strong and healthy growth. I think it is worth it but I'm sure there are experienced aquarists who would say I 'fuss' with the babies. One day I will try splitting a hatch very early and raise one half by my methods and the other half with just quality, modern food (like Profishent). I could then see, at say three and six months if there is a difference in quality. Maybe 2014 !!!

I have been taking short videos of their progress with my Nikon camera. I hope to show these to members at a future meeting but photographing small fry is not easy.

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The Annual Club Auction seemed to be a great success, nice to see Big Al's there selling big bags of their Veggie Food Flakes and Prime Water Safe. The food was great, there was an amazing variety of goods for auction and lots of help from members. Things ran very smoothly thanks to some great organizing and volunteering... A GOOD TEAM/CLUB EFFORT.

I just took Tucker out and it is sleeting and trying to snow...Nov 11th. Ah well, winter is a coming, that's for sure. My ponds need the 'black' Water Hyacinth removing, as well as the worst of the autumn leaves and a partial water change, all by Dec. 1st, I hope.

Goodbye from him and goodbye from me....

Dave Easingwood



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our amazing
runners**



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**Shawn
our BBQ man**

Auction Photo ops by Sascha D. continue...



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