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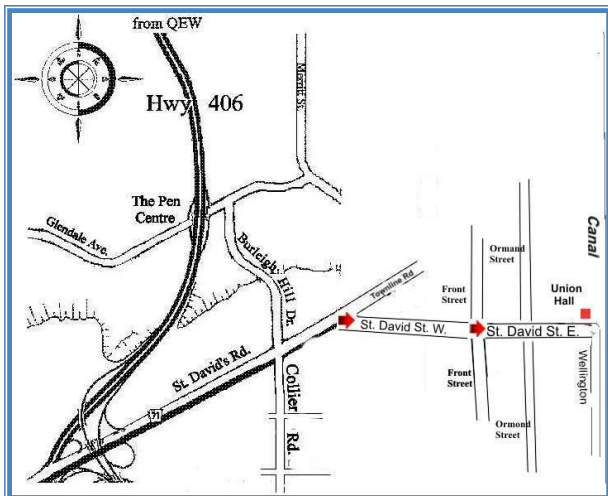
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Club Notes



- ▶ 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 7, 2015
Christmas Pot Luck

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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

April 17 Peel Region Aquariama

Victoria Day weekend CAOAC convention

Jar Show

Fish of the Month

December. No Specific Fish of the Month – Open to All Types

January Plants

February Loaches & Sharks

March Swords, Platies,

Mollies

April Anabantids including

Gouramis and Bettas

May Guppies

June Corys & Catfish

(including plecós)

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

ADVERTISING in 'The SCAT'

Full Page	\$150
Half Page	100
Quarter Page	80
Business Card	50



Paul's PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



Would like to start by saying a big thank you to Pam for her talk at the November meeting. I am very pleased at the turnout that we have received this year at the club. It is just amazing to see so many people coming out. The big auction this year was a huge success in my eyes. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. I would like to thank all the people that made this day as successful as it was, all the volunteers that took time out of their day to help the club, and to all the sponsors that donated such wonderful items. Also the members from the London Club that so graciously came down and helped to run the whole sales part of the auction. A big thank you to the Teamsters Union who allow us to use their hall for our meetings and for that big auction. We had a great turnout and I think there was more items for sale this year than last. December's meeting will be our annual Christmas Meeting which is a potluck, so we ask all members to please bring something you think that others would enjoy. We are also asking for a non perishable food item that will all be donated to community care to help the less fortunate this Christmas. There will be no speaker this month but there will still be an auction so please still bring in items for sale. This will be a fun night with prizes so I hope to see all members there.

JAR SHOW RESULTS

November - chichlids Best in Show Paul Paradis

November open class 1,2,&3rd Frank Moreau - Pagoda Snail, Red spotted Platy, White Cloud Mountain Minnow

December - open class

Remember each month there is always an open class.

From the Editor's Desk – Lee Routhier



I hope you have all been enjoying the newsletter so far this year. The request for contributions as been so well received over that last two months that I have actually had to put some articles on hold due to space. Rest assured if you have sent something and you have not seen it appear yet , it will be in the next newsletter. I had a great time at the auction, it was the first one that I have attended. Even though I was there to help out, I did manage to buy something on purpose and one item totally by accident. Tip, never wave at someone who is standing by the auctioneer. Hope to see everyone at the potluck, and if I don't have a great Christmas

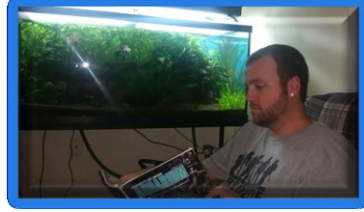


ANGELS IN THE LIBRARY

On our trips to the St. Catharines Public Library Children's Section service the aquarium, we have had fun explaining to children how the angelfish breed and take care of their spawns. On our most recent visits the fish have been busy with a spawn each time.

Tom and Pat

MEET YOUR MEMBERS



Shane Robertson

I have been keeping fish for 8 years. Over that period I have always had tropical community fish, starting with a 10 gallon and eventually making my way up to my current planted 75.

My addiction started kind of quietly at first, I picked up a tank that my friend was throwing away and it has grown to be a big part of my life today.

The German Blue Ram, has become my favourite fish due to their vibrant colours and overall personalities.

I heard about the Aquarium Society through Ryan Koch when I first met him I was buying a pressurized CO2 setup. Since then anytime I have met similar hobbyists I always inform them of the society. What I really like about the society is the knowledge as a whole, also the meetings are a great time to get our hands out of our tanks and meet one another. I would like to thank everyone that is involved in the society and everyone that keeps it running, keep up the great work

Dave Furness BAP report Epiplatys Chaperi

The Epiplatys Chaperi are a mop spawning killie from West Africa, around Ghana and the Ivory Coast.

These two inch fish can be very active and patrol the water's surface, so a tightly fitted cover should be placed over the top of the tank, to prevent them from jumping.

Water: The Ph should be between 6.8 to 7.2, while the water temperature should be between 73 to 81 degrees.

Food: They are not hard to feed, with such things as flake, white worms and brine shrimp.

Spawning: A pair can be kept in a five gallon tank, or 3 or 4 in a ten. The only thing placed in the spawning tank was a sponge filter and a couple of spawning mops. The pair lay and fertilize one egg at a time in the spawning mops or plants, if that is your choice. They can lay from one to twenty eggs a day. The eggs are small and clear and can be handled by hand without damaging them. I harvest them once a week by picking them off the mops with my fingers and placed them in a container with a lid to keep the dirt and light out. I use water from the tank, mixed with R.O. water. I place a drop of some anti-fungal medicine to protect the eggs from fungusing. The eggs hatch in 14 days. After hatching, I feed the fry with a powdered flake food or Infusoria . A week later I start to introduce brine shrimp. To insure that you do not lose too many fry, make water changes every other day.



Dave Furness BAP report Otopharynx Lithobates "Thumbi" West

I received the Lithobates "Thumbi" fry ,from a friend that told me that these fish were very hard to find in the hobby. With the Thumbi West cichlids, the males body is a dark blue while the dorsal is lined with a yellow or sulphur coloured band with a white trim. The other form also from Lake Malawi , is the "yellow blaze" from " Zimbabwe Rock". Lithobates means rock dweller,so you will know that they like a lot of rock work and caves. This 5.5 inch mouth brooder likes its water hard with a PH of 7.8 to 8.6, and a water temperature between 78 to 82 degrees F. .

This fish is a carnivore, so it prefers its fair share of meaty foods as well as flake.

When you notice that the female is carrying a clutch of eggs, leave her in the tank for a few days. Some fish may spit them out if there is too much movement in front of the tank ,or not enough hiding places. Prepare a separate tank for her

with some cover, and place the female and the tank in a place with less traffic. This will allow her to finish incubating the eggs to term and to allow her to release the fry in a secure place. This is a good method to use for all mouth brooders, if you can.

The fry would still prefer some rock work when the female is eventually removed. The fry will do well feeding on brine shrimp, micro worms and some crushed flake.



Club in Action



Frank how many awards is this now?



What's new in the library Gary?

**From all of us at
The St. Catharines & Area
Aquarium Society**

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for the continued use of their hall
for our meetings**

Members of other clubs

People who didn't make it to this list in time for this publication

We appreciate all of you!

Pat Bridges 
Membership Chair



Let the Auction Begin !!!!!





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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.

Your New CAOAC Executive:

President: *Ron Bishop*
1st Vice-President: *Peter Melady*
2nd Vice-President: *Ken Boorman*
Recording Secretary: *Ann Stevens*
Corresponding Sec'y: *Ann Marie Towell*
Treasurer: *Albert Van Montfort*

St. Catharines Aquarium Society November 2015 minutes

7:35 pm meeting starts
 7:36 pm Phil - CAOAC - looking for volunteers for the futures program
 7:41 pm Treasurers report
 7:42 pm BAP awards - Dave Furness and Paul Paradis
 7:43 pm Hap awards - Frank Moreau
 7:45 pm Speaker - Pam speaking on nutrition and critter crumbs
 8:05 pm Librarian Report
 8:07 pm Break
 8:25 pm Meeting resumes
 8:25 pm Jar Show open class 1st Frank Moreau, 2nd Frank Moreau, 3rd Frank Moreau. Best in Show, best cichlid Paul Paradis
 8:28 pm Membership raffle
 8:30 pm Auction
 9:25 pm Meeting ends
 ****Please remember to bring an item of non perishable food or a donation for community cares to every meeting if you are able to. ****

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2015-2016 SCAAS Meeting Dates

Mondays: normally the first Monday of each month

September - 14th

(as the first monday was labor day)

November - 2nd

January - 4th

March - 7th

May - 2nd

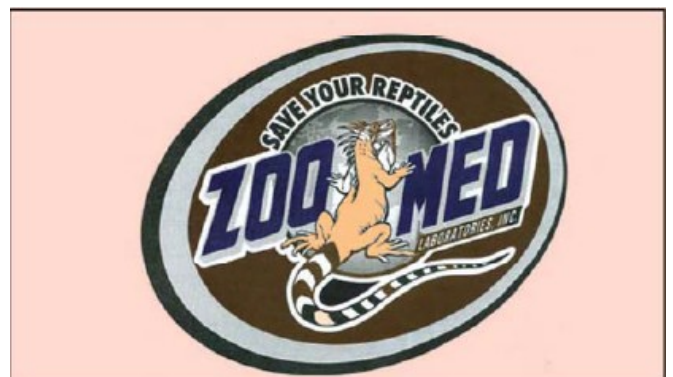
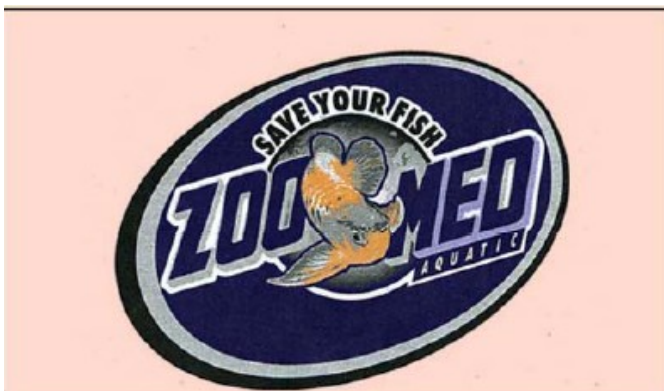
October - 5th

December - 7th

February - 1st

April - 4th

June - 6th



**BAP AWARDS
PRESENTED AT
THE NOVEMBER MEETING**

Dave Furness

Copadichroimis borleyi "Kadanga"5pts

Aulonocara jacobfreibergi "Eureka Red"10pts

Paul Paradis

Fossoochromis rostratus.....5pts
Congratulations

Tom Bridges
BAP Chairperson

**OAA AWARDS
PRESENTED AT
THE NOVEMBER MEETING**

No awards this month.

Tom Bridges
BAP Chairperson

**AHAP AWARDS
PRESENTED AT
THE NOVEMBER MEETING**

Frank Moreau

Ludwigia Peruensis, Bacopa Monnieri

Lemna Trisulca, Salvinia Natans

Elodea Canadensis, Salvinia Rotundifolia

Stratiotes Aloides, Myriophyllum Aquaticum

Vesicularia Dubyana

Congratulations

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.

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