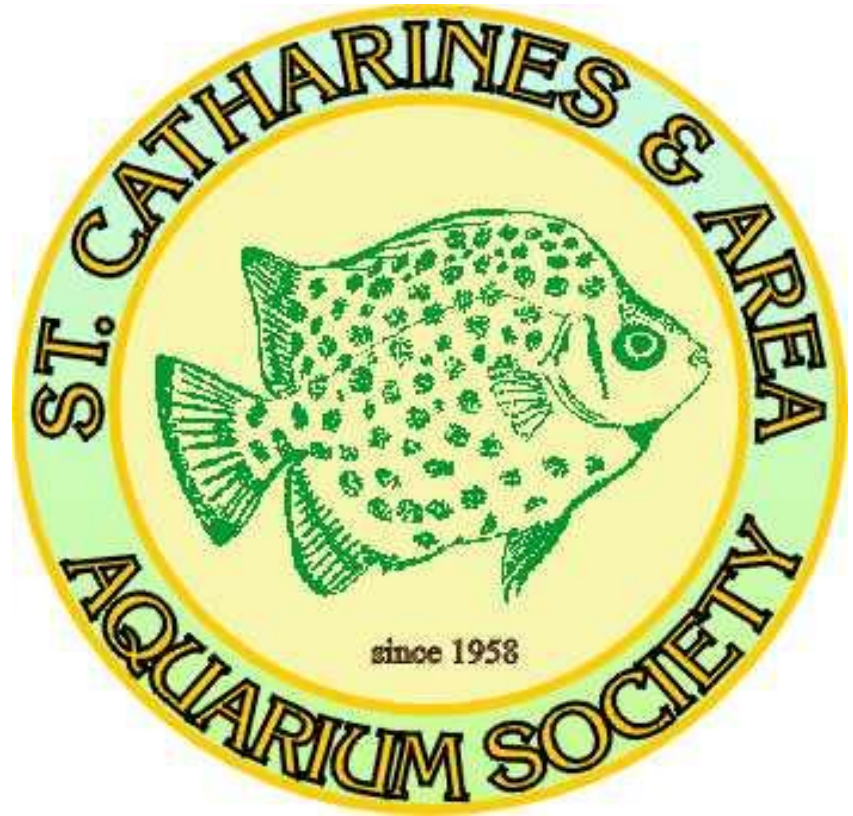


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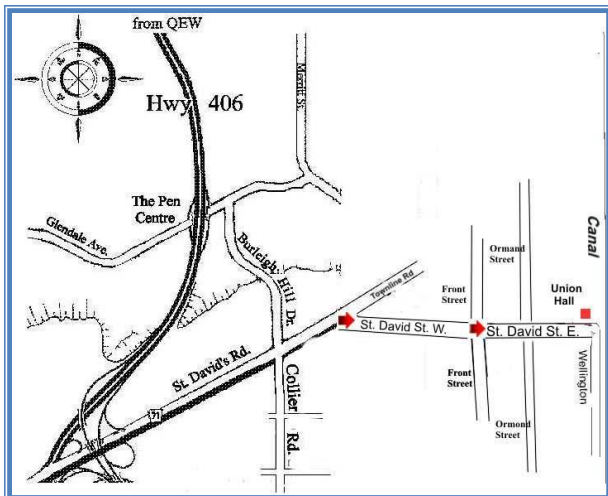
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# The SCAT



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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](http://www.caoac.ca) and a member of the Federation of American Aquarium Societies, (F.A.A.S.), [www.faas.info](http://www.faas.info)
- ▶ More news and information about S.C.A.A.S. can be found at our web site [www.scaas.info](http://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 February 2, 2015**  
**The speaker for this month will be Jessica Bullock, will be discussing Dwarf Cichlids**

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**Jar Show**  
**Fish of the Month**  
**Stay tuned for Jan-June**

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

## 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

**Mar 21 Hamilton & District**  
**Aquarium Society Spring Auction & Show**  
**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 551**  
**79 Hamilton Street North, Hamilton, ON**

**Apr 18 Sarnia Aquarium Society**  
**Spring Auction**

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**CAOAC Convention**  
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## JOE'S PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

**Hello, Everyone!**

Thank you to all who came out to January's meeting and helped to make it such a success. I know that I can speak for everyone when I say that Tom's presentation on his discus adventures was fantastic! Whenever I see a presentation of that caliber, no matter how many other tanks and breeding projects I already have on the go, I'm always tempted to start more!



Starting at next month's meeting, I'd like to start a suggestion box. It will be completely anonymous and you can either bring a pre-written suggestion or use the paper and pen provided to add one. Our club has been around for many, many years and it is my hope that it continues going strong for many, many more. As such, any and all positive, manageable suggestions will be considered. Thank you for your time in advance for helping out with that.

I want to remind and encourage everyone that the SCAAS supports Community Care. While they raised a lot of food and monetary donations over the Christmas holidays, with so many people relying on them for daily food, those donations can only go so far. Please try your best to remember to bring a canned good or financial donation to every meeting.

Please remember to submit your breeding awards and horticultural awards. I know a lot of you are growing some very nice plants and it would be nice to recognize the success you are having. If you require any information with regards to the Breeders award program or the Horticultural award program feel free to ask any executive member for more details!

I would like to extend a big thank you to Lee Routhier for donating a batch of aquarium fish bags to our club. Lee owns and operates Swimming Along Aquarium Supplies and Service. I encourage everyone to visit her store located at 247 Ridge Road in Ridgeway. Remember that if you need to purchase any fish bags please speak to Pat Bridges at our meeting.

Lastly, I want to discuss our monthly jar show. I, myself, haven't brought an entry all year because I felt guilty about winning all of them last year (I'd love to say that was solely because of my beautiful fish, but the fact that nobody else brought an entry helped, too). I want to strongly encourage members to bring out the fish that you've worked so hard to grow and show them off!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on February 2nd! And don't forget that we have a Facebook page! Join our Facebook conversations for great advice from a very knowledgeable group of people.

All The Best,

*Joe Krauchuk* SCAAS President



## JAR SHOW RESULTS

**January** - There were no entries

**February** - Open Class



### From the Editor's Desk – Lee Routhier

For any of you that follow the SCAT Facebook page you have been aware that over the past few weeks, some of us on the page have been verbally attacked, by one person with their own personal agenda. My opinion, if this person has this much stress in their lives they don't have enough fish tanks. I applaud the admins for the way it has been handled. Anyone whether newbie or experienced, should be treated with the respect that they deserve and should be able to post on the page or come to a meeting without fearing that they may be criticized for their questions, or a problem that they need help with, among other things. The purpose of the FB page was to make people aware of the club, and help others in the hobby out. It's unfortunate that this has happened, and hopefully this has not discouraged anyone who was interested in fish keeping from seeking us out. How do we combat this problem, by continuing to spread the word that the club exists, and invite all to the meetings so they may see for themselves, how we are.

The Jar show continues to be an issue, with very little participation. I can't speak for the rest, but for me the reason I don't participate is the distance. I also think the reason some don't participate, is they are afraid that people will think their fish aren't worthy. If you don't take the chance, how will you know, and I seriously doubt anyone will laugh at your fish.

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## November 2014 -- AN AUCTION FOLLOW-UP ...

by Pat Bridges



Hello everyone!

At once, I'd like to wish you all a very happy, healthy, and otherwise wonderful new year. Just in case, any time you're feeling down, sing, **very loudly**, "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life." The lyrics and music can be found on youtube.com. One of my faves is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JrdEMERq8MA> I can pretty well guarantee you'll feel, at the very least, a little better.



This year's auction went well, and fair prices continued right up to and including the last table. Although smaller than last year's event, prices were quite reasonable, and it was financially just as profitable, including a few hundred dollars in donations. Thanks to everyone for your part in an enjoyable day. I hope you went away looking forward to the next one.

Sometimes there is a downside, such as when the published rules and regulations are ignored. It's SCAAS's policy, as it is with most clubs, that **"When a seller has more than 20 items, an additional seller sheet and number will be required, to a maximum of 40 items (2 lots). Please note that the first page must be filled before acquiring a second lot #."** These rules can be found on the club's website, ([www.scaas.info](http://www.scaas.info)). They should have been on display at the event, and provided at the registration table, (we slipped up there). Considering the amount of auctions that we have all attended, this trick shouldn't be used. It isn't fair to the rest of the sellers. The rules are in place for a purpose, which should be apparent ... think about it.

Hopefully, this will be checked at future auctions, and before issuing another sheet to a seller, the first sheet will be checked to make sure it's full.





## **Disc us Follow up :**

*by Tom & Pat Bridges*

On the off chance that anyone was inspired by our program to try breeding Discus, I should have mentioned that other members of our club have been successful with these fish and might be willing to provide additional and perhaps very different advice. I know that the Wallingtons and Michael Daniels had success with breeding Discus and Manfred Rahe has kept them successfully for many years. You'll need all the information you can get on how and where to obtain healthy stock as well as the care and feeding of these beautiful animals. Discus can be a challenge, but a very rewarding one. The best of luck!



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**PAUL PARADIS**



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**LEE ROUTHIER**



St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society  
January, 2015

**7:33pm:** Meeting called to order.

**Upcoming Events:**

Feb 21: Durham Region Aquarium Society Dinner and Speaker. Tickets are \$35. More information is on the Durham website.

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

CAOAC Convention - May Long Weekend (15-17).

Catherine Salmon 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.

**Financial Update:**

We currently have \$4,480.00 including the float

**Breeder Awards:**

None this month

**Horticultural Awards:**

None this month

**Jar Show:** No entries this month.

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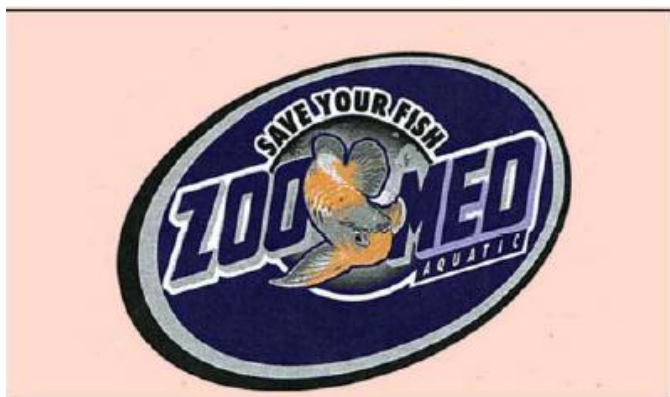
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### Mondays:

September 8  
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the Labour Day  
holiday)  
October 6  
November 3

December 1  
January 5  
February 2  
March 2

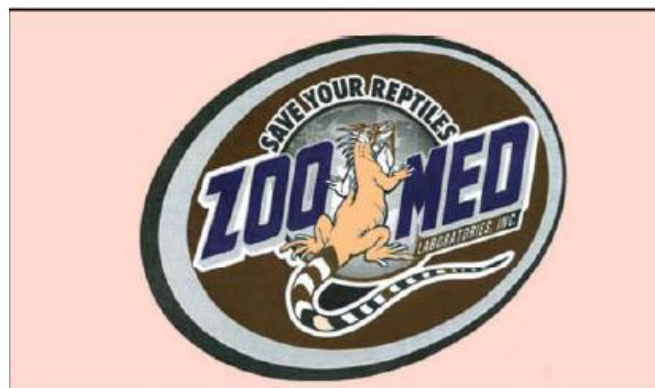
April 6 (Easter Monday)  
May 4  
June 1



### AHAP AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE JANUARY 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 JANUARY MEETING

No awards this month.

*Tom Bridges*  
BAP Chairperson

### BAP AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE JANUARY MEETING

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*Tom Bridges*  
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<b>Want To Buy</b>	<b>For Sale</b>
<b>No Items wanted this month</b>	<b>No Items for sale this month</b>

**No items to SWAP this month**



**About CAOAC (Canadian Association Of Aquarium Clubs)**

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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