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# The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society

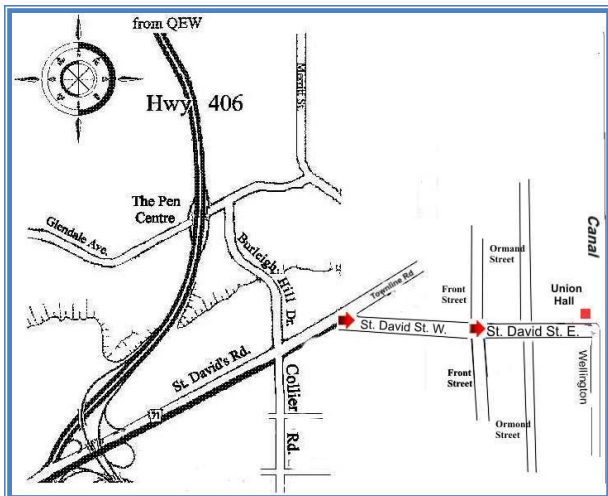
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# The SCAT



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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 January 4, 2016**  
**Ron Bishop will be joining us discussing cost saving techniques**

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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

**January** Plants  
**February** Loaches & Sharks  
**March** Swords, Platies,

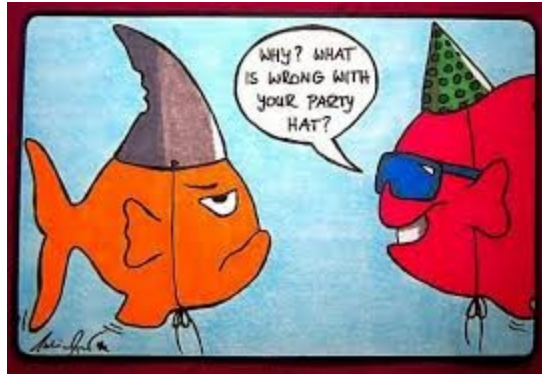
Mollies  
**April** Anabantids including

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
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Quarter Page	80
Business Card	50



*Happy New Year*

## Paul's PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



Happy New Year Everyone, I trust everyone had a great Christmas. The December potluck was great as usual, good food, good people and lots of fun. Thank you to the businesses that donated the fish for the meeting. No one left empty handed. January's speaker will be Ron Bishop, he is the president of the London club as well as president of COAC. He will be speaking about diy shortcuts, to help make you hobby less costly. I look forward to hearing him. Wishing you all the best for the new year. See you at the meeting.

## JAR SHOW RESULTS

**December - open class no fish this month**  
**January - Plants**

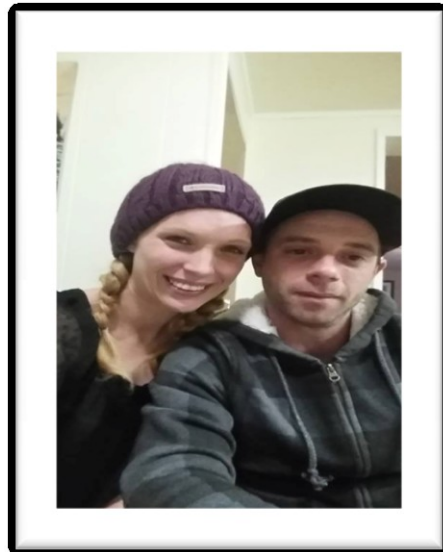
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From the Editor's Desk – Lee Routhier

Happy New Year all. This month this newsletter is a little short as we were all enjoying the holidays, and many of the regular contributors were away., or enjoying their time with family yours truly included. The December potluck was lots of fun as usual. Pictures are a little sparse for this newsletter also. Apparently I didn't get the memo that I was to do photos. We are still looking for someone to step up and take the photos, as you can see I'm not that good. So there were none of the potluck portion. Just trust me there was lots of food and all of it good. As I also left before the auction there was none of the auction either. Wishing you all the best for the upcoming year.

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### **MEET YOUR MEMBERS**

This month Meet your members is a little different. We are showcasing the **Plecos** of our more northern members , Richard and Krystal Morrow . Check out the Zebra pleco, just beautiful . Miss you guys.



**Did You Know ?? : Electric eels and electric rays have enough electricity to kill a horse.<sup>c</sup>**



**Your Club in Action**

**Glass Catfish : Anyone ever kept any of these? Thoughts?**



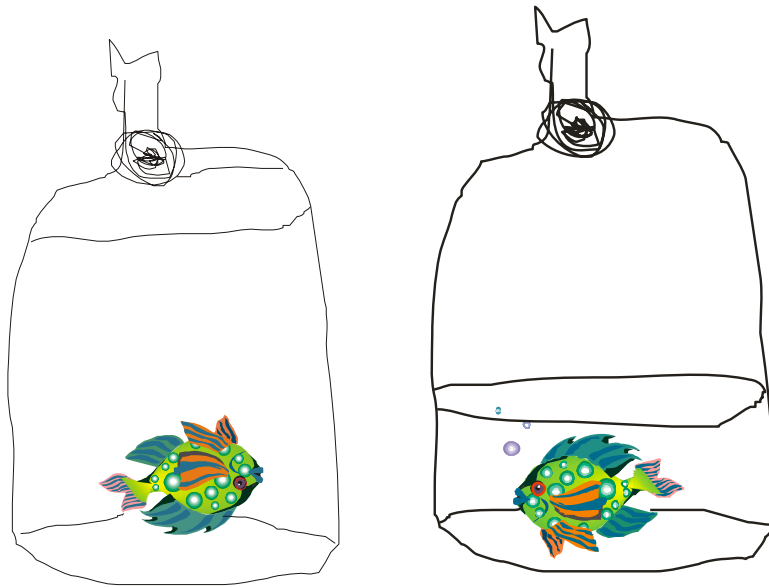
# Hey – may your new year be a healthy and happy one!

At SCAAS's auction in November, there were many fish bags that really weren't looking good. Some had dirty water with a lot of fish waste, some bags were too small, some bags were losing air, others bags were leaking, and many bags were incorrectly tied off.

Some of the best tied bags were well-done with tight knots, resulting in a good retention of air. Others weren't tied properly, resulting in air loss so that the bags wouldn't stand up on the auction tables – the fish were floundering in water that was too shallow. Others were well-done with elastics, but the worst were done with garbage bag ties, and one of the worst I've ever seen, fastened with some strange plastic-covered metal ties that had to be squeezed to close them but they just weren't tight enough, resulting in air loss and/or punctures or both. Both of the last two resulted in heavy leakage. I think more fish were rebagged at this auction than I can remember for years, and there were many more with dirty water that should have been rebagged.

Really, how long does it take to properly bag your fish so that they don't end up like this one on the left – 'belly up' or suffering.

**Much better is the one on the right** – upright, alive and reasonably happy with 1/3 water and 2/3 air and hopefully, clean water.



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### Your New CAOAC Executive:

**President:** *Ron Bishop*

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President:** *Peter Melady*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:** *Ken Boorman*

**Recording Secretary:** *Ann Stevens*

**Corresponding Sec'y:** *Ann Marie Towell*

**Treasurer:** *Albert Van Montfort*

St. Catharines Aquarium Society  
December 2015 minutes  
No minutes available for December meeting.

\*\*\*\*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 DECEMBER MEETING**

**no awards for this month**

*Tom Bridges*  
BAP Chairperson

**OAA AWARDS  
PRESENTED AT  
THE DECEMBER MEETING**

No awards this month.

*Tom Bridges*  
BAP Chairperson

**AHAP AWARDS  
PRESENTED AT  
THE DECEMBER MEETING**

No Awards for 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.

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