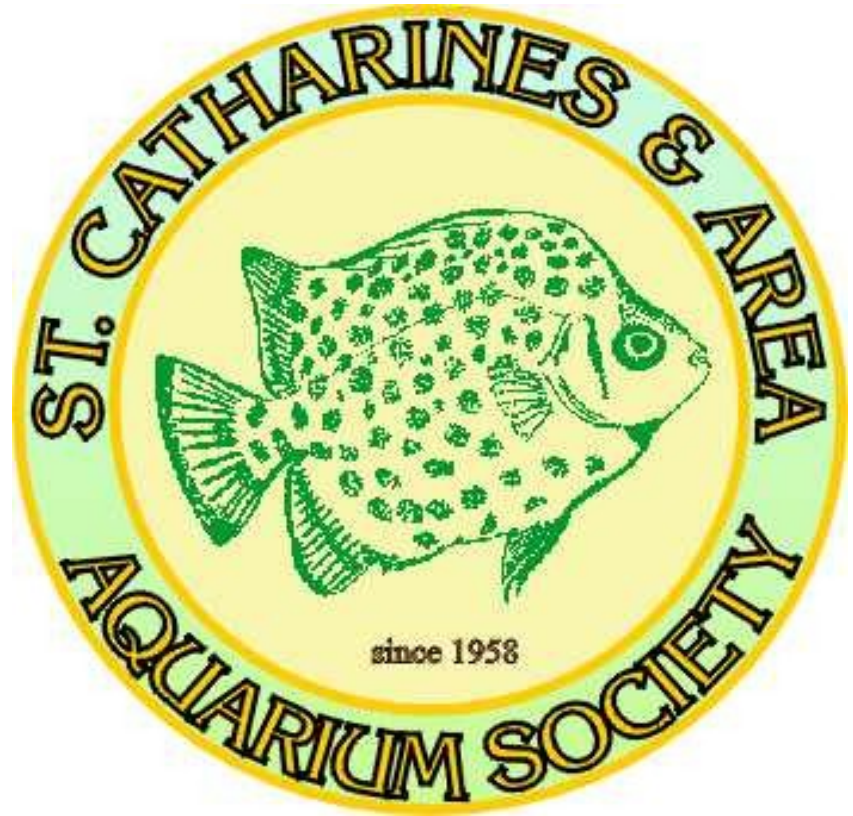


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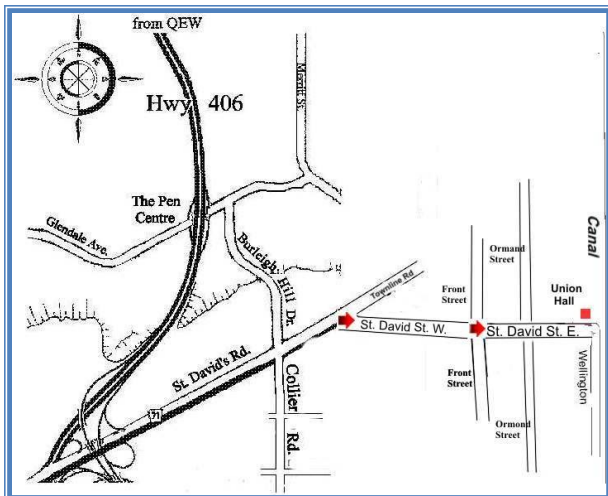
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Club Notes



- ▶ 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 June 1, 2015
This is the last meeting for the year REMEMBER IT STARTS @ 6:30 & IT IS POTLUCK

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| 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

Jar Show Fish of the Month

**June Corys & Catfish
(including plecos)**

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

ADVERTISING in 'The SCAT'

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| Full Page | \$150 |
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| Quarter Page | 80 |
| Business Card | 50 |

JOE'S PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

It is with mixed emotions that I write my last President's Message for the SCAT. The decision not to pursue another year as the SCAAS President was not one that I made lightly. Due to increasing commitments and the potential for a different line of work on the horizon, I needed to do what I felt was best for the club. Without the guarantee that I will be able to attend all meetings and take care of behind the scenes activities, I did not want to make this commitment.

It has been a great experience working with all of you and making some great friendships. Even though I will not be involved with the club in an official capacity, I know that I will still come out to meetings when I can and hope to keep those friendships going.

I am confident that whoever takes over the club next year will continue booking great speakers and planning fun events for the club.

This past year was a great one for SCAAS. We were able to gain wisdom and advice from many amazing speakers and we had some great auctions. This past month's May meeting, featured Paul Paradis who spoke about ponds.

June's meeting will be a BBQ where we will be able to discuss future breeding projects and any other fish-related topics that are on people's minds. I would encourage all of you to bring as many items as you can for our last auction of the year so that we can make it a great one.

I want to end by thanking each and every one of you who has helped to make my time as the president of the club such an enjoyable one. Without all of you amazing club members, there wouldn't be a SCAAS. I wish you all the best and hope that all of you have a safe and happy summer.

Joe Krawchuk



JAR SHOW RESULTS

May - Guppies -1st place Gary Oblinsky (guppy)
2nd and 3rd to Paul Paradis for his goldfish.

June - Corys, Catfish and Plecos

From the Editor's Desk – Lee Routhier

The final meeting of the year is upon us, and also the final newsletter. When I agreed to do this I had no idea what I was getting myself into. It's been a great learning experience, and I have enjoyed doing it so much so that I will be doing it again next year. Bad news for some of you, I apologize for constantly harassing some to get things in on time.

For those that contributed their photos of ponds this month thank you. Thank you to Gary Oblinsky, Tom and Pat Bridges for the photos and report on COAC convention. Those Bettas look awesome, probably a good thing I wasn't there.



June is a very important meeting for paid members. In case there is a position on the executive where more than one person is running a vote will need to be taken. It is up to the membership to decide the executive for the following year .



An advertisement for Fluval Water Conditioner. The background is a dark blue gradient with a faint circular logo. At the top, the word "FLUVAL" is written in white, flanked by horizontal lines. Below it, the text "DID YOU KNOW?" is written in large, bold, white capital letters, also flanked by horizontal lines. The main text describes the product's benefits: "FLUVAL WATER CONDITIONER makes tap water safe for tropical fish by neutralizing chlorine, chloramine and undesirable metals in aquarium water. Formulated with pure herbal extracts, it also visibly reduces stress in fish caused by transportation, handling and acclimatization. Fluval Water Conditioner also coats scales and fins to protect against scrapes and cuts." To the right of the text is a blue and white bottle of Fluval Water Conditioner. The bottle has a white cap and a label with the Fluval logo and text in both English and French. The bottom of the advertisement shows a close-up of green aquarium plants.

TIME TO SHOW OFF

Thank you Pat Shriner, Paul Paradis, and Lee Routhier for the pond photos this month



Paul Paradis



Patrick Shriner



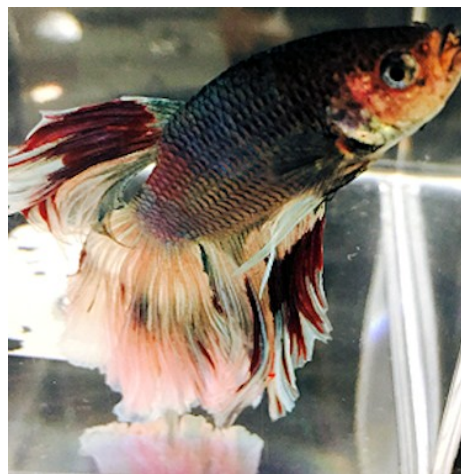
Lee Routhier

THE CAOAC 2015 CONVENTION - Photos by *Gary Oblinsky*



Just some . . .

of the . . .



most
beautiful . .



Bettas
WOW!



This Blue Gularis was judged to be
Best of Show



CAOAC CONVENTION NOTES – by Gary Oblinsky

The Burlington convention was a huge success. The BBC (Betta Breeders Convention) brought a lot to CAOAC. The seminars brought a lot of good solid information to the attendees. The Prize Bettas on display and up for auction were truly mind boggling. I captured just a few of the specimens to share in our newsletter.

For me it was a mind blowing weekend.

CAOAC Speakers receiving awards



L-R Bob Fenner, Gerald Griffin, Ron Bishop, (CAOAC Pres.), Ray “Kingfish” Lucas, Rachel O’Leary. Absent Jae Hovius.

C.A.O.A.C. CONVENTION NOTES – by Pat and Tom Bridges

Congratulations to everyone involved in the running of this annual C.A.O.A.C. extravaganza! Everyone’s hard work paid off! I thoroughly enjoyed the speakers. They were lively, very informative and fun, involving the audiences by taking questions along the way. Their presentations were some of the best I’ve ever attended.

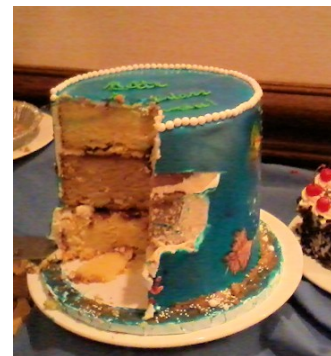
The fish shows at conventions are always great with so many interesting entries to see, and this year, the addition of the Betta show made it even better.

It’s always tempting to buy lots of auction items, of course, and there were hundreds of items to choose from.

The Saturday banquet and the two light meals we had at the restaurant were delicious. Even the bed was very comfortable and that’s not always the case. I fell asleep as my head touched the pillow.

Tom and I look forward to next year’s event! See you there? Pat

I’m told that no Bettas were harmed in the making of this amazing cake! Tom



**St. Catharines Aquarium Society
May 2015**

7:30pm: Meeting called to order.

Upcoming Events:

COAC 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. All the information is on the COAC website.

Breeder Awards:

None this month

Horticultural Awards:

None this month

Jar Show: 3 entries 1st place Gary Oblinsky, 2nd and 3rd Paul Paradis

Presentation: Paul Paradis - Ponds

After the meeting:

Raffle, Door Prize and Auction.

******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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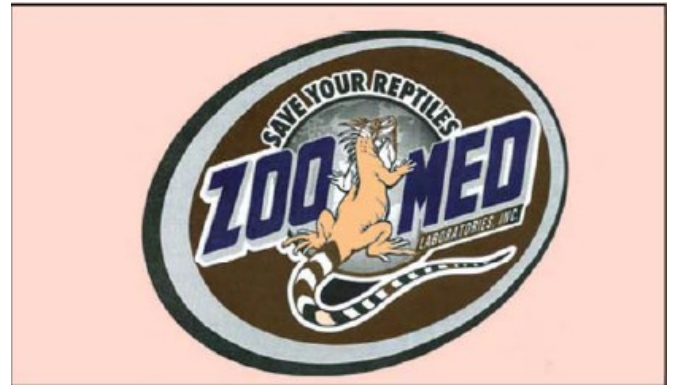
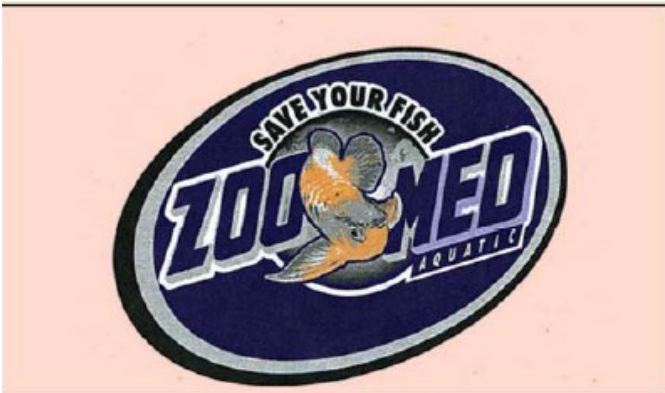
2014-2015 SCAAS Meeting Dates

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 MAY 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 MAY MEETING

No awards this month.

Tom Bridges
BAP Chairperson

BAP AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE MAY MEETING

Dave Furness
Cryptoheros nanoluteus (Yellow Convict)10 pts.
Congratulations!

Tom Bridges
BAP Chairperson

Correction from March 2014:
10 pts. not 5 for **Tom Hillier's** Yellow Convicts)

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|---|---|
| Want To Buy No items this month | For Sale No Items for sale this month |
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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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