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# **SCAAS**

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# Club Notes

**Our Mission Statement:** Meetings of the St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society are held on the first Monday of each month, 7.30p.m., at the Seafarers & Teamsters Union Hall, 70 St. Davids Rd. E. Thorold, Ont. No meetings are held on Mondays that are holidays. Those meetings are held on the second Monday. There are no meetings during the months of 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 advanced levels.* The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society is a charter member of the Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs Inc. (CAOAC) [www.caoac.ca](http://www.caoac.ca) . SCAAS is also a member of the Federation of American Aquarium Societies (FAAS). More news and information about St.Catharines & Area Aquarium Society can be found at <http://www.scaas.info>

**Our next meeting will be held on March 02 at the Seafarers & Teamsters Union hall, 70 St. Davids Rd.E. Thorold. Start time is 7.30 pm ALL ARE WELCOME**  
**This month's program will be a DVD "Live Plants,Catfish & the Bottom Gang"**

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Cover photo of two 3.5cm long *Caradina japonica* on an Anubias barteri leaf  
Photo © by DAve Unruh



**Editors Notes** – This edition of The SCAT is late due to a computer hard drive failure. Hopefully this will not happen again, although from my experience it seems that there is a high failure rate with hard drives. A friend told me that 1 in 10 hard drives has problems. That's incredible & disturbing that

something we have come to depend on so much can be made that poorly.  
Anyway, here is the March SCAT.

*Dave*

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## **Presidents Notes**

President's message March 2009

Well what a great meeting in February. Much thanks to Pat for always being on the lookout for new program material and bringing our speaker in who in turn brought us up to date on the status of invasive species and the relative information available. It was great to see everyone talking, about fish of course and getting to know each other or refreshing friendships and updating what's happening in their hobby. We had a great presentation covering invasive species from Emily who works with Ontario Streams. She has visited an amazing amount of stores and clubs and represents a very positive approach to invasive species including an awareness of aquarists and their interests.

The Jar show again had some nice entries. Don't forget that we always have room for AOV (any old variety). Just scoop your net in a tank and bring something in. It's really cool to go home with some recognition and every entry is greatly appreciated.

Fast approaching is our May 2<sup>nd</sup> Auction. The only thing that seems to move in quicker is my upcoming wedding and I seem to have about the same amount of control or lack thereof on both. The members are so eager I can barely keep up with them and it's shaping up to be a great day with lots of opportunities to get involved.

Program ideas are always at the top of our minds so keep the feedback coming and also don't be shy if you have question either ask a member or bring it up during the meeting and we can put it out to the many knowledgeable members who are more than happy to do an impromptu public appearance. This month we will show a CAOC DVD on Catfish and other bottom dweller species.

See you March 2<sup>nd</sup>!

*Ken*

### ***Anagram for March***

*Example:*

*An anagram for this creature is: **alpine alps***

*The creature is: **applesnail***

**An anagram for this fish is: Draw mans zoo**

**The creature is: \_\_\_\_\_**

Answer will be in the next newsletter.

**February's anagram answer: Nachos Fill Few = False Clown Fish**

Fishy Anagrams provided courtesy of



# JAR SHOW

Here is a Fish of the Month list so you can plan ahead to have an entry each month.

Fish Of The Month	
September-----	Corydoras & Catfish
October -----	Guppies & Tetras
November-----	Cichlids over 4”(old & new world) Not including Angels & Discus)
December-----	Swords, Platies, Mollies
January-----	Barbs & Anabantids
February -----	Loaches & Sharks
<b>March -----</b>	<b>Plants</b>
April -----	Angels & Discus
June -----	Goldfish & Koi



**Geophagus steindachneri (Red hump eartheater)**  
photo © by DAVE Unruh



**Botia almorhae (Yoyo Loach)** Photo © by DAVE Unruh

# Jar Show Results

Point structure – 1<sup>st</sup> – 6 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4 points. 1 point for showing

## Fish Of The Month

- 1st - Ernest Bktimirov - 6 pts (clown loach)
- 2nd - Ron Wormmald - 5 pts (yo yo loach)
- 3rd - Les Wormmald - 4 pts (clown loach)

## Senior Open

- 1st - Ken Brady - 6 pts (red hump eartheater)

Best in Show - Ken Brady



**Chromobotia macracanthus (Clown loach)**  
Photo © by DAVE Unruh



“Fish” of the Month Class – aquatic plants such as *Anubias sp. "Frazeri"* photo © by DAVE Unruh

# SCANNING THE EXCHANGES

**& etc.**

... with Pat and Tom ...



GOOD READING IN THE S.C.A.A.S. LIBRARY ...

- ▶ ... in the Hamilton and District Aquarium Society's bulletin –

February, 2009

- \*Spawning *Corydoras simulatus* by Charles Drew
- \**Cyphotilapia frontosa* by Larry Johnson

- ▶ ... in The Durham Region Aquarium Society's newsletter 'Tank Talk' –

February, 2009

- \*Cryptic Emersion Part Seven of Ten & My Green Wet Thumb: Sublime *Sagittaria* & Eyeballs On Oddballs: A Prehistoric Monster by Derek P. S. Tustin

- ▶ ... in the Sarnia Aquarium Society's newsletter – 'Aqua Antics' -

February, 2009

- \*Breeding *Synodontis petricola* by Bruce Hart
- \**Melanotaenia praecox* – the Neon Dwarf Rainbow by Peter Malady  
newsletter available to read at <http://www.angelfire.com/planet/sasnewsletters>

- ▶ ... in the Greater Akron Aquarium Society's Newsletter 'Tank Topics' –  
February/March, 2009 ...



- \*Keeping *Macrobrachium* Sp. "Red Claw" Shrimp by Joe Reich
- \*Sex Amidst the Ferns – Java Ferns That Is by Wayne Toven
- \**Arcocentrus myrnae* A Nice? Cichlid by Bob Miller

- ▶ ... in the Tropical Fish Club of Erie County's newsletter 'Some Things Fishy' –

February, 2009

- \*So you're considering getting an algae-eating critter for your tank? Author unknown
- \*Swordtails – author unknown

The above newsletters will be in the club library at the meeting.



**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## CALENDAR

to June 28, 2009

**Mar 15, 2009** 10:30 a.m. CAOAC Executive and General meetings in Waterdown

Note: Awards Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Registration of Club Websites for Web Award in 2009

**Mar 22, 2009**

Hamilton & District Aquarium Society

Auction & Flea Market

**Mar 29, 2009**

Brant Aquarium Society

Show, Auction & Flea Market (reserved date)

**Apr 18, 2009**

Sarnia Aquarium Society

Auction only

**Apr 19, 2009** 10:30 a.m. CAOAC Executive meeting in Waterdown

Note: Annual Reports for each committee due

**Apr 19, 2009**

Durham Region Aquarium Society

CAOAC Sanctioned Show & Auction (reserved date)

**May 2, 2009**

St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society

All day auction

**May 15-17, 2009**

50<sup>th</sup> Annual CAOAC Convention

Fanshawe College, London, Ontario

Note:

Annual General Meeting & Election of Officers

**June 28, 2009** 10:30 a.m. CAOAC Executive and General meetings in Waterdown

NOTE:

Fourth Sunday of the month

President's BBQ at 12 Noon

Committee heads are chosen

## **You might be an Aquarist if:**

Every time you go anywhere your sleeves are wet.

Your water bill equals your neighbor's. But he has a pool.

You find duckweed in the strangest places.

You keep ground hearts in the freezer. (Beef heart)

You know Sea monkeys are actually good food for your fish and not really monkeys at all.

You spend a lot more time actively breeding than the national average.

You feed your fish instead of eat your fish.

You rescue the goldfish from the bowls at weddings.

Every flat surface and piece of furniture is judged by how many tanks it will hold.

You have so many tanks you don't need a humidifier.

Broken glass has to be measured to see if it can be cut into new useful size before you throw it out.

Your pets have cleaner water than you get to drink.

Water changes get done before your family gets to eat.

You know what pH means.

You know how to pronounce plecostomus.

You know what a plecostomus is!

A mouthbrooder is not a code name for any in-laws.

By Ken Brady 2009

## Member Profile

*By Pam Danyluck*

*This months profile is on Mike Daniels.*

**Mike** was born in Niagara Falls, New York and has been a life long resident there. He is the fourth of nine siblings. All of his brothers, sisters and dad still live in Niagara Falls. His mother passed away in 1992. She was his biggest inspiration in developing his love for fish keeping. Mike's household consists of his wife Dorothy and grandson Nishaun.

**Mike** has been a member of this club for more that ten years and served as our President for a few years. He has worked with, and met some wonderful and knowledgeable people in our club. Although he is a member of other aquarium clubs, ours is rated A+++ in his books.



**At** the age of nine Mike bought himself his first tank, with his own money. This setup was a ten gallon metal frame tank with corner filter, pump, tubing, gravel and fish food for a whopping \$17.99. He has kept fish ever since.

**At** present he has eighty tanks and a 1500 gallon pond in his fish room. Over the years Mike has kept all kinds of fish from Killis to monster fish. After trying to breed everything he kept, he shifted his interest to showing fish. Canada, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and

few other places are where his fish have been shown. At this time he plans to shift his interests back to breeding.

**Over** the years some of Mike's favourite fish that he has kept have been Central and South American Cichlids. Right now he is successfully keeping Altum Angels in hopes of breeding them. His next challenge is to try keeping stingrays again. Mike really likes them, but has not had a good experience keeping them in the past.

**Most** of his tanks are bare bottom with large sponge filters. He does have a few larger tanks with power heads and large Aqua Clear filters.

**Mike's** wife has cut back on helping in the fish room, but his seven year old grandson is quite interested and amazingly knowledgeable about fish.

*Thank you Mike, for letting us get to know you a little better.*

### **Wanted**

Club members for newsletter profiles! I am still fairly new, okay not so new anymore but I still don't know all of you yet. It would be a big help if anyone willing to have his or her profile done would contact me. You do not need to be an expert fish keeper, just interested in fish. 😊

Please contact me

at: [pjdanyluck@sympatico.ca](mailto:pjdanyluck@sympatico.ca) or 905-562-3290.



## “WHAT SCAAS MEMBERS ARE KEEPING?”

*By Pam Danyluck*

This is an up to date list of what our members keep and specialize in,  
including contact information.

To be added to this list, please see Pam to fill out a form or email her at  
[danyluck@sympatico.ca](mailto:danyluck@sympatico.ca)

DAve Unruh	(905) 648-9860 dunruh@cogeco.ca
<b>Specialty:</b>	<b>Cichlids</b>
<b>Others:</b>	Plants Marines Some Catfish
Some of the Fish I am keeping as of October 2008	Pseudotropheus demasoni - wild caught (wc) Neolamprologus marunguensis – (wc) Heros appendiculatus – (wc) Julidochromis marlieri “Gombie” - (wc) Pterophyllum scalare – Angel fish – (wc) Pseudomugil gertrudae –(wc) Symphysodon aequifasciata axelrodi (brown discus) – aquarium strain Hoplosternum pectoral (Hoplo Catfish) Pseudosphromenus dayi – (wc) Synodontis petricola Callopleiops altivelis(Marine Comet) Snowflake murray eel Tateurndina ocellicauda Amphiprion clarkia (clownfish)

Pam Danyluck	danyluck@sympatico.ca
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Specialty: Apple snails	Pomacea bridgesii(newly named difusa) or Mystery as the pet stores call them. Pomacea insularium Pomacea canaliculata Asolene spixi
Albino BNS	Long and short finned

Pam Danyluck cont'd	
Keeping as of January 2009 Others: Livebearers	Celestial Pearl Danios <u>Domestic</u> Platies Swords Mollies  <u>Wild Types</u> Ameca Splendens(endangered) Limia vittata Killifish: Fundulopanchax oeseri (endangered) Fundulopanchax gardneri makurdi Cories: Weitzmani Albino Bronze Pygmy (hastatus) Black Phantom aspidoras Dwarf Gouramis Dwarf Neon Rainbows Red Cherry Shrimp Green Shrimp Assassin Snails

Tom & Pat Bridges	tp.bridges@sympatico.ca
Specialty:	Angels Anableps

Others: The fish we are keeping as of October 2008	Plecostomus Endlers Livebearers Limia perugiae Celestial Pearl Danios Columbian tetras
For more information see our website:	<a href="http://www3.sympatico.ca/tp.bridges/home.html">http://www3.sympatico.ca/tp.bridges/home.html</a>

Kevin Bonnar	905-680-0473/fishmongers@hotmail.com
<b>Specialty:</b>	<b>Salt Water</b>
LPS - Large Polyp Stony	Acros regular & deep water
Softies - Zoas & Leathers	Clowns
Breeding Banghii Cardinals	Almost any high end coral

Bohdan Nebesny	bnebesny@hotmail.com
<b>Specialty:</b>	<b>Red Belly Piranhas (10 years)</b>

Shawn & Shirley Markowski	<a href="mailto:srogers@cogeco.ca">srogers@cogeco.ca</a> (905) 714 - 0014
<b>Specialty:</b>	<b>Swordtails</b> <b>Amano Shrimp</b>
Others:	Plants
Some fish they are keeping as of January 2009	Dojo Loaches (Weather) Yoyo Loaches Bettas Various Cories Silvertip Tetras Plecostomus
For pictures see:	Shirley Roger's Facebook



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