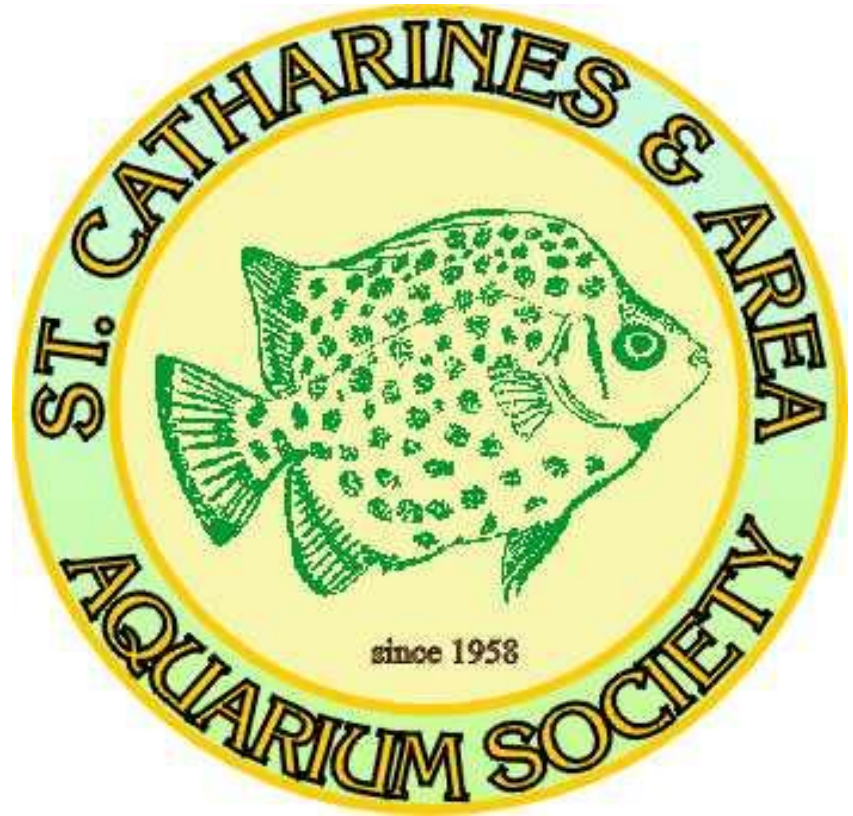


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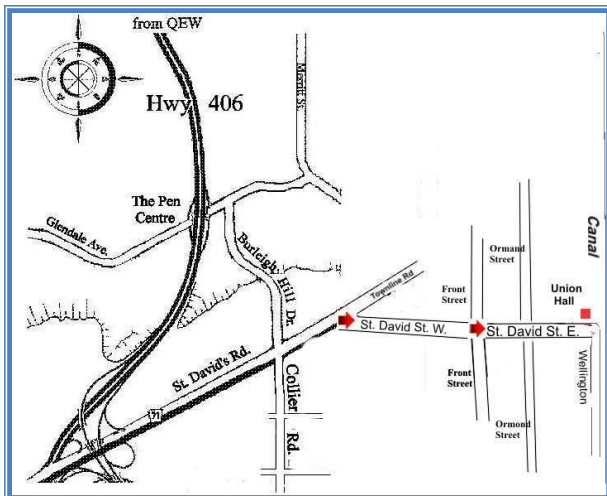
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Club Notes



- ▶ 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 March 7, 2016.

Larry Johnson will be speaking about his 2015 trip to Lake Malawi - south African cichlids

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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

March	Swords, Platies,
Mollies	
April	Anabantids including
Gouramis and Bettas	
May	Guppies
June	Corys & Catfish
(including plecocos)	

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

ADVERTISING in 'The SCAT'

Full Page	\$150
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Paul's PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



Great turn out for February's meeting. Thank you Team Kraken for the interesting and informative talk on setting up a Salt Water Tank. From the feedback seems there are plenty of members that have either started or considering giving it a try. This month looking forward to once again hearing Larry Johnson speak. If you have ever seen one of his presentations you know they are always different and informative and if you haven't you're in for a great night. If you remember last year the power went out and he was unable to finish. Hopefully there won't be a repeat. See you at the meeting.

JAR SHOW RESULTS

February - Loaches and Sharks - Ray Macintosh - Ladder Loach
March - Swords, Platies, Mollies

Remember each month there is always an open class.

**February, 2016 photo of the aquarium at
The St. Catharines Public Library**

Contributed Tom & Pat Bridges



From the Editor's Desk – Lee Routhier

It was nice to see such a great turnout for the February meeting . Team Kraken did a great presentation, having done a marine tank myself I know what a daunting task it can appear to be but once you get going it can be rather easy. Remember we are always looking for more submissions for the newsletter and if writing is not your thing, consider just sending a photo with a brief description. You're proud of your aquariums let's show them off!!!






Photo submitted by Ry Koch

Holy Bubbles Ry !!!

Oops what happened here ?? stay tuned to next newsletter and learn how one die hard cichlid keeper discovered planted dirt tanks



MEET YOUR MEMBERS

Manda and John Morvan

John has been keeping fish off and on for 20-25 years, and doesn't really have a favourite as he finds, they are all enjoyable. Manda started out with one tank but after meeting John she also developed her addiction and has learned a lot from him. They currently have 14 fish tanks, with community, bettas, central and South American (jack Dempsey, convicts Oscars angels, dovii, severum, plecós), and African cichlids, (frontosa, red empress, aulonocara jalo reef, ngara flametails, elec blue fryeri, fullboreni, t reef, yellow labs, and a few more), two tanks are planted (low tech)swords Val, crypts etc, also have a tank with two red eared slider turtles. They heard about the club online and enjoy the meetings, as they are informative, , entertaining, as well getting to meet with people with same interests., ,



Dave Furness

Aulonocara Sp.

Dragon Blood Peacock cichlid

This attractive cichlid, which can grow up to six inches, is not native to the African Rift Lake system, but an aquarium hybrid. The colours of this fish can be orange, pink, red, or yellow. There are some albinos as well. The males are brightly coloured, while the females are plain to white.

I find them to be semi aggressive toward other cichlids, and only seem to get aggressive toward other Dragon blood males or males from other Aulonocara species, when interested in mating.

Aulonocara species are carnivores and should be fed live foods, frozen blood worms, shrimp etc. .

When I decided, I was ready to spawn them, I set up the tank as a Malawi tank, with hard water. The temperature of the tank should be between 78 and 82 degrees, and the PH between 7.8 and 8.0 . A lot of rock work make the fish feel a lot more comfortable, and provides protection for the mouth brooding females.

The fry, like all Aulonocara fry are easy to feed. All that I use for them is brine shrimp, micro worms, or fine flake food.



Your Club in Action



Rob of Team Kraken



Remember meetings are for you and old

Congratulations Ray winner of February Jar show, Ladder Loach



HEY MEMBERS! ... IN CASE YOU NEED A HUG



On one of our warmest days a few weeks ago, when I was waiting for Tom to pick me up outside a store, a lady walked directly up to me and said “I could use a hug today.” I was startled and surprised. I said “Oh” and leaned in to give her a hug. She put her chin on my shoulder and I gave her a squeeze. Both her hands were holding shopping bags, but I definitely got a squeeze in return. She said “Thank you.” as did I. Then as she walked away, I said “Have a wonderful day.” She replied “Oh, I will.”

What are the chances of that happening in a lifetime, from a total stranger ... and it felt so natural and easy.

I know we can't go around giving everyone a hug, but I know we can show appreciation for the little things that people do ... just say “Thanks.” once in a while.

When you bring in a donation, let someone know. Sometimes we're busy and forget to say thanks, so, to those of you who bring donations in for the auctions, raffles, etc.,

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Pat Bridges



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Minutes were not available at time of publication

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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 JANUARY MEETING**

Dave Furness

Neolamprologus leleupi (lemon cichlid).....15 pts
Epiplatys chaperi.....10 pts

Congratulations

Tom Bridges
BAP Chairperson

**OAA AWARDS
PRESENTED AT
THE FEBRUARY MEETING**

No awards this month.

Tom Bridges
BAP Chairperson

**AHAP AWARDS
PRESENTED AT
THE FEBRUARY 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).

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