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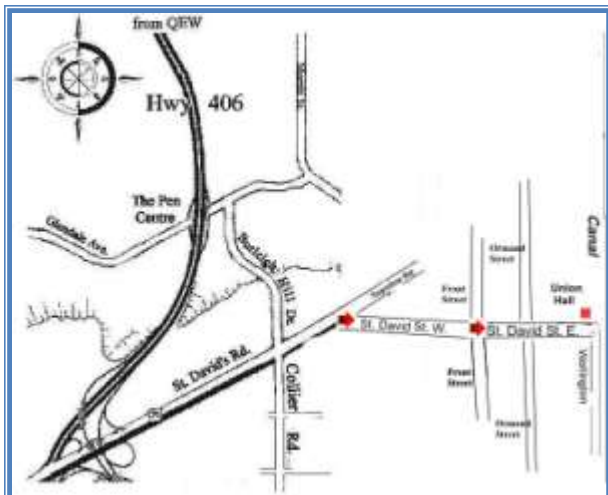
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S.C.A.A.S. ANNUAL AUCTION
NOVEMBER 10, 2013
 See you there!

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 November 4th. This month we will be welcoming Tom Mason as our speaker. Tom has a BSc. degree from the University of Guelph and is the former curator for invertebrates and birds at the Toronto zoo. His talk will focus on the proper care of crustaceans in our aquariums. Tom Mason will be accompanied by Tom Lam, who is an expert on all things shrimp-related.

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Jar Show - Fish of the Month

November Rift Lake Cichlids
December Swords, Platies,
Mollies
January Anabantids
February Loaches & Sharks
March Plants
April Angels & Discus
May Dwarf Cichlids
June Goldfish & Koi

Jar Show - Open Show
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

November 2 Tropical Fish club of
Erie County Auction
November 3 Peel Region Auction
November 10 St Catharines
Auction

...for more dates go to www.caoac.ca
and click on 'Calendar'.



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S.C.A.A.S. ANNUAL AUCTION

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 10, 2013

SCAAS's October Photo Ops ...



Ron Bishop on "Gadgets"

Our speaker from the London Aquaria Society

Paul and Tammy



Joe awarding Paul his HAP certificate



Bruce working the raffle

SCAAS



Tom receiving the Wally Ebert award for outstanding service



Tom as The Auctioneer

Photos by Sascha Duentsch!

JOE'S VICE-PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Last month's meeting was very informative. I would like to extend a big thank you to Ron Bishop for sharing some of his tips, tricks, and gadgets that certainly help to make our hobby more affordable. My family did not appreciate it though, when I came home and stole my mother's kitchen sponges, my nephew's marble collection, and my sister's balls of yarn!



It is hard to believe that another month has passed and we are already into our third meeting of the year. This month we will be welcoming Tom Mason as our speaker. Tom has a BSc. degree from the University of Guelph and is the former curator for invertebrates and birds at the Toronto zoo. His talk will focus on the proper care of crustaceans in our aquariums. Tom Mason will be accompanied by Tom Lam, who is an expert on all things shrimp-related. I am looking forward to hearing both Toms speak as I know there will be a lot of valuable information to take away from the talk.

Just a reminder that our annual fundraising auction will be held [on Sunday, November 10, 2013](#). This will be a very busy day for the executive and I would like to ask every club member for their help. It takes an entire club to make an auction run smoothly. We will need runners, chit writers, 50/50 ticket sellers and a variety of other assistance the day of the auction. More information regarding these positions will be available at our monthly meeting [on Monday, November 4, 2013](#). Hope to see you there!

Joe Krawchuk, 2nd. Vice President



What am I bid?



The Auction Crowd!



Checking out the auction goodies!



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Sascha D.**

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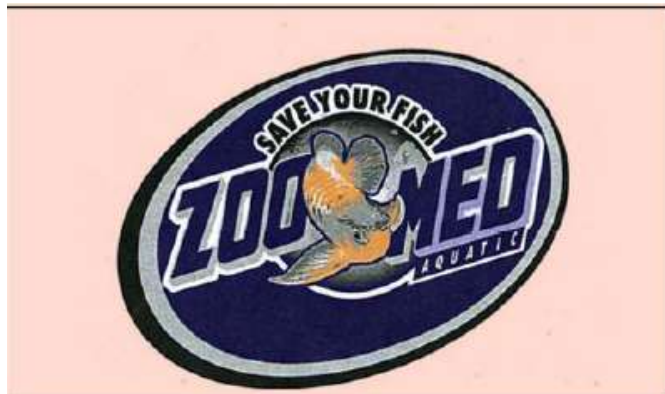
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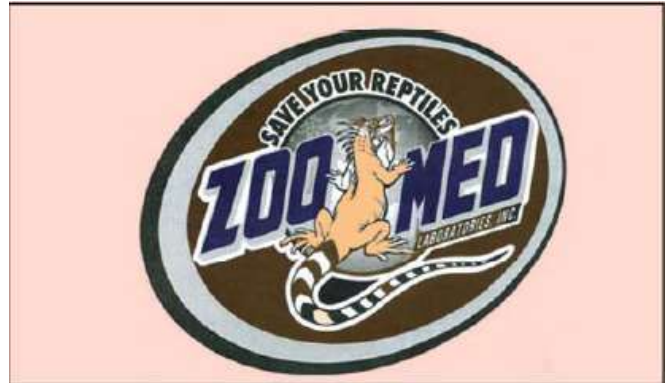
**The St. Catharines and Area
Aquarium Society Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2013**

The regular meeting of The St. Catharines and Area Aquarium Society was called to order at 7:35 pm on October 7, 2013 in Thorold by President Paul Paradis. 28 members were in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed. Club's upcoming events were outlined. Members were reminded that volunteers are needed for the St. Catharines Auction taking place on November 10, 2013. Club Treasurer Roman provided YTD Totals which are \$3378.00. Club Awards were handed out including The Wally Ebert Memorial Plaque which was presented to Tom Hillier for all of his hard work and dedication. Guest speaker Ron Bishop started his presentation titled Gadgets at 7:41pm and educated and entertained until 8:35pm. Jar Show Winners were announced at 8:52pm. Auction Started at 9:04pm and ended at 9:48pm. Meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm by President Paul Paradis. The next general meeting will be at 7:30 pm on Monday November 4, 2013 in Thorold. Minutes submitted by: Tammy Pooley (Secretary).



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MEMBER ALERTS!

From the desk of SCAAS's membership committee

#1 Come on everyone, if you don't already know, let me tell you that you are all important to the continuation of SCAAS, yet less than half of last year's membership has renewed so far this year! Please know that you can renew not only by attending a meeting -- you can mail me a cheque if you still want to be a member but can't attend. At the very least, you could let me know that you are coming back. My phone number is 905 735 3352, and it's attached to an answering machine!

I always feel better if a non-renewing member lets me know why they won't be returning. It can be in the strictest confidence if you wish and I will understand. We can't try to improve if we don't know what you really didn't like about the club.

If you do plan to return, please take a moment or two to let me know, at any time, if there has been a change in your information, including, home address, phone number, and email address. The email address is the one to which we send your newsletter each month, and if it's returned we don't know where to resend it. Some of you have more than one email address, but you may not check on them both, so you may think we haven't even sent The SCAT.

There is a regular meeting on Monday, November 4th and the annual auction is on Sunday, November 10th. We sent a poster to everyone who has an email address, and we look forward to seeing you.

#2 We are hoping a member with an adventurous soul will tell us that he/she would like to give the newsletter a try for just one month. You may be pleasantly surprised at the result, and you may even want to continue on a monthly basis. If a one month try doesn't work for you, that's o.k. -- understanding will happen again, but at least you will have given it a try.

#3 If, at any time, you have a question, try to direct it to the committee person who can best be of help to you. All the committees and executive people are listed on the inside of The SCAT each month.



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TO STAY ALIVE ...
PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!
BRING A FRIEND FOR A VISIT EH?!!**



JAR SHOW RESULTS

October, 2013

FISH OF THE MONTH -- Barbs and Tetras

1st 2nd & 3rd to Joe Krawchuk

Best in Show to Joe for his Black Neon tetra



Pat Shriner Jar Show Chairman
(left) and Joe Krawchuk

Photos by Sascha D.

Coldwater Corner

by Dave Easingwood - November, 2013



The October talk on Gadgets by Ron Bishop from the London Aquarist Society was very interesting, not only for the tips he gave, but also it gets you thinking about things you might do yourself to recycle and save yourself some pennies (or dimes or nickels !!)

I tried the tip about having a small sponge on the end of the suction tube, in the tank, of an external filter and it works really well, helping to keep the water clear, but also to warn that as it gets dirty, it is time for maintenance of the main box. I had an old external filter overflow in the fish house the other week and what a mess of water everywhere. Good job the filter was not in the house, overflowing onto Diane's beautiful hardwood floors. All the tips were very practical, thank you Ron.

Also from the LAS...Two goldfish were in their tank, one turns to the other and says 'You man the guns, I'll drive today!!!'

We are well into October, fall colours everywhere, leaves dropping into the ponds. It has been quite mild and I had a very nice surprise last week when two of my best fish spawned. They are two year old Bristol Shubs, I paired them up because the male was in lovely condition showing spots on his gill plate. Temperature was 62F, they spawned in the floating roots of some Water Hyacinth, and chased all morning as the sun came up at 8:30 am. I took out the fish later and could only see 11 eggs. I added 5 drops of Methylene Blue per gallon.

However after five days, starting on Thursday, the eggs began to hatch and the fry 'hung' on the back glass. Hatching continued for 36 hours and in the end I counted over 40 fry. My eyes are not very good these days, I don't see fertile (clear/opaque) eggs as well as I used to. The fry are only 4 mm long, a tiny 'sliver' of life.

Today, 48 hours after hatching, I gave the babies their first feed, diluted 'Heinz Baby Food' mixed with Spirulina. The fish are 'jerking' around, looking for food, so I hope I'm on my way. It is the first 48 hours after hatching that are very critical for the fry. Nature gives them a yolk sac that they can feed on for a day or so but they then have to search for their first food. Tomorrow I have some hard boiled egg yolk for them...just a little because it is a very rich food and can pollute the water.

I took little videos of the event. Hopefully they turn out okay and I can share them with you all sometime.

October is slipping away, time to think of winter for the ponds, plants and fish.



HAP ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS presented at the October meeting

Paul Paradis

Myriophyllum aquaticum (Parrot Feather)

&

Eichhornia crassipes (Water Hyacinth)

Congratulations !

Joe Krawchuk
HAP Committee

BAP ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS presented at the October meeting

Dave Furness

Corydoras paleatus 15 pts.

Congratulations!

Tom Bridges
BAP Committee

“Wow!”



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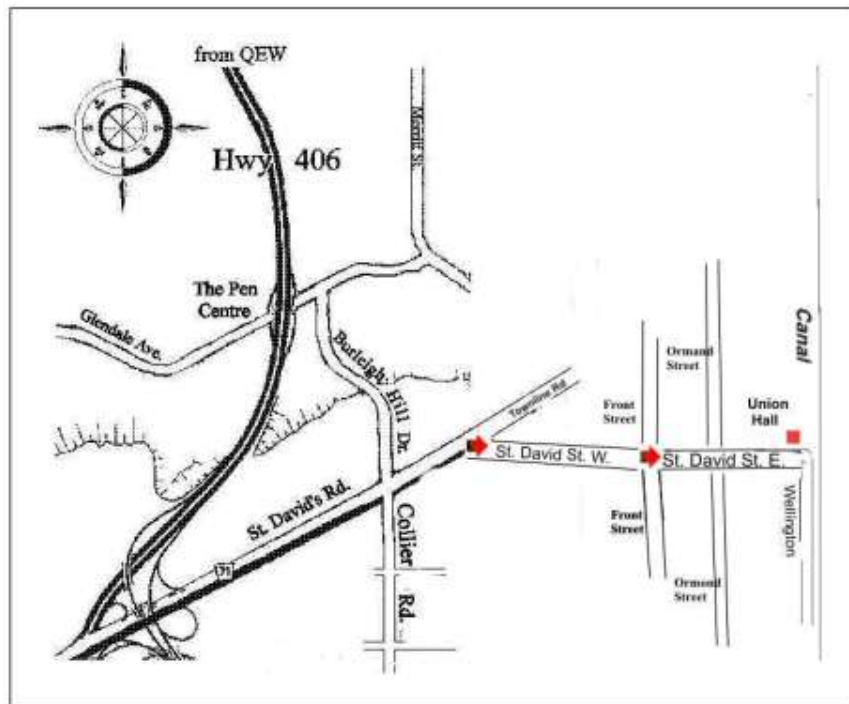
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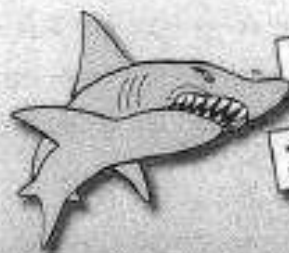
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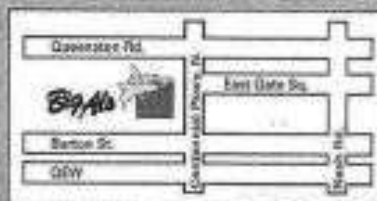
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