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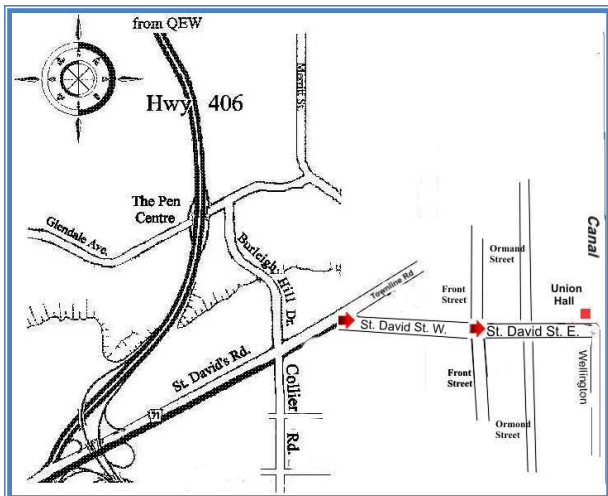
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Club Notes

- ▶ 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 November 2, 2015
Fish Nutrition and Critter Crumbs -Pamela Thompson Danyluck

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 Position is still open

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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

Nov 8 Peel Region Fall Auction

Nov 29 St. Catherines Fall Auction

April 17 Peel Region Aquariama

Victoria Day weekend CAOAC convention

Jar Show

Fish of the Month

November Cichlids (any type)
December No Specific Fish of the Month – Open to All Types

January Plants
February Loaches & Sharks
March Swords, Platies,

Mollies

April Anabantids including Gouramis and Bettas

May Guppies
June Corys & Catfish
 (including plecos)

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

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Full Page	\$150
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Quarter Page	80
Business Card	50

Paul's PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



We had another great meeting, October 5th, 2015. I would first like to start by saying a big thank you to Ryan Koch for his wonderful presentation. I think we are going to see a lot more dirtied tanks now. Also a big thank you to Lee Routhier for volunteering her time to help Ryan with the presentation. This month's speaker will be another great presentation by Pam she will be giving us some very useful information on fish nutrition and her amazing critter crumbs. I am very thankful to the people that take the time to come out and share their knowledge with us, we all learn an amazing amount of information from these wonderful people. We are still looking for volunteers for the monthly meetings and we also need a lot of help with the big auction. I cannot stress enough how it is the volunteers that keep this club running and all the events and speakers that we get in.

We have a jar show competition every meeting and we encourage you to bring in the fish of the month. You can also bring in any of your prize possession fish and show them off. It is recommended that you bring them in a flat sided container for better viewing.

With all that being said, I hope you are all enjoying this year so far at the St. Catharine's and Area Aquarium Society and hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Cheers

I Received this email from The St. Catharines Public Library. Please contact Lillian if you are interested in helping .

Hello Mr. Paul Paradis,

My name is Lillian Gretsinger and I am an Adult librarian at the St. Catharines Public Library. I am emailing you to ask about your group St. Catharines and Area Aquarium Society and if members do presentations to the public. I am looking for community groups etc to do presentations about different topics for the library's Afternoons for Adults Series which will run February - May of 2016 on Tuesday afternoons. The sessions are 1 - 1.5 hr presentations/discussions that are aimed at older adults and seniors. I think a presentation on fish and aquariums could be very interesting to our patrons as a new hobby.

Please let me know if this is something your group or members of your group would consider doing and if you have questions etc.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you,

Lillian Gretsinger

Adult Services Librarian

Children and Community Services Department

St. Catharines Public Library

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JAR SHOW RESULTS

October fish - Red Spotted Platy - **Ernest Biktimirov**
November fish - Cichlids any variety

Remember each month there is always an open class.

From the Editor's Desk – Lee Routhier



So how many have a started a dirt tank? How is it going? I actually tore one done, just didn't have the time to properly look after it anymore and I am not much of a gardener. My computer crashed on me this past week. I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to get this newsletter out in time but as you can see we made it. I have a wonderful tech team they were able to find what I thought I had lost. Looking forward to our next speaker. Have you tried critter crumbs yet? All my fish, snails and shrimp love them. Thanks to Amy Zupan for the photos in this newsletter. Once again the camera will be tossed out to the members. Please someone catch it. If I have sent you a form for "meet the members" please take a few minutes and fill it out. Thank you, enjoy and see you at the meeting.



Strategies for Aquarium Auctions

By: Frank Moreau

1. Set a general budget in your head; decide how much you can afford to spend comfortably. This can be a range instead of a static number
2. Bring items to sell as this will mitigate the money you spend
3. Do not make anything personal! Do not overspend yourself trying to stick it to someone who just beat you out of some prize fish or plants
4. To maximize your chances of success decide what it is you want to buy prior to the auction and stick to it; do you prefer plants, fish or hardware? If you buy too much of everything you may find yourself broke when you come up to the items you want...
5. Do not overspend! Even if you want it badly! Paying \$15.00 for a small baggy of Java Moss out of desperation defeats the point of attending the auction and that is purchasing good items at a lower price. It is better to walk away with your cash then to lose a deal on a bad purchase
6. Be nice! This is not Storage Wars! These are your aquarium society brothers and sisters. The fact is there is nothing wrong with defeating your colleagues but be nice in the process.

7. Try snipe bidding! Sometimes throwing in a bid at “going twice” can create some entertainment; but do this sparingly as it can become annoying very quickly
8. Do not brag of your winnings...until after the auction and you are at home! ☺
9. Bidding someone else up is not a bad thing but again do so when necessary and not as a habit; also keep in mind this can backfire on you
10. Pertaining to #9 I attended a non-aquarium charity auction in which one arrogant person walked in and flashed cash at everyone. He bragged that the big items were his no matter what! Well, he was correct; he won them all! However, thanks to me he spent 50% or more than he wanted too. This person was quite angry with me for bidding him up but this is the consequence of not being “nice” at the auction
11. Have fun! This is not a death match! Even if you walk out with nothing you still have your cash! Heck, take your significant other out to a romantic dinner with the saved loot and it may reap greater rewards than buying a bad of Jungle Vallisneria

*****Remember our Auction is November 29, 2015*****

MEET YOUR MEMBERS

Tom and Pat Bridges

We began our hobby close to 40 years ago.

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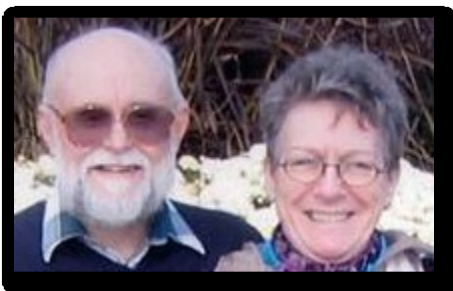
Our daughter was given an aquarium, which she enjoyed for a few years. When her interest changed, we continued with her aquarium – our hobby grew from there.

Our favourite fish were our Anablep anableps.

Anableps are rarely kept and bred. They have a divided eye which enables them to see clearly above the waterline and makes them very much aware of their keepers, (which was us).

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<http://animals.about.com/od/fishes/a/tenfactsfishes.htm>

Another fun night

Hey Pat, check out Paul's shoes



Time to get dirty



Library report



A Lesson on fire safety from Dave



St. Catharines Aquarium Society

October r 2015

Minutes

7:30pm - Meeting opens

7:32pm - Treasurer Report

7:33pm - BAP Awards - Self cloning crayfish - Ron
HAP awards - no awards this month

7:35pm - Phil speaks about CAOAC convention, May
21-23

7:40pm - Dave Easingwood speech on light safety

7:45pm - Librarian Report

7:47pm - Dirt planted tank presentation - Ryan Koch
and Lee Routhier

8:45pm- Member Raffle

8:40pm - Raffle

8:55pm - Auction Starts

9:50pm - Meeting closes

****Please remember to bring an item of non perishable
food or a donation for community cares to every meeting
if you are able to. ****

About CAOAC (Canadian Association Of Aquarium Clubs)

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.

Your New CAOAC Executive:

President: *Ron Bishop*

1st Vice-President: *Peter Melady*

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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

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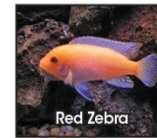


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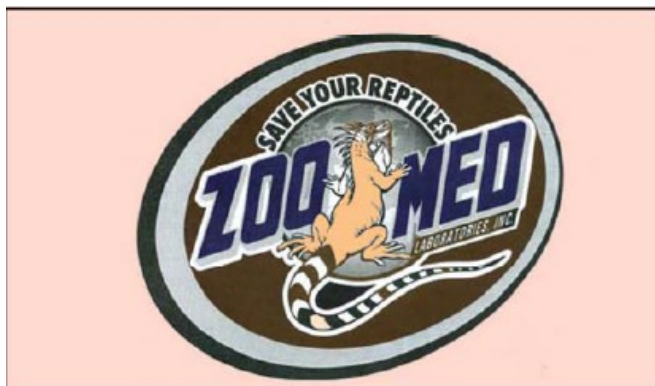
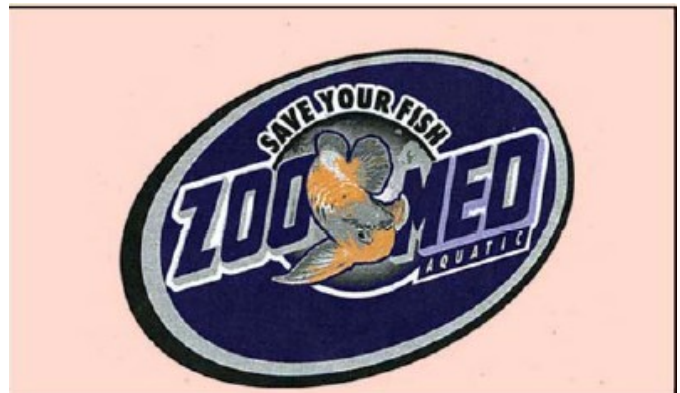
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**BAP AWARDS
PRESENTED AT
THE OCTOBER MEETING**

No awards this month.

Tom Bridges
BAP Chairperson

OAA stands for **Other Aquatic Animals**, (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.

**AHAP AWARDS
PRESENTED AT
THE OCTOBER MEETING**

No awards this month.

Joe Krawchuk
AHAP Chairperson

**OAA AWARDS
PRESENTED AT
THE OCTOBER MEETING**

Ron Williams

Procambarus sp. (Marmorkrebs) 5 pt.

Congratulations

Tom Bridges
BAP Chairperson

This is our regular spot in The SCAT. It'll contain brief descriptions of hobby related items that members **have 'For Sale' or 'Want To Buy' or 'Swap' and their names, phone numbers and/or email addresses.** (To have items entered, you must get the information to the editor by the deadline for that month.)

Want To Buy

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For Sale

No Items for sale this month

No items to SWAP this month



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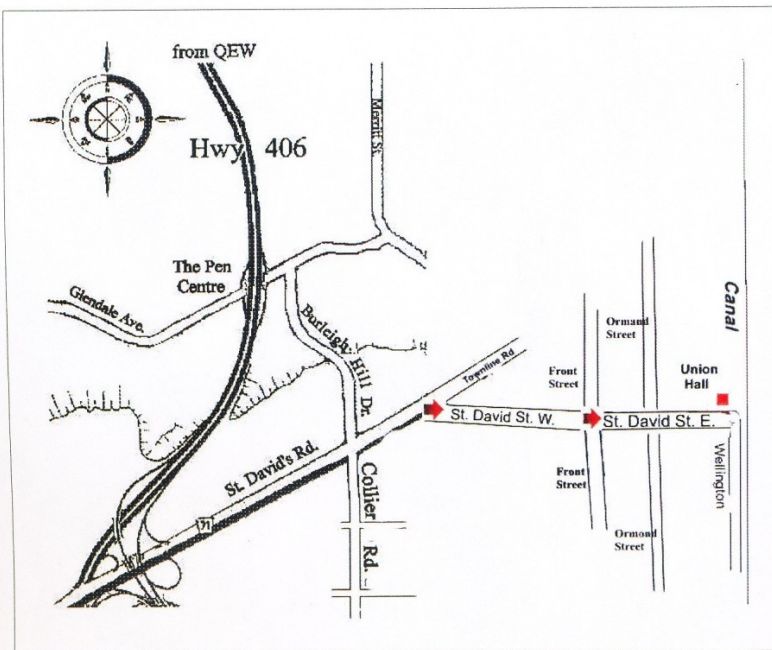
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Only aquarium hobby-related items will be accepted for auction