

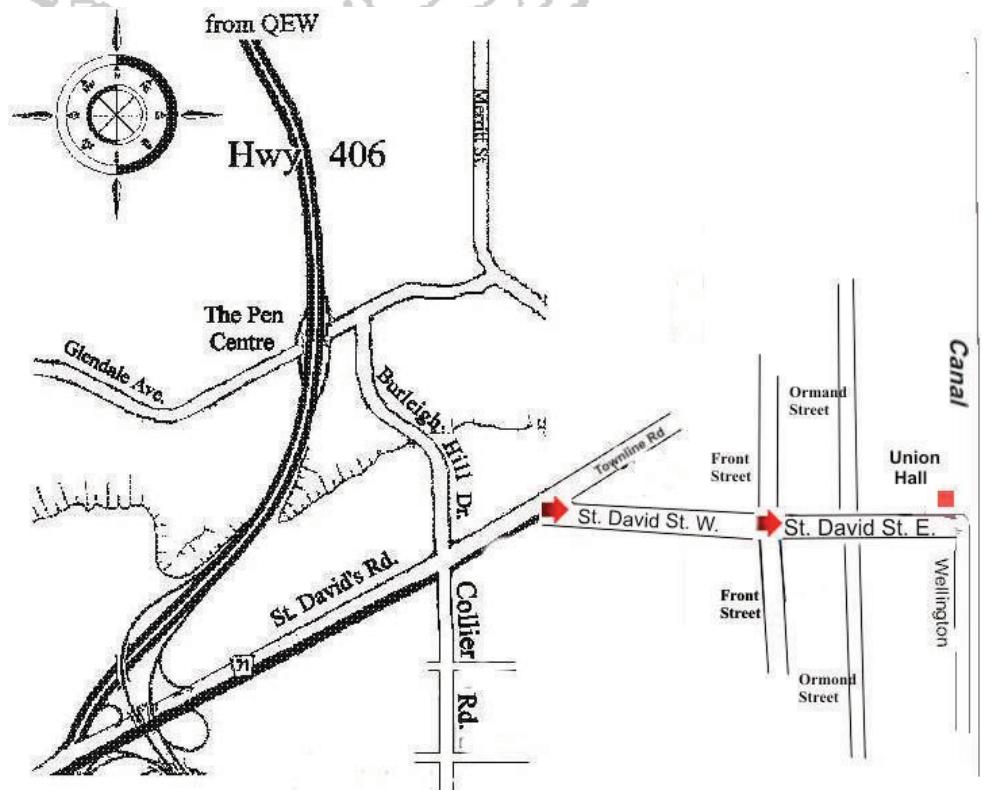
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Jar Show F.O.M.

- September Goldfish
- October Danios, Barbs & Tetras
- 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)
- OPEN CLASS EVERY MONTH

March Program

Tommy Lam from "ShrimpFever," which is Canada's shrimp keeping store (<https://www.shrimpfever.com/>), will be our speaker on Tuesday, March 5. In his presentation, Tommy will talk about everything we need to know about keeping freshwater shrimp.



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Pat's Presidential Message



Welcome to you all, I am sorry that I missed the February meeting with our speaker Udo Rohmann. I understand it was a good one. I did get a chance to review the slides and there were many interesting ideas and tips that would be helpful in our aquariums. If you do want to see the slides, please contact Ernest, our programs chair person. Udo also mentioned that if a club member has questions related to his presentation, he would be glad to answer them through e-mail: <tesscon2000@rogers.com>.

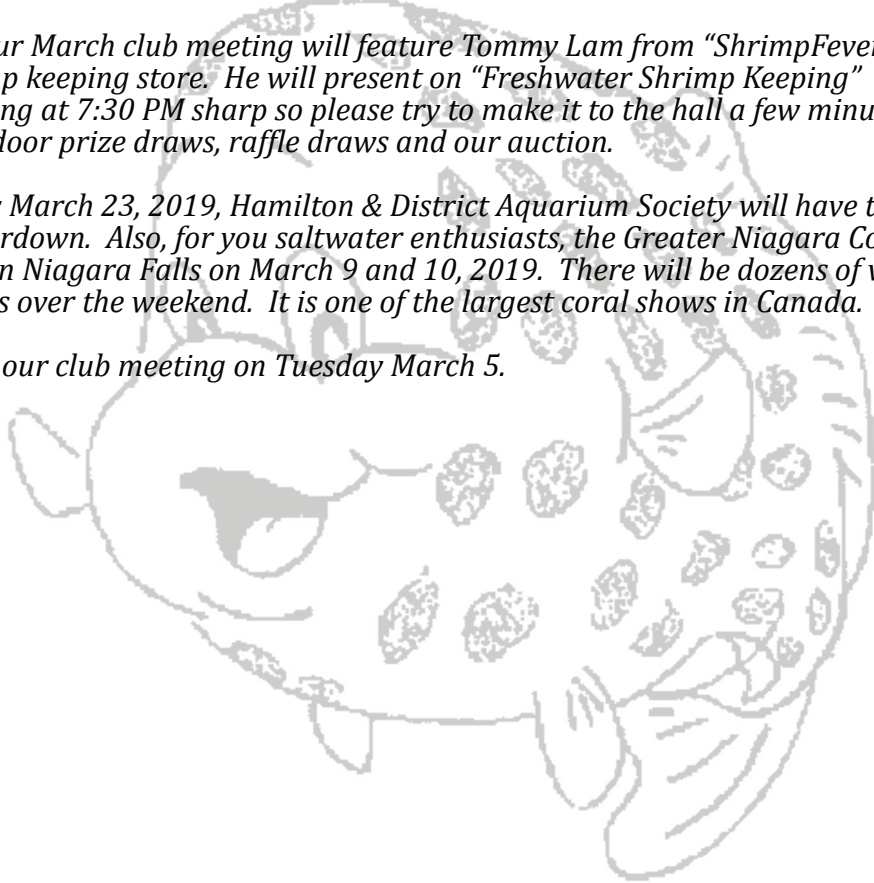
Our March club meeting will feature Tommy Lam from "ShrimpFever," which is Canada's shrimp keeping store. He will present on "Freshwater Shrimp Keeping" We will begin the meeting at 7:30 PM sharp so please try to make it to the hall a few minutes early. We will have our usual member door prize draws, raffle draws and our auction.

On Saturday March 23, 2019, Hamilton & District Aquarium Society will have their Spring Show & Auction in Waterdown. Also, for you saltwater enthusiasts, the Greater Niagara Coral Show will be held at the Americana in Niagara Falls on March 9 and 10, 2019. There will be dozens of vendors as well as various speakers over the weekend. It is one of the largest coral shows in Canada.

I hope to see you at our club meeting on Tuesday March 5.

Thank you

Pat



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source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/animaljokes/fishjokes.html>

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Upcoming Events

March

2 - Calgary Aquarium Society Aquaticon, check back here for updates

10 - Regina Aquarium Society Auction check here for more details

17 - 11:00 - CAOAC Executive Meeting, Waterdown

17 - 12:00 - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown

23 - Hamilton & District Aquarium Society Show & Auction, details to follow

31 - Barrie Regional Aquarium Society of Simcoe Auction, details to follow

A Few Words from the Editor

So how many of us got the powerpoint slides from the last presentation, emailed to themselves for future reference? I certainly did! I found that to be a rather enjoyable and informative presentation. This months presentation on fresh water shrimp promises to be a good one as well.

Those of you with ponds how are they fairing out with this unpredictable weather we are having? If you have any tips for people new to owning ponds that you wish to share about winterization please feel free to share them

The last few months my youngest has been watching the fish tanks like crazy. This has made me stop and take in the fish more often as we can sit and snuggle and take in the beauty that are my angel fish. I am grateful that she has brought me back to taking the time to watch and enjoy them. Since she has helped me realize that I need to take more time for the little things and my family, I regret to inform you all that this will be my last year as the editor of the SCAT. I am sorry. I have truly enjoyed this experience being the editor and hear all that you have to contribute but I need to focus on the small stuff as in the end that is what ends up being the big stuff. I will still continue to be a member of the group, and act as photographer when required.

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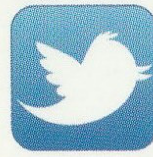
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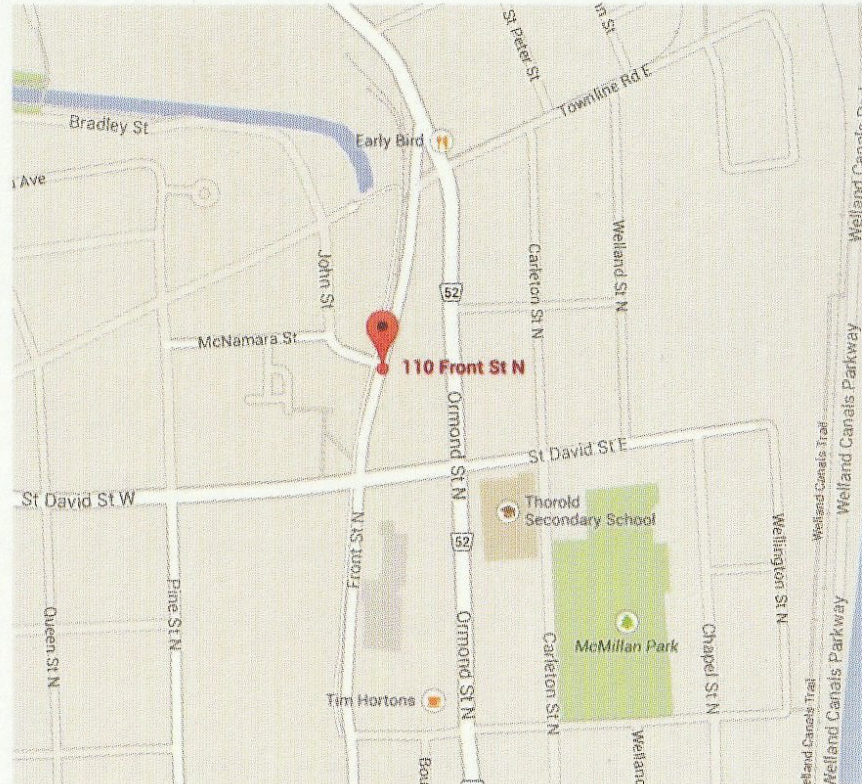
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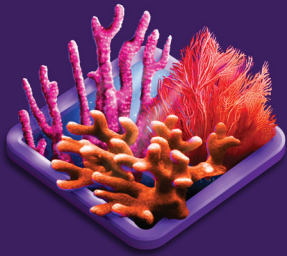
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Pomacea bridgesii (Mystery Snail).....5 pt

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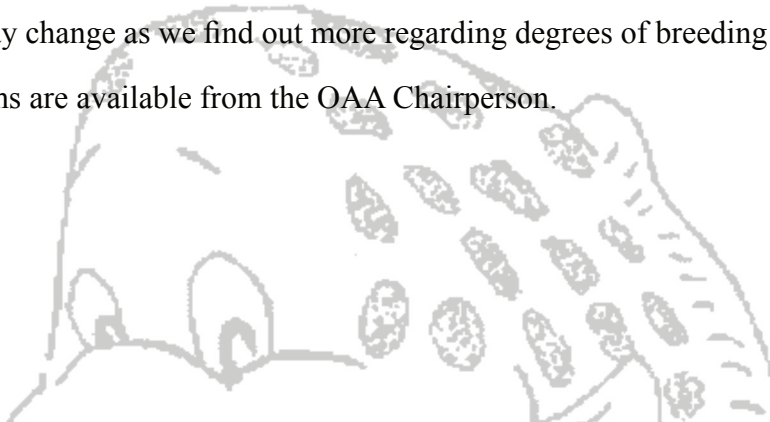
Tom Bridges

OAA Chairperson

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C.A.O.A.C Update

Phil Barrett

February 20th was the most recent caoac meeting. There were 10 people in attendance and 2 people on Skype.

A proposal to end the newsletter awards program passed as for more than 10 years participation was only by 1 to 3 clubs.

Hayden Pounder and Tyler Rohmann were approved as interim show judges, as there were not enough judges that are able to travel.

If there is anyone interested in helping out with convention this May no experience is needed but your time would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Nancy Egelton the caoac president. Her contact info is on the caoac website.

Clubs are being reminded that at this year's convention door prize donations are being asked for in the name of the president's challenge.

Speakers are being confirmed and others being contacted to participate in the upcoming convention. Please consider coming for the day or the weekend, it's a great event.

The next caoac general meeting is on March 17th in Waterdown and club members are welcome to attend and see what happens behind the scenes to support all local fish clubs.

A Couple of Notes

Hey everyone, I just wanted to let everyone know a couple of things from my desk

- Ernest submitted an excellent article on mystery snails, unfortunately I have had a hard time with the photos attached and will be working on rectifying this situation to include this article in the next scat.
- I had talked to Pat a while back but I am certain I forgot to either email or include in the news letter a hard deadline. From here on out the absolute latest I will accept articles for inclusion in the SCAT will be the Monday before the meeting.
- Ideally I wish to have the articles sooner so I have more time to deal with formatting issues as they arise and this is just so I can get the scat out in a more timely fashion.
- Always looking for articles and always willing to include any tips, hints, jokes, or stories dealing with our most enjoyable hobby.

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