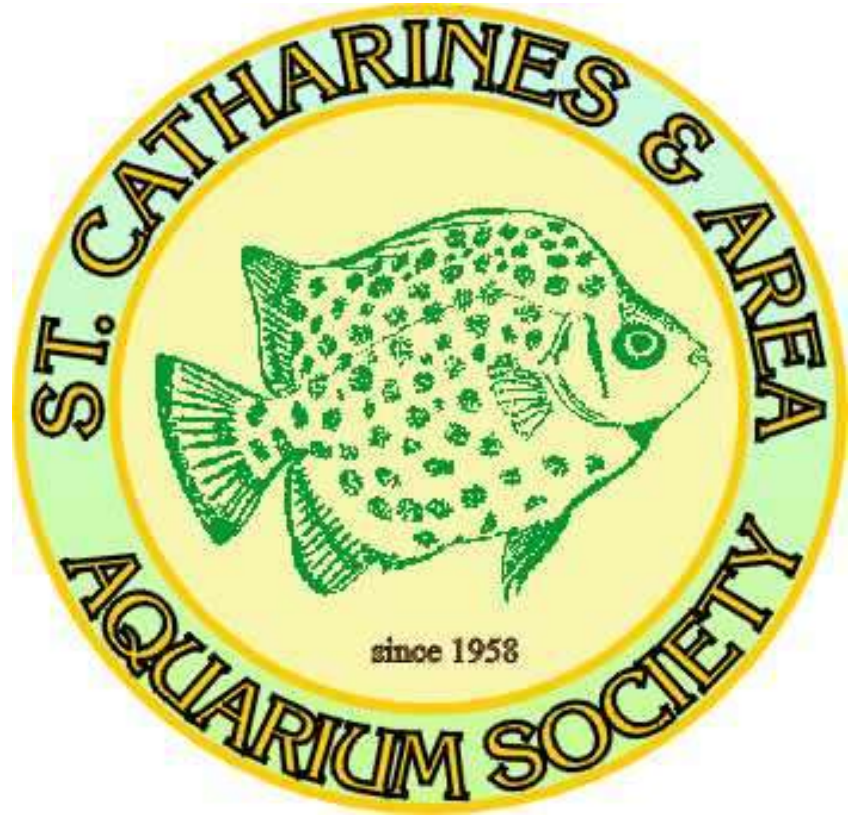


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Club Notes



► 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.*

► **Our Mission Statement:** 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

The Next Meeting is on Monday, October 2, 2017. Frank Aguirre will present on Biotope Aquaria. The Art of Nature. This presentation deals with all the **Biotope theme**, from rules to competitions to history. Frank says he's looking forward to spending a good evening with his friends in the SCAAS.

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Senior couple (both over 65)	15

Upcoming Events

This Fall

Sept. 30 Hamilton & Dist Aq. Soc.
www.hdas.ca
Oct. 22 Kitchener-Waterloo Aq. Soc.
www.kwas.ca
Oct. 29 St. Catharines & Area Aq. Soc.
www.scaas.info
Nov. 5- Peel Region Aquarium Club
Auction, Brampton
<http://www.peelaquariumclub.org/>

Jar Show Fish of the Month

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 & Bettas
May Guppies
June Corys & Catfish (including plecos)
Remember the Open Class every month.

PRESIDENT Patrick's MESSAGE

I would like to welcome returning members as well as new members and guests to our 2017/2018 St. Catharines & Area Club year. Our September meeting was very well attended with 50 people (members and guests) in attendance. Please see Tricia Martin-Fruck our new Membership Chair at our October meeting to renew or take out a new membership in the club.



Our annual club auction is scheduled for October 29, 2017. We encourage you all to attend and get the word out that anyone is welcome to bring in their fish, plants and aquarium supplies for sale at this auction. We will need club support for the auction whether it be for the setup on the day before or for any time that you can spare on the Sunday, it would be appreciated. This is our major fundraiser for the club for the year that helps fund our speakers as well as other club activities.

Thank you

Pat Shruiner



S.C.A.A.S. now desperately needs an editor for the SCAT

Needs: a computer; a fairly recent version of Microsoft Word; an internet connection and lots of patience. Helpful advice will always be available if and when needed. A timely and informative newsletter is one of the essentials for the health of any club such as ours.



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AWARDS! 🤪

JAR SHOW RESULTS – SEPTEMBER

FOM – no entries

Senior Open – Catherine Salmon – 1st place
(beta)

Congratulations!
Pat Shriner
(Jar Show Chair)

BAP AWARDS Presented at the SEPTEMBER Meeting

Ernest Biktimirov

Poecilia reticulata (Fancy Guppies)..... 5 pts.
Congratulations!
Tom Bridges
(BAP Chair)

AHAP AWARDS AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Tom Hillier

Helanthum tenellum (Pygmy Chain Sword) ?
Mayaca fluviatilis (Stream bogmoss)..... ?
Eleocharis parvula (dwarf hairgrass)..... 10
Pogosteimon helferi (downoi) ?
Rotala wallichii 10
Staurogyne repens ?
Aponogeton crispus (ruffled aponogeton)..... 15
Ceratophyllum demersum (Hornwort) 5
Cryptocoryne pontedifolia 15
Cryptocoryne spiralis..... 15

Congratulations!
Ry Koch (AHAP Chair)

? Points unknown as yet.

OAA AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

No Entries

Poecilia Salvatoris (Liberty Molly) a BAP report by Dave Furness

The Liberty molly is a short-finned molly from El Salvador. The males and females have similar colours along the flank of the body. They both have a silvery body with some blue and orange speckles if in full colour. Mine are simply silver. The male's dorsal and caudal fins are edged with orange. There is also black and white on the dorsal as well. The red, white and blue on the fish was the reason the fish was called the Liberty molly. The maximum length of the male is 3 inches, while the females grow a bit larger.

If you want to spawn these fish, you should put them into a species tank. This tank should be heavily planted, and well stocked with floating plants as well. The temperature of the tank is around 76 degrees F.

I had learned from a club member that these fish need to eat several times a day, for they tend to get skinny and die if not fed well. I have fed them a variety of foods, such as flake, live and frozen food. They have spawned for me twice, before I contacted Tom B. to witness my new arrivals, and they continue to spawn. The first two spawns had 12 fry each. I lost the first spawn.



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Neocaridina cf. zhangjiafiensis (Snowball shrimp var. white) by Dave Furness

This shrimp is about 1 inch in length, and are called snowball shrimp because of their white eggs that look like snowballs.

I have my shrimp in a 5 gallon tank with a lot of floating plants for cover, along with a sponge filter. The temperature of the tank is about 74 degrees F. The recommended parameters of the water is having a pH range from 6.0 to 8.0, and the water temperatures from 72 to 84 degrees F.

This shrimp is extremely prolific. It is 30 to 45 days from pregnancy to hatching. When some of the shrimp eggs turn black, they are ready to hatch soon. The black spots are the eyes of the shrimp. Feeding the shrimp is easy. They will eat blanched spinach, zucchini, algae wafers, shrimp pellets, flake food, bloodworms etc. .



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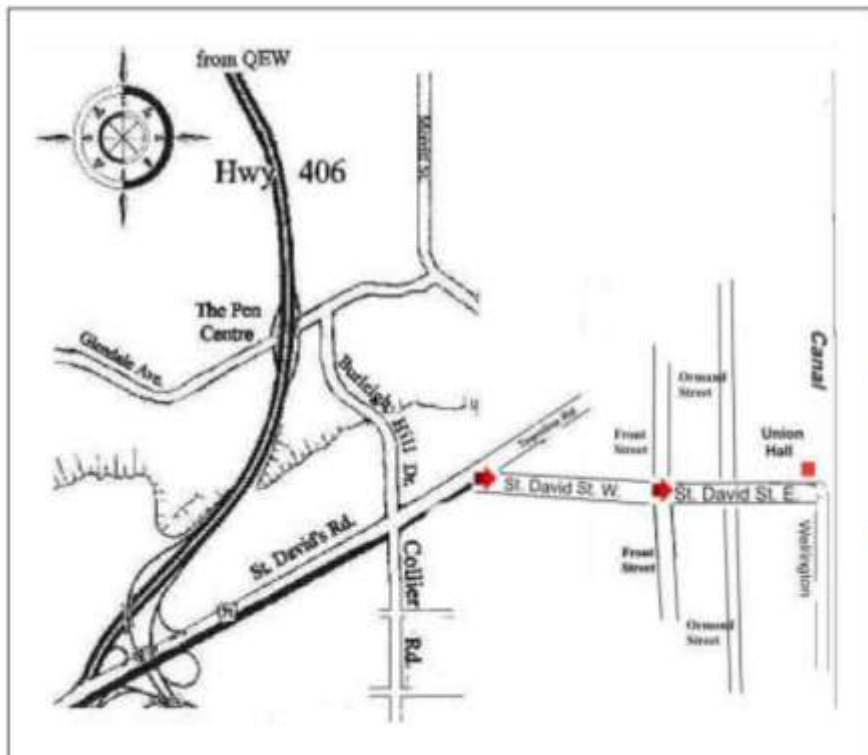
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