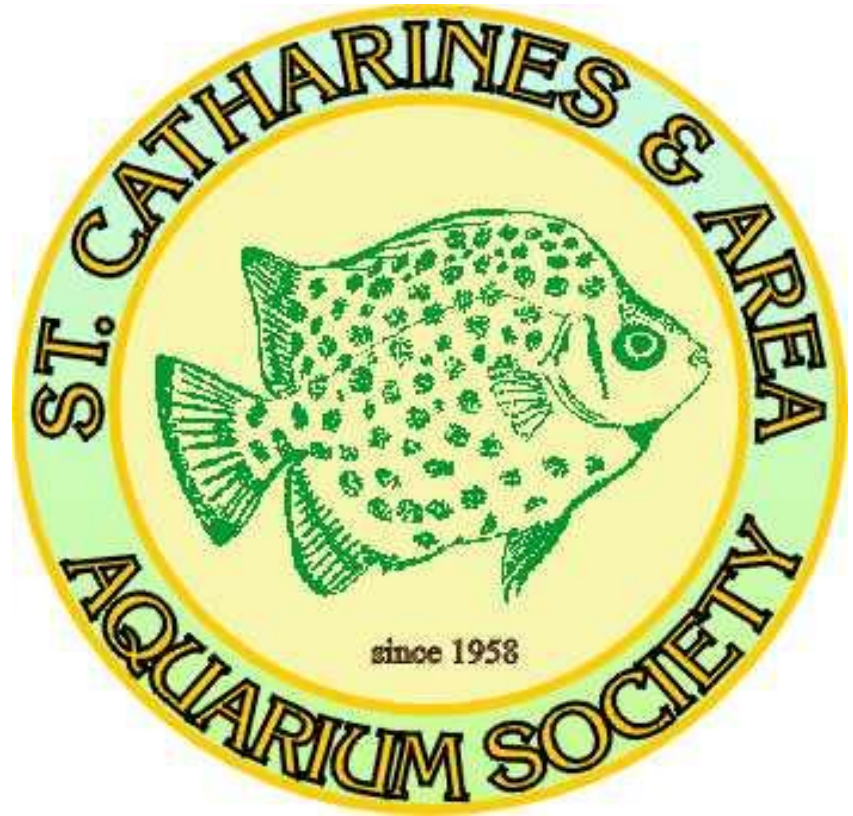


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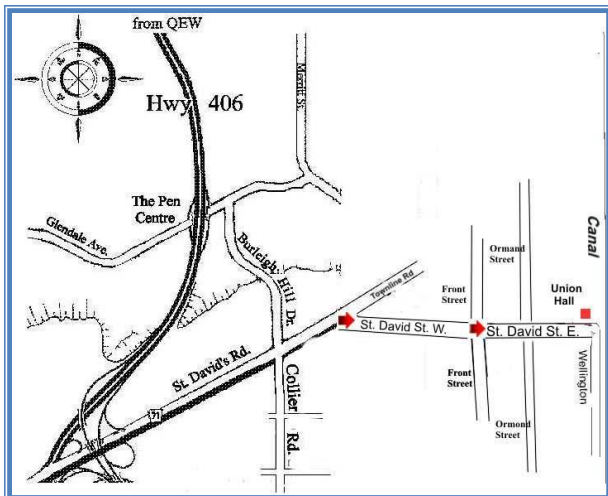
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Club Notes



- ▶ 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 April 4, 2016.
Ken Boorman will be speaking on Rainbow fish**

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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

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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Paul's PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



Did you all enjoy Larry's talk on the cichlids. The photography of the fish alone made it very interesting. Our April speaker will be Ken Boorman speaking on rainbow fish never having had rainbow fish before this is one I'm really looking forward to. March was not kind to your president. Between the issues with one dirt tank, my large cichlid tank, and the other dirt tank starting to leak I was wondering if it was all worth it. Of course it is!! All part of the challenges we face in this hobby, the fact that most of us keep on going shows how much we love it, or we are just plain crazy. With the warmer weather lately I've had a chance to get out and clean up the pond as well, looks like all fish survived the winter season. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting. Remember there are only three left for this year, and don't forget about the caoac convention May long weekend. Details in the newsletter.

JAR SHOW RESULTS

March: 1st Paul Paradis - endler, 2nd Dan Mcleod - guppy 3rd Shane Robertson- guppy
April: Anabantids bettas and gouramis included

Remember each month there is always an open class.



From the Editor's Desk – Lee Routhier

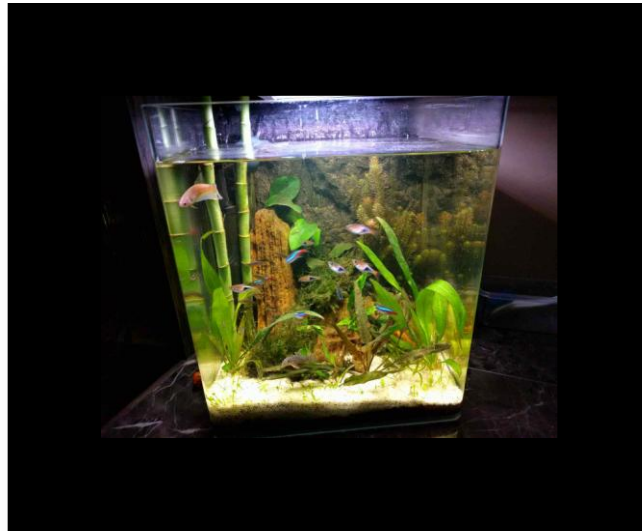
How is everyone, Did you enjoy the last meeting, between Larry's talk and the guppy competition during the jar show it was interesting. Once again I'm asking for more photos of your tanks, it always seems to be the same people, show off those tanks you're so proud of. I also need two more contributors for meet the members. As you can see this time it was me. I'm looking forward to April and the weather warming up so I can get out there and enjoy my pond. See you at the meeting.

Photo submitted by Ry Koch

Red Tiger Lotus



Photos submitted by Shane Robertson



Remember this?



This tank belongs to none other than Paul Paradis and was his first attempt at a dirt tank. Dirt, plants, fertilizer, T5 lights c02 fish the works. What looked great at start up became cloudy and green in a week. What happened too much light? It is near a window, too much food, too much fertilizer all of the above? It is hard to pinpoint the real cause of the problem. Two weeks of constant water changes. It was finally brought it back to normal .

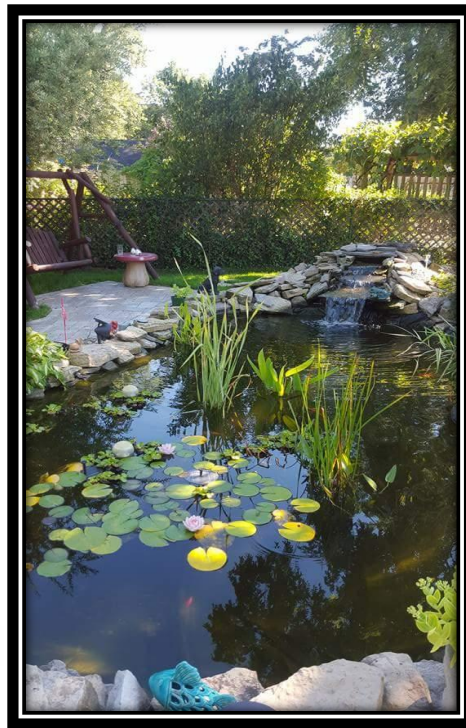


Be patient, if your tanks don't turn out the way they should, don't be afraid to ask for help, we have all been there. It's all part of learning the hobby, if everything went according to plan it would be boring.

MEET YOUR MEMBERS

Lee Routhier

I've been keeping fish off and on for at least 40 years . It was my father that got me interested in the hobby. I remember him coming home setting up the tank , and throwing a bunch of fish in and wondering why they all died. So I took it over. Over the years I've had many varieties of tropical, cichlids, and goldfish. Even had a bit of luck breeding angel fish. Right now I have 8 betta tanks, a 75 gallon for my baby red Oscar, and a low maintenance planted tank with shrimp and endlers. But my favourite by far is my pond it is filled with shubunkins, comets and butterfly gold fish last year we added Asian butterfly koi, best place to be in the summer. I heard about the club through online searches and meeting Paul and Ry. I won't tell you which one but first impression wow this guy really likes to talk about fish. I enjoy going to the meetings for the socializing but also learning about fish I'm not that familiar with as well as plants and new ideas.



Dave Furness

Aulonocara baenchi

Aulonocara baenchi is also known in the hobby as Nkhomo Benga Peacock, the Yellow Regal Peacock or Baensch's Peacock among others. It is a small cichlid, with an average length of 4 to 5 inches, Some males can grow to 6 inches. In Lake Malawi, they can be found near the Maleri Islands, Chipoka, Nkhomo reef near Benga, and Usisya. There can be some slight colour variants among the different locations. They inhabit shallow water, but often inhabit deeper depths as well.

The one that I have has a bright yellow body with a hint of blue. The face below the eye is blue.

They have a mellow temperament, and even seem less aggressive during spawning compared to the other Aulonocara species. In the wild, females may school together, while the males defend their individual territories.

The Aulonocara are sand sifters, and enjoy meaty foods such as sand dwelling invertebrates. Tank specimens enjoy a variety of foods, such as flake, pellets, any type of frozen or freeze dried foods, along with live brine shrimp.

To keep them happy, they should have regular water changes per week, up to 50 percent. The preferred tank setup should have some open space along with some caves and rocks for hiding places and spawning. The tank should be at least 40 gallons or more. Here are some of the aquarium conditions that should be kept. The temperature should be between 73 to 84 degrees. The PH , should be between 7.8 to 8.6. They prefer low lighting and can be a little skittish when the light is too bright.

It is best to have 2 or more females per male when trying to breed this fish. The Aulonocara are mouth brooders, and the female can carry from 20 to 40 fry , for about 21 days. When the fry are free swimming, you can feed them finely crushed flakes as well as newly hatched brine shrimp.



Your Club in Action



Larry Johnson speaking on Lake Malawi Cichlids





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Paul winner of the jar show getting his ribbon from Pat

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Details to follow

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Your New CAOAC Executive:

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St. Catharines Aquarium Society

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

March 2016

Meeting started.....	7.35
Librarian report.....	7.37
Larry Johnson.....	7.41
Break	8.59
Jar Show	9.07
Draws.....	9.10
Auction.....	9.17
Meeting ends.....	9.50

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September - 14th

(as the first monday was labor day)

November - 2nd

January - 4th

March - 7th

May - 2nd

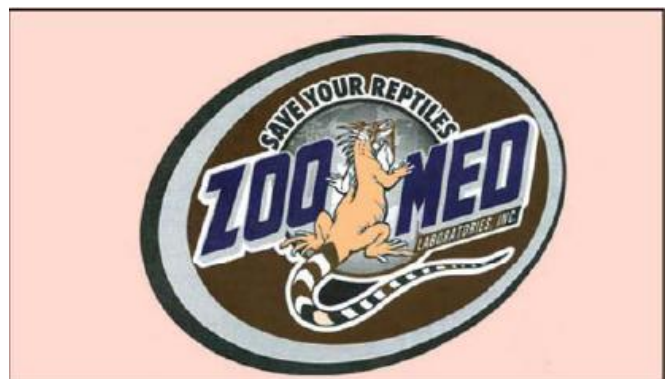
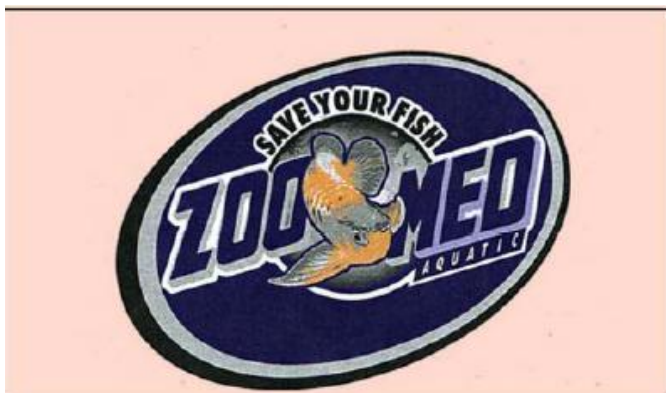
October - 5th

December - 7th

February - 1st

April - 4th

June - 6th



**BAP AWARDS
PRESENTED AT
THE MARCH MEETING**

No awards for this month

Tom Bridges
BAP Chairperson

**OAA AWARDS
PRESENTED AT
THE MARCH 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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