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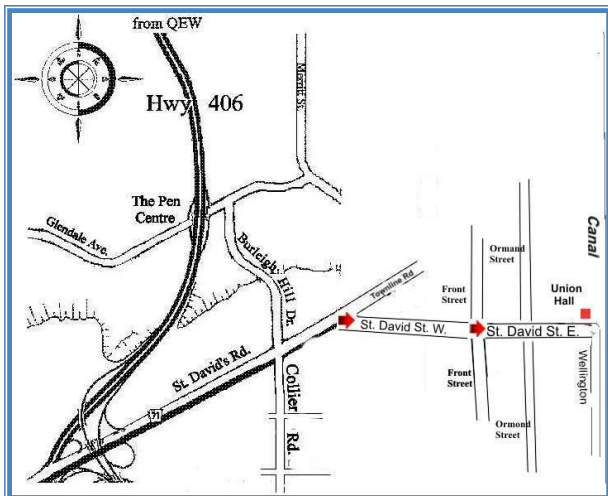
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The SCAT



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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 February 1, 2016

Rob Vanderklok and Gary Rudak of Krakens Cove will be joining us discussing Marine Tanks on a budget

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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

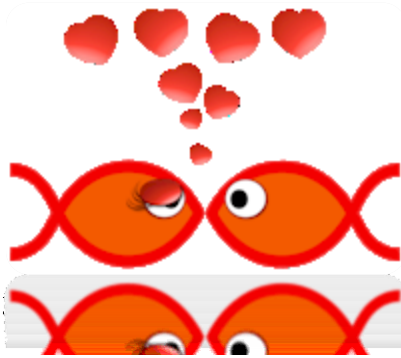
Fish of the Month

February	Loaches & Sharks
March	Swords, Platies,
Mollies	
April	Anabantids including
Gouramis and Bettas	
May	Guppies
June	Corys & Catfish
(including plecós)	

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

ADVERTISING in 'The SCAT'

Full Page	\$150
Half Page	100
Quarter Page	80
Business Card	50



Paul's PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



It was good to see so many out at the January meeting. Ron's talk on diy gadgets for the aquariums was interesting and entertaining. I learned how that making a breeder mop was fairly easy, although I haven't had the chance to use it yet. Also take a vase + rocks+ plant + water = great centerpiece. Just add fish.



I'm looking forward to hear Team Kraken speak at the next meeting as well as seeing some new faces along with the regular members.

JAR SHOW RESULTS

January - Plants no jar show results

February - Loaches and Sharks

Remember each month there is always an open class.



From the Editor's Desk – Lee Routhier

Welcome to February. I hope you all enjoyed the last meeting with our Speaker Ron Bishop, I found it entertaining and interesting. Although the majority was on diy breeding equipment for fish I was able to take a couple of his ideas and use them for the store. Has anyone tried and of the other ideas that Ron demonstrated. I'm looking forward to Rob and Gary's talk this month on marine tanks. I don't believe we have had anyone speak on this topic before at least not since I've joined. I just may be tempted to set up another myself.

Planted Tank Submission by Ry Koch
Beautiful awesome job Ry



Have a tank your proud of, and want to show off please feel free to submit photos.

MEET YOUR MEMBERS

While they aren't members a little bio on your speakers this time.

Kraken's Cove - Corals & Aquatics was founded in November 2014 by Shane Szumowski, Gary Rudak, and Rob Vanderklok. What started as 3 fellow marine hobbyists sharing corals that they were growing out, quickly became a small hobbyist level home based business. We initially were simply growing out our own livestock (corals) and wholesaling them in bulk to other reef stores between Niagara and the GTA area. By mid 2015 we had built up enough of a client base that we found ourselves securing wholesale contacts as well as exporters from around the world in order to meet the demands of our customer base. Around the same time we also started offering saltwater aquarium tank maintenance options locally.

Shane Szumowski is an old school reefer with over 20 years experience. Gary Rudak has been reefing for approx 4 years and prefers the finer points in the hobby, concentrating on the scientific end of the game and focusing on the harder to keep corals in the industry. Rob Vanderklok has been reefing under mentorship from Shane and Gary for aprx. 2.5 years and is very much the "hands on guy". With a sincere love for duct tape and zip ties Rob considers himself a marine engineer of sorts designing and building various equipment required.

Combined we share nearly 30 years experience and have FIRST HAND knowledge caring for thousands of corals and hundreds of marine fish.



The facebook page recently held a contest , judging was done by Theresa Hunter of Central Aquatics. The Winner was Ryan Alexander . See you at the February meeting Ryan to clam your prize of an Aqueon Opti Bright light.

Pictured here is Paul picking up the light from Theresa while visiting Swimming Along in Ridgeway.



Dave Furness

Neolamprologus Leleupi

Lemon Cichlid

This small four inch fish is endemic to Lake Tanganyika, and lives around the rocky areas along the shoreline. They are semi-aggressive and can be kept with other small rock dwelling cichlids, but they can be aggressive when breeding.

When I decided that I wanted to spawn this fish, I set up a thirty gallon with crushed coral on the bottom, with lava rock piled up to the top of the tank.

The temperature should be between 73 to 81 degrees, and the PH should be between 7.5 to 9.0 . I bought eight adult leleupi and let them pair off. The others should be removed from the tank after a pairing has accrued. Adult males grow larger than the females. When I noticed the fry, I started feeding them micro worms and brine shrimp. The parents usually leave the fry alone until they are around one inch in length . Often there can be several spawns living in the tank together. Sometimes the adults do consume the fry.

The pair had spawned in a conical shell, but cave like structures will serve them well as well.



Your Club in Action

Congrats Dave another award



Paul and his mop making skills

A BIT OF CONFUSION: CLEARING UP THE OCCASIONAL MISUNDERSTANDING OF INITIALS AND SHORTENED NAMES

... and about the name of the city of St. Catharines

Recently, in a couple of articles, there were discussions, as there often are, about the way clubs operate, and the experiences of new members. In one of the articles, repetitive use was made of the word SCAT as if that is the initials of The St. Catharines and Area Aquarium Society. The SCAT is the name of the St. Catharines club's monthly newsletter.

When the club was formed in 1958, the fish *Scatophagus argus* was chosen as their logo, followed by their choice of the name The SCAT for the club's newsletter – simply a shortened version of the fish's name.

The initials S.C.A.A. S. stand for The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society.



SPELLING GOOF: The name St. Catharines is spelled with a middle 'a' not an 'e', and there is definitely no apostrophe before the 's'.

For some interesting articles on the city, go to

<http://www.stcatharines.ca/en/governin/historyofthecity.asp>

and

<http://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/2011/01/21/next-stop-st-catherines>

and

<http://www.niagarathisweek.com/news-story/3300960-professor-asks-how-did-st-catharines-get-its-name/>

I couldn't find any information on how the St. in St. Catharines originated ... does anyone know?

Pat Bridges



About CAOAC



What is CAOAC? We are often asked this question. CAOAC stands for The Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs. We are a non-profit corporation and are composed of member aquarium, reptile & amphibian, pond & water garden, and similar clubs or societies from across Canada and the Northeast United States.

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, & liability insurance are just a few of the things on which clubs can work and benefit together. Recently, a Fish Rescue Program has begun. This has been developed with outside partners who also have an interest in our hobby and environmental issues.

Member Benefits

National awards program to honour those in member clubs who have achieved success in breeding, plant propagation, or other endeavours related to the hobby.

National judging program to train and certify judges as well as set standards that all can use to judge their shows.

Third-party liability insurance program to protect club members in case of an unfortunate accident at one of their functions.

National forum to express views and opinions.

National voice to deal with legislation which may impact negatively on our hobby and to put forward constructive ideas to politicians and bureaucrats.

A chance to become involved with people who share similar interests with yourselves.

If you are interested in joining CAOAC as a club or as a private (non-voting) member, please contact our Membership Chair, see under committees for link.

In person meetings are held monthly (except July & August) in Waterdown, Ontario (unless otherwise posted) at the Optimist Hall where clubs which are within driving distance send their representative (s) to discuss issues of the day as well as the future. For those unable to attend, due to distance, joining the meetings via Skype is also an option.

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Your New CAOAC Executive:

President: *Ron Bishop*

1st Vice-President: *Peter Melady*

2nd Vice-President: *Ken Boorman*

Recording Secretary: *Ann Stevens*

Corresponding Sec'y: *Ann Marie Towell*

Treasurer: *Albert Van Montfort*

St. Catharines Aquarium Society January 2016 minutes

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

- 7:30 meeting begins
- 7:36 Hap awards Dave Furness
- 7:37 Ron Bishops talk
- 8:45 Break
- 9:00 member raffle
- 9:05 tom reads thank you from
community care
- 9:07 librarian report
- 9:10 raffle
- 9:20 auction

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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

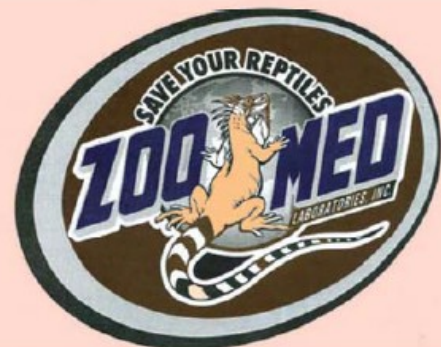
October - 5th

December - 7th

February - 1st

April - 4th

June - 6th



**BAP AWARDS
PRESENTED AT
THE JANUARY MEETING**

Dave Furness

Otopharynx lithobates10 pts

Congratulations

Tom Bridges
BAP Chairperson

**OAA AWARDS
PRESENTED AT
THE JANUARY MEETING**

No awards this month.

Tom Bridges
BAP Chairperson

**AHAP AWARDS
PRESENTED AT
THE JANUARY 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).

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.

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