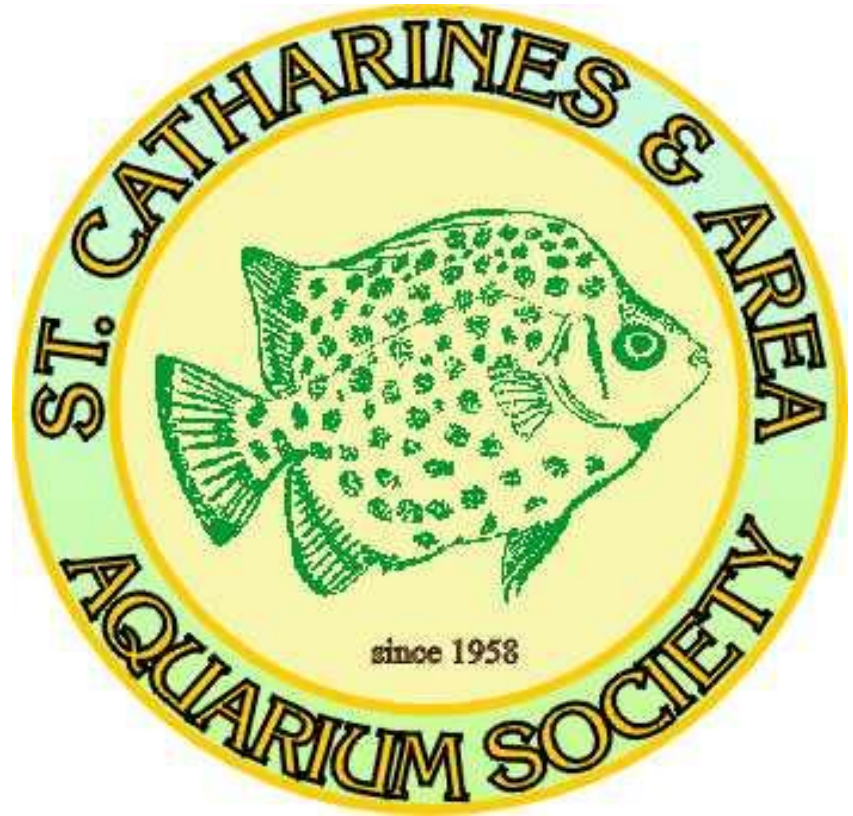


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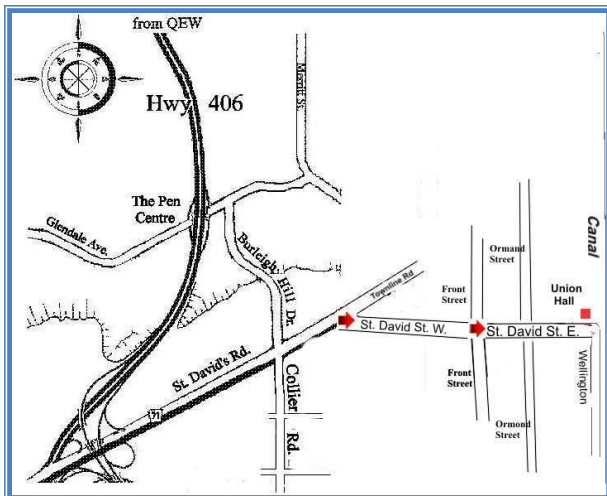
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Club Notes



- ▶ 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 3, 2014
This program will be a Video from the CAOAC on setting up a cichlid tank and the proper care.

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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. 9 - St Catharines & Area Auction



Jar Show

Fish of the Month

- November** Cichlids (any type)
- December** Open to all types
- Stay tuned for Jan-June**

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

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JOE'S PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Greetings All!

Well it's sad to say but I think we are finally in for some colder weather. As I walked out of my front door the last few mornings I was surprised to see a thin layer of frost on the roof tops and on my car windows. It is hard to believe November is here already!



With pond season well behind us it is time to start thinking about what we can breed indoors. From my experience, many types of fish will more readily breed in the winter months. I have had more successful Pleco breeding occur in the winter. I think even our fish go on vacation in the summer months.

Last month we had a fantastic talk from Catharine Salmon about Bettas. Although I was unable to attend the meeting I have heard from several club members that Catharine has inspired them to not only keep bettas but try and breed them as well. I would like to thank Catharine for such a great talk and I look forward to hearing Berta breeding success stories from our club members.

This month our program will consist of a great video provided by CAOAC. This video will highlight many different cichlids and show how to care for them and how to provide a proper setup for them. It should be a great video for anyone looking at starting a Cichlid tank and for those who already have Cichlid tanks. I am looking forward to learning something new about cichlids.

I would like to also remind everyone that Sunday, November 9, 2014 is our annual fall auction. It will be a busy day and will require a lot of help from everyone. We will need members to help with the auction and we hope that we will have a lot of volunteers for jobs such as selling raffle tickets and running items up to the auction block. No job is too small and a successful auction depends on an entire club coming together to help out not just an executive. More information will be available at November's meeting.

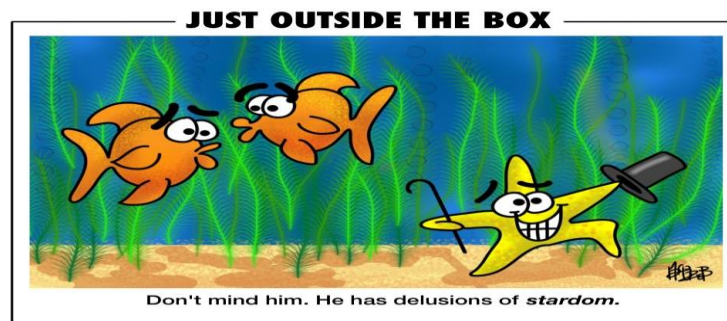
Finally,

I would like to remind everyone that we contribute a significant amount of donations to community care every year. It would be nice if every club member could bring a non-perishable food item to each meeting or a small monetary donation. With only two more months until Christmas, Community Care could use the extra donations to help people over the holiday season. A donation box will be at the front of the meeting room and hopefully it will be overflowing by the December meeting!

I'll see everyone at our meeting on Monday, November 3, 2014.

Happy Water Changes,

Joe Krauchuk SCAAS President



JAR SHOW RESULTS

FISH OF THE MONTH – October
Danios, Barbs and Tetras
There were no entries for this month

November– Cichlids (any type)

OPEN CLASS – YOUR CHOICE!

From the Editor's Desk – Lee Routhier

It's November already time sure is flying by. I found October's topic on breeding betas very interesting. As much as I love the betas though I don't think I will be trying to breed my own. Like any hobby it involves a lot of time that I really don't have at the moment. I will stick with the guppies, cichlids, mollies, angels and gold fish. One you get the chance look up the koi betta. I am so tempted to get one, but they are pricey. Looking forward to November's topic on cichlids and don't forget the upcoming auction November 9.



St. Catharine's Aquarium Society October 17, 2014 Executive Meeting Minutes

SCAAS Auction: It is happening November 9th 2014.

The team from London Area fish club will be in charge of registration, CHITs and running the computer program. They have a software which automatically will calculate a person's total once all the items have been sold. Ken will bring our printer just in case something happens with the one from London. Tom will talk to the London Area fish club team to see if they would like a small gift other than gas money and paper for the printer. Ron and Tom will be doing the auctioneering. The auction forms are up on the internet for people to find and print off before the auction.

Ken will bring new batteries and the microphone for the sound system. Ken will pick up tickets for the raffle, 50/50 and food tickets. Food tickets can be given out to the volunteers. Ken will pick up 6 tables to rent for auction day. Emma and Joe will return them on Monday.

Joe has advertised with Kijiji, Facebook and Cogeco.

Tom is going to ask Mario for a tank donation to possibly raffle off. North Fin and Big Al's will probably set up booths at our auction for education and selling small items.

We will need volunteers to write CHIT's, cook the food for the BBQ and sell the food at the concession stand.

We will need 2 floats one for the auction and one for the concessions. We need to make sure we have enough small change and cheques this year. We plan to buy pre cooked hamburgers to there is less risk when cooking. 50 hamburgers, 50 hotdogs and sausages. We will buy condiments x 2 for back up if we start to run low. Tom will call Shawn and Shirley to see if they would be to help out running the concessions at the auction. Joe is ok to pick up the food. We need to check the back room to make sure we have enough paper plates, napkins, ect. Tom will pick up a jug of Tim Horton's coffee on auction day it includes, sugar creamer and cups.

BAP REPORT

Betta Channoides

Contributed by David Furness

Betta channoides is a species which is endemic to the island of Borneo, where it is only found in the province of Kalimantan Timur. This fish inhabits shallow acidic brown forest streams, where the PH is from 4.0 to 6.5 . Mine bred at a PH of 7.6 .

I have placed my pair in a ten gallon tank, with very little gravel and some floating plants. Small coconut half shells are placed on the bottom, where the male likes to incubate the eggs. The water temperature is around 76 to 78 degrees F. , and the PH was 7.6 .

These fish are fussy feeders, and only accept live foods, such as daphnia, brine shrimp, bloodworms and white worms. They are not fond of flake or pellets. The male has a red body with some black and white on the tail. The female is rather plain. They are very slow moving fish that can be kept in a small species tank, with both male and females together.

When breeding, the female pursues the male. the male then wraps his body around the female where milt and eggs are released. The eggs are picked up by the female and then spit into the water column for the male to catch and hold. there can be from 1 to 40 fry at a time. The incubation period is between 10 to 21 days. The parents will not normally harm the fry. The fry are fed, when released by the male, microworms or newly hatched brine shrimp. I think that the female should be removed after spawning, for she may attempt to spawn with him again , before the incubation time is over. If pursued while holding, he may spit them out prematurely and spawn again.



Photos courtesy of the internet

BAP REPORT

Xenotoca Eiseni

Redtail Goodeid

Contributed by David Furness

The redbtail goodeid is from the highlands of Mexico, and can be found in clear streams to polluted ditches. The areas that they are found in are heavily vegetated. The water temperature there vary extremely. The temperature ranges from 59 to 86 degrees F., and the PH ranges from 6.0 to 8.0 .

There happens to be only three species in the Genus Xenotoca. They are Xenotoca eiseni, melanosoma, and variata. The female eiseni can grow to 2.8 inches and the male grows to 2.4 inches. The head of this species is pointed, and the mouth is small and undershot. The dorsal fin is set far back and is larger in the males than in the females. All fins are rounded. The colouration varies according to the population. In the male at the rear of the body, before the tail, the colour is blue, then orange at the caudal peduncle. If you want these fish in a community tank, I must warn you though, that these fish are known to be nippers.

I have been told by a few people that had them, that they are very easy to spawn. Well the first three times that I had owned them, I had no luck with them at all. The first three times I left a pair in a well planted tank, where they were well fed. I never saw a single fry. This time I placed the pair in with only a few floating plants, and fed them some flakes, live foods, and a lot more vegetation in their diet. The female was looking heavier, but her gravid spot was not showing too much. I decided to do something different this time with them, so I took the female out and placed her on her own. A week later, there were quite a few fry. The gestation period time is between 55 to 62 days. There can be 10 to 50 young born, each measuring 1.5 m .The fry are large enough for all foods. These fish should be fed a lot of vegetation



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Nope I don't care how cute he is dear, I'm not bidding.

St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society
October

Unfortunately Emma was absent at the October meeting and no minutes were recorded.

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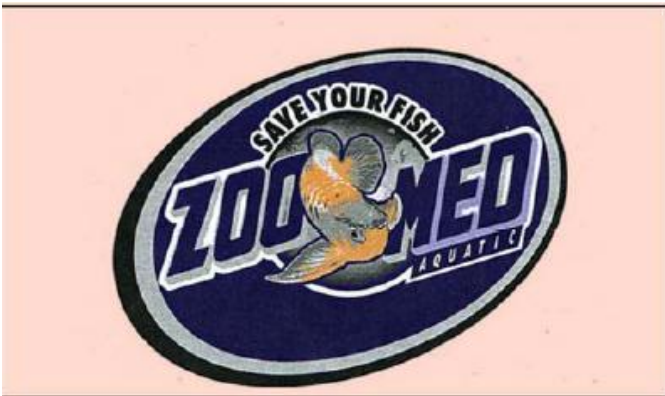
2014-2015 SCAAS Meeting Dates

Mondays:

September 8
(2nd Monday due to
the Labour Day
holiday)
October 6
November 3

December 1
January 5
February 2
March 2

April 6 (Easter Monday)
May 4
June 1



AHAP AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE OCTOBER MEETING

No awards this month

Joe Krawchuk
HAP 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.

OAA AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE OCTOBER MEETING

No awards this month.

Tom Bridges
BAP Chairperson

BAP AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE OCTOBER MEETING

Ernest Biktimirov
Ancistrus cf. cirrhosis (Brown Bushy Nose Pleco)

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Tom Bridges



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<p align="center">Want To Buy</p> <p>No Items wanted this month</p>	<p align="center">For Sale</p> <p>Gently used 30 Gallon tanks 8 in total \$25.00 each Wayne Wallington 905 834 1895</p>
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No items to SWAP this month



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:	
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2nd Vice-President: <i>Ken Boorman</i>	Recording Secretary: <i>Ann Stevens</i>
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