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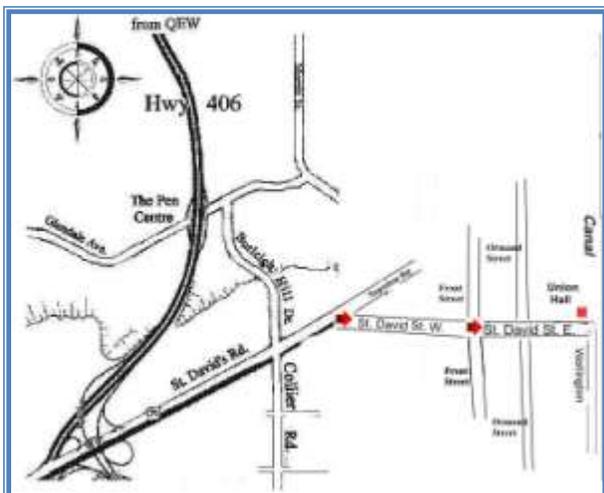
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Club Notes



- ▶ 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 October 7th. Our guest speaker will be Ron Bishop, President of the London Aquaria Society and the 1st Vice-President of The Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs (C.A.O.A.C.). **Ron's topic is Gadgets.**

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Fish of the Month

October Barbs & Tetras
November Rift Lake Cichlids
December Swords, Platies,
Mollies
January Anabantids
February Loaches & Sharks
March Plants
April Angels & Discus
May Dwarf Cichlids
June Goldfish & Koi

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

October 20 CAOAC meetings
October 27 Kitchener Show & Auction
November 2 Tropical Fish club of
Erie County Auction
November 3 Peel Region Auction
November 10 St Catharines Auction

...for more dates go to www.caoac.ca
and click on 'Calendar'.



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S.C.A.A.S. ANNUAL AUCTION

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 10, 2013

SCAAS's September meeting photo ops!



Bruce Hallett selling raffle tickets



President Paul keeping an eye on the proceedings.

Tom B. presenting Dave Furness with his certificate for a breeding achievement



Executive musings



Joe Krawchuk presenting Dave Furness with his certificate for a plant propagation



JAR SHOW entries!



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Photos by Sascha Duentsch

The St. Catharines and Area Aquarium Society

Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2013

The regular meeting of The St. Catharines and Area Aquarium Society was called to order at 7:30 pm on September 9, 2013 in Thorold by President Paul Paradis.

29 members were in attendance.

The minutes of the previous evening were unanimously approved as distributed.

New members acknowledged: Sascha who heard about club through Paul Paradis.

Club's upcoming events were outlined.

Club Treasurer Roman provided totals which YTD are \$ 2772.23

Claudia Carthew, President of The Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs, Inc., (C.A.O.A.C.), presented Pat and Tom Bridges with an award for 25 years service to C.A.O.A.C.

Guest Speaker Jeff Mountjoy started his presentation at 7:37 pm and ended at 8:20

Members were informed of new Facebook Page and were asked for current email addresses to be updated.

The position for the newsletter remains open and needs to be filled.

Auction started at 9pm and ended at 9:54pm

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 by President Paul Paradis. The next general meeting will be at 7:30 on Monday October 7, 2013 in Thorold

Minutes submitted by: Tammy Pooley (secretary)

Coldwater Corner-September 2013

By Dave Easingwood

Hope you all had a good summer, it was a good one for ponds. I've never seen my ponds so full of plants as they were this year. Water Hyacinth grew in abundance and all my lilies flowered, there was a lot of floating Water Lettuce and plenty of duckweed (good browsing for my Shubunkins).

I had five spawnings of my Shubunkins, one in my small top pond and four in tanks in the fish house. When the pond spawning finished I removed the two adults to a 12" deep rearing pond so the eggs wouldn't get eaten. Two nights later the adults 'disappeared', I can only assume I had a Raccoon visit the pond and it took the fish, very disappointing!!! The rearing pond now has a chicken wire mesh cover. All other spawnings were from tanks in my fish house. The young fish are healthy and growing well but it won't be 'till the end of the year when I can tell if the QUALITY of the fish is as good or better than the parents.

What I am trying to do is breed and develop a strain of my own Canadian/Bristol Shubunkins by 'line breeding'. I started in Calgary 7 years ago with five adults I got from Los Angeles. It is a long process because the fish don't breed 'true to type', Fancy Goldfish revert back to their ancestors, many of the babies are 'pinks' or 'bronzes'. Out of a spawning of 200 eggs, I reckon only five fish will be as good, or better than their parents.

The September meeting featured a talk by Jeff Mountjoy of Martin Mills on fish food. It was extremely interesting and informative, here are some pointers Jeff made.....Don't overfeed. Modern food contains all the ingredients to keep fish healthy

..we keep our fish in their own toilet, if that is not clean and healthy, the fish won't survive

..Jeff only feeds his fish every three days, that's how they feed in the wild

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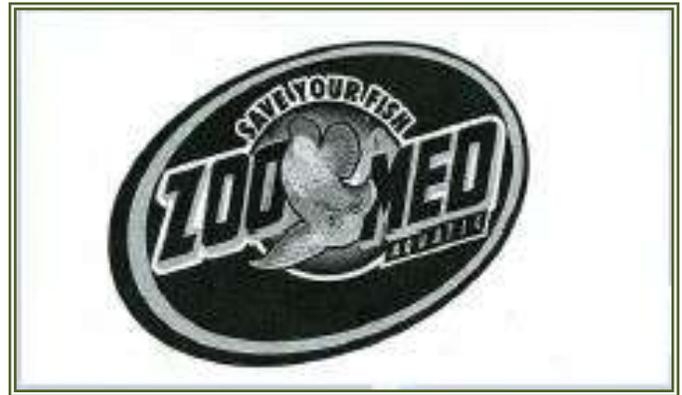
**BAP
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**
presented at the September meeting

Dave Furness – *Tanichthys albonubes*
White Clouds..... 5 pts.
Tom & Pat Bridges –
Xiphophorus mayae 5

Awarded in June:

David Furness –
Melanochromis auratus 10
Tom & Pat Bridges –
Corydoras napoensis 20

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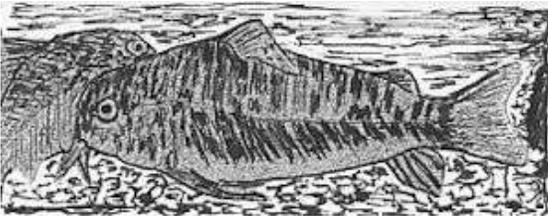
Corydoras Paleatus

By Dave Furness

One of the more popular Corys, *Corydoras paleatus*, which is also known as the peppered Cory, reaches a size of 2.5 to 3 inches in total length. The male is smaller than the female, and in body length. The dorsal and pectoral fins are longer on the male than the female. This species is from the lower Parana River basin, and coastal rivers in Uruguay and Brazil.

The Corys are easy to feed and will take a wide variety of food, such as flake, brine shrimp, assorted worms and zucchini. They will also take other foods on occasion, such as dead leaves, dead snails, and dead daphnia.

Peppered Corys can take temperatures from 68 to 85 degree F. Usually, when you condition your cats for spawning, it is customary to separate the sexes, if you have the room. It works just as well keeping the sexes together. I conditioned the fish heavily with crushed peas, brine shrimp and white worms, as well as keeping the temperature of the tank at 78 degrees F. After a week of this, I removed the fattest female, plus two males, to a five gallon tank. The tank had a bare bottom for easy daily cleaning. The only article in the tank was a sponge filter, plus the temperature of the tank was lowered to 72 degrees F. The next morning they were spawning. When she lays her eggs, she lays a few at a time, and carries them between her pelvic fins. She will then place the eggs on the glass and any other surface. She will collect the males sperm in her mouth and carries it to fertilize the eggs. I removed the adults, then raised the temperature to 78 degrees F. I also added a small amount of anti fungal medicine. I did not feed the new fry for a couple of days. The first food that I fed was liquid fry, for a couple of days, and then fed them brine shrimp and micro worms after that.



JAR SHOW WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

- 1st place Joe Krawchuk
 Bristle Nose Pleco
- 2nd place Joe Krawchuk
 Synodontis Cat
- 3rd place Pam Danyluck
 Cory Cat (albino)

S.C.A.A.S. MEETING DATES FROM SEPT. 2013 to JUNE 2014

2013 - October 7, November 4, December 2

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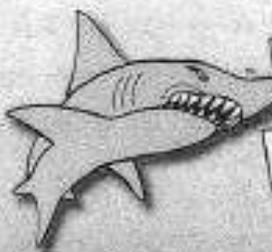
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Editor's job:

Requirements: An email account; a 2007 or better version of Microsoft Word or an equivalent product with Microsoft Word compatibility; a printer and scanner (both good ideas but not essential).



The information at the top of page 2 has permanent information in it, including the club's mandate; memberships in the parent organization, (C.A.O.A.C.), and F.A.A.S.; when and where the meetings are held, etc., so it's a good place to leave it.

Overall design of the newsletter is entirely up to the editor, including the cover page (see below for some important details).

- Complete each newsletter in time for mass email delivery, toward the latter part of the week before each meeting. Keep in mind that some members do not have email addresses. Black and white newsletters are printed for those members, (Staples is a good choice for this). **At present the membership committee is taking care of that.**
- A 'Volume#/issue #' should be in evidence on the **cover** of the newsletter, (it changes each month), as well as the month and year.
- Refer to page 2, (Club Notes -- an information page), in a previous newsletter for ongoing information that should be included in each newsletter. For example, executive and other committees; membership and advertising fees; fish of the month.
- **Keep track of any items that may change each month. Some are on page 2 and others may appear on later pages. Some examples are the program, BAP and HAP awards; fish of the month, coming events, etc. Upcoming events may be found, at www.caoac.ca, under 'Calendar'.**
- Establish a deadline for contributions to the newsletter each month. If you wish, remind contributors if their copy isn't received close to the deadline. Contributions may include BAP reports on breeding; HAP reports on propagating plants and other articles of interest in the hobby.
- Keep **all** advertising in the newsletter running each month unless advised otherwise. Pay attention to where the advertisers want their ads placed ... for instance, the Tropical Fish Room is, at present, placed on the last page of the newsletter.
- Keep it as simple as possible while you're 'giving it a try'.
- Help is available, as always. Just give a holler. 😊

An advertisement for Mail Order Pet Supplies. The background is black with white text. At the top left, it says "Mail Order Pet Supplies" in large white letters. Below that, in smaller white text, it says "Delivering Affordable Prices to Tropical Fish Hobbyists." To the right, a diagonal banner says "Call for a FREE Catalogue!". In the center, it says "Full line of brand name aquarium supplies at discount prices". Below that, it says "Save more with our flat-rate shipping" and "No Minimum Order". At the bottom, it says "1-888-648-MOPS • WWW.MOPS.CA" with a small white maple leaf icon to the right. There is a logo for "MAIL ORDER PET SUPPLIES" featuring a fish's face.

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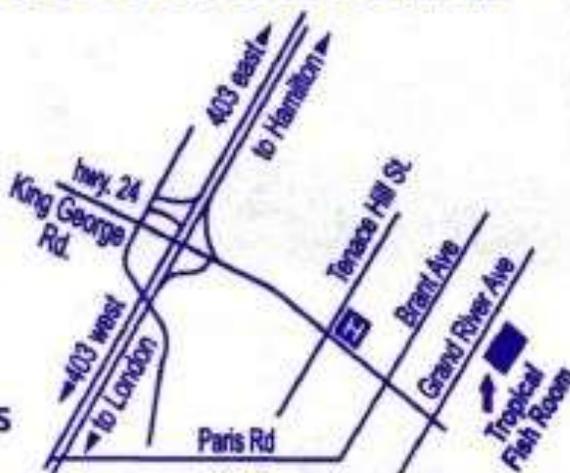
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