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# The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society

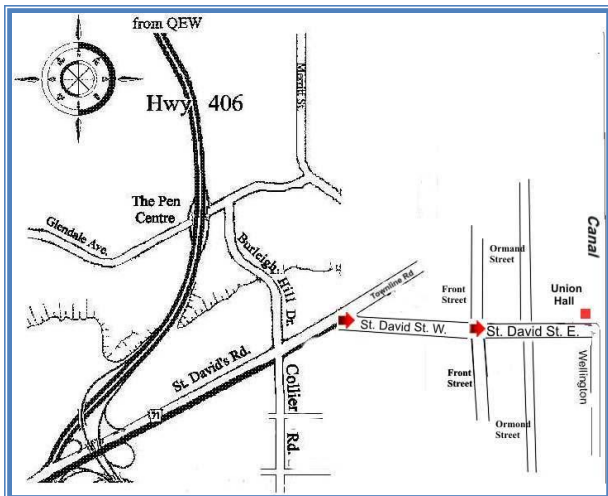
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## Club Notes



- ▶ 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](http://www.caoac.ca) and a member of the Federation of American Aquarium Societies, (F.A.A.S.), [www.faas.info](http://www.faas.info)
- ▶ More news and information about S.C.A.A.S. can be found at our web site [www.scaas.info](http://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 September 8, 2014**  
**This program will be Ron Bishop speaking on 'Showing Fish' Ron is the President of the London Aquaria Society as well as the President of CAOAC**

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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

- Sept. 13** - Sarnia Aquarium Soc. Auction
  - Sept. 28** - London Aquaria Soc. Show & Auction
  - Oct. 4** - Hamilton & District Fall Auction
  - Oct. 26** - Kitchener/Waterloo Octoberfish Show & Auction
  - Nov. 9** - St Catharines & Area Auction
- ☆

### Jar Show Fish of the Month

- September** Goldfish
  - October** Danios, Barbs & Tetras
  - 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!

I hope that everyone had a fantastic summer with fruitful ponds and breeding projects! I myself was happy with the success of a pleco breeding project and I was also able to breed some gorgeous Peacock Cichlids.

I don't know about all of you, but I've been looking forward to the start of monthly meetings for a while now. Being able to talk to other people about a hobby that I love so much is great. We have some excellent speakers and some innovate new ideas for things like jar shows and auctions.

Our club has come a long way over the past few years with our membership nearly doubling. We've been able to do some great things to give back to the community, such as food and financial donations to Community Care and setting up multiple tanks for children with special needs at a Children's Centre.

The 2014/2015 fish club season promises to be one of the best yet! With excited and energetic new executive members, coupled with the knowledge and dedication of seasoned members, we'll have a great year.

I can't wait to see all of you at September's meeting – bring a friend!

*Joe Krawchuk* SCAAS President

\*\*\*\*\*CONGRATULATIONS JOE ON WINNING THE SCAAS AWARD\*\*\*\*\*

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## JAR SHOW RESULTS

**FISH OF THE MONTH – June**  
**Koi & Goldfish**

There were no entries for this month

**FISH OF THE MONTH – September**  
**Goldfish**

**OPEN CLASS – YOUR CHOICE!**



The members of the St Catharines Aquarium Society wish to express their appreciation to the Rolf C. Hagen Company for their continued generous support. **We invite our members to take part in this latest contest by clicking on the banner above.**

## From the Editor's Desk – Lee Routhier

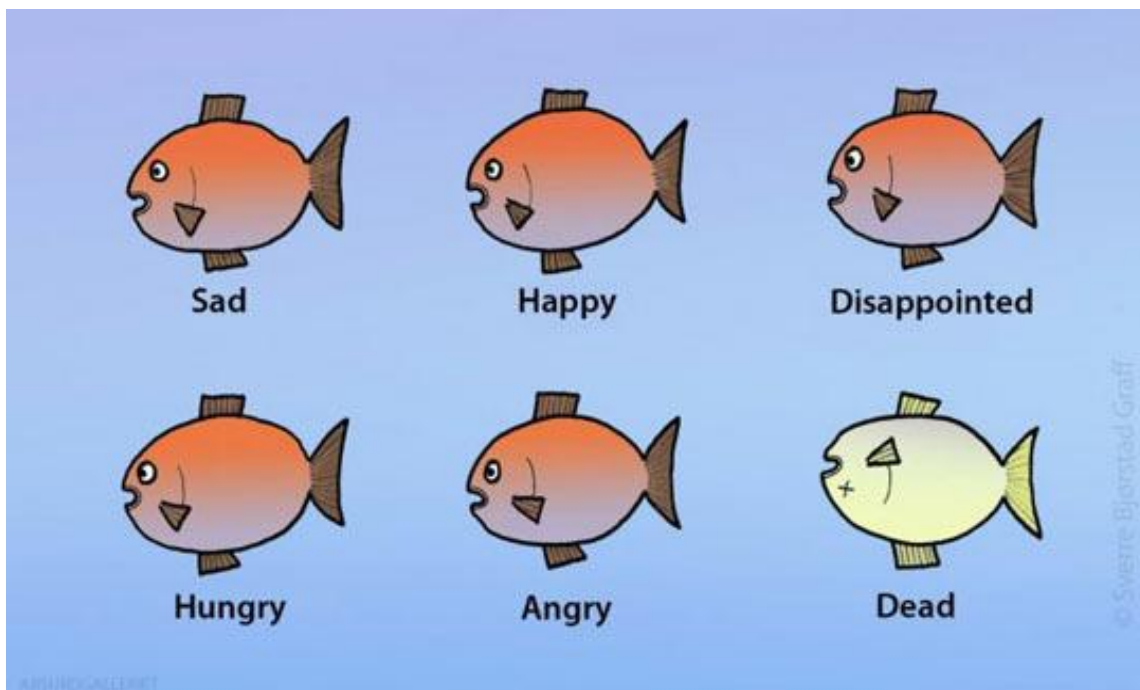
Welcome back everyone. You may have noticed that there are a few changes to the newsletter for this term. Nothing too drastic, for the most part everything is the same. I just moved a few things around a bit. Thank you to Tom and Pat Bridges for working on this newsletter for so long. I hope I can do the job just as well. I have big shoes to fill. I would also like to thank them for their patience in dealing with me and my tons of emails while I tried to get this first newsletter going.

My name is Lee, just in case you didn't know. I've had fish off and on for 50 years. Over the last 5 years the hobby has become a business. I have my own newsletter for the store, and in the past, before the computer made it so much easier, I wrote a column on "family life" for the local newspaper where I used to live. So that's my experience.



So this is your newsletter, not much content other than pictures and ads. You all have so much knowledge and there is such a variety of different tanks, (planted, cichlids, marine, ponds etc.), what's holding you back? Please share with the rest of the group. If you don't have access to email, you can always write it out and give it to me during one of the meetings. I can get it in the next issue for you. The one thing I would like to see is a regular section for planted tanks -- so many of you have them. Me, well they aren't my thing, but from what I have seen they are beautiful. It might be nice to have a regular series of setting one up, start to finish. Anyone?

Remember advice is always appreciated. This is the only time I will be writing this. Let's be honest, how much do you really want to hear from me?



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# *June Meeting Photos by Sascha Duentsch*



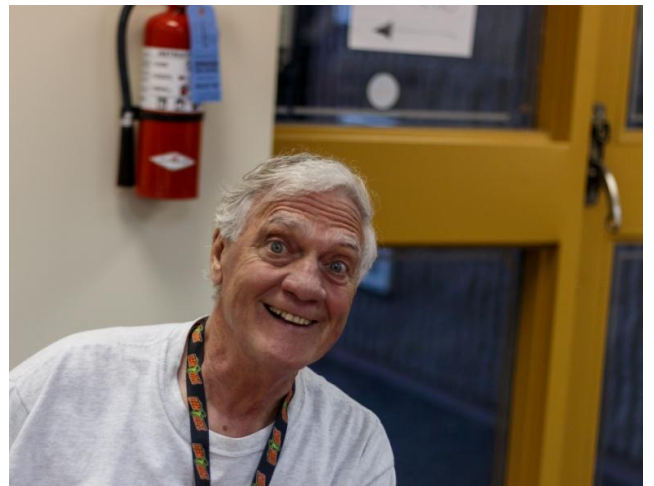
***Tom Hillier presents the Wally Ebert Service Award to Mario***



***President Joe prepares to present the Dave Unruh Award for excellence in Aquatic Horticulture***



***Pat Shriner proudly presents the SCAAS Jar Show Champions Trophy to Joe Krawchuk.***



***Guess Who!!!  
(hint) You may have bought tickets from him.***

***More Photos by our Faithful Photographer  
Sascha Duentsch***



***A Lucky Raffle  
Winner!***



***Hmmmm, where have I seen these fish  
before . . . and our auctioneer, Tom  
Hillier invites our bids. "Do I hear  
\$25...\$20 ... 15 ...10 ... 5... anyone?"***



***Our BAP Chair and resident  
geezer, Tom Bridges hands  
out Breeder Award  
Certificates to Mark Lane***



***We appreciate Mario!***



**St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society  
June 2014 Minutes by Emma**

**BBQ & Potluck:** 6:30 pm

**7:50pm:** Meeting called to order

**Upcoming Events:**

September 13: Sarnia Fall Auction

September 28:: London Fall Auction

October 4: Hamilton Fall Auction

October 26: Octoberfish and Kitchener Fall Auction

November 9: St. Catharines Fall Auction

**Financial Update:**

We currently have \$3,230 including the float

**Breeder Awards:**

Mark Lane: Platies and Swordtails

Tom and Pat Bridges: Synodontis petricola

**Horticultural Awards:** None

**CAOAC Awards:**

Dave Furness: Livebearer Basic Merit Award,  
African Riftlake Cichlid Award, Cichlid Basic Merit  
Award, Intermediate Basic Merit Award

Tom Hillier: Aquatic Horticultural Award, Aquatic  
Advanced Horticultural Award

**SCAAS Awards:**

**Bernie Blondon Memorial Award for Outstanding  
Achievement in fish breeding:** Dave Furness

**Dave Unruh Memorial Award for Outstanding  
Achievement in Aquatic Horticulture:** Tom Hillier

**Wally Ebert Memorial Award for Exceptional  
Service:** Mario Visca of Big Al's

**Jar Show Champion:** Joe Krawchuk

**Elections:** All the current executive will continue  
with their current positions in the fall. No new  
nominations

**After the Meeting:** refreshments, raffle, door prize,  
draw and auction

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perishable food or a donation for community  
cares to every meeting you are able to \*\*\*\*\*

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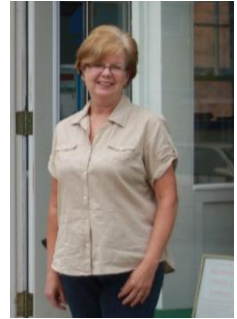
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## Thoughts from the Fish Bowl - Lee Routhier



Having so many different types of fish through my lifetime, I am frequently asked “what is your favorite”? To be honest, the better question would be what ones don’t I like? That is an easier one to answer. For me, it’s Oscar’s, Red Devils and anything that looks like a snake. Some people may find these fish appealing -- I don’t because of their size, their choice of diet, and well “snake like” that’s obvious. My favorite fish depends on my “fish of choice “for at that moment”. Sometimes I will say guppies, other times, it’s cichlids, angels or even goldfish. It’s funny though to me how many people will say oh I don’t like cichlids, or angels and goldfish are too dirty. After talking more with that person it’s not because they have had personal experience with these fish, it’s from what others have told them. Many people don’t like cichlids -- they are aggressive, and get big. Well yes, cichlids can get big, but why not try a dwarf variety. All fish can get aggressive to a point, but if the tank is large enough, if your ratio of more females than males is good, if you have places for fish to hide, you can become successful with keeping different species of cichlids together. They are colorful and some have quite the personality and can be very interesting to watch, especially when it comes time for eggs to hatch. Cichlids are very good parents when it comes to looking after their young. I always find it amusing watching them try and herd the babies to a safe spot. At least once per day, I hear “goldfish are way too dirty”. Keep any fish in a small bowl, throw food at it 2-3 times a day and don’t clean the bowl for week, it’s going to be dirty. My own goldfish are in kept in a pond, I have at least 35 -- they get fed pellets once a day, and with a very good filtration system, I can see the bottom of my 4ft. deep pond. The color mix I am getting from these fish are awesome. But even as a house fish, the poor lowly gold fish needs a decent sized filtered aquarium. I prefer pellets over flakes, less waste, and I only give them a small amount of food once per day.

Remember anything I say is my opinion only. I learn from experience not from books, or the massive overload of information from Google. 50 years, and I have always done this. Some may have other thoughts and that’s fine. I do what works for me.

What I am getting at is, if someone says to you, oh I don’t like those. Ask them why? What’s their reason for not wanting a certain type of fish. Everyone is entitled to their opinion but you may be able to help them change their mind.

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## 2014-2015 SCAAS Meeting Dates

### Mondays:

September 8  
(2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**BAP AWARDS  
PRESENTED AT  
THE JUNE MEETING**

**Tom & Pat Bridges**

Synodontis petricola .....20 pts.

**Mark Lane**

Xiphophorus helleri (Swordtails) .....5 pts

Xiphophorus maculatus (Platies).....5 pts

Congratulations!

*Tom Bridges*  
BAP Chairperson

**OAA AWARDS  
PRESENTED AT  
THE JUNE MEETING**

No awards this month

*Tom Bridges*  
OAA Chairperson

**AHAP AWARDS  
PRESENTED AT  
THE JUNE MEETING**

No awards this month

*Joe Krawchuk*  
HAP 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.

**SPECIAL ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE JUNE MEETING:**

Dave Furness: *The following CAOAC Awards:* Intermediate Basic Merit Award, Livebearer Basic Merit Award, African Rift lake Cichlid Basic Award, Cichlid Basic Merit Award.

Dave Furness: **SCAAS Award:**

*Bernie Blondon Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement in Fish Breeding*

Tom Hillier: **SCAAS Award:**

*Dave Unruh Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement In Aquatic Horticulture*

Mario Visca of Big Al,s: **SCAAS Award:**

*Wally Ebert Memorial Award for Exceptional Service to SCAAS*

Joe Krawchuk: **SCAAS Award:**

*Jar Show Champion*

**Congratulations to all!**





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**Want To Buy**

**No items wanted this month**

**For Sale**

**No items for sale this month**

**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:**

**President:** *Ron Bishop*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:** *Ken Boorman*

**Corresponding Sec'y:** *Ann Marie Towell*

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President:** *Peter Melady*

**Recording Secretary:** *Ann Stevens*

**Treasurer:** *Albert Van Montfort*

**Willing volunteers are golden in all areas but especially in clubs like SCAAS where, without them, it could not exist. Please welcome our new volunteer SCAT editor, Lee. You can say thanks. You can read the SCAT and let her know. You can contribute a picture, cartoon, article, a column, or a useful suggestion. (from your former editor - pro temp)**



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