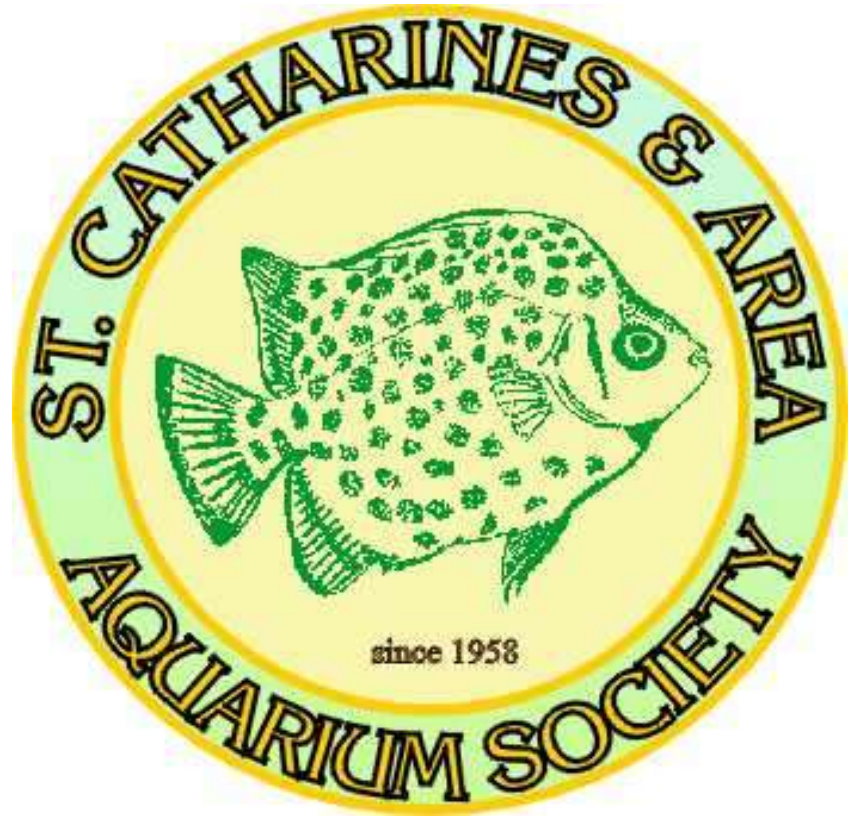


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Happy
Father's
Day

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, June 2, 2014
The program will be Barbecued Hotdogs and Hamburgers plus Potluck contributions from members. Come early, 6:30 p.m., and enjoy!

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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

- June 14** - Kwas presents dinner & Guest Speaker Spencer Jack
- June 22** - CAOAC Meeting & President's Potluck
- 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 ☆

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Jar Show Fish of the Month

- January** Anabantids
- February** Loaches & Sharks
- March** Plants
- April** Angels & Discus
- May** Dwarf Cichlids
- June** Goldfish & Koi

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Happy Father's Day



JOE'S PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



Greetings All!

May's meeting was a great one! We were fortunate enough to have Zenin come out to show us some great underwater photography tips. With so many tanks full of beautiful fish, I'm sure that I can speak for the club when I say we all appreciated picking up some ideas for how to capture them more clearly.

I know that our club is full of people with amazing ponds, each of whom must be really happy that the warm weather is finally on its way in. Remember that all contributions to the SCAT, pictures included, are always welcome.

Next month's meeting will feature a bbq/potluck, auction, and an election. As most of you know, the club goes on a brief hiatus in July and August before we meet again fresh in September. Next year promises to be a great one with ideas for amazing speakers already in the works.

As always, please remember that the St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society helps out those less fortunate. If at all possible, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item or cash donation to our June meeting. Also, please make sure to bring a snack to accompany the hamburgers and hotdogs if you're able to.

I look forward to seeing everyone at June's meeting.

Joe Krawchuk

JAR SHOW RESULTS

FISH OF THE MONTH - MAY

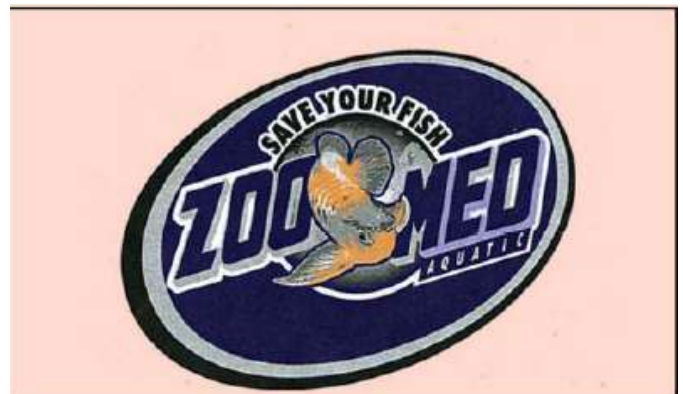
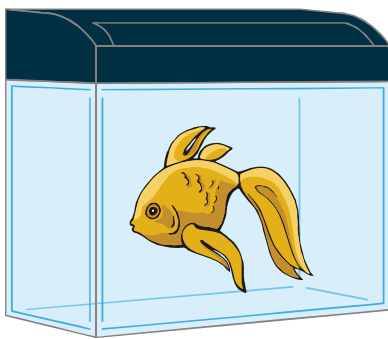
Dwarf Cichlids

1st – Tom & Pat Bridges

FISH OF THE MONTH – JUNE

Goldfish & Koi

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SCAAS Photo Ops for May ...



Zenin with a prize winner



Zenin shows how to get the best results from a fairly simple camera



More of Zenin's fine fish photos



Practice



Some go from photographic model directly to the auction block



while others wait



Photos by -
Sascha Duentsch



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

7:31pm: Meeting called to order

Upcoming Events:

May 4: London Aquarium Society Spring Auction
May 16-18: CAOAC Convention. Sponsored by Durham Region

June 2: SCAAS Last meeting and BBQ

June 14: Kwas Dinner- guest speaker Spencer Jack

June 22: CAOAC president's potluck & meeting (Waterdown)

Financial Update:

No financial update for this month. No major transactions have occurred.

Breeder Awards:

Tom Hillier: Blue Eye Bushy Nose Pleco

Tom Hillier: Dragon Blood Peacock Cichlid

Horticultural Awards:

None

Jar Show: Dwarf Cichlids

Tom Bridges: Julidochromis dickfeldi

Elections:

Elections are coming up in June.

Our current editors Tom and Pat Bridges will no longer be doing the SCAT as of June. All current executives are willing to stand for their positions. If you would like to run you can nominate yourself. If you would like to nominate somebody else please make sure they are willing and able to handle a full term.

We are in need of an editor for the SCAT.

We are also in need of somebody to run the concessions. Shawn and Shirley will no longer be running the concession after our June BBQ.

Summer Open House:

We are hoping to have a summer open house with 'how to' presentations on how to start an aquarium. The goal will be to attract new members. More details will be given as they become available.

7:47pm: Presentation on Fish Photograph by Zenin

After the presentation:

refreshments, raffle, door prize, draws and auction.

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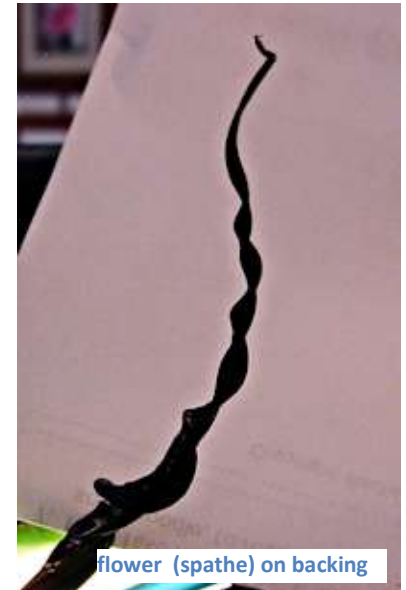
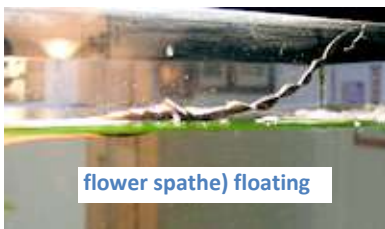
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CRYPTOCORYNE AFFINIS DELIGHT!!

by Pat and Tom Bridges

Most of our days are spent routinely. Surprises, bad and good, may show up in the daily newspaper, or in a tv news program, or even a telephone call, but a couple of weeks ago, we had an aquarium surprise.

I (Pat) was checking out the fish in our living room aquarium and thought there was something different about the way the airlines were arranged. Taking a closer look, I discovered there was a plant stem. It had a spiral growth pattern and disappeared above the waterline. Being short in stature, I was unable to see the top of it, so I lifted the whole canopy up and discovered a Cryptocoryne blossom. I shared my surprise with Tom, who quickly took some photographs. The base of the plant was very sturdy. The flower, like the stem, had a spiral design, looking like a corkscrew, and was quite long, beautifully coloured, floating on the water.



After that, I didn't check on it again until about two days later and it had disappeared, both stem and flower. It was probably visible in the tank for a while previously, but the stem was so like an airline, both in thickness and colour that neither of us noticed it.

Editor's note, (Tom): Wikipedia informs me that there are at least 60 species of Cryptocorynes and that the name comes from the Greek words 'crypto' meaning hidden and 'koryne' meaning club. Perhaps only experts, of which I am definitely not one, can identify various species by the leaves alone but the rather long reddish-purple spathe or sheath that hides the little club-shaped flower convinces me that this is indeed Cryptocoryne affinis. I'm also delighted that this plant, which has lived in our living room tank for many years, found conditions just right and surprised us with a flower.





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Memories of our CAOAC Convention by Tom & Pat B.



view from our window



Humber College Arboretum



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huge auction



incredible vendor displays



*Photos by -
Tom & Pat Bridges*

**BAP AWARDS
PRESENTED AT
THE MAY MEETING**

Tom Hillier

Aulonocara sp. "Dragon's Blood" 10 pts.
Ancistrus sp. (Blue-eyed Bristle-nosed)..... 10

Congratulations!

Tom Bridges
BAP Chairperson

**OAA AWARDS
PRESENTED AT
THE MAY MEETING**

No awards this month

Tom Bridges
OAA Chairperson

**AHAP AWARDS
PRESENTED AT
THE MAY 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.

This is our regular spot in The SCAT. It'll contain brief descriptions of hobby related items that members have '**For Sale**' or '**Want To Buy**' or '**Swap**' and their names, phone numbers and/or email addresses. (To have items entered, you must get the information to the editor by the deadline for that month.)

Want To Buy

White worm culture wanted by Ernest Biktimirov

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.

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THOUGHTS FROM THE FISH BOWL

By Lee Routhier



So what first peaked your interest in fish? The bright colors? The personality? Quieter than a dog? I never thought when I won my pickle jar of minnows years ago at the fair that I would eventually become a fish devotee.

Back then it seemed simple, tank, filter, (or bubbler as I called it), goofy looking diver, a castle as décor, and a few fish. Back then if someone asked me what fish I had I would say, guppies, mollies, swords, gouramis, angel fish. Now if someone asked me, it would be endlers, Dalmatian mollies, sunset swords, blue gouramies and black veiled angel fish. Sucker fish, or algae eaters are now plecos, but not just plecos. They could be starlite's, red marbles, calicos, long fins etc.

As your hobby grows, so does your knowledge. What kind of tank do you have? There is more than just gravel substrate. What kind of fish? Freshwater, brine, marine? And even those have their own sub categories. You start to weigh the pros and cons of what to feed them, flakes, shrimp, pellets? As well as the many varieties of each out on the market. Or, not being satisfied with off the shelf food do you make or grow your own. Regular lamp lighting became fluorescent specific to aquariums, and just recently led's.

Multi tanks? They can be hooked up and run from one single pump. Most importantly, just because a betta fish is displayed in a jar with a plant in it, does not mean it's a vegetarian -- the plant is not there as a food source. I could go on, but you get the idea.

As you talk to fellow aquarists you learn things a book may not teach you. Different little shortcuts and cost cutting methods and you start to understand that everyone has their way of doing things --your way may be different than someone else's but that doesn't make it wrong. Everyone has their opinion and what works for them may not be the best way for someone else.

This was my first year as a member of S.C.A.A.S. It has been fun, I have learned so much, met new friends, and acquired many new fish.

Wishing you all a great summer and see you in the fall.



2014-2015 SCAAS Meeting Dates

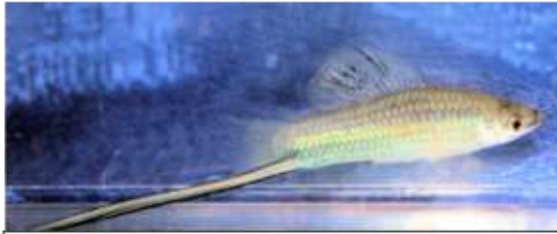
Mondays:

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

Photos from the CAOAC Convention Show



Xiphophorus montezuma
BEST IN SHOW



Halfmoon male Betta
BEST EGGLAYER



Aulonocara sp.
"Dragon's Blood"



Parkinsoni Rainbow

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Hygrophila polysperma 'Green'



Blue Gularis Killifish



Cherax quadricarinatus



1st place photo - Rohan Barb



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