



Newsletter Of the Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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President's Message

September has been a very exciting month for CAOAC with so much more to come!

We had several of the new committees start up and they are working hard at this time to have some good news for all of the clubs.

Right now we have the webmasters working on revamping our website to be more user friendly and contain more info for our members such as show and auction forms that can be personalized by the clubs or just for printing off last minute and using at the shows.

We also have our Judging team and Futures working hard to make CAOAC more accessible and keeping up with the times.

In the near future you will also see social media updates on our Facebook page and also things like Twitter and Instagram!

During September we were given a great opportunity to have a booth at the Toronto Pet Expo. This was huge for CAOAC with lots of contact from members of the public who were not aware of our fabulous clubs.

CAOAC Executive has been in contact with the organizers of Pet Expo Canada and great things are in the works.

I will be announcing this live at our next meeting.

The next CAOAC meeting is going to take place at OCTOBERFISH!

We will have our Executive meeting then we will open the meeting to the members to drop in and say hi. You will be able to meet your CAOAC executive in person and see how we operate. This meeting will be informal and more of an information session.

Of course we will all be there because it's Octoberfish and most of your executive will be there all day, out on the floor at the show and auction.

Remember we have great things happening in October and also November such as

OCTOBER 14- OCTOBERFISH AND CAOAC MEETING

OCTOBER 21 CALGARY AUCTION

OCTOBER 28 PRAC SHOW AND AUCTION-WITH BETTA, GUPPY& KILLIE SHOW

OCTOBER 27&28 SASKATOON AQUARIUM SOCIETY WEEKEND WITH SPENCER JACK

NOVEMBER 4 ST. CATHERINES AUCTION AND CAOAC MEETING

See you soon! Nancy

Executive Meeting – September 16, 2018

Called to order at 11:30 by Ron Bishop (President) at Optimist Hall, Waterdown.

Executive Attendance

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Nancy Egelton (TCGG)	Present
1 st VP	Peter DeSouza (HDAS)	Present
2 nd VP	Ann-Marie Towell (TCGG)	Present (Skype)
Corresponding Secretary	Murray Brown (TCGG)	Present
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	Present
Treasurer	Ed Bosker (HDAS)	Present
Past President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Absent
Also In Attendance:	Phil Barrett	Cindy Golden
	Peter Melady	

Minutes –Peter made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Ed seconded. Carried

Old Business

Nancy suggested holding the October meeting at the Oktoberfish auction hall on October 14 to start at **10:00 not 11:00**. Due to conflicts it was suggested to hold the November meeting at St. Catharines auction on November 4 at **10:00**.

Treasurer's Report

June - August			5,329.94
Chq#241-Karen Young -auction	90.40		
Chq#243-Ann Stevens (Internet, Computer, convention)	423.00		
Chq#244-TCGG-auction	91.80		
Bank Fees	3.90		
Deposit		606.00	
Ending Bank Balance-May 13	609.10	606.00	5,326.84
Reserved Funds - Terry Little			(362.82)
Forest City Pond Club Donation			(648.00)
Working Balance			4,316.02

Presentation of budget. Suggest including convention budget in main budget.

Motion to accept the report by Peter, seconded by Nancy. Carried

Motion to accept the budget tabled until convention budget is included. OK to show a positive, not balanced.

October 2018

Correspondence

Lisa Boorman received an email from a person in Ottawa with a donation of a turtle tank and filtration system. Ann referred the email to Tom Mason who will pass it on to the Ottawa club.

We received an email from Frank Moreau, asking for a copy of the Anti-Bullying policy. I replied with a link to our website.

New Business

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Awards committee will judge the newsletters.

Motion to adjourn at 12:42

General Meeting

Called to order at 1:00 by President Ron and welcomed everyone.

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President	Nancy Egelton (TCGG)	Present
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2 nd VP	Ann-Marie Towell (TCGG)	Present Skype
Corresponding Secretary	Murray Brown (TCGG)	Present
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	Present
Treasurer	Ed Bosker (HDAS)	Present
Past President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Absent
Club	Name	
Betta	Catherine Salmon	
Chatham-Kent	Lisa Boorman	
Hamilton	Karen Rogers	
London AS	Rick Hodgins	
St. Catharines	Phil Barrett	
Sarnia	Peter Melady	
Guests:		

Minutes –

Motion to accept the April and June minutes as distributed by Peter DeSouza, Peter Melady second

Treasurers report – see Executive report for details

Motion to accept Nancy, seconded Peter D

Business Arising from Executive – see Executive minutes.

Committee Chairs

Title	Chair	Co-Chair
AHD	Ann Marie Towell	
Archivist		
Awards	Peter Melady	Present
Binder	Ann Stevens	
Social Media/Advertising	Morgan Ruttle	
Fish Breeders Directory	Lisa Boorman	
Fish Rescue	Ann Marie Towell	Various clubs
Futures	Udo Rohmann	Jeff Mountjoy, Tom Mason
Judges	Brian Glazier	Haydn Pounder/Udo Rohmann
Membership	Ed Bosker	
Newsletter	Ann Stevens	
Open Show	Barb Draper	
Education Directory	Open	
Steering	Peter DeSouza	
Ways & Means	Cindy Golden	
Webmaster	Taylor Rohmann	Scott Vanderfleet
Club Speakers Directory	Peter DeSouza	
Convention	Nancy Egelton	

If you would like to be a part of a committee please contact either the chair or an executive member.

AHD- nothing to report

Archivist – most items have been distributed.

Awards – Awards committee will judge the newsletters. Send newsletters to Peter Melady. When archivist files were received, there were some missing years.

Binder – no updates

Fish Breeders Directory – Three clubs have reported since the summer. Chatham-Kent Aquarium Society, Sarnia Aquarium Society and Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarlum Society. There is one First In to report - Bruce Hart with *Limnotilapia dardenni*. Karen's *Sewellia* sp. will get a first in, once the species is formally described. This is a very hard species to breed and we congratulate her on her accomplishment.

Fish Rescue – tried to rescue some piranha's in Ontario, BC being home for fish rescue. Tom Mason looking after a turtle for Ottawa area.

Jerry Draper has stepped back for now.

Futures –

Memberships – Nancy has a new membership from attending the Pet Expo. The GTA club is being formed. Nancy made a motion to accept this application. Seconded by Catherine Salmon. Carried. Ed to email with prorated amount. Emails to go out in October.

Newsletter – To include article for Awards Newsletter. Information for inclusion in newsletter to be sent by the 20th of the month.

October 2018

Ways & Means – 50/50 – 22.50 to Nancy the winner

Cindy said that she is most excited to begin an active role at the CAOAC meetings as I take over for Annette Bishop as ways and means chair. I started out with a \$20 float. I bought a betta for \$10 which I must say is thriving and \$15 was brought in from pop purchases at the end of June's meeting bringing the new balance to \$35. Out of that treats and cream were purchased for today's meeting totalling \$12.05. There is now \$22.95 balance remaining. I look forward to seeing everyone and new friends as well.

Website – Updates have been made as they were received. Nancy to contact Taylor and Scott to co-ordinate the revamped website.

Club Reports

Barrie - BRASS held their 1st meeting of the Fall on September 11th. It was nice to have new guests, Alfredo and Marley and their 2 young children join us. They were happy to report to the group that they had some gouramis in their aquarium spawn which they were excited about and sought advice from the group on how to feed such small baby fish. Many in attendance shared with the group what their plans were into the New Year with their tanks. The club also talked about having a possible Fall auction next year but it was generally felt that it may negatively impact other clubs' events. A fish store tour is being organized for October 20th and some members have kindly agreed to preparing a short talk on aquarium topics that they are particularly familiar with for future monthly meetings. A mini auction was held and we are happy to report that our Facebook page has been very popular with new members being added consistently.

Betta Breeders – The summer has seemed to have gone by way to fast. Perfect hot weather to be spawning your Bettas for the upcoming shows. Hope everyone has a few Bettas in top form for the upcoming Peel Betta classes, the end of Oct. Your present new spawns should be all the right size for the Annual CAOAC/ IBC show in the works for May 2019.

Everyone have a great fall and plenty of new fry."

Calgary – 78 members, auction Oct 21

Chatham-Kent – CKAS got a few new members at the last meeting. We also did our draw recently for the Ripley Aquarium tickets we received from them. We had 2 draws; both won by "Rons". The winners were Ron Bishop and Ron Urry. The last meeting took place at the Boorman's since the meeting room was closed for the holiday. We are always on the lookout for speakers and hope to have more for the rest of this year and next.

Hamilton – Meeting last week, Frank Aguire did a presentation on L Plecos. Good presentation, recommended to anyone that needs a good speaker. Fall auction was smaller but good.

Kitchener-Waterloo – Our September meeting was attended by over 30 members. Our guest presenter was Haydn Pounder from the Peel Region Aquarium Club speaking on Guppies. Nancy Egelton is the new CAOAC President and talked about what CAOAC is doing and a little bit about the Trans Canada Guppy Group.

Karen Murray gave a quick demo of using plastic canvas as a means of securing moss and other plants in your aquarium.

The Mini Show classes were Livebearers and AOV. There were 6 people showing 11 entries.

HAP awards were given to Karen Murray for Venezuelan Cories & Hillstream Loaches (SEW01). FAAS author and newsletter awards were handed out for 2017 efforts.

October 2018

We held our summer picnic BBQ on Sunday July 8. Lots of food, fun and fishy talk.

Oktoberfish, our annual Show and Auction is coming up Sunday October 14. Please find the details on our Facebook page or our website at

www.kwas.ca/oktoberfish

Find Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society meeting and show photos on Facebook.

Our website is www.kwas.ca

[London](#) – Auction & show coming up in the next 2 weeks. Fairly new executive and new membership.

[St. Catharines](#) – Our September meeting was a great success with 49 in attendance including 1 new member and 3 visitors. Frank Aguirre spoke on plecos, as always Frank was informative and entertaining. Membership dues were collected, there was a raffle and mini auction. Our next meeting will be Monday October 1st, we'll be having a presentation from Chris Hudson of jelly fish aquarium .com on keeping jellyfish. Every one is welcome.

[Sarnia](#) – Auction next weekend.

[Société d'Aquariophilie de Montréal](#)- September meeting our speaker will be Louis Gauvin who will present ways to better maximize your filtration.

[Trans Canada Guppy](#) – TCGG had a great summer and is proud to report that they have secured a speaker for the 2019 CAOAC convention.

[Windsor](#) -

Thank you Lisa and Nancy for sending their reports prior to the meeting. Thank you to those who sent their reports after also. It is appreciated.

Old Business

Convention 2019

TCGG has secured Stephen Elliott for the convention.

Frank Aquire has some suggestions for speakers.

Grant Crossman also suggested Joey Mullin

Speakers must be sponsored fully in order to bring to the convention.

Tom Mason is working on something with ZooMed.

Create new postcard for November show.

Suggestion to have information workshops along with speakers being offered.

Guppy Show will be honoring Stan Shubel next year.

BioTope will be continuing next year.

New Business

October 2018

Fund raising – Opportunity to have a table at the Pet Expo in Toronto November 23-24 weekend. Need to have support this event. Suggestion to have a “box” sale of fish donated from clubs as a fundraiser for CAOAC. Clubs could promote their spring auction and clubs also. Carried.

Phil asked the question is there are any guidelines for remuneration of speakers at club. Most clubs offer \$100 for non-members, members get a membership. It is up to the club.

Stan Shubel passed away about 6 weeks ago. He was the founder of IFGA. TCGG was there and Nancy also represented CAOAC there. Murray Brown and Nancy attended the funeral.

Adjourned at 3:12 by Ed.

Upcoming Events

October 2018		December 2018	
14	CAOAC Meeting – held at the KWAS auction – separate room	9	CAOAC Meeting – change of venue – Weston Lions Arena, Toronto
14	Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society Auction & Show		
28	Peel Region Aquarium Club Auction & Show		
21	Calgary Aquarium Society Auction		
28	Peel Region Aquarium Club Auction & Show		
27-28	Saskatoon Aquarium Society Auction		
November 2018		January 2019	
4	CAOAC Meeting – held at the SCAAT auction – separate room		
4	St. Catharines Aquarium Society Auction		

Check the website calendar for links for more details.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND ME YOUR CLUB EVENTS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE CALENDAR



In Memorium - Stan Shubel

Stanley L. Shubel, age 84, of Lexington, passed away Saturday, June 30, 2018 at McLaren Port Huron Hospital.

He was born October 19, 1933 in Detroit, son of the late Harold and Virginia (Stevens) Shubel. Stanley married Ethel Prior on December 31, 1953 in Sandusky.

Stan was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a computer technician, who worked for Western Union and later the State of Michigan. Stan was well loved by everyone. He will be greatly missed. He was a true Renaissance Man, an author, architect, photographer and world renown 'Guppy Man'. Above all he was a wonderful, loving, kind husband and father.

Stan is survived by his loving wife, Ethel; three sons, Mark (Jeanette) of Georgia, Shawn (Melanie) of Howell, and Kurt (Julie) of Deckerville; two daughters, Mindy (Rich) Stoddard of California, and Jennifer (Phil) Reynolds of Howell; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

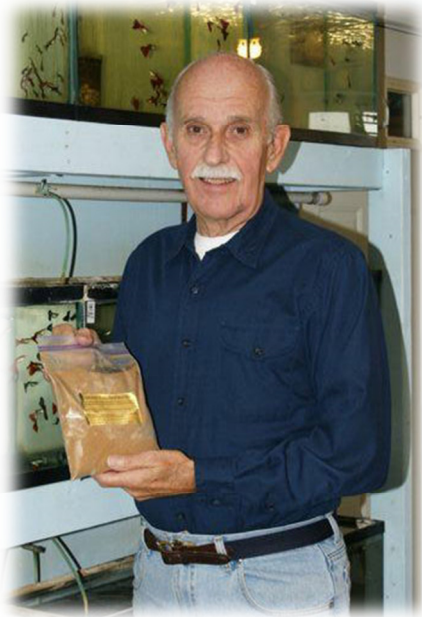
Funeral Services were held at the Pomeroy Funeral Home, Lexington. Burial was in the Lexington Cemetery, where military rites were provided by Croswell American Legion Post #255.

I.F.G.A. Grand Overall Male Champion 2000-2001-2002-2005-2014

Guppy Man of the Year 2000-2001-2002-2009-2014-2015

Master Breeder

Books written are "THE PROPER CARE OF GUPPIES" and 'AQUARIUM CARE OF GUPPIES" published by T.F.H. which were written for the beginner and mid-level breeder. They contain lots of information as well as many pictures of show quality guppies from various breeders.



New species of dazzling, neon-colored fish

Date: September 25, 2018

Source: California Academy of Sciences

Summary: Named for Aphrodite, Greek goddess of love and beauty, a new species of dazzling, neon-colored fish from the twilight zone enchants scientists. It's only known home is the remote Brazilian archipelago of St. Paul's Rocks.



Tosanoides
aphrodite inhabits
rocky crevices of
twilight zone reefs.

Credit: Luiz Rocha
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On a recent expedition to the remote Brazilian archipelago of St. Paul's Rocks, a new species of reef fish -- striped a vivid pink and yellow -- enchanted its diving discoverers from the California Academy of Sciences. First spotted at a depth of 400 feet beneath the ocean's surface, this cryptic fish inhabits rocky crevices of twilight zone reefs and is found nowhere else in the world. Upon discovery, the deep-diving team was so captivated by their finned find that they didn't notice a massive sixgill shark hovering above them in an exciting moment captured on camera. The new fish description published today in Zookeys.

"This is one of the most beautiful fishes I've ever seen," says Dr. Luiz Rocha, the Academy's Curator of Fishes and co-leader of the Hope for Reefs initiative. "It was so enchanting it made us ignore everything around it."

The sixgill shark stretched nearly ten feet long and cruised overhead as Rocha and post-doctoral fellow Dr. Hudson Pinheiro delicately collected the fish for further study back at the Academy. Behind the camera, the team's diving officer Mauritius Bell enthusiastically announced the behemoth visitor to the duo, but to no avail. Aptly named, *Tosanoides aphrodite* enchanted its discoverers much like Aphrodite, Greek goddess of love and beauty, enchanted the ancient Greek gods.

"Fishes from the twilight zone tend to be pink or reddish in color," says Pinheiro. "Red light doesn't penetrate to these dark depths, rendering the fishes invisible unless illuminated by a light like the one we carry while diving."

Back at the Academy, laboratory and collections manager Claudia Rocha helped the diving duo describe the new species: Males are outfitted with alternating pink and yellow stripes while females sport a solid, blood-orange color. Using a microscope, the team counted fins and measured spine length; DNA analysis revealed the new species is the first Atlantic-dwelling member of its genus.

The new denizen of the deep is a remarkable testament to the vast ocean habitats that still remain unexplored. Rocha and Pinheiro are part of a deep-diving research team that ventures to twilight zone reefs -- mysterious coral habitats stretching across a narrow band of ocean 200 -- 500 feet beneath the surface. In these deep reefs, animals live in partial darkness -- beyond recreational diving limits, yet above the deep trenches patrolled by submarines and ROVs. As part of its Hope for Reefs initiative, the Academy team and their collaborators are exploring this unknown frontier with the help of high-tech equipment like closed-circuit rebreathers that allow scientists to extend their research time underwater.

Nearly 600 miles offshore the coast of Brazil, St. Paul's Rocks is so remote that the diving team had to use the research vessel M/V Alucia as their homebase to explore the archipelago. The rocky outcroppings are extensions of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge -- an active, tectonic plate boundary -- puncturing the ocean's surface. Given the region's unique geology and isolated location, many of the species that live there are found nowhere else on Earth. Through their research, the Hope for Reefs team is finding that twilight zone habitats also host many location-specific species.

In a recent landmark paper, the team found that twilight zone reefs are unique ecosystems bursting with life and are just as vulnerable to climate change threats as their shallow counterparts. Their findings upended the long-standing assumption that species might migrate between habitats to avoid human-related stressors. As documented in the footage from this new fish's discovery, a piece of fishing line can be seen streaming behind the sixgill shark -- evidence that human impacts extend to depth too.

"In a time of global crisis for coral reefs, learning more about unexplored reef habitats and their colorful residents is critical to our understanding of how to protect them," says Rocha. "We aim to highlight the ocean's vast and unexplored wonders and inspire a new generation of sustainability champions."

Story Source:

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California Academy of Sciences. "New species of dazzling, neon-colored fish." ScienceDaily. ScienceDaily, 25 September 2018. <www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/09/180925110033.htm>.

What do you want to read?

The intent of this newsletter is to share some of the details of the meeting and upcoming events. From time to time, I try to include recent news. If there is something you would like to see, or if you have an article you would like included, please send it to me, ann.stevens11@gmail.com.

Regular Monthly Meetings

Who can attend? Any member of an Aquarium Club can attend the General Meeting that follows the Executive Meeting. It usually starts around 12:00 noon.

We have raffles, 50/50 draws, and snacks to share.

Why should you attend? To be part of the discussion that takes place between other clubs and items that are raised by the Executive. It's a great way to share ideas and discuss issues you may be having.

Skype Details

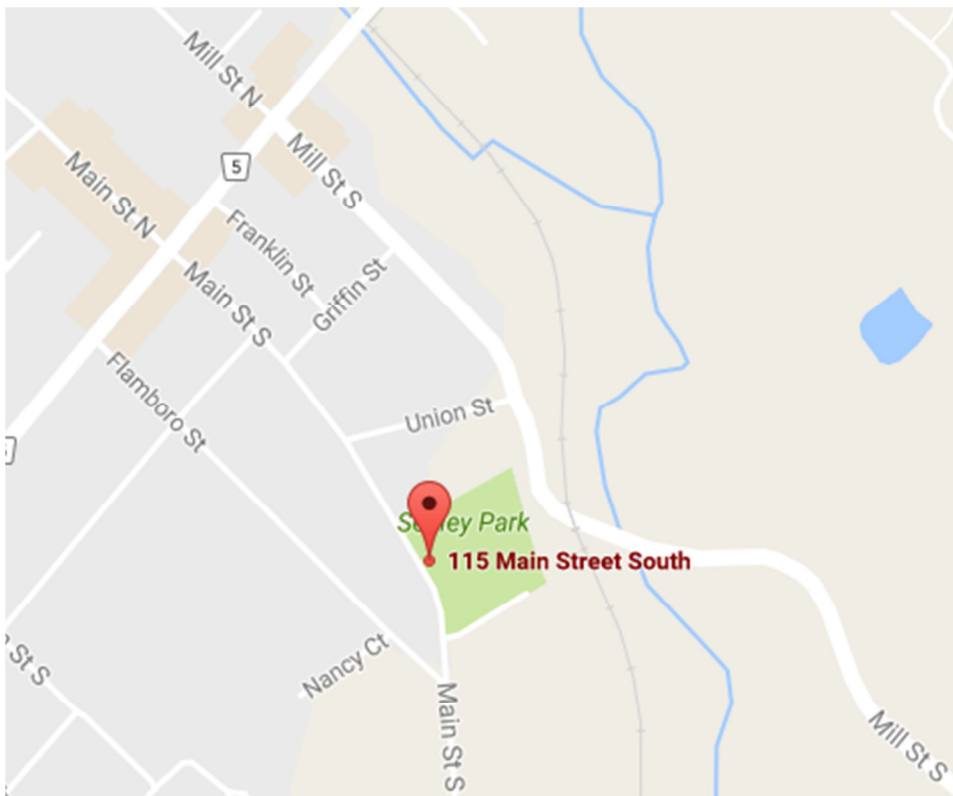
Can't attend the meeting? You can Skype in and participate that way. Here are the details:

Search for either Nov18angel or ann.stevens11@gmail.com

Request to be added to your contacts and I will accept.

Where do we meet?

Optimist Hall, 115 Main Street South Waterdown, Ontario



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.

What are the benefits of being a member?

- 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 email address.
- 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.