

BRASS BULLETIN

October 2015

**Our Guest speaker this
month,**

**Zenin Skomorowski of the
Kitchener-Waterloo
Aquarium Society (KWAS).
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about the fascinating world
of Loaches.**



**This month's
Meeting is
October 13.
Next month
November 10.**

Barrie Region Aquarium Society of Simcoe

President's Message

October 2015

I am happy to be writing my first President's message for our Barrie and Region Aquarium Society. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Jeff Mountjoy and live just a "bit up the road" from Barrie in Midland. A few years ago Doug Smith, our past President contacted me about starting up this club. There have been a few clubs exist in our region in the 70's and 80's which ultimately did not survive. The timing seemed right in 2012 to consider having a club as the Barrie region has grown significantly. Doug and I met to discuss the next steps and very soon after we had a small group of loyal people who enjoyed getting together and talking about fish. Our group has been generally small and for this reason it has always had a nice relaxed feel to it which we all liked. Having said that, we have been conscious of the fact that we need to attract more members so that we can generate more club dollars so we can offer more to BRASS members in terms of programs, guest speakers and future events that strengthen our club.

We can do so much more if we all work together! I would like to see our Fish Store Tours become an annual or bi-annual event....what better way to spend a free Saturday than to spend time with your fishy friends and bring home a cooler full of new fish or a great deal on a piece of equipment! The executive have been looking into an auction and were hoping to hold one this fall but do to lack of time and resources are now aiming for us to host an auction in the spring of 2016. One of our members, Udo Rhomann is certain that we could get some help from other clubs to make this happen and I agree. Such an event will raise more awareness of our club and compliment recent exposure we received in the Barrie Advance who featured an article on BRASS in September.

I look forward to working with our executive in keeping our club moving forward. I would especially like to thank Doug for that telephone call he made to me a few years ago. Our "little" club is still here today and with everyone's support and commitment we can reach more aquarium hobbyists in our region and all become better fish keepers in the process.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 13th. We will be welcoming Zenin Skomowski of the Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society (KWAS). Zenin will be speaking to us about the fascinating world of Loaches and he is also an accomplished photographer. I look forward to seeing you all then and as always, consider bringing a friend!

Profishly yours,

Jeff

Don't forget our webpage

www.1brass.com

Editor's Note

I hope all is well with you and your family and everyone is preparing to be over stuffed on turkey this weekend. Well I don't know about you, but I quite enjoyed the September meeting. The new pres. is doing a great job. I wish Jeff all the best in his new position and look forward to what he can bring to the club. I know we have already had an executive meeting on Tuesday September 29.

We have a lot of plans for this newsletter, the Brass Bulletin. We want to use it for coming events, classifieds where you can offer wanted and for sale ads, "Who's That" (Where we hope to profile a different member each month. See the back page.) You can also get an idea of what we are doing this month. There will also be ads for business's that support our club along with paid advertising. Of course we will have the President's Message, Editors Note, Secretary's Report and the Librarian. We are also looking for articles from our membership on how to, or how not to. Or just about anything to do with fish. (Like the fiction this month in honour of Halloween.) If we can't get anything from the club we will be forced to borrow other club's article etc... and much more and we are open to suggestions.

If you see us taking pictures at the meeting they our for the Brass Bulletin and may end up in the webpage as well.

I'm looking forward to this month's meeting and the talk on loaches.

See you on Tuesday. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving .

Doug Smith



<https://www.facebook.com/1Brass>

Secretary's Report

Our September 15 meeting had 15 people attend. Our new President Jeff Mountjoy welcomed everyone. The Minutes of our June meeting were read by Bonnie. Randy mentioned he had problems again with the discount we are supposed to get at Newmarket's Big Al's when showing our Membership Card. We need to check with the store about our discount. Randy also suggested if we gave him our new Membership Cards he would see about having them laminated for us.

We discussed how to get our name out there by putting our name into the various Town Flyers that list organizations, usually come out in the Spring and Fall. Rogers cable was suggested to advertise meetings. Jeff mentioned that he had done an interview with the Barrie Advance, watch for it, he does not know when it will come out. No newsletter this month.

Some examples of what is available in the Library were shown. We loan out for the month. Please contact our Librarian Spencer to request what you want him to bring to the meeting for you.

For our DIY segment Jeff demonstrated his Drip System. Jeff did a Presentation on Goal, Priorities & Build our Membership. Very well done!

Upcoming Events:

October meeting, Zenin will speak on Loaches,

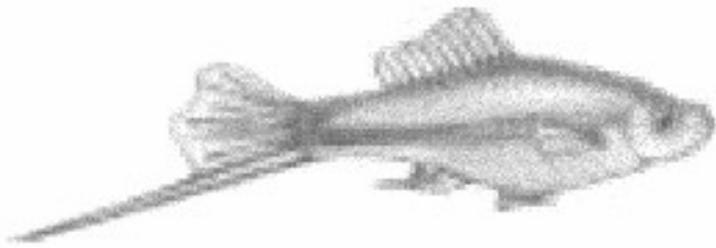
November meeting it was suggested a tour of Ripley's

December we have a social

Subjects discussed

- Udo mentioned a behind the scenes tour of the Zoo could be interesting.
- CAOAC Convention in London this year; long weekend in May.
- New Salt Water Store in Newmarket across from Big Al's, very nice! Will give discounts.
- Short talk on changing our day or time of meeting, tabled until June.
- Whether we as a Club could host an Auction. Udo offered to be Auctioneer
- CAOAC may give us discount or free insurance we need for Auction. Ask them.*
- Randy and Sherry still doing monthly orders from MOPS if anyone needs anything email them.
- Udo says he has a projector if we need to borrow one.
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We finished off the night with a lively auction and socializing. No one wanted to leave! See you all next meeting. Have a great Thanksgiving!



Understanding Scientific Names for fish

From www.thetropicaltank.co.uk

Scientific names are used to identify all living organisms. They are necessary because common names for the same organism can vary widely, and are different in every language. Scientific names, based mainly on Latin, conform to a defined system, which seeks to group organisms into logical groups, depending on their similarity.

The problem with common names can be illustrated by the use of "zebra" fish. The Zebra Danio is often known as the Zebrafish. There is also the striking Zebra plec/peckoltia from South America (and a few similar species also being sold as "zebra plec"). Then there are the zebra cichlids of Lake Malawi (of which there are several), and the Convict cichlid has also been known as the Zebra cichlid. There are no doubt other examples used in various parts of the world.

Scientific names normally consist of two parts: the generic, or genus, name, and the specific, or species name. A subspecies may have a third part to the name. For fish, the genus is the group of similar fish to which the particular species belongs. The genus name should always be capitalised, whereas the species (and subspecies) name is always uncapitalised. e.g. the Angelfish, *Pterophyllum scalare*. In scientific papers, Latin names are also shown in italics.

Although some may find scientific names confusing and difficult to pronounce, it is worth becoming familiar with them. They al-

low positive identification of any species you may wish to look for information on, or purchase from the store. Although scientific names do change occasionally as research progresses and new groups or species are defined or re-assigned, this is done by specific rules and documented. Common names are sometimes given to fish by importers or others, possibly on the basis of some immediately apparent feature, which can lead to different names being used for the same fish. There is unlikely to be much confusion when purchasing Neon Tetras under their common name, but the problems occur with rarer and more unusual fish, or where there are very similar species.

There are times when scientists have struggled to keep pace with the new species being discovered and imported for the aquarium trade. It was this which led to the appearance of the "L-number" and "LDA-number" systems for identifying the many exotic species of suckermouth catfish (or 'plecs/plecos') which were being exported from South America to the aquarium trade. The numbering systems were started by German fish-keeping magazines, but this system does have its weaknesses, many species have more than one number, or incorrectly matched photos for certain species. (This illustrates the danger of attempting to identify fish purely by a photo, where colouration, markings, etc can vary widely between individuals). Scientific descriptions are based on a range of different measurements and observations. Another example of exports outpacing scientific description is the cichlids of Lake Malawi. Many are sold under names like *Labidochomis* sp. "Hongi", meaning it has been identified as a species of the *Labidochromis* genus, occurring in the Hongi Island area of the lake. Additional parts may be added to the name, e.g. *Labidochomis* sp. "Hongi Red Top", referring to a colour characteristic of the fish.

Although the scientific names are primarily based on latin, the species name will often be assigned in honour of the person who discovered or first described the fish. For example, the Cardinal tetra, *Paracheirodon herbertaxelrodi* was named in honour of Dr. Herbert Axelrod. Names ending with "i" (pronounced "ee-eye" on the end, though often only the "eye" part is pronounced), denote that the discoverer was male, and those ending "ae" denote female.



Aquarium Word Search

Print page 8 and have a go at it. It's not a

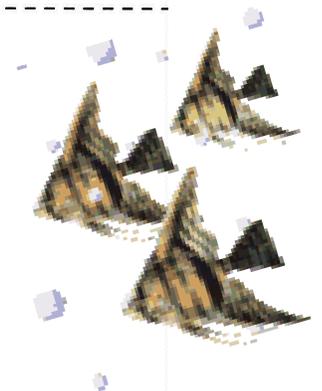
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Good idea to draw on the monitor screen.

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Coming Events

October

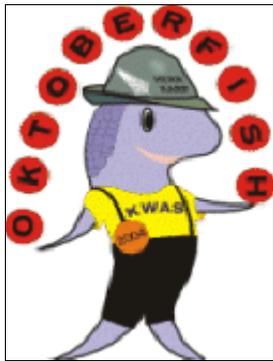
3 - Hamilton District Aquarium Society fall auction.

10 & 11 - Saskatoon Aquarium Society show & auction. Check their website or Facebook page for details.

18 - Calgary Aquarium Society auction.

18 - Regina Aquarium Society Giant Fall auction.

25- Kitchener-Waterloo AS Oktoberfish - Waterloo Inn,



Sunday October 25, 2015

Waterloo Inn Regent Room, 475 King Street North Waterloo

Doors open at 8am, auction starts at 10am sharp

Huge 38 class show

Don't miss the area's largest auction and fish show held only once a year

OKTOBERFISH 2015 IS CASH ONLY!

Oktoberfish is a CASH ONLY auction. All items must be paid for when delivered to your seat by our runners. All sellers can check out and receive payment the day of the event or we will mail you a cheque following the KWAS November General Meeting. If you have any questions, email us at kwasoktoberfish@gmail.com

November

8 - Peel Region Aquarium Society auction. NOTE New Location.



The poster features a large, detailed image of a goldfish swimming in water. The text is overlaid on this image. At the top, '2015 FALL' is written in a large, green, serif font. Below it, 'AQUARIUM FISH AUCTION' is written in a larger, green, serif font. To the right, 'SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below that, 'Pre-registration for Sellers required at' is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, followed by the website 'www.PeelAquariumClub.org' in a black, sans-serif font. A QR code is located on the left side. Below the QR code is a circular logo for the Peel Regional Aquarium Club, featuring a goldfish and a red fish. To the right of the QR code, the text 'EVERYONE WELCOME' is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Below this, the location 'WHERE: Brampton Irish Centre, 20 Strathearn Ave #5, Brampton, ON L6T 4P7 (North of Finatics Aquarium Shop at Dixie & Steeles)' is written in a black, sans-serif font. Below the location, the time 'TIME: Auction at 10:00am, Doors open 9:00am for buyers' is written in a black, sans-serif font. Below the time, the check-in information 'CHECK-IN: for Pre-Registered Sellers, 8:00am - 9:45am' is written in a black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, a small image of two blue gouramis is shown. Below this image, the text 'Lunch/Snacks/Refreshments Available' is written in a red, sans-serif font, followed by 'Plenty of Free Parking - Family Friendly' in a black, sans-serif font.

**2015 FALL
AQUARIUM FISH
AUCTION**

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Pre-registration for Sellers required at
www.PeelAquariumClub.org

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(North of Finatics Aquarium Shop
at Dixie & Steeles)

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Lunch/Snacks/Refreshments Available Plenty of Free Parking - Family Friendly

14 - Hamilton District Aquarium Society speaker dinner with Anton Lamboj.

29 - St. Catharines Aquarium Society fall auction.

St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society

Annual Fund Raiser



AUCTION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2015

At the Seafarers and Teamsters Union Hall
70 St. David St. E. Thorold ON

ENTRANCE IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

**BACK
ENTRANCE**

WASHROOMS ARE NOT WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE



Doors open at 8 a.m.

Auction begins at approx. 10 a.m.

CASH ONLY

Auction forms will be provided

Sellers numbers (lot #'s) available after 8 a.m.

Everyone Welcome!

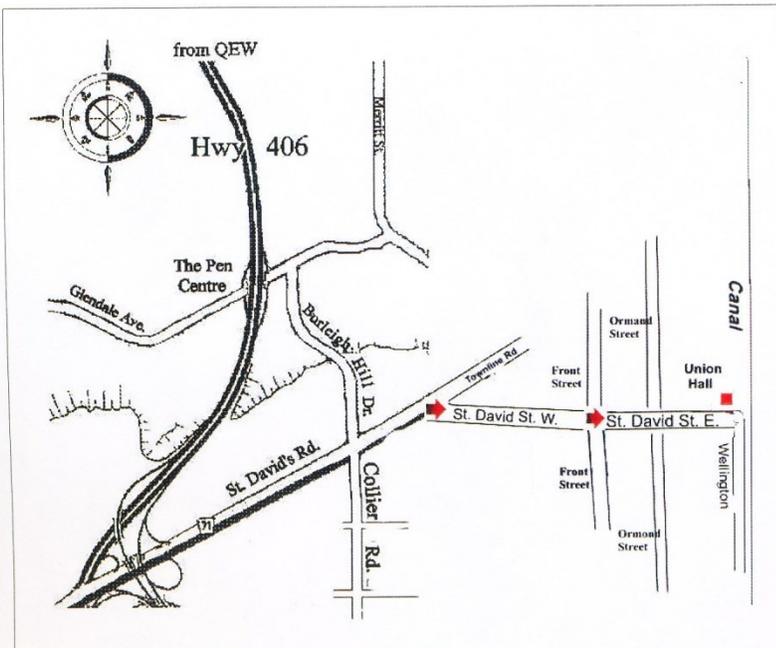
For more info.
go to:

www.scaas.info

and click on

'Forms & Guidelines'

**Refreshments
available**



Only aquarium hobby-related items will be accepted for auction

Brass Buy and Sell

This page is here to remind everyone we can now advertise here in the Brass Bulletin. We can put in pictures along with the write up. Must be sent to editor by 10 days before our meeting as we would like to publish one week before the meeting.

Want to buy, for sale, want to borrow etc...

Free advertising, fish, equipment, plants, need a ride (to shows etc...)

I Must Be on Drugs A Fiction



I awoke with a start. Someone had just turned a small orange light on in the corner. I quickly look around to see who or what could have done this. It is then that I notice I'm not in my bed. My surroundings are unfamiliar to me. It's still dark on this side of the room, though the orange light beckons me to come. I hear nothing but a deafening bubbling sound, pounding like an erratic yet continuous beat on a large kettle drum. Stricken with fear, a fear that has kept me paralyzed till now, I know I must see where I am. I must force myself to move. I can't quite explain it, but I definitely don't feel myself. I feel light headed. As I move, I feel weightless. It's as if there were no gravity. My heart is pounding. My mind racing. Where am I? Why am I here? Who could be responsible for this? Have I been drugged? I leave the corner in which I was sitting. Floating almost effortlessly, I notice something. It's there but it's transparent, scampering silently across the floor. I don't believe in ghosts, yet there goes another and still another. What are these hideous things? I'm feeling hungry but I have no time to eat now, I must find out more about this hell I'm in. As I move effortlessly across this room I am instantly stopped. By what, I don't know. It's like a force field. An invisible vertical plain stretching out right and left, up and down as far as I can go. Then another running at right angles to the first. It is hard, yet I can see through it. Surely I can get past this. The harder I throw myself at this the more it resisted and the more I hurt. I give up and look past my containment to a large room full of furniture. There are pictures on the wall and a table with a jack-o-lantern. This is where the orange light was illuminating from. Was this some kind of sick joke. I turned to my right. It was then I saw it out of the corner of my eye. Larger than life, it had a spell on me. Frozen in fear once again all I could do was watch it. It was as white as snow and it was laying on the floor just under me. A complete human skeleton, just laying there. Then as suddenly as I had noticed it, it sat straight up and then laid down again. Skeletons don't do that do they? I mean they are dead aren't they? It sat up again. I freaked, and went tearing off in the other direction only to be stopped short by another force field. That hurt. What are these things. There seems to be another, a forth this one I can't quite see through it seems to be a wall of diagonal orange and black stripes. There was still more. Slightly to my left and again laying on the floor was this human skull. Larger than life? It was larger than me. It just sat there staring at me, if that is possible for something without eyes. I went down slowly, cautiously. I had to take a closer look. I couldn't believe it, it was plastic. Larger than life, and plastic. What sick mind could have put this here? What was there motive? Were they trying to scare me to death? I think they are getting close to doing just that. I saw another ghost thing scampering across the floor again. What was it? It looked like a shrimp. It was

I Must Be on Drugs Continued

then I caught my reflection in a distant mirror. With horror I instinctively took off. Moving as fast as I could, onward and upward, faster and faster, until I found myself once again being pulled by gravity. I quickly plummeted to the floor which was well below my containment. I soon found myself lying on the floor. I no longer could move effortlessly. In fact I couldn't get off my side and I was having great difficulty breathing. All I could do was look around at this humungous room. My death place. It was then I realized I had already died and left my human body. But if I had to come back as a fish, why couldn't I have come back as something noble? A discus or a frontosa? Why did I have to come back as an ugly parrot fish in some kids Halloween display tank? Decorated complete with ghost shrimp and blood sucking leeches. I look forward to death. Oh no! Here comes the kid. He must be the one that has done all this. No don't save me. NO! Let me be. Go away! I want to die! Don't make me live as a parrot fish.

Happy Halloween!

Wanted!
Articles for the
newsletter.



Fish related, any size, fact, fiction, even point form. Just get them to me. If I can write so can you. Imagine all the experience we each have. Wouldn't it be great to share it so we can all learn from each others successes and each others mistakes? Please pass on your knowledge through this newsletter. We could all gain a lot. Anonymous articles accepted.

The Librarian

This page is reserved for comments and recommendations from our Librarian, presently Spencer. Spencer may use this space to promote different books or magazines, or may just let us know of new books in the library.

The BRASS Executive

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Who's That?

Every month we hope to have a profile of a Brass member. We ask that everyone fill out a profile questionnaire.

Name _____

How long have you been in the aquarium hobby? _____ How long have you been with BRASS? _____

What fish/plants do you presently keep? _____

What other fish/plants have you had experience with? _____

How many tanks are you now running? _____

What is the largest number of tanks you have had running at one time? _____

What is your occupation?

What other hobbies do you have experience with? _____

What is the nearest cross roads to your home? _____

Would you be willing and able to bring another BRASS member to meetings if they are close to your home? _____

Thank you for filling out this form.