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The Japanese Champion Tamasaba

The amazing Tamasaba and Sabao varieties of Japanese Goldfish are featured in an article by member Martin Killip...but first, a Nationwide Open Show....

The North East Goldfish Keepers Open Show 2015

Just half a mile from the Sunderland sea front and its Seaside Promenade is the Redby Community Centre. The North East Goldfish Society members all meet there for the annual Open Show (the 15th year too) and compete for their 25 Classes of Fancy Goldfish.

This year (Sunday July 19th 2015) they invited 8 Nationwide Judges, selected from the other three members of the Nationwide Group: Northern Goldfish &

Pondkeepers Society, Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers and Bristol Aquarist Society (NGPS, AMGK, BAS).

Each variety has its own Nationwide Standard and the judges chose the First, Second and Third in all 25 Classes, but in addition the NEGS present a trophy for the 'Best in Show', 'Best Owner's Bred' and 'Best NEGS Member' and the 'Highest Pointed Competitor'.

The Best in Show was a London Shubunkin by Alan Ratcliffe of the NGPS (and NEGS).



Alan (left) receives his awards from Dennis Godfrey, Chairman of NEGS.

'Best Owner Bred' was won by Alan too. The 'Best Fish by NEGS member' was won by David Padfield and the 'Highest Pointed Competitor' was Sherridan.



Dean receives a First too.

The Judges were wine and dined after their work....



They were:

Alan Race
 Alan Ratcliffe
 Sherridan Moores
 Dean Roberts
 Alex King
 Keith Waters
 Andrew Barton
 Bill Ramsden

Tamasaba and Sabaos

Our frontispiece shows the magnificent Japanese champion. The member who breeds these varieties is Martin Killip and he sent this report....

(from a Japanese translation)....

THE STANDARD OF EVALUATION

FOR THE TAMASABA/SABAO GOLDFISH

Body shape

1. Rounded body shape that looks like a ball by viewing both from upper and side.
2. The risen shoulder and the swollen abdomen from the lateral line (*it means a line from the head to the tail, and does not mean the lateral line as an organ of the goldfish*) is well balanced. It is best that the line from head to the peduncle is horizontal.
3. It is better that the caudal peduncle is short rather than long. The tail fin is vigorously and elegantly stretched and is very vibrant and lively.

Swimming postures

1. The swimming posture (*at a standstill*) keeps horizontal and is well balanced and elegant.
2. The swimming style is graceful but wild, and moreover, pretty.

Pattern

1. Beautiful colour pattern which greatly engages the interest of spectators.

Colour

1. Vivid and deep red colour.
2. The edges of colour patterns are sharp and vivid, but not straight. (*The colour patterns are not constructed by straight lines*)

3. Clear or shiny white colour.
4. Gold/Orange *even* calico.

Fins

1. The dorsal fin is vigorously and healthily stretched.
2. There is no disease or injury.
3. Each fin is not curved or split with injury.
4. The gestures to show, with pectoral fins looking pretty

Exceptional Features

There are remarkable features for evaluation, such as extra-large body and unique body shape, pattern, scales and colour.

TAMASABA AND SABAO ARE DISTINGUISHED WITH THE BODY SHAPE IN COMPETITION

TAMASABA AND SABAO ARE DISTINGUISHED IN WHETHER THE BODY LINE FROM HEAD TO TAIL IS SMOOTH OR NOT

HOWEVER, IT MIGHT BE SUBJECTIVE BUT NOT OBJECTIVE!

TAMASABA: Rounded body shape, the body line from head to shoulder is not smooth (has a Hump)

SABAO: Rounded body shape, the body line from head to shoulder is smooth (no Hump)



My Sabao that took 1st place in the GSGB show 2010 AOV class



One of my short tailed Tamasaba...2 years old and one of my long tailed Sabao ...5 years old.

We hope to see Martin's fish in the Nationwide Open Shows someday soon!

The
**United Kingdom
Ranchu Association**
is proud to announce the UK's first
Open Show
Saturday 17th October 2015
for
Japanese Ranchu.



UKRA Ranchu Club has teamed up with **Wildwoods Water Garden Centre** in Enfield, Middlesex to showcase this specialized variety of fancy goldfish in October this year. Wildwoods, part of the World of Water group, has for many years been a top outlet for fancy goldfish and other varieties. It is ideally located between J24 and J25 off the M25 amongst a large concentration of Garden Centres, similar retail outlets, pubs etc, so there is plenty to see and do for everyone.

The Ranchu is a highly prized variety in Japan with well over a hundred specialist clubs in the All Japan Ranchu Association. In recent years the variety has gained a strong following with many clubs and associations springing up around the world. UKRA Ranchu Club was formed in 2013 with the aim of promoting Japanese Ranchu and the techniques necessary to develop and keep them.

For more information about the show, membership etc please e-mail **enquiries@ukranchuassociation.co.uk**

Or call

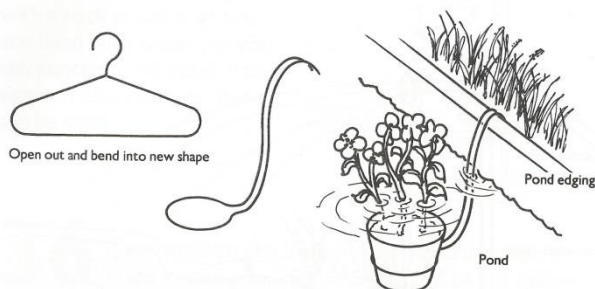
07894 254494 and speak to **Keith Waters**

We look forward to hearing from you.

...and if you are a Ranchu fan, they will soon have their own Show:

Tip of the Month

If your pond has no shallow ledge for marginals, buy them ready potted and hang them over the pond edge with plastic-coated wire, as used for coat hangers.



This tip also avoids Goldfish destroying the plants!

Send your tip to me:
drdmford@outlook.com

Bubble-eyes

This month Sherridan was asked: I have heard that Bubble-eye goldfish can burst their bubbles and they don't grow back. Is this right?

Sherridan replied: Most books state that burst bubbles will not grow back, this is not true. It does depend where on the bubble it is pierced and how badly, they can

heal and fill up again quite quickly, within two or three weeks, so that you would not know there had been any damage, but often they will grow back distorted. Popping of the bubbles should not be a very common occurrence - if kept properly, avoid sharp decorative rocks and corners on equipment, take care with syphoning tubes and filter inlets, under these conditions Bubble-eyes are not overly delicate.

Bubble -eyes kept in insanitary

conditions and not fed properly can suffer spontaneous popping of their bubbles as their skin gets damaged by the water quality, just as any other varieties skin might, and it is likely under these conditions that if popped they would not regrow. Blood specks or a developing opaqueness in the bubbles indicates less than ideal water.



Old Gold

The world's oldest captive goldfish has died peacefully in his bowl, 43 years after he was won as a prize at a funfair. 'Tish' the goldfish achieved fame late in life after being recognised by the Guinness Book of Records only last year.

Mrs Hand, 72, of Thirsk, North Yorkshire, said she had become close to Tish over the years.

In 1998 the fish took the longevity title from Fred, a Worthing goldfish who died in 1980 aged 41.

In later life, Tish faded from bright orange to distinguished silver, but remained healthy until shortly before his death.

Mr Hand said the secret of his long life was not being overfed, and being put in the sun occasionally. (See the July Newsletter!)



Minutes of the August Meeting

President Bill brought his latest project...recording on audio tape his thoughts on fishkeeping over his long life. All agreed they will be useful, especially to newcomers to the hobby. VP David will convert them to script for publication, especially in these Newsletters.

Our member in Eire, Finbarr Crowley, reported (via email) that Sherridan sent him fertilised eggs of Veiltail spawnings by post, but none hatched. We discussed reasons, from airmail pressures to Oxygen deficiency, but decided another attempt should be made – perhaps with hatching spawn – but this will need to be left until the 2016 breeding season.

Richard Rizzotti has invited all members (and partners, and the Nationwide delegates) to attend an open house / garden party at his home 11, Newbrook Road, Bolton, BL5 1EP on Saturday 29th August from 2.00pm. Please phone him on 07931160762 if you intend attending so that the numbers for catering can be

worked out. You can auction any goldfish too if you bring them...food is free, bring your own bottle!



Member Stephen Whalley also sent an email request for members' opinions on how to solve a plague of inverts blocking his pond pipeworks.

It was believed that these were Caddis fly larvae but the usual way of killing them (with Copper-based insecticides) was impossible.

Just to complicate things, Stephen noted that the emerging flies had red eyes, but there are dozens of species of Trichoptera, the Riverflies (see [The Beginner's Guide to Caddis](#) by Dr Ian Wallace).

We thought time will solve the infestation (the emerging fly only lives a day or two – and the larger fish eat the larvae). If a non-chemical cure is found, it will be reported here.

Here's Stephen's photo of a handful.

The Northern Goldfish & Pondkeepers Society Annual Open Show 2015

Sherridan wished to remind everyone that the NGPS OS is approaching (Saturday September 12th) and a helping hand is needed on Friday the 11th to set it all up. Please come to St Matthews Church Hall, Chester Road, Stretford M32 8HF from 10 am onwards.

Next NGPS Meeting is September 8th at The Church Inn, please attend so we can finalise arrangements for that Open Show

