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**COLDWATER
FISH
SHOW**

THE MANOR HALL
HENFIELD ROAD
COALPIT HEATH
BRISTOL
BS36 2TG

**SUNDAY
6TH SEPTEMBER**

FISH AUCTION viewing at 11.30. Commences at 12.30
SHOW HALL open at 3.00
ENTRY adults £1 under 16yrs/OAPs free
REFRESHMENTS -- FREE CAR PARKING -- RAFFLE



**Seven Nationwide Judges at
Bristol Aquarists Society**

Graham Bell, Sherridan Moores, Graham Turner, Dean Roberts, Craig Clinton, Andy Barton and Ian Mildon from NGPS, AMGK, NEGS and BAS judged the 218 entries at Bristol's annual Open Show on Sunday 6th September in The Manor Hall, Bristol.

Judging used the new Nationwide Standards which are now almost ready for publication for all Fishkeeping Societies to use – Nationwide!



Hard at work judging the 43 Classes, from Single Common Goldfish to A.V. Pond & River Fish. BAS also give 10 Special Awards, from Best Team to Best Exhibit in Show.

Meanwhile an audience of 40 visitors bought pedigree Goldfish in 68 lots with bids ranging from just a £1 to £76! All were sold.



The auctioneer was BAS Vice President Neil Coleman

As always there was hot & cold beverages available all day and a Grand Raffle, all for £1 entrance fee – free to members, seniors and children.

The best in Show was Tony Roberts (BAS)'s Team of Four Veiltails...



Dean Roberts took all three awards with his Pearlscales, Craig Clinton and David Padfield won 1st's with Shubunkins and Bubble Eyes. Sherridan took 1st & 2nd with his Twintails.

Then, just a week later we did it all again with the 38th NGPS OS....



There were 135 entries and 16 aquaria of auction goldfish. The judges were Sherridan Moores, Alan Ratcliffe, Bill Ramsden, Ian Mildon, Andy Barton, Craig Clinton, Graham Turner (all NGPS) and Graham Bell (BAS).



The Auction was run by Richard Rizzotti...only a dozen visitors were bidding, but all lots were sold.



Judges were wined and dined and visitors had a hot breakfast, with tea and coffee available all day (thanks Abby).

Prize-giving included Cups, Award Cards and product from API and FishScience.



David Ford set up a display of historical aquatic items (from the last century).



The prizes were given out by President Bill with Dean and Sherridan.
The Best in Show was Andy Barton's Red Oranda.....



A Worthy Winner



Andy Collects the Awards

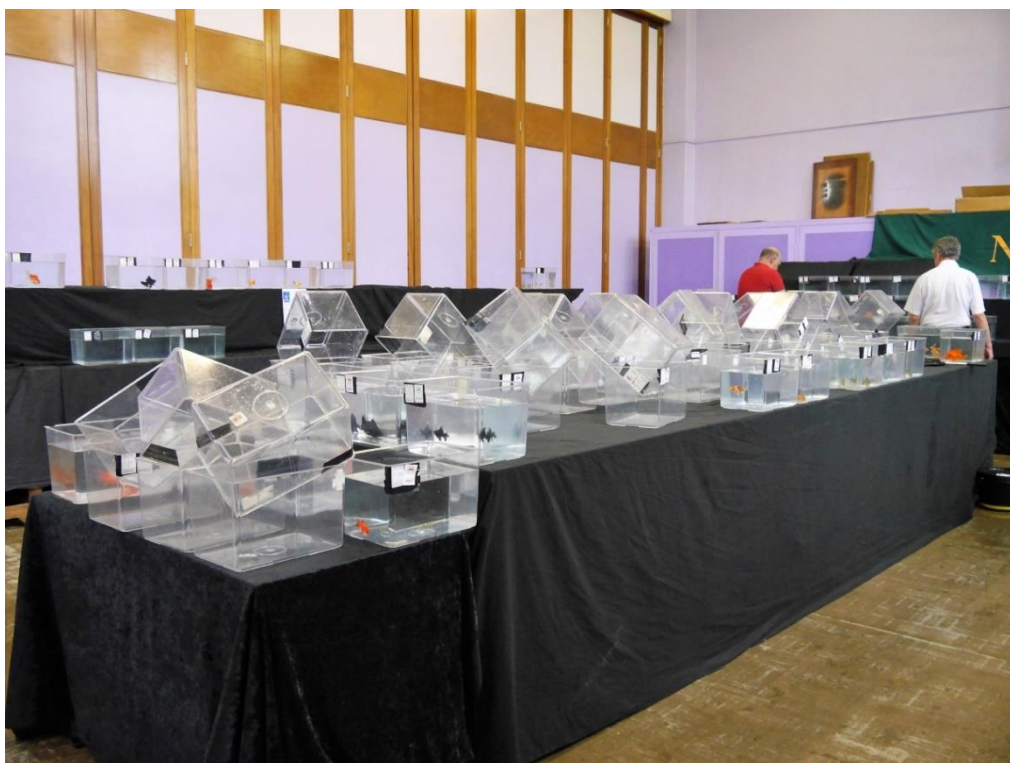
More photos of prize winners can be seen on the full website, page 7,
at www.northerngoldfishsociety.com



The Highest Pointed Exhibit was the photograph of Bill's Oranda (the actual fish can be seen on the front of our Newsletter for February 2014).

Bill was very pleased....

The day ended with the usual clear-up and packing away for 2016...



More photos of the winning fish are on that page 7 of the full website.

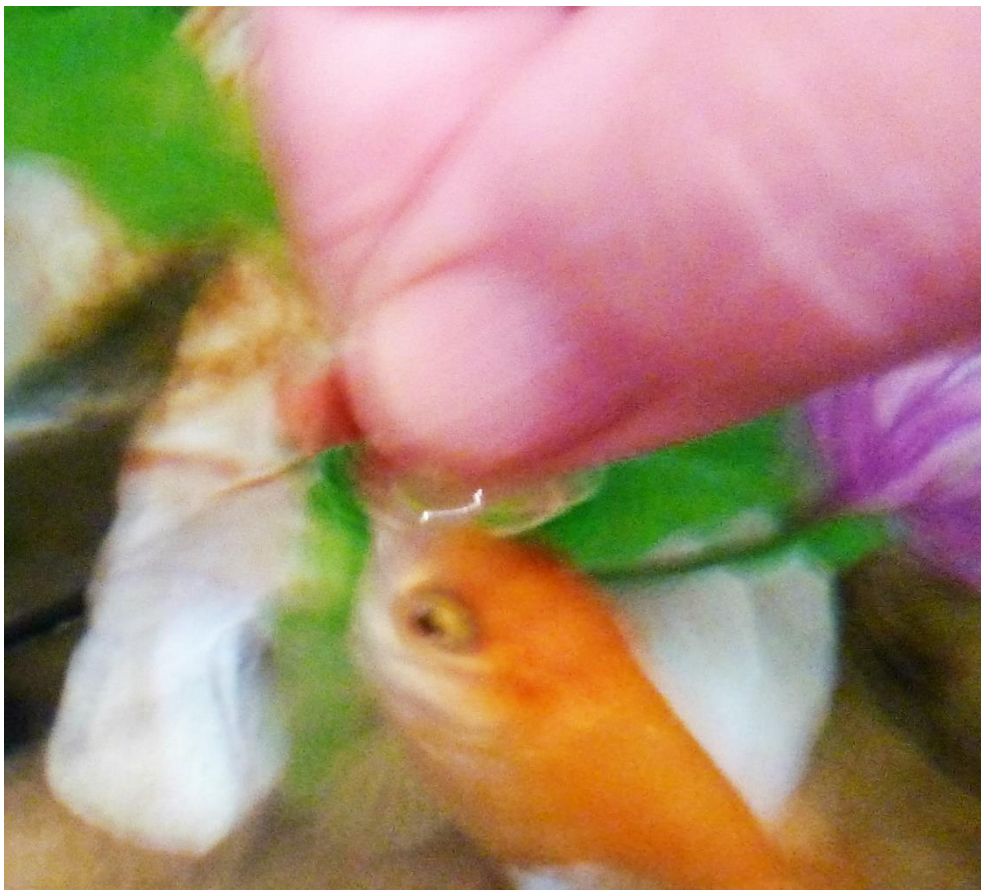
Minutes of the September Meeting

There was low attendance in September with lots of apologies read out by Chairman Sherridan. This led to a discussion on whether the second Tuesday was the right choice for our monthly meetings. A Sunday may be better for members who work all week – in fact it could be a Sunday Lunch get-together. This will be proposed when more members are in attendance.

Final plans for the Open Show were then made and the meeting ended early.

Top Tip of the Month

When feeding with flakes (still the best choice for Goldfish) don't just sprinkle them into the aquarium. Hold the flakes between finger and thumb, then just dip into the meniscus. Release only if the fish ignore you...eventually they will rise to your dipping fingers and, within just a few days, they will learn to take the flakes from you. A goldfish will suckle...it is just like feeding a baby....



Send me (David Ford) your Top Tip at drdmford@outlook.com.

With the Open Shows reports there is no room for a special article this month...but thanks for those received. Read them in October.

Next NGPS Meeting is October 13th at The Church Inn, see you there.....