

**NORTHERN GOLDFISH
& PONDKEEPERS
SOCIETY**
A Nationwide Society
NEWSLETTER



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NGPS Open Show 2016 – Judges at work with the 126 entries



The Auction
was small
(nine lots) but
all were sold.

Including
samples of
Dr David Pool's
FishScience
product.

David also lectured on his products and donated samples as prizes...



Held on Saturday 10th September at our usual venue of St Matthews Church Hall in Stretford. Hot & cold beverages and cooked food was available all day.



There was a grand raffle and a display of ancient Aquatic Accessories...The Atlantis Range by David Ford.

There was one problem...despite pleas on our website, via email and on Facebook, only four members turned up on the Friday before the Show. So Sherridan Moores, Dean Roberts, Alan Birchenough and David Ford had to deliver and set-up 140 aquariums in the display room for Showers and the auction, ready for the next day...please do better next year!



At least all the Judges turned up – even our President Bill Ramsden, who will be 90 on the 29th September (sign his card – see Sherridan).



The judges are well looked after.

Bill also presented the prizes with help from Dean & Sherridan.



He even
got
kissed....

Many of the Showers were Bristol AS members – who had their Open Show only six days earlier...their report follows. For more photographs of winners

and their fish, visit our main website and go to Page 7, the Show Page. Scroll well down that page through the many years!

Bristol Aquarist Society OS

Our sister club in Nationwide, the Bristol Aquarist Society, is moving to a new Show venue next year. This year's Open Show was held (for the last time) at The Manor Hall in Coalpit Heath on Sunday 4th September, with no less than 213 Fancy Goldfish competing in 43 Classes.



The Best in Show was a Lionhead by Sherridan (of course!).

Dean and Craig had Firsts too. They, along with Sherridan, were Nationwide Judges at the Show too. Neil Colman (BAS) ran the Auction to an audience of 40, with 69 lots of home-bred Fancy Goldfish...most were bargains at only £1 per fish but the best bid was £70 for a trio of Bristol Shubunkins.





As always there was a Grand Raffle, Tombola and beverages available all day. The prizes (rosettes and certificates and some special Trophies) were handed out by Peter Lloyd - he is the son of Stan Lloyd, a once BAS President (1970-1980) who passed away last February. This guest appearance was the Club's tribute to that President. Here is Peter presenting Sherridan with that BinS Award....

The venue in 2017 – the Open Show is always the first Sunday in September – will be the Hengrove Community Centre on Fortfield Road, Hengrove, Bristol BS14 9NX.

This month's Top Tip(s)

First, a Tip about a Tip really – in the May 2016 Newsletter there was an article about Euthanasia. It has proved effective members report, when sadly needed, but note that the agent used, Oil of Cloves, has a very strong, persistent odour. Do the job outdoors and use disposable containers. If you use a plastic tank, the odour is absorbed and remains forever! Pour the treated mini-aquarium water down an outside drain – not the kitchen sink, or the smell will be in that kitchen for days.

Next Tip....

The Barbecue at Richard & Gabby's home was a success – see them on page 8 of the NGPS website. Richard enthused to visitors about Ocean Nutrition's Brine Shrimp for newly hatched fry. It comes in a pre-cooked (so sterile until opened) aqueous suspension in a little pot. No need for hatching or separations etc.



This convenience is expensive though – Richard paid £7, but on Amazon it is £11.

Don't forget – send your top tips to me in any format – drdmford@outlook.com

Goldfish News

You know how difficult it is to catch and hold a Goldfish by hand – in fact any fish. They all have that antimicrobial/streamlining slime coating to protect and aid them in their aqueous world. Chinese (where else!) scientists in Lanzhou Institute of Chemical Physics have studied this coating and developed a glove that overcomes this slippery nature.



It is a rubber glove with internal reservoirs of a Tannic Acid compound. The glove has molecular-sized pores that allow the Tannic Acid ions to escape and these reduce the lubricating properties of the slime. Hence you can catch and hold a wet fish. They even published this photograph of it happening.

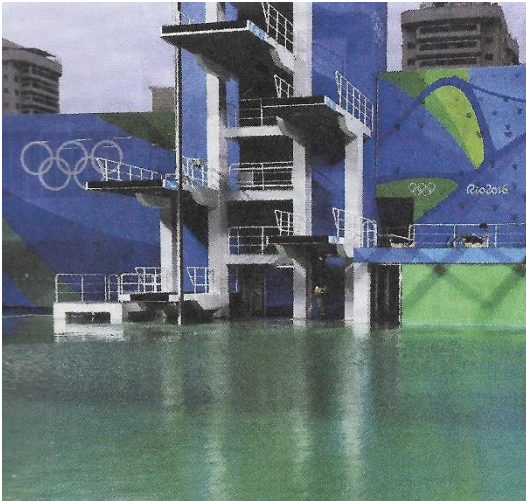
The science behind this is that Tannic Acid has 'astringency' – you will note the effect if you drink red wine, black coffee, unripe fruit etc. All rich in Tannic Acid. The mouth feels dry because the Acid neutralises the lubrication of the saliva. (Without this saliva's lubrication property your teeth would wear away rapidly!).

The Chinese say this fish-catching glove is effective in freshwater – but not yet studied in seawater where the salt content may affect the property. It may be a while before we see a Goldfish Catching Glove 'made in China'.

Pond News

Did you see the green swimming pool during the Olympics? Did you – like me – immediately think, algal bloom.

Well the Brazilians didn't. Apparently they decided it was corrosion from the metal pipes feeding the pool. Then they said it was the poolside banners leaking ink during one of their downpours. Then they decided it was because the hypochlorite added to prevent algal blooms (it was dawning!) was made ineffective by the also



added Hydrogen peroxide (peroxide reacts instantly with hypochlorite, but they did not know that). So, in the end, they did a water change.

All they needed was a microscope and slide – take a drop of the water and view those planktons swimming about.

We knew it all along....

Minutes of the September Meeting

It promised to be a good meeting with Alan Ratcliffe bringing a shoal of Fantails for comments. Unfortunately, after the hottest September day for a century, a monsoon hit Manchester and only two brave members made it to The Church Inn. Sherridan and David Ford. They reviewed the Open Show successes and difficulties. The NGPS Social Weekend in Llandudno was also discussed and agreed that a separate email will be sent soon with details of room availability and costs.

Note: The next Open Show is the Nationwide at Horsehay Village Hall, Telford TF4 2MF on Saturday September 24th. Hope to see you there....

Next meeting at the Church Inn, Prestwich, is 8pm, Tuesday, October 11th, please be there, whatever the weather!

The NGPS OS 2016 Results now follow.....



NGPS OS 2016 Results

Class & Title	Winners		
	1st	2nd	3rd
1 Common Goldfish under 3"	Ian Mildon	S.W. Moores	-
2 Common Goldfish over 3"	J.D Roberts	Ian Mildon	Ian Mildon
3 Comet Goldfish under 3"	-	-	-
4 Comet Goldfish over 3"	J.D Roberts	-	-
5 Bristol Shubunkin under 3"	David Padfield	David Padfield	David Padfield
6 Bristol Shubunkin over 3"	David Padfield	David Padfield	David Padfield
7 London Shubunkins under 3"	Mick Smith	Ian Mildon	Ian Mildon
8 London Shubunkins over 3"	Ian Mildon	Ian Mildon	Mick Smith
9 Calico Veiltail	S.W. Moores	S.W. Moores	Bob Jones
10 Metallic Veiltail	Andrew Barton	S.W. Moores	David Ford
11 Moor	Bob Jones	Andrew Barton	-
12 Oranda	J.D. Roberts	-	-
13 Lionhead	S.W. Moores	S.W. Moores	S.W. Moores
14 Calico Fantail	G.W. Malpas	Mick Smith	G.W. Malpas
15 Metallic Fantail	Andrew Barton	Bob Jones	Bob Jones
16 Celestial	J.D. Roberts	J.D. Roberts	J.D. Roberts
17 Bubble-Eye	S.W. Moores	S.W. Moores	Dave Meadon
18 Pom-pon	S.W. Moores	S.W. Moores	-
19 Pearlscale	J.D. Roberts	J.D. Roberts	-
20 Ranchu	Alex King	Alex King	Alex King
21 Jikin	Ian Mildon	-	-
21a Wakin	Ian Mildon	-	-
21b Tosakin	-	-	-
22 AOV Goldfish	S.W. Moores	S.W. Moores	S.W. Moores

Breeders Teams bred 2016:

23 Four Bristol Shubunkins	Ian Mildon	Jan Ferris	-
24 Four Comets	-		
25 Four Bristol Shubunkins	David Padfield	Bob Jones	-

26 Four London Shubunkins	Mick Smith	Ian Mildon	-
27 Four Veiltails	Bob Jones	-	-
28 Four Moors	Bob Jones	-	-
29 Four Orandas	-	-	-
30 Four Lionheads	-	-	-
32 Four Celestials	-	-	-
33 Four Bubble Eyes	-	-	-
34 Four Pom-pons	-	-	-
35 Four Pearlscales	-	-	-
36 Four Ranchus	Alex King	Alex King	Alan King
37 Four Jikins	-	-	-
38 Four AOV New Variety Goldfish	-	-	-

Breeders Singles bred 2016

39 Common Goldfish	Jan Ferris	Ian Mildon	Jan Ferris
40 Comet	-	-	-
41 Bristol Shubunkin	Bob Jones	Bob Jones	-
42 London Shubunkin	Mick Smith	Mick Smith	Ian Mildon
43 Calico Veiltail	Bob Jones	Bob Jones	-
44 Moor	Bob Jones	Bob Jones	-
45 Oranda	-	-	-
46 Lionhead	-	-	-
47 Fantail	Mick Smith	Mick Smith	-
48 Celestial	-	-	-
49 Bubble-eye	-	-	-
50 Pom-pon	-	-	-
51 Pearlscale	-	-	-
52 Ranchu	Alex King	Alex King	Alex King
53 Jikin	-	-	-
54 AOV Single Tail	-	-	-
55 AOV Twintail with Dorsal	-	-	-
56 AOV Twintail no Dorsal	-	-	-

57 AOV New Variety	-	-	-
58 European Pondfish	J.D. Roberts	J.D. Roberts	J.D. Roberts
59 Non-European Pondfish	Ian Mildon	-	-
60 Matched Pair Single Tail	Mick Smith	Ian Mildon	-
61 Matched Pair Twintail	Alex King	Bob Jones	-
62 Novice Class	-	-	-

Best Fish Judged on Colour Only

63 Red	Ian Mildon	Mick Smith	-
64 Lemon	J.D. Roberts	-	-
65 Black	-	-	-
66 Variegated Metallic	J.D. Roberts	-	-
67 Best Nacreous Colour	Gary Malpas	J.D. Roberts	-

Photographic Class

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1001 to 1004 - no entries

Best in Show was Gary Malpas's Calico Fantail

Best London - Mick Smith

Best Bristol - David Padfield

Best Breeder - David Padfield

Exhibit with most points was Ian Mildon

Above are the results of the 2016 NGPS Open Show - every effort is made to make them correct and accurate but errors can occur...if you see any, please send details to your webmaster (drdmford@outlook.com) to make the changes.