

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



August 2017



The North East Goldfish Society's annual Open Show and Auction

Busy judging is Chairman Sherridan, Show Sec Dean Roberts and our members Alan Ratcliffe, Craig Clinton and Andy Barton.

This is the next stage in the Nationwide Open Shows of our Goldfish Societies in the UK and was held in Redby Community Centre, Sunderland on Sunday 16th July.

The Best in Show and the Best Exhibit was won by the same Goldfish, a Tosakin by their Show Secretary Alan Race.



Because Alan was handing out the prizes, he to give himself the Best in Show Trophy!

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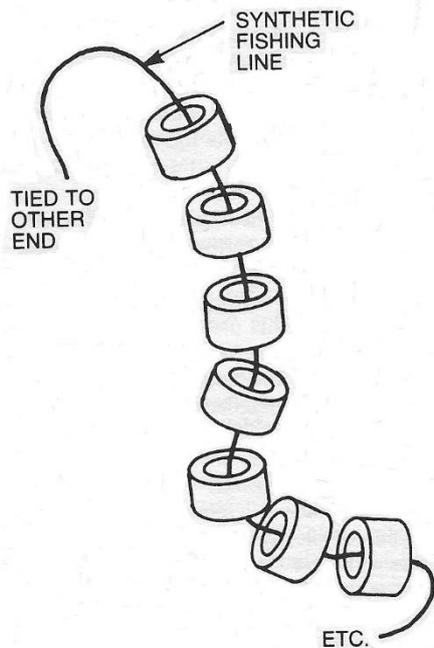
As always there was hot & cold beverages all day and an auction of locally bred Goldfish varieties – there were 9 lots and all were sold at bargain prices.



Alex Morrison (NEGS) was the Auctioneer

This was their 18th Open Show – more photos are on the full NGPS website (www.northerngoldfishsociety.com). You will need to scroll way down page 7. It is also on the Practical Fishkeeping website – go to 'practicalfishkeeping.co.uk' and click/tap 'News' (then 'Club News' in Search by the time you read this). Has a good plug for all our September Shows.

Pond Tips this month



In the pond filter, ceramic rings like these can be strung together for easy removal.

However, they are very expensive, so in my pond I used plastic hair rollers bought in bulk from Amazon. They were threaded together with nylon fishing line.



The filter had two lots of these biofilters, the inlet was to a plastic box with a smaller group of rollers. These captured the mulm and any debris and could be easily pulled out and washed away with a garden hose.

The remainder, threaded separately, was left in situ all year to act as a biofilter for removal of nitrites (and any ammonia).

More Nationwide Open Shows

Posters for the September Shows are being published – here is the Nationwide Final one ...



NATIONWIDE: GOLDFISH SOCIETIES UK
Present the
NATIONAL FANCY GOLDFISH OPEN SHOW
SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2017

JUDGED TO THE **NATIONWIDE: GOLDFISH STANDARDS** of the United Kingdom

to be held at
HORSEHAY VILLAGE HALL
BRIDGE ROAD, HORSEHAY, TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE TF4 2NF



A warm welcome to everyone
Show open to the public from 2.30pm

Show Sponsored & Organised by:- Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK
Comprising: Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers (AMGK); Bristol Aquarist's Society (BAS);
North East Goldfish Society (NEGS); Northern Goldfish & Pondkeepers Society (NGPS)

... and ours ...

NORTHERN GOLDFISH & PONDKEEPERS SOCIETY



Annual Goldfish Open Show 2017

To be held at St Matthews Church Hall, Chester Road,
Stretford, Manchester **M32 8HF**

on Saturday 16th September 2017

with Benching 9am to 11am, Judging 11am to 3pm,
public viewing 3pm to 5pm and a Goldfish Auction from 1pm
Hot & cold beverages all day. Raffle & prizes & Lecture
Certificates 1st to 4th in 76 Classes

Free parking and next door to Stretford Shopping Mall



We are members of Nationwide Goldfish Clubs UK

Make a note in your diary to come and help set it up on Friday 15th September.

Members Write

Alex King continues his report on the Ranchus and Fantail spawnings...

Fantail experiment (Part 2)

Following on from article in the June newsletter about the experiment Brian Parkin and I are doing with Calico Fantails to see what effect, if any, it would have raising fry from the same spawning under different conditions.

Up until now we have not met up to discuss the final results as we live 100+ miles apart, but plan to do so in the near future and I will update you later. What I can tell you, at present, is that I have culled mine down to 27 and Brian has culled his down to 20. We will be meeting up shortly to discuss findings and at the same time I will be returning the baby fantails I have, to Brian, as I have no intention of keeping them. This was always the case as my set-up is not big enough to support another variety as well as my Ranchu, although I have enjoyed rearing them.

In the meantime, below are photos of the baby fantails, taken at the end of July.

This first set is some of those Brian is rearing.



These are some of the baby fantails that I am rearing.



The only noticeable difference at this stage is the size. The ones I have reared are 0.75 inches larger at 2.25 inches in body length excluding tail compared to ones being reared by Brian.

Ranchu update (Part 2)

My baby Ranchu (Tosai) are also growing well and will hopefully continue to develop and provide me with future breeding stock.



I have culled them down to 30 from the 3 spawnings and will eventually select no more than 10 to take through the winter as I am also growing on quite a few Nisai 1 year olds from last year....



Sad Pond News - the EU has banned four more pond plants. Roll on Brexit!
Alternanthera philoxeroides (Alligator weed), *Elodea nuttallii* (Nuttall's waterweed),
Gunnera tinctoria (Giant rhubarb) and *Myriophyllum heterophyllum* (Broadleaf watermilfoil).

Minutes of the August Meeting

A good turnout but with apologies from Alan Ratcliffe, Dean Roberts and Craig Clinton, sorry to report too that our President Bill Ramsden is back in hospital. (Just received news he has been sent home again – hope he is OK now).

The meeting was mainly concerned with criticisms of our annual OS by a few other members of the Nationwide Goldfish Keepers. We recognise that none of the societies shows, or venues, is ever perfect but feel it is important we all continue to support each other despite this. We always try to respond positively to any perceived problem and we all decided to correct as much as we could and offer more at the 16th September OS & Auction....

- There will be free tea or coffee for all early arrivals with their competing Goldfish.
- There will be Café-style snacks all day plus a Hot Lunch available from the Church Staff. This will be from the St Matthews refurbished kitchen.
- There will be a lecture (from VP David Ford) on the History of the Aquarium (about 30 minutes!)
- St Matthews manager reported that the hall and corridors have been freshly decorated – and the toilets will be specially cleaned.
- A grand raffle will offer items worth having! (Will all NGPS members attending the September Meeting please bring these items with them, thanks.)
- As always, the water will be aged and treated, with quality checks all day. Trophies will be awarded, not just certificates. Judges will be royally fed too!
- Entrance fee remains at just £1 per entry. Auction 20%. Entry to OS is free.

The Entry Forms are attached to download or copy, send to Show Sec. Dean Roberts asap. (Postal members will receive a printed copy). Hope to see you on September 16th (and local members on Friday 15th too).

Next meeting at The Church Inn is Tuesday September 12th 8pm – let Sherridan know if you can't make it, please. Bring your Raffle Prizes if you can.



Here is the Show Schedule, please copy the sections you need or download the PDF version if you can print it.

NORTHERN GOLDFISH & PONDKEEPERS SOCIETY

SATURDAY September 16th 2017

**St Matthews Church Hall, Chester Road, Stretford, Manchester
M32 8HF**

**Benching: 9am to 11am Judging: 11am to 3pm
Open to the public: 3pm to 5pm**



**Contents: Rules & Regulations
List of Classes
Entry Forms**

Rules and Regulations

1. All entries must be addressed to Mr. J. D. Roberts, 25, Mold Road Estate, Gwersyllt, Wrexham LL11 4AA
Tel. 01978 721 492 Mobile: 07990614581 email: deanandchris25@hotmail.co.uk
2. All entries must be submitted by one week before the Show date
3. An entrance fee of £1.00 per entry and a stamped addressed envelope must accompany each completed entry form. Cheques payable to Northern Goldfish and Pondkeepers Society.
4. Each paid up exhibitor will be allowed free entrance to the show all accompanying individuals and other visitors must pay on the door to gain entry.
5. Tanks and water are provided for all exhibitors; all water will be treated with conditioner. Exhibitors may provide their own water at the discretion of the show manager.
6. All classes are for single fish unless otherwise stated.
7. Exhibitors in the breeder's classes must have bred the exhibit in the year of the Show.
8. Entry to the Novice Class is limited to exhibitors who have not won a first prize at any Open Show.
9. Exhibitors may enter as many fish as they wish. (There is no limit on entries in the breeders' classes.)
10. At the discretion of the Committee a sub-class or classes may be declared and exhibits moved to them. Any variety represented by more than three exhibits in Classes 25, 44, 63 to 66, will have a sub class formed for that variety.
11. Exhibitors in Classes 25, 44, 57, 63 to 68, must state the variety / varieties being entered in the 'Variety' column of the entry form.
12. Any exhibitor entering a self-black coloured entry of any variety should state this in the 'Variety' column of the entry form, so that a light background may be provided. Entries in the Moor classes will automatically be so provided.
13. Every possible care will be taken with the exhibits but no responsibility can be taken for any mishap or accident howsoever caused.
14. No exhibitor must remove any exhibit without the express permission of the Committee.
15. Any fish entered in classes 67 and 68 are subject to a Defra licence must have the licence to hand and available for inspection.
16. The photographic classes (1001 – 1004) will be 10" x 8" colour or black and white prints and must be the entrants own work and taken during this year. Please fill in class number and number of entries only on entry form.
17. The Judge's decision is final. All judging will be to Nationwide Standards.
18. Please note that our insurance policy requires that all exhibitors be members of the Society, therefore if you are not already a member of Northern Goldfish a portion of your entry fee will be used to enrol you as a member until the day after the Show. If you require a longer membership, please see any of the Society's officials. (Alternatively you may arrange your own public liability insurance – in this case please bring documentary evidence of your cover.)
19. Your signed entry form indicates your acceptance of these rules and regulations.

No.	CLASSES ADULTS	No. OF ENTRIES	SHOW SECRETARY USE ONLY – TANK NUMBERS				Tick if Owner bred
1	COMMON GOLDFISH under 3"						
2	COMMON GOLDFISH over 3"						
3	COMET under 3"						
4	COMET over 3"						
5	BRISTOL SHUBUNKIN under 3"						
6	BRISTOL SHUBUNKIN over 3"						
7	LONDON SHUBUNKIN under 3"						
8	LONDON SHUBUNKIN over 3"						
9	CALICO VEILTAIL						
10	METALLIC VEILTAIL						
11	CALICO FANTAIL						
12	METALLIC FANTAIL						
13	MOOR						
14	ORANDA						
15	LIONHEAD						
16	CELESTIAL						
17	BUBBLE-EYE						
18	POM-PON						
19	PEARLSCALE						
20	RANCHU						
21	RYUKIN						
22	WAKIN						
23	TOSAKIN						
24	JIKIN						

25	AOV GOLDFISH						
No.	CLASSES BRED THIS YEAR TEAMS OF FOUR	No. OF ENTRIES	SHOW SECRETARY USE ONLY – TANK NUMBERS				Tick if Owner bred
26	COMMON GOLDFISH						
27	COMETS						
28	BRISTOL SHUBUNKINS						
29	LONDON SHUBUNKINS						
30	VEILTAILS						
31	FANTAILS						
32	MOORS						
33	ORANDAS						
34	LIONHEADS						
35	CELESTIALS						
36	BUBBLE-EYES						
37	POM-PONS						
38	PEARLSCALES						
39	RANCHUS						
40	RYUKINS						
41	WAKINS						
42	TOSAKINS						
43	JIKINS						
44	AOV GOLDFISH						

No.	CLASSES SINGLE FISH BRED THIS YEAR	No. OF ENTRIES	SHOW SECRETARY USE ONLY – TANK NUMBERS				Tick if Owner bred
45	COMMON GOLDFISH						
46	COMET						
47	BRISTOL SHUBUNKIN						
48	LONDON SHUBUNKIN						
49	VEILTAIL						
50	FANTAIL						
51	MOOR						
52	ORANDA						
53	LIONHEAD						
54	CELESTIAL						
55	BUBBLE-EYES						
56	POM-PON						
57	PEARLSCALE						
58	RANCHU						
59	RYUKIN						
60	WAKIN						
61	TOSAKIN						
62	JIKIN						
63	AOV GOLDFISH SINGLE TAIL						
64	AOV GOLDFISH TWINTAIL WITH DORSAL						
65	AOV GOLDFISH TWINTAIL NO DORSAL						
66	NEW VARIETY						

No.	OTHER CLASSES	No. OF ENTRIES	SHOW SECRETARY USE ONLY – TANK NUMBERS				Tick if Owner bred
67	EUROPEAN POND FISH						
68	NON-EUROPEAN POND FISH						
69	MATCHED PAIR SINGLE TAIL						
70	MATCHED PAIR TWINTAIL						
71	NOVICE CLASS						
	JUDGED ON COLOUR ALONE Sponsored by Aquarium Home Services						
72	BEST NACREOUS						
73	BEST RED						
74	BEST LEMON						
75	BEST BLACK						
76	BEST VARIEGATED METALLIC						
	PHOTOGRAPHIC CLASS						
1001	GOLDFISH VARIETIES						
1002	GOLDFISH BREEDING						
1003	PONDS						
1004	GOLDFISH PEOPLE						

The above forms should be sent to Show Secretary Dean Roberts at 25 Mold Road Estate, Gwersyllt, Wrexham LL11 4AA asap, but at least a week before the NGPS Open Show. Plus, the (next page) Entry Form, which will be returned to you with tank numbers added.

ENTRY FORMS

Please complete both Entry Forms and one will be sent back to you marked with your tank numbers. Please read the Rules & Regulations for guidance before completing these Entry Forms. Please leave the 'Tank Numbers' column blank for Show Secretary's use. **Add your address etc. details on the back of this form.**

CLASS No.	No. of Entries	VARIETY Entered	FEE Enclosed	(Tank No.) Show Sec. copy
CLASS No.	No. of Entries	VARIETY Entered	FEE Enclosed	(Tank No.) Your copy

Your Name.....

Your postal address.....

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Phone No. Mobile No.

Email address.....

Signature to accept Rules & Regulations.....

Add here any comments or extra details....

TO ENTER YOUR FISH IN THE SHOW

Check the variety on the list of classes and decide which is most appropriate. Read the rules and make sure that you follow them. Fill in the details and post to Mr. J. D. Robert 25, Mold Road, Gwersyllt, Wrexham. LL11 4AA Tel. 01978 721 492. All entries must be submitted at least a week before the Open Show date. An entrance fee of £1.00 per entry and a stamped addressed envelope must accompany each completed entry forms. Cheques payable to 'Northern Goldfish and Pondkeepers Society' (not NGPS!).

You will receive one of the entry forms back in the post, marked with the numbers of your show tanks. The other form will be kept by Mr. Roberts as his record of your entry.

A few days before the show, stop feeding your fish, this will help prevent it fouling the water while being transported and in its show tank. The night before the show fill your clean show bucket, black is best, with water and next morning put your fish carefully in it and make your way to the show in good time. Check your numbers and make sure you put your fish in the right tank. GOOD LUCK.

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Then you should be a Member**
Contact Sherridan Moores on 0161 969 7567

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Both sites have several years back issues of the NGPS Monthly Newsletters



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Click/tap [HERE](#) to download a PDF version of the above Schedule – if it works for you. If not, email me at drdmford@outlook.com with your address and I will post a copy.

