



**NORTHERN GOLDFISH
& PONDKEEPERS
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NEWSLETTER



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Bristol Aquarist Society Open Show and Auction 2018



Our Committee was there helping with Judging and reporting after the long (and eventful – Sherridan and Dean had a tyre blow *en route*) car drive down to Bristol.

Our President was judging too, with Joanne. I was there taking the above pictures and bought two Veiltails in the Auction. They survived a night in the Bristol Travelodge and a 5-hour car ride through all the road works.

Best in Show (they call it Best Exhibit) was (of course) a Bristol Shubunkin with 84 points by BAS member Brian Young. Here he is receiving the 'Mabel Davis Trophy'.



A good Show with 15 Showers and 62 lots of home-bred Goldfish varieties to an audience of 40. Read all about it (soon!) on their website:

<http://www.bristol-aquarists.org.uk/>

This is Brian's Bristol Shubunkin with its Calico colouring and traditional B-shape tail (the older 'Classic' Bristol has a smaller, heart-shape tail).



More about the Bristol Shubunkin



The Bristol Shubunkin was exported to Japan in 2004 and was renamed 'The Sierironisiki' after the Japanese dancing fan – which can have a similar heart shape to the tail of the Classic Bristol.

However, they still recognised it's Bristol origins. Here is a translation from a Japanese website about the Sierironisiki.

"The Bristol Shubunkin was developed in the United Kingdom. The ancestral fish are believed to be a combination of the Japanese Shubunkin and a black Moor or Demekin. Two variations are in existence today: the heart-shaped tail, sometimes referred to as the "Classic Bristol" and the B shaped tail often called the Modern Bristol. The heart shaped tail or "Classic" was introduced in the United States during the 1980's. The "B" shaped tail was also developed in the UK. Due to changing importation laws, the "Modern Bristol" tail is relatively rare in North America, so The Goldfish Council recognizes and allows both tail and body shapes."

(*Note:* at the September Meeting the above was read by Chairman Sherridan who said "This quote referring to the existence of two distinct forms of Bristol Shubunkins may or may not represent an impression formed in America, however it is not based in fact. There is only one form of Bristol Shubunkin, it's tail is variously described as 'heart shaped' (the heart shape being on its side), 'like a capital 'B' or as 'two pennies' (one above the other) - these are all the same".

Which is interesting – perhaps our Bristol Aquarists could comment for the Newsletter. Send to drdmford@outlook.com.

What is also interesting – who are The Goldfish Council? *It is the American equivalent of our Nationwide!*

However, it is international with Cincinnati headquarters. Annual membership costs \$25 (but you get a nice badge – or 'pin' as they call it) in USA and Canada – overseas is \$37 a year. (Prefer our Nationwide system!).

They hold open shows throughout the States using traditional square tanks and bowls for their Tosakins.



This is their Logo and more can be read on their website here:

<https://thegoldfishcouncil.org/>



More Goldfish News

There is an Aquarium in Paris (called L'Aquarium de Paris!) in the Gardens (Jardins du Trocadero) behind the Eiffel Tower (over the river Seine). Address is 5 Avenue Albert de Mun. They have all the usual aquaria and ponds with fish from around the World but have one large tank of Goldfish (would cost you 20 Euros to see them).

They encourage French Goldfish keepers who no longer want their pet Goldfish to deliver it to the Aquarium. Apparently there has been a change in the size of the rescued Goldfish. As part of their publicity, Alexis Powilewicz, the director of the Paris Aquarium, said: "We are no longer seeing goldfish of a good size. Putting a goldfish in a bowl is not good. Like all animals that are constrained, they stop growing. Goldfish need an aquarium of at least 100 litres, with a water filtration system cleaning the water. Otherwise, it amounts to killing the goldfish slowly."

This is the publicity photo of their Goldfish aquarium....



Pond News

Did you know there is a European Pond Society? This is their logo....



They have a symposium every two years somewhere in Europe – 2018 was actually their eighth one, last May, in Spain. They prepared and published [The Pond Manifesto](#), which aims to 'provide a wake-up call to the importance of ponds and the outline of a strategy that will help us use, maintain and enjoy ponds in the decades ahead'.

You can read it by clicking the Link within the above name. The facts in the Manifesto are a revelation – Germany has the most natural ponds, France is second with a million and we are third with 400,000.

Tip of the Month

To keep a constant White Worm culture going, do not just have the one container. Have a collection of small pots, fill with food – a good mix is one part of yeast dissolved in a little water with four parts of a baby cereal added to form a thick paste. Seed all with some worms from an old culture and cover all. Not an airtight cover, they need to breath. If any pot stops producing worms, just reseed it from one that is viable.

Minutes of the September Meeting

We welcomed a new member, Louise Rylett (of FancyGoldfish NW on Facebook) who wants to breed Show-quality Goldfish when her Fish-house is complete. Lots of advice was offered!

Sherridan reported that the NGPS Weekend in Llandudno will be from Friday 16th November to Monday 19th November at The Grand Hotel, Happy Valley Road, Llandudno LL30 2LR. You can book a room through Sherridan for one or more of these nights, email him at moores_s@sky.com or ring 0161 969 7567.

There was a discussion on the style of Judging, especially for the Best in Show.

It was also confirmed that everything is in place for the NGPS Open Show and Auction on Saturday 15th September – please visit St Matthews Hall, Chapel Lane, Stretford, Manchester M32 9AJ on Friday 14th September (at or after 1pm) to help set it up.

If you can only get to the Show, please bring something for the Grand Raffle. The sale of tickets helps pay for the free breakfast we will offer early arrivers.

Then, hope to see you at 8pm at The Church Inn, Prestwich M25 1AN on October 9th.