



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



October 2019



The Judges hard at work in our Diamond Jubilee Open Show

It was on Saturday September 14th 2019 that some 50 aquarists visited St. Matthews Hall, Stretford, to attend the Show where 130 Fancy Goldfish were displayed and judged for the Certificates and Trophies in the 80 Classes of NGPS.

The Open Show entries were down a little this year, exhibitors seem to have been a little more careful about the fish they brought, the overall standard being high with no sub-show standard entries.

However, the Auction was better with 24 Pedigree Goldfish being sold at bargain prices.



Pat Davies was the Auctioneer

After judging, the Judges were given a hot meal, prepared by NGPS (thanks Louise Rylett and Alan Birchenough) because the past catering services by the St. Matthews Church has become too expensive.



Prize-giving was by our President (who is still judging at 93 years age). The Trophies were special too, to celebrate our 60 years of age.



With products by Aquarian and Dr David Pool's FishScience as gifts to each Class entry.

The traditional large Auction was also on a grand scale this Jubilee year with items originally costing up to £100 when new.



Best in Show was Andy Barton's London Shubunkin.

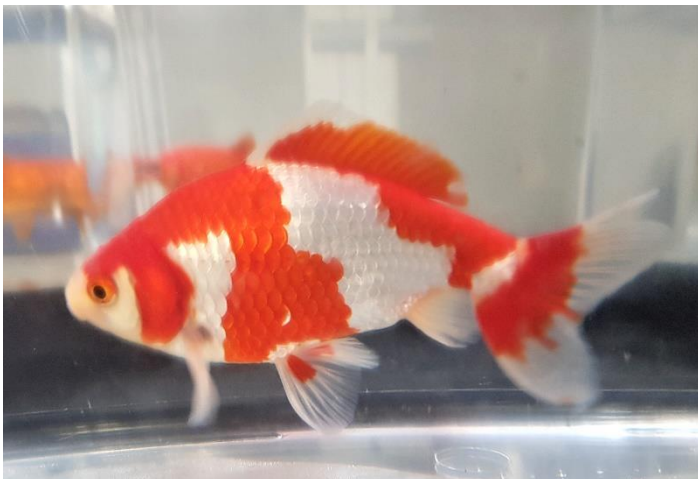


This was judged by a new method where sealed decisions were handed to Chairman Sherridan who counted the votes (hence no indecisions or arguments).

Andy receives the Grand Trophy and certificate from President Bill.



Here are just a few of the Firsts in the Classes. Their owners are featured on the NGPS website: <https://www.northerngoldfishsociety.com>





The First in Ryukin Class was by Mike Kirkham (second photo above). He is well known in the Tropical Fishkeeping clubs – this was his first visit to our Society and he said on his Facebook Page:

“First adult Ryukin at the Northern Goldfish Diamond Jubilee Open Show, great day out and some new bargains from the auction. A friendly lot, thanks.”

This brought a response from the Curator of the famous Bolton Aquarium:

“Pete Liptrot First Show I ever went to when I was held in Bolton, they gave every kid who attended a free home-bred Goldfish, think I got a Moor”

Goldfish News

The latest issue of Practical Fishkeeping magazine (£4.75!) November 2019 has a front page: 'All about Goldfish!' and an 8 page article with some nice pictures. Not sure if the content will educate you though. A copy will be the Room Prize in the November Meeting.

Tip of the Month

If you spill any Malachite Green Solution use White Vinegar to remove the stain completely.

Minutes of the October Meeting

The Nationwide Open Show and Auction was discussed since many NGPS members attended as Judges or to help.

Here was the Nationwide Finale. Year six!



It took place in Coventry 5th October, full details in next month's Newsletter.

We welcomed Richard and Abby Rizzotti who updated us on their home renovations – this includes removing the Green House so tanks are available. There are three 2' x 2' and one 4' x 2' aquaria with bases drilled for water turnover. Contact Richard on 07931160762 if you are interested.

We also discussed the NGPS OS & Auction which all agreed was a success. We are glad we remained at St. Matthews Hall and plans for 2020 are already being formed.

Arrangements for the NGPS Weekend away were made – we will be based in Hull with a trip to 'The Deep' on Saturday 2nd November (if you want to join us contact Sherridan for details 01619697567).

**Hope to see you 8pm at The Church Inn, Prestwich M25 1AN
Tuesday November 12th**

