



**NORTHERN GOLDFISH  
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**NEWSLETTER**



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**Goldfish Shows**

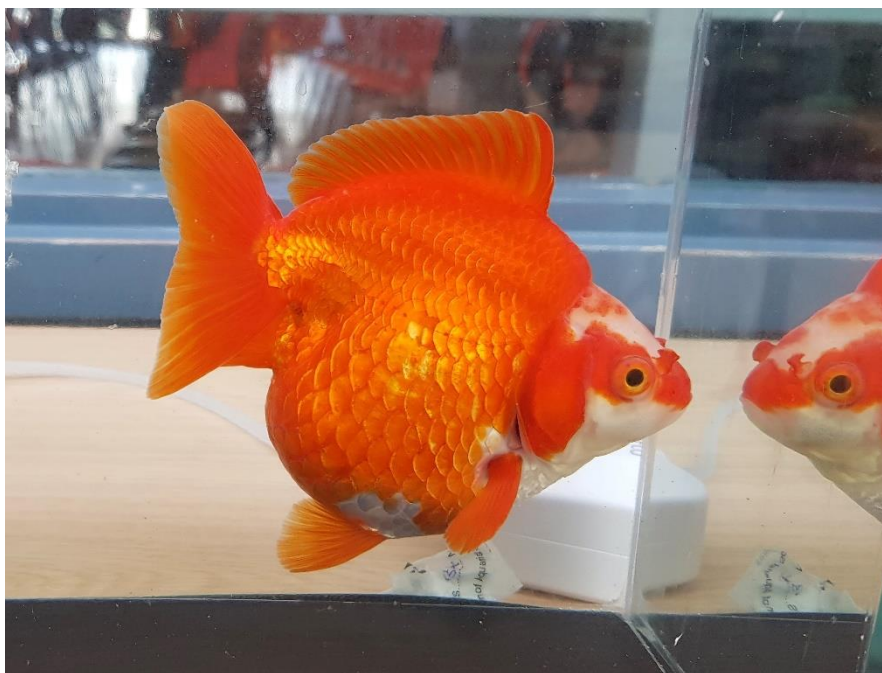
The Goldfish Societies do not start their Open Shows until the AMGK on June 30<sup>th</sup> but the Tropical Fish Societies have been showing Goldfish since May. For example Ryedale AS held their annual OS on Mayday 2018 at Kirby Misperton. They have two Goldfish Classes: Common and 'Double Tailed'. Here are the Firsts.



Then Bradford & DAS held their Spring Show at the Bradford Academy on 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 with three Coldwater Classes: Common Goldfish and Comets, Fancy Goldfish and AOV Coldwater. YAAS rules demand a black bottom display tank.



The winner in the Fancy Goldfish Class was a Ryukin...



...and the AOV Coldwater winner was the American Rainbow Shiner *Notropis chromis* a fish that rivals any tropical variety ...



Here is the Bradford judging room and the Coldwater section is along the table on the right, with 13 entries, six of them are Goldfish.

The other 193 are Tropicals of course.



## **Sad News**

We are the last remaining club member of the Federation of Northern Aquarist Societies (FNAS)! A meeting was held at the above Bradford OS by the FNAS Committee (Sherridan is Treasurer, I am Secretary). With FNAS Judges attending, there was a quorum to decide the Federation's future.

All decided that the FNAS no longer had funds or any affiliated clubs and it was unanimously agreed to close the federation down. The website [www.fnas.co.uk](http://www.fnas.co.uk) will continue via FNAS Secretary David Ford, who will turn it into a Historical Site. The FNAS Judges have supplied email addresses and their services will be included in the website for any club requiring Judges that can assess fish to FNAS standards. The following Press Announcement will be sent to Aquatic magazines/newsletters.

"It is with great regret that the Committee of the Federation of Northern Aquarium Societies (FNAS) has decided to close down the federation because there is no longer any funds or viable Aquatic Societies needing their expertise. Started in 1945 the Federation grew to include more than 50 societies, handled funds of tens of thousands of £s and held an annual Open Show (BAF - British Aquarist Festival) from 1951 to the Millennium.

The FNAS website ([www.fnas.co.uk](http://www.fnas.co.uk)) will continue as a Historical Site with details of its history and downloadable copies of the many FNAS Publications."

I will continue the FNAS website as a Historical one. If anyone has any FNAS publications, please scan and send to me at [drdmford@outlook.com](mailto:drdmford@outlook.com) or post to 26 Clare Hall, Prescott Street, Halifax HX1 2HQ (they will be returned).

## **Top Tip of the Month**

Brian Bates of BAS wrote in their May 2018 Newsletter ....


In your Fish-house: There is no need for the tank water to be more than 10" (250mm) deep. Goldfish will stop growing in a 3ft x 1ft tank for years, only to start growing again when they are given more space, in a pond for example.

(A voice of experience)

## **Aquarian® News**

If you read last month's Newsletter you will recall that Mars Fishcare have launched a new website for the Aquarian range. This was from the headquarters of Mars Inc. in the USA (Aquarian was developed and is still made in Yorkshire, England). They know I attend many Fish Shows and publish details in two aquatic magazines, so

they have designed a poster for me to put on the walls at those fish shows. It is more professional than my usual magic marker one!




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