

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



November 2019



Nationwide Goldfish – The Sixth Annual Open Show & Auction

Members of the four Goldfish Societies entered 306 Goldfish in the 63 Classes on Saturday 5th October 2019 at the Wyken Community Centre in

Coventry. 90 Lots of member's bred Pedigree Goldfish were also auctioned to an audience of 50.

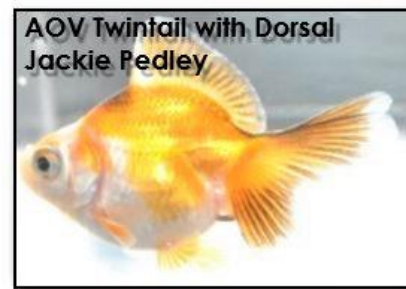
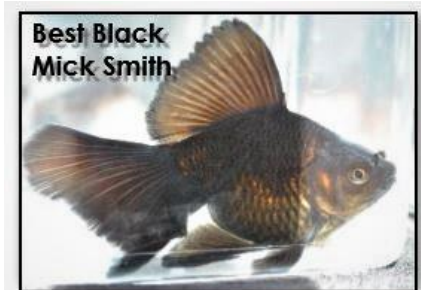
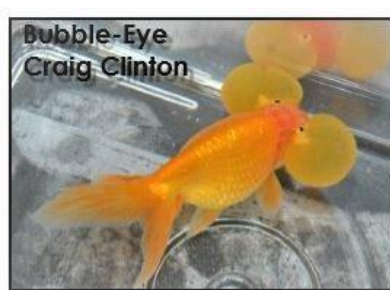
Judging were our President Bill Ramsden, Chairman Sherridan Moores, Show Sec Dean Roberts, plus David Roberts, Craig Clinton and reporting – me.

Sherridan, Craig, Dean and David Roberts also won Firsts....



Awards presented by the new Nationwide Chairman Pat Davies

Winning fish (thanks to AMGK for photos)...



More photos can be found on the NGPS Facebook Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/northerngoldfishsociety>

A full report can be found at:

[6TH-National-Fancy-Goldfish-Open-Show-2019-1.pdf](#)

Also, Practical Fishkeeping Magazine have resumed publishing Club News on their Social Media sites – they asked me to also resume sending them Show reports, so the first one is the Nationwide Show. See:

<https://www.practicalfishkeeping.co.uk/fishkeeping-news/nationwide-goldfish-societies-uk-ends-successful-season-at-national-fa/>

Aquarium News (to make a change from Goldfish & Ponds News)

The New York Times has revealed that the Salisbury poisoning with Novichok Nerve Agent was carried out by a Soviet Army Unit based at an airbase near Moscow called – ‘The Aquarium’ ! They didn’t say why.

Undersea Aquarium Restaurants.....



This is the first one in Europe and is a restaurant submerged in the North Sea at the Southern Edge of Norway. It is called ‘Under’ which happens to mean ‘wonder’ in Norwegian. It is now open and a meal will cost you 3,700 Krone (£330) per person, but this is an 18-course tasting menu with drinks.

The very first one opened back in April 2005 and is still considered the 'Most Beautiful Underwater Restaurant in the World'. It is in the Maldives, at Rangali Island. It has survived Tsunamis, Tornadoes, Earthquakes and, so far, Global Warming. Called 'Ithaa' which is Maldivian for 'Mother of Pearl'.



The Royal Atlantis Hotel – avid readers of these Newsletters may recall that this Hotel, being built in Dubai, has a relative of mine as an engineer. He sent me photos of the giant aquariums being installed - see page 5 of the April 2018 Newsletter on our NGPS Website. It was reported that the Hotel would be finished by the end of 2019. It now seems the Billion Dollar project will not be finished until the end of 2020, so I hope to publish more photos of the Aquariums then!



Top Tip of the Month

If you have one of the Fancy Taps so gadgets have to be used to fill the water pipes, it will inevitably spray water everywhere. Rather than struggle to get the gadget to become watertight, just wrap it in cling film.



AQUA Trade Show Report

The annual Show for the Aquatic Trade took place on Wednesday & Thursday 16th & 17th October 2019 at the International Centre, Telford, Shropshire. More than 70 Manufacturing and Trading Companies had Stands in the two Halls, from all over the World.





72 Stands, ranging from very large to just a cubicle, had their products on display. Brochures about each company's wares or services were available to registered visitors (you had to be a Trader and

prebooked). There was also the New Product Showcase where 'Product of the Year' was judged.



There were 7 categories and the Winners were

Marine Food, Care, Accessories & Decor

Winner: Marine Lab Multi-Test Kit - Entered by: NT Labs

The judges said: The customer-friendly winning product had eye-catching packaging, which provided the consumer with some very important information about water testing. Any product that encourages fishkeepers to test the water in their own tanks more often is a welcome addition to the market.

Marine Equipment & Aquaria

Winner: Dosetronic - Entered by: Aquarium Connections

The judges said: A lot of thought and time has gone into this product to suit people with busy lifestyles. It is a professional piece of equipment that is very user-friendly.

Freshwater Equipment & Aquaria

Winner: OakStyle 230 Urban Grey - Entered by: Aqua One

The judges said: This product offers great value for money, and will attract new customers into the market. It's also looks good and will fit neatly into the home. It's keeping up with lifestyle trends.

Aquarium Food, Care, Accessories & Decor

Winner: Waste-Away Gel Freshwater - Entered by: Aquarium Systems UK

The judges said: This product is very user-friendly and will encourage repeat sales.

Pond Equipment & Construction

Winner: Smart Lights - Entered by: Certikin

The judges said: This LED lighting system has some nice and attractive features, and will appeal in two sectors of the markets – ponds and gardens.

Pond Food, Care, Accessories & Decor

Winner: Deep Water Oxygenators - Entered by: Anglo Aquatic Plant Ltd

The judges said: Pre-packed in an aquatic basket, the winning product not only looks good it is also easy to handle.

Reptile

Winner: Herptile Premium Reptile Food - Entered by: Hikari

The judges said: Attractive packaging made this product stand out.

Look out for them at your local retailer in 2020!



Personally, I liked the new stands for aquaria in Aluminium.

There were lots of technical gadgets for remote control via a Smart phone.



The Show covers Ponds as well as aquaria – lots of those, even a pond-aquarium!



Some scenes at the Trade Show...



Lectures



Dining Area



Ornaments



Biorbs



Aquaria



Plants

Minutes of the November Meeting

Our annual Xmas Dinner will be early this year, in case of bad weather at Christmas time. It is at Trafford Park, the Ciao Baby restaurant in 'The Orient' on Thursday 14th November at 7pm - hope you can be there.

The BBC showed the AMGK Newsletter on their 'Have I got More News for You' 11 November – and joked, of course. Here is my TV screen showing the Newsletters and a copy of the actual programme was shown

to the meeting (on my computer). It would be nice to link this Newsletter to that video for all to see, but I am sure that is illegal!



Sherridan described our NGPS Weekend Away at Hull, but this will be featured in the December Newsletter.

Alan Ratcliffe suggested preparing a 'Best in Show' place for the winner of this award, moving the chosen fish to that display. All agreed it is a good idea, to be used at our 2020 Show.

Black Goldfish were also discussed – again. Alan committed to bringing his 'Black Goldfish' to a meeting in 2020.

**Next meeting is nearly
Xmas – Tuesday
December 10th, 8pm
The Church Inn,
Prestwich M25 1AN.**

