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Bristol Open Show Report

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Several members of our society exhibited their fish in the Bristol Open Show on 21st August. A good day was had by all with our members giving a strong account of themselves, as always, benching some lovely top quality fish.

Everyone gained a minimum of a card in their respective classes, with Andy Barton, Gary Malpas, Mick Smith, Pat Davies, Stan Woolridge, David Padfield and Graham Turner all achieving at least a first prize. In a mixed class Elaine was unlucky not to have got any higher than a 3rd placing with her baby Calico Pearlscales.

Pat and Gary went on to win a section each, with Pat winning Section A – Single Tail Goldfish and Gary winning section E – Best Breeder's Team.

The Best in Show was one of Ron King's Nacreous Veiltails exhibited by the Bristol Aquarist Society in his name; the trophy was collected by an emotional Mrs Margaret King.

Bringing to a conclusion what was a very enjoyable, successful day out for all those who participated in the show.

Andrew Barton
President

DISCLAIMER

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Don't Forget

All Members invited to attend our AGM which will take place Sunday 6th November 2011 at Binley Church Hall, Brinklow Road, Coventry CV3 2DT commencing at 1.00 p.m.

IMPORTANT—AGM INFORMATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A reminder that the Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday 6th November 2011 at Binley Church Hall, Brinklow Road, Coventry CV3 2DT commencing at 1.00 p.m.

Should you have any items for discussion please speak to the Chairman before the meeting commences.

If you have any suggestions / ideas for topics for next year's meetings, these can be discussed during the A.G.M. However, should you be unable to attend please contact us before this date and we will put forward your suggestion / idea on your behalf.

If you would like to bring a Raffle Prize (to help boost club funds) this would be very welcome.

We look forward to seeing you on 6th November.

Best Wishes

Linda & Gary Malpas

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COMMITTEE VACANCY

At the A.G.M. on Sunday 6th November 2011, all Committee positions will be available for re-election (with the exception of President / Vice President / Chairman – these are serving until the A.G.M. of 2013).

Any fully paid up member is considered eligible to stand for any of the available Committee positions.

Please consider in particular the position of Treasurer. The current Treasurer informed the society at the beginning of this year, that he would be stepping down from this position at the A.G.M. on 6th November 2011 and did not wish to be considered for re-election to serve for 2012.

This is a very important role within the society, carrying as it does responsibility of all the society's finances and this vacancy needs to be filled at the very earliest opportunity, to allow for the smooth running of the society's financial affairs. Should you feel you could fulfil this role, Gary would be willing to offer his assistance as you step into the position, allowing for a smooth transition.

Nominees for this position and for any of the other committee positions, please indicate your interest initially to Linda, Club Secretary either by telephone

01604 451515 or via email
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IMPORTANT—AGM INFORMATION

DISCLAIMER

We are publishing a summary of the Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers Annual General Meeting Minutes, held on 7th November 2010. This is in response to requests from members who were unable to attend to keep them updated on what is happening in the club and for those who did attend, to refresh their memory.

Although Linda and I try to record all details accurately, this is sometimes difficult when more than one person is speaking at the same time. If you feel an important detail has been omitted or would like to discuss the contents of this summary, please do not hesitate to contact us either on 01604 451515 or linda.malpas@ntlworld.com.



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MINUTES OF 2010 AGM

ASSOCIATION OF MIDLAND GOLDFISH KEEPERS

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON

SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2010 AT 1.00 P.M.

AT BINLEY CHURCH HALL, BRINKLOW ROAD, BINLEY, COVENTRY

PRESENT:

Andrew Barton; Pat Davies; Mick Smith; Dave Tuggey; Linda and Gary Malpas;

David Denny, Elaine Edmunds; Chris Whitehurst; Barry Billingham; Bill Buckseall; Sherridan Moores; Dean Roberts; Sandra Witter; Jan and Jim Amos.

Andrew opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the A.G.M. As there is a full Agenda to get through, the afternoon will be split into two halves. All Association business to be dealt with first, followed by presentation of Awards; we will then break for tea and continue with the remaining items on the Agenda.

1. Apologies :

Stan Woolridge; David Oxman.

2. Minutes from A.G.M. 2009 :

Andrew confirmed with Gary that these had been distributed to all members earlier this year. As some members present were unsure of their contents and to inform all new members present of what had happened during the year, Andrew briefly outlined these Minutes.

Everyone present agreed the Minutes were a correct and true record of events.

3. Matters Arising from 2009 Minutes

Jim asked the question who to write to should you have any comments on the Nationwide Standards for the Ranchu; Andrew informed Jim that Dean Roberts was the person to contact as he is currently collating all the information.

4. President's Report

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Unfortunately Andrew could not attend the second meeting of the year (in May) as he was unwell, which was very disappointing as it was the Adult / Prettiest & Bluest Fish Table Show; although he did receive reports that it was reasonably well supported.

As the year progressed the club did have quite a successful year.

We had a good Open Show in June, it all went very well. We had a reasonably good Auction, certainly not our best but really not too bad. A lot of comments were made of how friendly that day is, how nice it is to come to the show and talk fish in a nice relaxed atmosphere and to see some good quality fishes on display. Andrew thanked everyone sincerely for all their hard work on the day, it just goes to show everyone who and what the A.M.G.K. is all about. We certainly have the best Open Show Hall of all the Show Halls on the circuit and the efforts put in on the day by everyone, reflect that.

Andrew informed members that on the day prior to the Open Show, Jeremy Gay, (Assistant Editor of Practical Fishkeeping) together with his photographer, visited his establishment, taking photos of his various fishes. On the day of our Show we had a display of Tosakin and since then Practical Fishkeeping has produced an article on this breed of fish. We now have this particular breed of fish within our Society and are doing very well with a breeding programme.

Andrew continued saying we had a very good Baby Fish Table Show, although we were down on numbers compared to the previous year; certainly the quality of fishes was there again. It just goes to show that members have an affluent breeding programme going, which is good to see.

As there were no questions this completed Andrew's report.

5. Chairman's Report

As this is the last meeting of the year for the club, I would firstly like to thank all those members who have worked so hard to make the year the great success that it has been.

Meetings this year went extremely well with good attendance throughout the year. Although some of us had a very bad year for breeding, myself included, it was great to see other members who had only shown a few fish, or none at all in the past, put on such a good selection at the various table shows.

New members have joined us throughout the year and I know that existing members will make them most welcome. Although we are a small society we still pride ourselves on being a friendly but happy bunch of fish keepers irrespective of our knowledge and experience.

Members who showed their fish at the national open shows have, once again, had a great year with many award cards between them, with a number of first placings. All this success goes to show what good breeding and husbandry can do, with the art of fish keeping and care being of a continued high standard – so congratulations to all those who represent our club so well at the open shows.

The committee members again rallied round to stage our Annual Open Show back in June, so my thanks go to everyone who contributed to the organisation of the event prior to the day, in particular Mick and June for collating the entries and pre-sorting out the table layouts so effectively on the day itself; to Linda and Gary for printing the schedules and programmes and organising the refreshments and judges lunches.

Also I have to thank Andy for the fantastic winner's plaques yet again and for sorting out the sponsorship and to everyone who gave donations, including raffle prizes, which were most welcome.

Once again we were helped by almost all the membership on the day which contributed to another time record in setting up the show and dismantling at the end of the day.

Developments were made on the new standard for the Ranchu, following yet another full meeting of the Nationwide delegates in Telford earlier in the year, which led to a final drawing and description for the variety endorsed by all the delegates. Special mention must be made of the behind the scenes work so diligently carried out by Andy on behalf of the rest of us to ensure that the standard met with full agreement. It was particularly pleasurable that we were the first Goldfish club to use the new standard at our June show. It is understood that Andy will brief us on where Nationwide might go from here later in the meeting.

Unfortunately I cannot report on other National open shows throughout the country as due to work commitments, which are becoming increasingly onerous as the months go by, I do not seem to have the time or energy these days but I do know that the club representatives did us proud at a number of the events and will leave the detail and recognition of those who did exceptionally well to others in the know.

Once again, I am indebted particularly to both Linda and Gary who do so much for the club throughout the year, from organising and booking the meeting rooms, catering at every meeting and the Open Show, encouraging new members to join and answering countless enquiries from fish keepers from the internet, preparing and printing all the show schedules and programmes, sorting out membership paperwork and all of the club accounts. They make my life as Chairman a great deal easier than it might otherwise be.

You will note from the Agenda that we are to discuss the re-launch of our Newsletter. To make this work I would ask that everyone puts a little time and effort into this to make it informative, comprehensive, interesting and would be ideal to serve as a permanent record and snap shot of us as a club with the detailed trials and tribulations of the hobby of goldfish keeping and breeding over the forthcoming years. It doesn't matter how good or poor your own writing style may be, it really is about the content and worthy information that can be imparted to others. What may seem trivial and unimportant to one goldfish keeper could be a "eureka" moment to another that may have been previously struggling with a particular aspect of the hobby.

Finally, I wish you all a great Winter break and hope that next year brings us all even more pleasure and success with this hobby of ours.

6. Treasurer's Report

Gary issued everyone with a copy of this year's Annual and Open Show Accounts, together with copies of last year's accounts.

Gary stated the first thing to say is that financially it has not been the best of years; the good news is we knew it was coming and was aware of it.

MINUTES OF 2010 AGM—continues

Open Show

Starting with the Open Show, this was the one that hurt this year. On the Income side, the big figures here are the Auction, last year was £124.10 and this year, even though we increased the profit we would take to 15%, is only £37.15. There was very little bidding in the Auction and of course, if there is no bidding then prices do not go up and one lucky member of this society was able to get a lot of fish at a very cheap price, whereas the year before he paid a lot of money for them. So that was well, well down.

Fish entries were down but only by a few this year; all societies' fish entries were down this year. (The number of entries was 160) which two or three years ago would have been a new record. (In 2009 there were 209 entries, this was a record year) If we take a look at some competitors who would normally have put a lot of fish in but did not, these one or two people could have made all the difference. You cannot have a record every year and we do maintain a good percentage. At one of the G.S.G.B. shows, there were 67 classes; no entries in 15 of these classes and 4 or less fish in 35 of the classes. At A.M.G.K. every class we have, had fish in it and every class I believe, had more than 4 fish in it. Echoing what Andrew stated earlier, people come to our show because they enjoy being with us and in the friendly atmosphere.

Donations were up this year, £56.80 compared with only £20 last year. I have not included in this the donation of Trophies by our President Andrew Barton - thank you Andrew and the Rosettes by our Chairman Pat Davies – thank you Pat. I would also like to thank everyone else who has given donations.

On the Expenditure side, we knew the Hall rental was going up, as yet we have not contacted them about next year's show date, so do not know if the cost will go up again; this year it cost us £255, last year was £230. The Public Liability Insurance of £57.75 was paid for by ourselves this year, last year this was donated. There was an expense of £88.13 for printing of show cards, which we have not had to do for a while; so we now have about 3 more years' worth of cards left. This is an expense which we did not have to pay out last year. This year we also had to pay £5 to F.B.A.S. for a show pack; this I assume will now become the trend; their finances are as such that they are claiming this back now as we have not had to pay for this before.

So for the first time in the last 11 years I have to inform you that we spent more than we took in for the Open Show. Last year the Excessive Income over Expenditure was £221.70; this year the Excessive Expenditure over Income was £26.24. If you look through the figures again, taking into account the cost of printing and Public Liability Insurance, it really doesn't look too bad, we have had to take money out rather than paying any in. Andrew then commented that if the cost of printing show cards is spread over their life, say 3 years or so (approx. £20 per year), theoretically we were about £40 in profit. Gary went on to say about the donation of the Trophies and the Rosettes, in that if Andrew and Pat both said we are financially strapped and cannot afford these donations, the Club has got to start finding that money which then means I have to start taking money out of the accounts instead of paying any in. It is not a compulsory thing for Andrew and Pat to have to donate so once again thanks very much to you both; also thanks to everyone else who has donated.

Annual Accounts

Moving onto the Annual Accounts, which are the most important ones. At the end of the day it doesn't matter how well the Open Show does financially (and I will only echo as far as the Open show goes what Andrew said – Yes, it was a cracking show) it is totally independent, only one part of our activities of the year. It is how the Club ends up financially at the end of the year which is the most important thing, whether we put money into the bank or had to take money out.

On working through the Accounts, on the Income side the Membership is slightly up; the Raffle and Donations figures are about the same. On the Expenditure side the Meeting Hall cost is same as last year; Postage is down, which is largely as a result of some members willing to receive their paperwork via email rather than the post. Last year we had the expenditure of an outside Speaker; also the purchase of buckets and the cost of the wonderful set of new Table Show trophies. This all inevitably increased the expenditure for last year. Now to the all important figure at the bottom, we did have an Excess of Income over Expenditure of £196.67, with bank interest of £2.27. Last year the bank interest was £4.53. In previous years bank interest has been in the region of £60 / £70. As I have informed you in previous years, this is a large income we are losing out on for our savings. In respect that money has gone into the account and none taken out, there are no financial concerns at the moment. From the figures you will see there is £3,318.62 in the bank and £57.30 in Petty Cash, which is kept for paying out small amounts as necessary in cash. It is not a drastic situation; over the last 2 or 3 years, as I say to you every year, if we are getting to the stage where perhaps we should do something and harping back again to those donations, the club financially does not make money; certainly without those donations it would not. You can only take so much out of the bank every year before there is

nothing left to take out. So I do feel that rather than leaving things again, we start to gently apply the brake.

We cannot make cuts to our expenditure as I do not pay out for something we do not need, so every expenditure we have does need to be paid, let's say that I cannot go to the Meeting Hall or Open Show Hall and say we are not paying your rate this year, we will give you less; we have to pay what we are told to pay. If we are buying new tanks etc. that's the price we have to pay. The only way we can get these figures to balance a little bit in our favour is to increase our income; that's not for me to decide how we do that, it's up to each and every member to decide. One thing I will say is in all my time as Treasurer there has only been one slight increase in membership, which was several years ago when we raised membership for an Individual from £8.00 to £10.00 (the current rate) to match membership for a Family; so you can see there has not been a large increase in cost of membership over the years. I do believe we are still probably at this point, the cheapest club to join. In that respect we have not had much to offer which other clubs have; by that I mean the added incentive of a Newsletter; this may change today and we could be in a situation where we can compete with Newsletters or any other ideas which will help us in attracting and keeping new members. For those members who do not regularly attend our meetings, this Newsletter is like a lifeline to them by keeping them informed of what is happening within the club We should now perhaps start to think about a small

increase in the membership cost; or introducing fees for fish entries at table shows; an increase in percentage for the Auction in the Open Show, etc. etc. There are lots of proposals for consideration which need to be put to the membership so we can decide how and what to do in the future. You may well decide to leave things exactly as they are; this is entirely up to us as a club to agree on.

That's all I have to say regarding the Accounts and will answer any questions you may have.

Just before I do, can I thank Linda for producing these and for the help and support she has given to myself and to this club for the 12 months previous. (A round of applause followed).

Gary then asked if there were any questions, Jim stated he had a couple of concerns regarding the Accounts, in particular the Open Show. He continued by saying he knew why the Auction profit was down as there were very few people there bidding but he couldn't understand why the Canteen profit seems to get lower and lower every year. He questioned what was going on and how could this be accounted for. Linda put forward the fact that firstly the cost of food, as we are all aware, has been rising at a significant pace and secondly for the first time in many years we have had to cover the full cost of all the Judges' lunches as these had not been donated, which had been the case in previous years. Gary continued that if there were not many people in the room for the Auction they were not there eating and drinking either; it was also mentioned that a lot of people this year had decided to go to the pub instead. Andrew questioned whether any figures were available regarding the "buying back of unsold food scheme" and how it was implemented. On being informed there were none available he requested that in the interest of transparency, clarity and openness, Linda should in future, produce a detailed breakdown of figures for purchase price, selling price and price brought back; this hopefully should alleviate any speculation of any underhandness and assure all members that everything is above board and beyond reproach.

Gary and Linda agreed to do so in future.

7. **Election of Officers for 2010 / 2011**

The following were duly re-elected :

President:	Andrew Barton	(Serving until AGM 2013)
Vice President:	David Tuggey	(Serving until AGM 2013)
Chairman:	Pat Davies	(Serving until AGM 2013)
Vice Chairman:	Mick Smith	
Secretary:	Linda Malpas	
Treasurer:	Gary Malpas	
Open Show Manager:	Andrew Barton	
Open Show Secretary:	Mick Smith	
Table Show Manager:	Chris Whitehurst	
Catering Manager:	Linda Malpas	
Newsletter Editor:	Sandra Witter	

(as agreed later in the day under Section 10.2)

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8. Presentation of Plaques to Winners of our Table Shows

Andrew (with the help of Mick) presented awards to the following successful members (1st place only stated):

Adult Fish Table Show

Bristol Shubunkin	-	Chris Whitehurst
Lionhead		Chris Whitehurst
Common Goldfish	-	Chris Whitehurst
Nacreous Fantail	-	Gary Malpas
Pom Pom		Chris Whitehurst
Nacreous Veiltail	-	Chris Whitehurst
Pearlscale		Elaine Edmunds
Celestial		Chris Whitehurst

Prettiest/Bluest Fish Table Show

Prettiest Fish	-	Chris Whitehurst
Bluest Fish	-	Chris Whitehurst

Baby Fish Table Show

Bristol Shubunkin	-	Elaine Edmunds
Metallic Fantail	-	Dave Tuggey
Nacreous Fantail	-	Andrew Barton
Oranda	-	Andrew Barton
Pearlscale	-	Elaine Edmunds
Tosakin	-	Andrew Barton
Ranchu	-	Andrew Barton
Ranchu Team	-	Pat Davies

Special Awards

Best in Show, Adults	-	Gary Malpas
Best in Show, Babies	-	Andrew Barton
Best Female Exhibitor	-	Elaine Edmunds
Best Male Exhibitor	-	Chris Whitehurst
Top Point Scorer	-	Chris Whitehurst

9. Dates and Topics for Meetings 2011

Sunday 6 th March	-	General Discussion / Talk by Andrew Barton
Sunday 15th May	-	Adults / Prettiest & Bluest / Non-Standard Fish Table Show

Saturday 25 th June	-	Open Show
Sunday 24 th July	-	Martyn Clare / Andrew Barton
Sunday 14 th August	-	Baby Fish Show bred 2011
Sunday 6 th November	-	AGM + Presentation of Awards

10. Matters Arising

10.1 **Continued membership of F.B.A.S.**

Gary stated we did get a Show Pack from them this year but had to pay an extra £5 in addition to the £16 membership cost, making a total of £21.00. You cannot get a show pack unless you are a member and asked the question what the contents of the show pack was like, was it worth £21 and do we need it? Andrew said Yes, he thought it was worth a lot more. Gary continued that as well as the food we also get a say in how fish keeping within the F.B.A.S. is conducted, as well as having voting rights as a delegate. In addition we get to know what is happening between the Government and Animal Rights people etc. So for this small amount of cost it seems a nonsense to even consider not staying with F.B.A.S. in my opinion; although other people may feel different. Sherridan enquired about the donation of Aquarian fish food; Gary went on to say that a couple of years ago we did not receive any Aquarian food via the FBAS due to their internal issues and the fact that Aquarian did not like the situation of how the food was being distributed, i.e. one or two people winning all the prizes and consequently all the food and others getting nothing. The generous donation supplied by Aquarian is between us and them via the courtesy of Peter Burgess. This, along with the F.B.A.S. show pack, gives us ample food to give out as prizes as well as every competitor and helper receiving a Goodie Bag, which is a very good idea.

All the members present agreed to continue membership.

10.2 **Creation / Distribution of AMGK Newsletter**

Sandra, one of our new members, has kindly agreed to take on the role as Editor of the A.M.G.K. Newsletter. Draft copies of the proposed newsletter had previously been shown to members at earlier meetings for their views and opinions, as a reminder on these a draft copy was passed round to members. Andrew went on to describe how the newsletter should be laid out and what should be included, i.e. articles, photographs etc. Also timings of when the newsletter should be issued, this could then act as a reminder of when the next meeting is etc. Jim queried what the cost would be to produce a newsletter. Sandra stated that she had previously produced a list of the proposed costings, details of which Andrew went through. At that time Sandra's current estimate was £35 per year, Andrew commented he thought this would increase as it was obviously dependant upon the amount of coloured photographs being produced, the number of pages etc. He also added we would not hold Sandra to this set amount and that she would keep us informed of what the ongoing costs would be.

Suggestions were put forward that members could advertise items "for sale" with a donation to the club towards the newsletter cost. All articles, photos etc. should be sent direct to Sandra. About half the members said they would be willing to receive this via email, the remainder by post.

Sandra stated she would be happy to take on the role of Editor but would like to nominate a couple of Committee members to whom she could send the Draft Newsletter to, prior to its final publication. Elaine asked if the first Newsletter would be a profile of Sandra with her contact details etc. Andrew suggested some Committee members and Sandra get together to finalise the layout of the first Newsletter and discuss timings when future newsletters are sent out.

Everyone present agreed that Sandra Witter be nominated as the Newsletter Editor with immediate effect. They also thanked Sandra for taking this on and that it would be beneficial to us all.

MINUTES OF 2010 AGM—continues

10.3 Open Show Review

Pat asked if this could be deferred for the time being as time was pressing and we still had much business left to discuss.

However, Jim stated he had an important point he wanted to raise about the running procedure at the Open Show Auction. He continued stating that himself and Pat had been put under pressure with people wanting to take their fish away and went on to explain what happens at the G.S.G.B. Open Show Auctions. Firstly they have more people available to collect the purchase price of each Lot after it was sold and Secondly, they defer payment to the sellers then post cheques out to them at a late date. He felt we should adopt their ideas. Other members raised the points that we do not have the manpower available to us that a large club like the G.S.G.B. has; they also have a greater number of Lots for sale than we have in our auction and of course, there would be a cost incurred with posting cheques out at a later date.

Jim also questioned about the number of visitors who paid to come into the show, stating that to have members sitting at the door collecting entries seemed a waste of time and that they could be more usefully employed elsewhere. Gary raised the point (with a glance at the Open Show Door Entry figures of £11.50) this is an amount which we would not have received had there been no-one sitting at the door; also of course there could be the opportunity of new people wanting to join the Society, as well as raffle tickets being sold to them.

10.4 Continuation / change of Show Hall venue

Pat stated when we first came to this Hall the cost was under £100, Gary stated the cost of this Hall has gone up £90 in the last 8 years and is increasing by approx. £25 / £30 per year. Looking back at the accounts, In June 2002 the Hall cost was £95 – this year we paid £255. Discussion followed on what options were available to us.

10.5 Purchase / allocation / storage of tanks

Andrew asked the question of who currently has tanks so we can assess our current usage levels. It was agreed we should purchase more tanks and not keep relying on other societies to keep loaning them to us.

Sherridan stated he still had a problem with purchasing tanks from his original supplier. If he purchased them on his business account he would have to pay income tax. It was suggested we contact Dennis

Godfrey (N.E.G.S.). Pat said he would make contact with Dennis.

A suggestion was made of approaching the Open Show Hall regarding storage of tanks.

11. Any Other Business

The subject of finances was raised; Gary mentioned an increase in cost of membership, which is currently £10 per year. Pat suggested raising it to

£12 per year. We are still one of the cheapest clubs in the Country, also the fact it has not been increased for several years. Pat also stated that without any donations we are not a viable club.

It was therefore, put to members present that membership be increased to £12.00 per year. Everyone was in agreement.



With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was closed at 5.00 p.m.

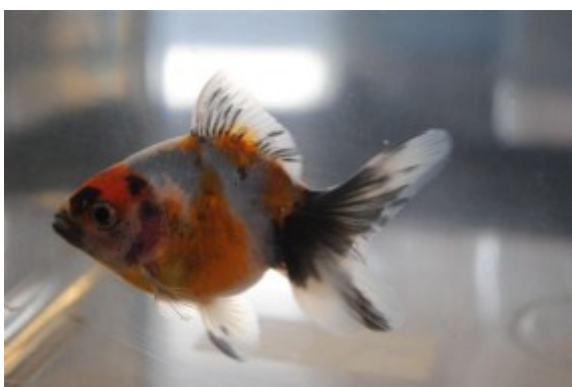
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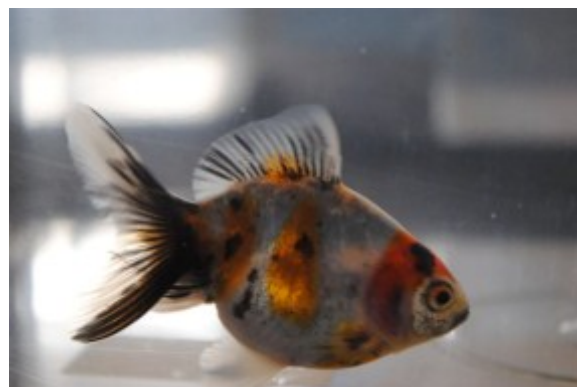
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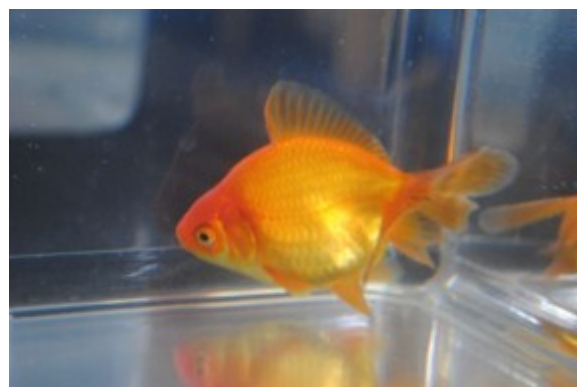
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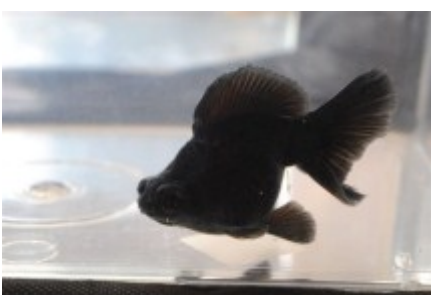
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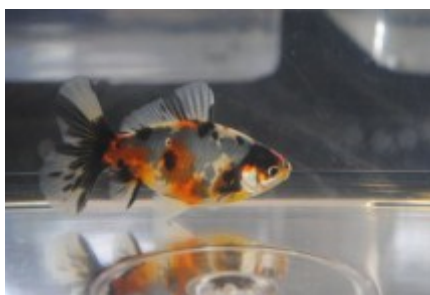
Metallic Fantail David Tuggey



Metallic Fantail David Tuggey



Moors Pat Davies



Bristol Shubunkin—Pat Davies



Bristol Shubunkin—Pat Davies

BABY FISH TABLE SHOW (Bred 2011) held Sunday 14th August

The Baby Fish show was well supported with Pearlscales, Nacreous and Metallic Fantails, Moors and Bristol Shubunkins on show. Elaine (Edmunds) has once again produced some nice Pearlscales with good shaped bodies and short fins with good development in the scales for the age of the fish.

David (Tuggey) has also produced some nice Metallic Fantails from his own prize winning strain with good colours, body shapes and finnage. It was pleasing to see that he has taken some good fish, maintained the standard of those fish and had well deserved success, producing some good quality fish of his own.

Gary (Malpas) has had a very busy time raising this year's spawning of Nacreous Fantails. In my view probably the best spawning of fish he has ever had with fantastic colours throughout the spawning, producing several superb individual fishes and four teams of fish, of which one team has won Best in Section at the recent Bristol show.

Earlier in the year all looked lost with some of Pat's (Davies) Moors but the fish not only survived, they also spawned and some very nice fish have been produced. Two of which were at the Baby show here at the A.M.G.K. and a Team of four won the Bristol show class for Moors, Veiltails and Orandas. Pat has also produced some very nice Shubunkins this year and my job of judging them at our Baby fish show was made very difficult due to their quality and intensity of colour.

Well done everyone.

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