



Goldfish Standard

Newsletter of the Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers



APRIL 2016

NATIONWIDE STANDARDS COMPLETION!



At long last, after over two and a half years of re-drafting, drawing, correcting and numerous consultations with all four Nationwide societies etc., the latest edition of the **Nationwide Standard** as produced by the **Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK*** has been completed and published.

The **Goldfish Standard** can also be viewed on our website **amgk.co.uk**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

How's your season so far?



My breeding season started on January 10th with last years Broadtail Moors spawning, which was followed a few days later with last years Tosakin also spawning.

Far too early - even for me, but when you have a spawning you just can't help yourself! Surprisingly they were good in quality, considering the age of the fishes.



Since then I have had spawnings of Metallic and Calico Lionheads, Metallic Orandas, Metallic Veiltails, Metallic and Nacreous Fantails, a second spawning of Tosakin and as I write today I have had a spawning of Bristol Shubunkins along with some Nacreous Veiltails.

With this little lot I should be busy for the rest of the season and I will try to post some more pictures if I get time and can get my phone to work properly. I hope to keep you up to date with their progress.

Last year some of our members put articles about their fish on Facebook and it would be great to see that again this year and also on our website.

LIST OF FULL MOON DATES FOR 2016

Friday	22 nd April
Saturday	21 st May
Monday	20 th June
Tuesday	19 th July
Thursday	18 th August
Friday	16 th September
Sunday	16 th October
Monday	14 th November
Wednesday	14 th December

Andrew Barton

President



**NEW CLUB BADGES NOW AVAILABLE
FROM GARY MALPAS**

NATIONWIDE STANDARDS



Dear Members

Winter has come and gone and spring has brought with it a lot of promise for the 2016 season.

The Review of the *Nationwide Goldfish Standards of the United Kingdom* has now been completed and we have electronic and printed copies of the standards available to our members.

I would like to take this opportunity, as President and on behalf of the Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers, to thank all of the Societies who were involved in this review, namely the Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers, Bristol Aquarists' Society, Northern Goldfish and Pondkeepers Society and the North East Goldfish Society for their support and commitment.

In particular, I wish to make a very special thank you to the hard work and contribution that took place behind the scenes by Pat Davies and Keith Waters, without whose help and skill the final set of standards may not have been achieved in such a short time scale and to the highest of quality. Between them they have produced an outstanding and long lasting piece of work for us all to enjoy for many years to come.

Thanks also goes to everyone who was engaged in this review process which has helped to ensure the longevity of the *Nationwide Standards* for years to come.

AMGK will be the first Society to apply the use of these standards at this years Open Show on 25th June.

Well done everyone

Andrew Barton

President

AMGK OPEN SHOW 2016 - NEW CLASSES REMINDER

- 12. METALLIC / NACREOUS VEILTAIL OWNER BRED (2015)
- 16. MOOR OWNER BRED (2015)
- 22. RANCHU OWNER BRED (2015)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MARCH 2016



AMGK Web Site

If you attended our March society meeting you will certainly know what a fantastic job June has made of the Society's new web site amgk.co.uk. I cannot thank June enough for the many, many hours expended to create such an outstanding advertisement for our society that takes us from those early beginnings in 1974 right up to the 21st Century. June gave the Committee a preview of the web site (a work in progress) at Gary and Linda's house two weeks prior to the March meeting, where a few suggestions were made for clarification together with more goldfish pictures being requested. These have now been incorporated to produce the web site as seen at the meeting.

We had a great day at Gary and Linda's and have to say what a fantastic dinner we had thrown in. I can certainly recommend Linda's Cottage Pie! A big thankyou from the rest of the Committee to Linda and Gary for being excellent hosts on the day. Following the meeting we all got a chance to enter Gary's excellent fish establishment that was full of superbly conditioned calico fantails, (When I say full, I mean full with every one of them looking in tip top condition ready for spawning and showing later in the year). I'll try and persuade Gary to give a talk, or at least pen an article, so that others can share his experiences and some clever ideas and tips etc., we have included a few photographs of our visit to whet the appetite!

Gimme 5!



Pat Davies

Chairman, April 2016

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MARCH 2016



Well we have made it through the winter with, thankfully, very few reports of fish losses from members (one or two only by some reports which can only be expected). Our first meeting of the year in March looks like setting the tone for the rest of the forthcoming fish year with a number of exciting (Honest!) developments worth celebrating.

AMGK Open Show

This year sees the first year that Linda takes the reins as Show Secretary aided by Phil, following Mick and June's notice of retirement of the position last year. I'm sure all members will wish Linda all the best for this year and glad that Mick has volunteered to conduct our auction following the success of his role with the Auction at last year's National Fancy Goldfish Open Show held last September in Northampton. As for myself I have agreed to run the canteen and judges' lunches on the day and will require others to help out during busy times. You don't need to volunteer just yet - I will shout out for help on the day to anyone that doesn't look too busy!

Some of you may already know that a number of us, apart from being AMGK members are also members of the national society called Fancy Guppy UK. For the first time in our history the Fancy Guppy UK have agreed to hold one of their stages of the Guppy League at our show. We will now see exhibits of between 40 to 60 tanks of some of the finest pedigree guppies in the country in various classes alongside our own goldfish show. The intention is to widen the hobby interest and increase the footfall to the show. I know that all members will join me in welcoming new exhibitors to our show, that face the same challenges and dedication required that we all have in breeding show quality calico fish varieties. The Guppy League put on about eight or nine stages each year, with exhibitors accruing points at each different venue to end up at the end of the year with championship totals in the various classes (best males, pairs and the various tail types etc.,). Please feel free to talk to any of the Fancy Guppy members, when I am sure they would be happy to sign you up to their society and let you come to enjoy fish keeping all through the winter months when our fish are fairly dormant - It keeps me interested at any rate!

You will find dates for all our meetings and open shows elsewhere in this newsletter.

Breeding Programme for 2016

It is understood that a number of members have bred their fish already so the very best of luck in rearing and look forward to seeing some superb youngsters again later in the year.

After a late start, due to other commitments and a number of interests following my retirement last year, I noticed a pile of eggs in one of my tanks with a few shubunkins in. At the time of writing I still await signs of hatching, although the fish were not on heat and had only a few wheat germ pellets a few days before! If members could let me know what varieties they have successfully bred, we can include a list in the next *Goldfish Standard* for society records.

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MARCH 2016



3rd National Fancy Goldfish Open Show September 2016

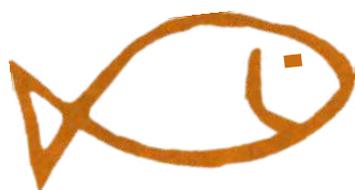
Due to difficulties in finding a much needed larger venue within the area of Northampton, to serve as a central location for all the Nationwide committed societies we have had to re-locate the annual National Fancy Goldfish Open Show to Horsehay Village, Telford in Shropshire (just off junction 6 of the M54 Motorway). This larger venue means that we can, at last, dispense with fish number restrictions for this year and eat in comfort if it's raining on the day. We are pleased to announce that we will also be joined by the Guppy League show. More details of the show will be made available in due course. I can say a big thank you to Graham for arranging sponsorship for this show already, which is always welcome.

Nationwide Standards Completion

At long last after over two and a half years of re-drafting, drawing, correcting and numerous consultations with all four Nationwide societies etc., the latest edition of the Nationwide Standard as produced by the Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK* has been completed and published. During that time we have witnessed 5 re-drafts of the document (sent each time to all society nationwide delegates for review and comment) and taken on board all the ongoing mistakes and errors that were made apparent in the first original printing that lasted some 30 years!

Spellings, measurements, grammar, nomenclature clarification and drawings are now bang up to date and reflect the very highest standards currently seen on the society and national show benches. It has not been an easy task as the current standards comprise over fifty pages of copy and drawings but many of us feel that it has been a very worthwhile exercise and should last us for many years to come. The standards have been printed in an A5 format and distributed to the NGPS, BAS and AMGK where they can be purchased for £3.00 each plus postage. The charge for each copy goes directly to each respective society to cover the printing costs. The standards can be downloaded from each member society web site (Nationwide committed societies only), but please note that it is in pdf format and needs to be double sided printed and leave the second page (the inside cover) in the printing run to make sure that the writing relates to each specific drawing as laid out by Keith.

***WE NOW HAVE A SUPPLY OF NATIONWIDE STANDARDS BOOKLETS,
WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED VIA GARY***



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MARCH 2016



'Nationwide' revised function

The final meeting of all the 12 Nationwide delegates (three from each committed society) held in January of this year agreed various points for the future these comprised, but were not necessarily limited to the following:-

1. The Nationwide Goldfish Standards of the United Kingdom is the chosen name for the newly revised Standards.
2. The group of societies that elect their respective delegates, that are custodians of the standards and hold responsibility for the printing of further copies of the standards etc., are to be now known as **Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK***. All four societies have an equal stake in the Standards and have jointly agreed to revisions to the Nationwide constitution to ensure that no one society or individual can change that understanding without full agreement of all.
3. In addition, the NATIONAL Fancy Goldfish Open Show, shall be named as such, and staged by all four societies in equal measure under the banner of **Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK**. After all the other societies have had their individual open shows (end of September).
4. The **Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK** will have four standing delegates to form a 'board' to enable all societies to work together and to have the ability to pay for further printing of the standards and stage the National show etc., One 'board' member from each society to comprise **Chairman** (Sherridan Moores NGPS) **Secretary** (Dennis Godfrey NEGS) **Hon Treasurer** (Andy Barton AMGK) and **Standards & Judges** (Ian Mildon BAS).
5. The **Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK** is answerable to each and all the four societies and is not above or subordinate to any and all. Its sole purpose is to ease communication on a day to day basis, and when important decisions have to be made that affect the standards themselves then all 12 delegates can be called into play.
6. Additional changes to the constitution were agreed and, once edited into the original constitution, can be made available to each society once agreed by the 'Board'.
7. The **Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK** will have its own bank account and keep enough monies to stage the annual **National Fancy Goldfish Open Show** and cover any expenses incurred through the running of the Nationwide Standards.
8. This year's National Fancy Goldfish Open Show will have Alan Race (NGPS) as **Principal Show Manager** with Graham Turner, once again, as **Show Secretary**.

Pat Davies, Chairman

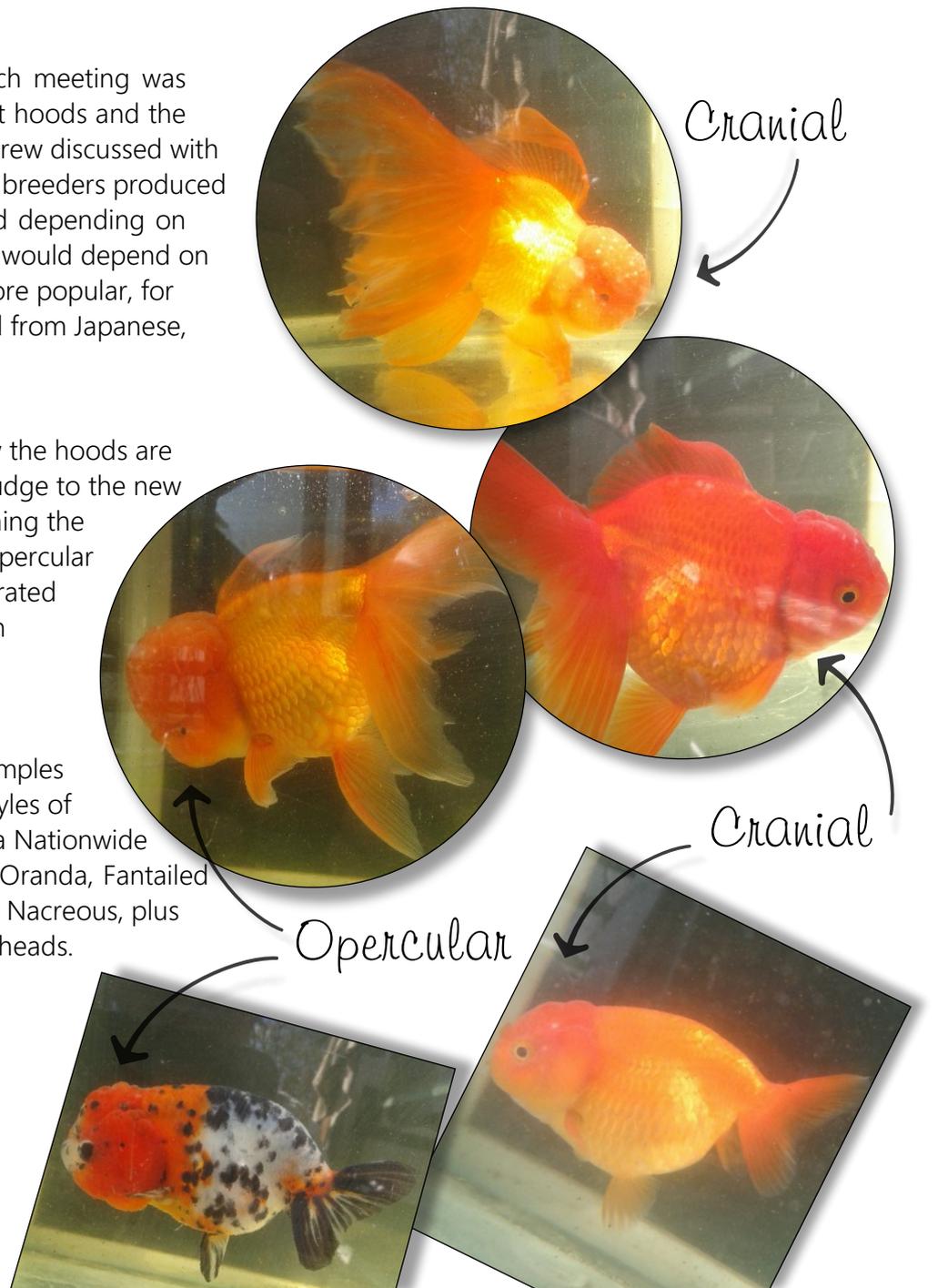
MARCH MEETING

Talk on Oranda Hoods by Andrew Barton

The talk given at the March meeting was about the styles of different hoods and the way that they develop. Andrew discussed with the audience how different breeders produced the hood on the fishes and depending on where you are in the world would depend on which hood growth was more popular, for example British fish differed from Japanese, Chinese and Thai fish.

Andrew also explained how the hoods are classed and pointed by a Judge to the new reviewed standards, explaining the Cranial, Infra-Orbital and Opercular Regions. This was demonstrated with some live fish shown in tanks for all to take a close look at.

Andrew brought along examples of fish with four different styles of hood growth, those being a Nationwide Standard Oranda, Big Top Oranda, Fantailed Oranda - both Metallic and Nacreous, plus Nacreous and Metallic Lionheads.



There was a short presentation of slides to show examples of other fish and how the development of the hood has changed over the years.

The following letter about covers my news.....



2015 was another poor year for me. Due to personal reasons I did not seriously breed my fish. The most notable thing I did was to discontinue my Rancho. Something had to give and as a Heron had stabbed several to death (why always the best) I decided to sell off the remainder.

2016 is unlikely to be any better but I can hope. Of the Pearlscale babies I had grown on from previous years only one turned out to be female. I found this female dead in the pond last summer. She had won in the baby class at the 1st National Fancy Goldfish Open Show judged to the Nationwide Goldfish Standards of UK (again why always the best). The results of this show were not fully reported in our Goldfish Standard, despite it being the National Shows' historic 1st year, so I am reporting here (boasting) that I took 1st in Adult Pearlscales 1st in baby Pearlscales and a 3rd & 4th in baby Rancho, having entered 4 fish in total. There were some other AMGK members who also took places, and for one person in particular it was his very first goldfish open show.

Do write in and *blow your own trumpets!*

**SORRY ELAINE - I MISREAD
MICKS' SCRIBBLINGS.
IT SHOULD HAVE READ
PRIZE WINNERS - NOT FRINGE!**

In the May Goldfish Standard it was mentioned that I gained a *fringe* win with a Pearlscale in 1989. I thought this must be wrong because in the late 80's & 90's I was solely breeding penny-tailed Bristol Shubunkins and doing very well, sweeping the board at BAS Open Shows and AMGK table shows but I have rarely entered AMGK Open Show due mainly to its timing, June, plus as hosts we have to be in Coventry early in the morning. Baby Bristol Shubunkins I can net out from the tank but once in a pond they are difficult to catch. On checking my award cards I found that I did indeed pick up a 2nd place with an adult Pearlscale (easier to catch) so my interest in Pearlscales was earlier than I thought. Sorry to doubt you and thank you for the reminder. I do remember that fish now.

Good luck everyone in 2016.

Elaine Edmunds.



A Tale of Years Gone By..... 1989

In 1989 we expanded the number of classes to 15 and a certain Elaine Edmunds made her first appearance among the fringe winners with a Pearlscale. Kevin Swinson from NGPS taking Best in Show with his Metallic Veiltail.

**TO BLOW YOUR TRUMPETS FOR YOU, THE RESULTS
OF THE 1ST NATIONAL FANCY GOLDFISH OPEN
SHOW ARE PUBLISHED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES**

1st National Fancy Goldfish Open Show Results 2014

(Not published with the article in our December 2014 Newsletter)

CLASS 1 Common Goldfish

1st ANDREW BARTON 2nd GRAHAM TURNER 3rd MICK SMITH 4th IAN MILDON

CLASS 2 Comet

1st RICHARD RIZZOTTI 2nd TONY WATERHOUSE 3rd TONY WATERHOUSE 4th TONY WATERHOUSE

CLASS 3 Bristol Shubunkin

1st DAVID PADFIELD 2nd JIM AMOS 3rd DAVID PADFIELD 4th JIM AMOS

CLASS 4 London Shubunkin

1st BRIAN PARKIN 2nd IAN MILDON 3rd IAN MILDON 4th MICK SMITH

CLASS 5 Metallic Fantail

1st ANDREW BARTON 2nd BOB JONES 3rd ROBERT JONES 4th ROBERT JONES

CLASS 6 Nacreous Fantail

1st ANDREW BARTON 2nd GARY MALPAS 3rd GARY MALPAS 4th RICHARD RIZZOTTI

CLASS 7 Metallic Veiltail

1st MARTYN CLARE 2nd ANDREW BARTON 3rd ANDREW BARTON 4th MARTYN CLARE

CLASS 8 Nacreous Veiltail

1st BOB JONES

CLASS 9 Metallic/Nacreous Oranda

1st ANDREW BARTON 2nd ANDREW BARTON

CLASS 10 Moor

1st ANDREW BARTON 2nd RICHARD RIZZOTTI 3rd RICHARD RIZZOTTI 4th ROBERT JONES

CLASS 11 Lionhead

1st SHERRIDAN MOORE 2nd SHERRIDAN MOORES 3rd DEAN ROBERTS 4th ANDREW BARTON

CLASS 12 Pearlscale

1st ELAINE EDMUNDS 2nd MIKE BOOT 3rd DEAN ROBERTS 4th DEAN ROBERTS

CLASS 13 Celestial

1st GRAHAM TURNER 2nd DEAN ROBERTS 3rd GRAHAM TURNER 4th DEAN ROBERTS

CLASS 14 Bubble Eye

1st DEAN ROBERTS 2nd GRAHAM TURNER

CLASS 15 Rancho

1st ALEX KING 2nd ALEX KING 3rd KEITH WATERS 4th ALEX KING

CLASS 16 Jikin

1st ALAN RACE 2nd ALAN RACE 3rd ALAN RACE 4th ALAN RACE

CLASS 17 Tosakin

1st ALAN RACE 2nd ANDREW BARTON 3rd ALAN RACE

CLASS 18 AOV/With Nationwide Standards

1st GRAHAM TURNER 2nd SHERRIDAN MOORES

CLASS 19 New Varieties/Non Standard

1st IAN MILDON 2nd RICHARD RIZZOTTI 3rd IAN MILDON 4th GRAHAM TURNER

CLASS 20 Common Goldfish Single – Bred 2014

1st TONY WATERHOUSE 2nd IAN MILDON 3rd TONY WATERHOUSE

CLASS 21 Comet Single – Bred 2014

1st TONY WATERHOUSE 2nd TONY WATERHOUSE

CLASS 22 Bristol Shubunkin Single – Bred 2014

1st PAT DAVIES 2nd PAT DAVIES 3rd PAT DAVIES 4th PAT DAVIES

CLASS 23 London Shubunkin Single – Bred 2014

1st BRIAN PARKIN 2nd BRIAN PARKIN 3rd BRIAN PARKIN 4th BRIAN PARKIN

CLASS 24 Metallic Fantail Single – Bred 2014

1st ROBERT JONES

CLASS 25 Nacreous Fantail Single – Bred 2014

1st ANDREW BARTON 2nd GARY MALPAS 3rd GARY MALPAS 4th GARY MALPAS

CLASS 26 Metallic Veiltail Single – Bred 2014

1st ANDREW BARTON 2nd ANDREW BARTON 3rd SHERRIDAN MOORES

1st National Fancy Goldfish Open Show Results 2014

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CLASS 27 Nacreous Veiltail Single – Bred 2014

1ST BOB JONES 2ND BOB JONES 3RD BOB JONES 4TH SHERRIDAN MOORES

CLASS 28 Metallic/Nacreous Oranda Single Bred 2014

1ST ANDREW BARTON 2ND ANDREW BARTON

CLASS 29 Moor Single – Bred 2014

1ST PAT DAVIES 2ND PAT DAVIES 3RD PAT DAVIES 4TH ROBERT JONES

CLASS 30 Lionhead Single – Bred 2014

1ST SHERRIDAN MOORES 2ND ANDREW BARTON 3RD SHERRIDAN MOORES 4TH ANDREW BARTON

CLASS 31 Pearlscale Single – Bred 2014

1ST ELAINE EDMUNDS

CLASS 34 Ranchu Single – Bred 2014

1ST ALEX KING 2ND ALEX KING 3RD ELAINE EDMUNDS 4TH ELAINE EDMUNDS

CLASS 36 Tosakin Single – Bred 2014

1ST ANDREW BARTON 2ND ALAN RACE 3RD ALAN RACE

CLASS 37 AOV with Nationwide Standards Single – Bred 2014

1ST GRAHAM TURNER 2ND SHERRIDAN MOORES 3RD GRAHAM TURNER

CLASS 38 New Varieties/Non Standard – Bred 2014

1ST DAVID ROBERTS 2ND DAVID ROBERTS 3RD DAVID ROBERTS 4TH DAVID ROBERTS

CLASS 39 Common Goldfish Teams of 4 – Bred 2014

1ST IAN MILDON

CLASS 41 Bristol Shubunkin Teams of 4 – Bred 2014

1ST PAT DAVIES 2ND DAVID PADFIELD

CLASS 42 London Shubunkin Teams of 4 Bred 2014

1ST BRIAN PARKIN

CLASS 44 Nacreous Fantail Teams of 4 – Bred 2014

1ST GARY MALPAS 2ND RICHARD RIZZOTTI 3RD GARY MALPAS

CLASS 45 MetallicVeiltail Teams of 4 – Bred 2014

1ST ANDREW BARTON 2ND ANDREW BARTON

CLASS 46 Nacreous Veiltail Teams of 4 – Bred 2014

1ST BOB JONES

CLASS 48 Moor Teams of 4 – Bred 2014

1ST PAT DAVIES 2ND BOB JONES 3RD ROBERT JONES

CLASS 53 Ranchu Teams of 4 – Bred 2014

1ST ALEX KING 2ND ALEX KING

CLASS 55 Tosakin Teams of 4 – Bred

1ST ANDREW BARTON 2ND ALAN RACE

CLASS 56 AOV With Nationwide Standards Teams of 4 – Bred 2014

1ST GRAHAM TURNER

CLASS 57 New Varieties/Non Standard Teams of 4 – Bred 2014

1ST ROBERT JONES 2ND IAN MILDON

BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW

BEST SINGLE ADULT FISH

BEST SINGLE BABY FISH BRED 2014

BEST BREEDERS TEAM BRED 2014

PAT DAVIES

BRIAN PARKIN

ALEX KING

PAT DAVIES

**AMGK SHOW SCHEDULE CAN BE FOUND
ON OUR WEBSITE** amgk.co.uk

DIARY DATES FOR 2016



Dates for meetings at Binley Church Hall for 2016

- Sunday 8th May - Adult/Prettiest & Bluest/Non-Standard Fish table Show
- Sunday 14th August - Baby Fish Table Show (Bred 2016)
- Sunday 6th November - A.G.M. & Presentation of Awards

Other dates

- Saturday 25th June - AMGK Open Show at West Orchard Church Hall Coventry
- Sunday 17th July - NEGS Open Show
- Sunday 24th July - Andy or Pat Open Day
- Sunday 4th September - BAS Open Show
- Saturday 10th September - NGPS Open Show
- Saturday 24th September - National Fancy Goldfish Open Show

Subscriptions now due

Membership subscriptions are now due (£12.00); these can either be paid at our next meeting in May or can be forwarded to:

Gary Malpas, Treasurer, 15 Rosgill Place, EASTFIELD ESTATE, Northampton, NN3 2RQ.

***CAN EVERYONE PLEASE RETURN ALL TROPHIES ON OR BEFORE
OUR OPEN SHOW IN JUNE***

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