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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT



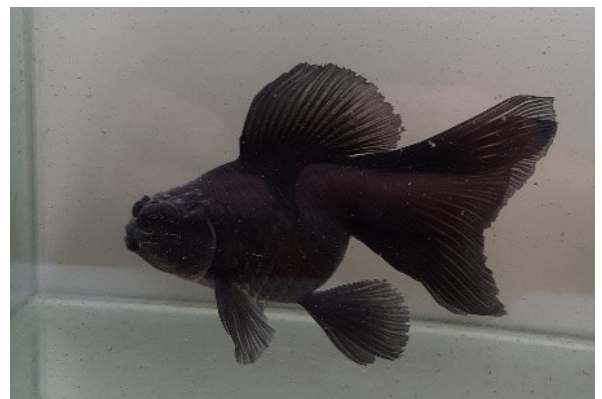
2020 has been a horrible year for everyone with the Covid-19 Virus, causing devastation in many ways to people's health and our way of life, which is something we will probably have to live with for many years to come. In the mean time, we have to adapt to a different way of life until such time that we can return to something near to what we call normal.

My own health has suffered this year with a very bad cellulitis infection in my left lower leg, putting me in hospital for 14 days and being off from work for two and a half months. But with the help of many friends and relatives I am slowly getting back on track and I will forever be grateful for everyone's help and kindness in getting me through this difficult period; Many thanks to you all!!

However, I'm sure you would rather be reading about what's been happening with my fish, during this period and yes, I have been busy, when I have been able.

Towards the end of 2019 I commenced work on the construction of my third fish house with the intention of having this for my adult fish, leaving the other two fish houses for the younger and baby fishes. This way I can manage the fish better, which means that I only need to heat the building where the baby fish are hatched and raised.

The Moors spawned first this year and were growing on very well but were very slow to colour up, usually my moors are coloured by the time they are half an inch in body length, but in the end they all coloured and have surprised me in the way that they have turned out,



Second to spawn were the Tosakin, which was a huge spawning, with some very promising young fish of which most of the spawning was taken to Stan Woolridge for him to grow on. However, the final selection of the babies has been delayed due to my poor health and the issues surrounding Covid-19.



Then there was a large spawning of Metallic Veiltails which has been very satisfying in the fact that there were so many nice fish, all of which have shown varying degrees of colour change with very promising finnage.



The Nacreous Veiltails also spawned with very pleasing results with some nice body shapes, good colour and finnage, with the finnage showing improvements on last year's spawnings; mainly the contours and straight edges to the pectorals.



These were the main fish spawnings for the year. I did spawn other fishes, but just as I had got all of these fish off brine shrimp, I became unwell. During my period in hospital the fish were looked after by my youngest son Christopher, who did a sterling job in keeping them healthy and growing on.

However, as I made my slow recovery from the cellulitis infection, I was able to get on top of the management of the baby fish. This meant that I had to release early some of the fish to Andy Green at Star Fisheries, in order to give the remaining fish space to grow and develop. I did this reluctantly but under the circumstances, with my health as it was, it was a wise decision to make and hopefully people have had a chance to obtain some of the baby fish from Andy Green.

The remaining fish have continued to develop and now that the adult fish house is nearing completion, I will soon be able to move the fish from the chalet into the green house and get the chalet ready for the 2021 spawnings!



Going forwards and looking to 2021, It is hoped that we can again be together at some point and enjoy our hobby and renew many of the friendships again. In the meantime we could all make good use of our Facebook page where many of our members regularly post interesting comments and useful information.

Also, the virtual shows and zoom meetings set up by the Bristol Aquarist Society (BAS) have proved very popular in communication with members. This has proved to be a good way of keeping interest going in the hobby at this difficult time and we should take a good look at doing something similar, if the situation with Covid-19 does not improve.

In closing I wish everyone well and hope we can all be reunited in some way soon in 2021.

Until then **MerryChristmas!** and a **Happy New Year!**

and don't forget **HANDS * FACE * SPACE**

Andrew Barton

President

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Without the usual meetings, Society Open Shows and the Nationwide National Show, it has been a particularly isolated year. It is understood that many members have again bred some really good fish, but until the meetings and shows start up again (hopefully later in 2021) none of us have a chance to really discuss our breeding success and show our results at one of the usual table shows.

I'm currently in isolation due to a close contact with a Covid-19 neighbour, who unfortunately died, but so far have been unaffected.

I am reliably informed that the long-awaited delivery of the two and a half cases of Brine Shrimp Eggs have cleared customs and will be delivered to my house by the end of week beginning 23rd November. A note will be sent out to all those members that have pre-booked tins to arrange payment to the society. The exact amount will be confirmed upon delivery to my house, when the Brine Shrimp eggs will be stored in my freezer until delivery to members can be arranged. (This would normally be at our next meeting – but await government guidance).

I hope that all of you remain well and that your fish come through the winter ready to breed again in 2021. **Take care and stay safe.**

Phil Riley
Chairman

WISHING ALL OUR
MEMBERS A VERY

Merry
Christmas!

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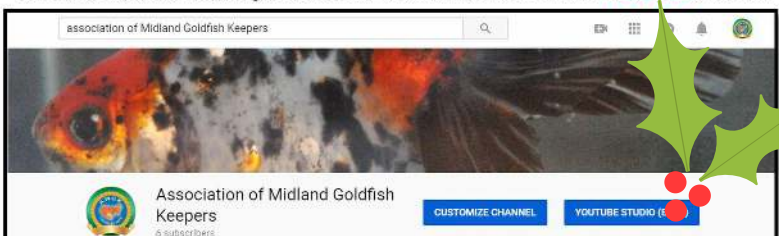
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Butterfly Telescope

Breeding Season 2020

By Jackie Pedley

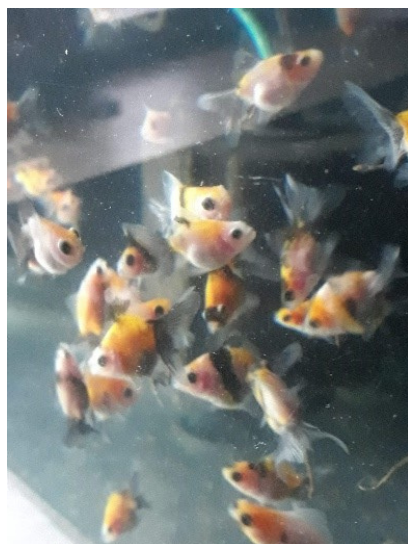
I thought I would put together a small article of my first experience this year of breeding calico butterflies. In November 2019 I managed to purchase a number of baby calico butterflies from a dealer, which turned out to be really nice healthy adults which bred around 6 spawnings throughout the year, all of which were pretty awful, many curled gills, fused tails and single anal fins. Many I did not keep and culled at a very early stage.

However, in August I had a final batch of fry, in fact from a rather nice male which began life with one telescope eye much bigger than the other. It has been thrown out, or sorted in Asia because of the eye, but had a fantastic tail. As this little fella grew its eyes evened out, took about a year, but it did happen, and this little ugly duckling gave the most lovely babies, around 300, with only around 40 having fused tails and only around 6 having single anal fins.

One of the things I noticed that the only fault these had were under- developed eyes, some very flat. These were given away or sold to a dealer for pets.

The remaining few (around 22) I kept back to bring on and I really hope they turn out nicely. I have slow grown them at around 20 degrees, and fed them moderately, mostly fry pellets and frozen brine shrimp. On most of the fish the telescope eyes have developed well, and the dark orange markings are turning dark red. I hope that the black peppering and black fins might mean some blue later on. Apart from the success of breeding these calicos, it has not been a very good year for anyone, for my-self it has been furlough, then redundancy, a very poorly cat to manage, and dodging this nasty virus. All extremely stressful to say the least. Let's hope next year will be a lot better and we can see some shows and meetings again.

I will leave you with some photos of the young calico butterflies which will form part of the line for the standard. Stay safe everyone! At least until the vaccine is available.



A FEW NOTES FROM PAT DAVIES

Vice-President



Having suffered some infections in my fish house at the beginning of the year my fish are now healthy (thanks to some very welcome help from Jackie and Grahame) and now being prepared for their usual lock down for the winter. Despite my fish chasing every day for weeks in May and June, I only had 40 youngsters hatch (never saw the eggs!) with only 10 growing on with the correct tail, although currently fairly poor colouring. We'll have to see what they look like next summer.

Annual General Meeting

As we have not been able to meet up this year since our first meeting in March, it has been agreed to postpone our autumn scheduled Annual General Meeting until 2021 (assuming we can have meetings once again when the Pandemic is under control. Therefore, there will be no treasurer's report or new election of committee members this year. Existing committee will have to remain in office until such time as we can get 'back to normal'.

Zoom Meeting Possibilities

Some of you, I know, have been participating in the Bristol Aquarists' Society (BAS) Zoom meetings held once a month throughout the current pandemic. Andy, in his President's report suggested that we might look at staging something similar. If any members want to try and get this started, please let me know, and if we get enough interest then maybe we can have a go sometime in 2021.

BAS also had a successful online open show at the beginning of September that has been edited and now plays on the BAS website and on our YouTube channel - take a look and send in your thoughts as to whether the AMGK or Nationwide could attempt to do something similar for next year if the pandemic is still, as predicted by scientists not censored by government interference, not under control until at least this time next year.

Pat Davies

Vice-President

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2020 VIRTUAL OPEN SHOW RESULTS

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CLASS 2 COMMET	1ST 2ND 3RD	TONY WATERHOUSE TONY WATERHOUSE TONY WATERHOUSE
CLASS 3 BRISTOL SHUBUNKIN	1ST 2ND 3RD	BOB JONES DAWN MORGAN JAN FERRIS
CLASS 4 LONDON SHUBUNKIN	1ST 2ND 3RD	PAUL WINTERS PAUL WINTERS MICK SMITH
CLASS 5 METALLIC FANTAIL	1ST 2ND 3RD	MICK SMITH MICK SMITH MICK SMITH
CLASS 6 CALICO FANTAIL	1ST 2ND	TONY WATERHOUSE TONY WATERHOUSE
CLASS 7 VEILTAIL	1ST 2ND 3RD	TOM ROSSER KEITH MULLIN TOM ROSSER
CLASS 8 ORANDA	1ST 2ND 3RD	TOM ROSSER TOM ROSSER HANNAH LANE
CLASS 9 MOOR	1ST 2ND	PAT DAVIES PAT DAVIES
CLASS 10 PEARLSCALE	1ST 2ND	JAMIE MULLEN JAMIE MULLEN
CLASS 12 RANCHU	1ST 2ND 3RD	ANDY BECKETT ANDY BECKETT ANDY BECKETT
CLASS 14 AOV TWINTAIL WITH STANDARD	1ST 2ND 3RD	GRAHAME DRAPER GRAHAME DRAPER GRAHAME DRAPER
CLASS 15 AV SINGLETAIL/TWINTAIL WITHOUT STANDARD	1ST 2ND 3RD	JACKIE PEDLEY JACKIE PEDLEY JACKIE PEDLEY
CLASS 16 BRISTOL SHUBUNKIN BRED 2020	1ST 2ND 3RD	SHAWN GREENFIELD SHAWN GREENFIELD SHAWN GREENFIELD

CLASS 17	1ST	BOB JONES
FANTAIL	2ND	BOB JONES
BRED 2020	3RD	BOB JONES
CLASS 18	1ST	KEITH MULLIN
VEILTAIL	2ND	KEITH MULLIN
BRED 2020	3RD	KEITH MULLIN
CLASS 19	1ST	TOM ROSSER
ORANDA	2ND	TOM ROSSER
BRED 2020	3RD	TOM ROSSER
CLASS 22	1ST	KEITH MULLIN
RANCHU	2ND	KEITH MULLIN
BRED 2020	3RD	KEITH MULLIN
CLASS 23	1ST	BRIAN PARKIN
AOV SINGLETAIL GOLDFISH	2ND	BRIAN PARKIN
BRED 2020	3RD	BRIAN PARKIN
CLASS 25	1ST	JACKIE PEDLEY
ANY VARIETY WITHOUT STANDARD	2ND	JACKIE PEDLEY
BRED 2020		

The first ever UK Virtual Open Show judged to the Nationwide Standards of the UK.

Put together by Bob Jones of the Bristol Aquarists Society in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are also very grateful for the many hours dedicated to the sterling work undertaken by our own Grahame Draper, in the editing of all the filmed material to create the final video, on behalf of the BAS. This has now been made available on the AMGK **YouTube** Channel.

Thanks Grahame for a great effort, much appreciated.

THE JUDGES



Ian Mildon

Graham Turner

Brian Young

The judges managed to view all the video clips, between them, and awarded the points in exactly the same way had it been a normal show. A great achievement by all involved.

**DON'T FORGET TO VIEW THE VIDEO OF THE SHOW ON OUR
YouTube CHANNEL**

In recognition of the various sponsors that support our Open Show and that of the National it is considered appropriate that we have a regular inclusion of the names in our published **AMGK Goldfish Standard Magazine** and include them in our electronic distribution of said magazine.

In addition, we would ask all members who use the products from our contributing sponsors to report on findings such as ease of use, fish appetite, water quality changes, growth rates of fish etc.,

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