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ANOTHER RECORD BREAKING OPEN SHOW

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well Done and Thank You to all the Members of AMGK who helped to put on our Open Show on June 25th.

The Show was one of our best ever, with a record amount of entries. The fish exhibited were of the highest quality and a credit to all those who took part.

For myself, the day went all too quickly and with everyone's help and hard work, we have once again made our Show friendly, enjoyable, relaxing and a "Good Fishkeeping" Day Out.

I was delighted to win "Best in Show" with my Oranda and also "Best Owner bred fish" along with "Best AMGK Member Fish". A very satisfying result, making all the hard work in the fish house worthwhile.

The Tosakin display received a lot of interest from everyone and many questions were asked about the Tosakins, and many pointers were given to the Coordinator about a possible Standard which is hoped will be completed in the not too distant future.

Photographs have been taken of all of the winning fishes in the Show this year and are (hopefully) all included in this issue.

Best Wishes

Andrew Barton
President
A.M.G.K.



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Chairmans' Comment— Pat Davies

Not much to report this time except a BIG BIG Thank you for everyone who put the time and effort into making our Annual Open Show such a big success back in June. A Thank you to not only those who helped on the long day, but to those who worked tirelessly beforehand and afterwards to get all the fish booked in, Schedules and Programme designed, typed and printed and sorting out the Judges, etc, Therefore Thanks, yet again to Mick and June (Hope you're feeling a bit better now June) Andy, and of course, Linda and Gary.

Luckily for us, we had a greater number of Exhibitors this year, and a truck load of trainee Judges that all needed feeding. (The pub only taking a few away from the Show this year) The pies and sausage rolls turned out to be what most folk wanted, so with good luck on our side and a bit of good forethought

by Gary and Linda, we did financially better than perhaps could have been expected this year,

The Auction went well, but still only managing fairly low prices, except for the odd fish (London Shubunkins come to mind!). Thanks also to those members that donated sums received for their Auction fish to the Club Funds.

Don't forget the next meeting which is on **Sunday 24th July 2011 at our normal venue, starting at 1.00 sharp !**

Pat Davies
Chairman



Pats' Fish Breeding Notes — Pat Davies

Last year's Rancho continue to grow well and unfortunately, do prefer frozen bloodworm to pellet food - mind you they are not the ones paying for it. Although Sherridan supplies good bloodworm at a good price getting through 9 kilos since the open show is no joke. Mind you the Rancho do not have exclusive rights to the bloodworm as having bred Broadtail Moors (at long last) Bristol Shubunkins and a second generation of Rancho I now have plenty of youngsters eager to take my money - with my only reward being good quality and very promising fish for the show bench.

A very strange thing with my Bristols this year is that all the well shaped and finned youngsters in my first batch were all white with a good pearlescent shine and black fins. At a month old I was tempted to dispense with them and concentrate on the second batch that were mainly blue bodied. Lucky I didn't as surprising colours have now come through with two different shades of blue, dark yellow orange that is now turning red, with violets and good black etc., they make a very pretty sight with some eighty number in a two by eight foot tank. They are now about one and a half inches in length and should make another two inches plus by the September open shows.

The Moors are interesting too with a spawning of pure broadtail and one of a broadtail out crossed with a good eyed ribbon tail with veil type characteristics. The out crossed are the bigger fish and initially almost twice as large as the purer strain, being hatched on the same day. By careful feeding and heating etc., there is not much to choose between them now. It's just a waiting game to see if they black up ready for the shows. This years Rancho are now down to a selected 80+ and as yet have not been selected for double anals. The ones selected have good, fairly straight backs with a gentle curve down to the Caudal peduncle. Although I prefer them more rounded on the top and a fatter belly region than the current standard indicates I am selecting both types (for my own visual sensibilities and also for the show bench.

Pat Davies



Another Record Breaking Show ! -Mick Smith

The start of another Fish Show Season was marked, as usual, by our own Show in Coventry and what a record Show it was! There were 27 individual exhibitors with 207 fish on the benches to keep the Judges on their toes. Not only was there quantity, but the quality this year was of the highest order with some of the finest fish seen for a very long time.

With fish keepers from all of the Goldfish Societies exhibiting, we as a club more than held our own by winning a third of the Classes. Congratulations to Andrew for taking the two top awards of Best Owner Bred and Best In Show with his superb Oranda as well as the award for Best AMGK Fish.

All of the Classes were well filled with The London Shubunkin Over 3" being the largest group again with 20 entries, closely followed by The Ranchu with 18 entries.

It was pleasing to see the Celestial and Bubble Eye classes with good numbers this year. Hopefully these some what unloved varieties have now started to make a strong come back after many years in the doldrums – I do hope so!

Lastly I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who turned up early to help set up the Show. It was no easy task with so many entries but thanks to everyone's efforts it all went smoothly and we were ready well before the time for benching arrived.

Judging by all the compliments received at the end of the Show from the exhibitors, saying how much they had enjoyed themselves in such a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, we as a club, can with some justification take pride in A JOB WELL DONE!

Once again, many thanks to all who helped and congratulations to those with winning fish.

Mick Smith
Show Secretary



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OBITUARY— Councillor Jack Harrison

It was with great sadness that we learned that one of our newest members, Councillor Jack Harrison, passed away shortly after the Open Show. Jack enthusiastically embraced the excitement of the day when, as Mayor of Coventry, he made a special visit to our 35th Celebratory Open Show, where he chatted to members and upon seeing the quality and variety of the fish exhibited, promptly joined the Club as a full member. Although Jack did not manage to get to our meetings after joining us, it is understood that his battle with his illness made this difficult. Although he kept fish in a pond, we had hoped to encourage him to take up some breeding, but this, sadly was not to be. Our thoughts and condolences go to Jack's family, friends and Council colleagues.

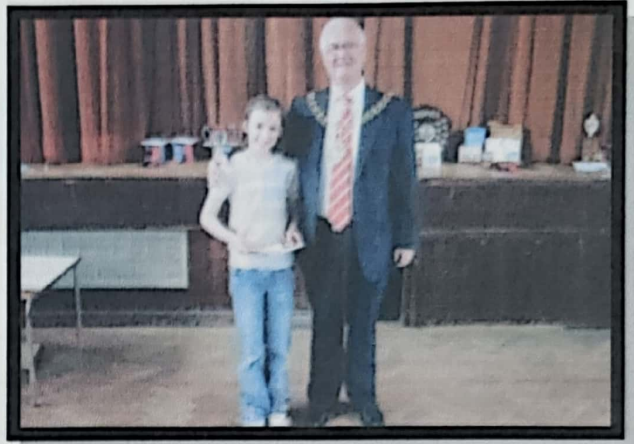


Photo shows junior member, Catherine Tuggey receiving her award from Lord Mayor, Cllr Jack Harrison

WELCOME to our newest Members—Pat Davies

On a happier note, Lets give a typical AMGK very warm welcome to our newest members; Phil Riley, Dean Kirkman and Saj Nawaz .

Phil Riley joined the club at our Open Show and hails from Leek in Staffordshire. Phil has kept caviies and shown and judged at National shows, but is intent on building a fish house and intends to breed Bristol Shubunkins (good choice Phill). Phil is currently interested in sounding folk out with regard to keeping the water quality good and general systems of care that could be adapted or utilised for his intended set up.

Dean Kirkman is a former member and very pleased he has re-joined us after visiting the Open Show, Saj Nawaz joined us earlier this year; both come from the Foleshill area of Coventry , he currently keeps marines but is looking to diversify onto Goldfish A big warm welcome to all three and we look forward to seeing them again at our next meeting.

IMPORTANT—MEMBERSHIP — Gary Malpas

It would appear there are some members who have not paid their annual subscriptions, I hope this has been an oversight on your part; if so I look forward to welcoming you back.

Unfortunately, due to the high cost in adminstration and in fairness to members who have paid their annual subscriptions, I will have to say this will be the last Goldfish Standards Newsletter I will be able to send out, if membership is not forthcoming.

If you have decided for whatever reason, that you do not wish to remain a member, may I on behalf of A.M.G.K. wish you success in your fish keeping and hope you will re-consider joining us again in the not too distant future.

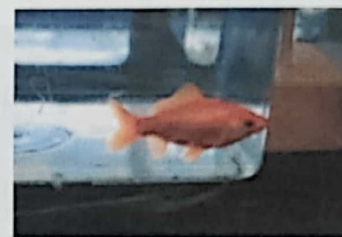
Thank You

Gary Malpas
Treasurer



WINNERS A.M.G.K. OPEN SHOW 25/06/11

CLASS 1	Common Goldfish under 3"
1st	IAN MILDON
2nd	IAN MILDON
3rd	CLIVE WATERHOUSE
4th	CLIVE WATERHOUSE



CLASS 2	Common Goldfish over 3"
1st	GEORGE THOMPSON
2nd	GEORGE THOMPSON
3rd	IAN MILDON
4th	MICHAEL PEPPER

CLASS 3	Comet
1st	TONY WATERHOUSE
2nd	SHERRIDAN MOORES
3rd	TONY WATERHOUSE
4th	TONY WATERHOUSE



CLASS 4	Bristol Shubunkin under 3"
1st	DAVID PADFIELD
2nd	BRIAN BATES
3rd	PAT DAVIES
4th	PAT DAVIES

CLASS 5	Bristol Shubunkin over 3"
1st	MICHAEL PEPPER
2nd	BRIAN BATES
3rd	BRIAN BATES
4th	BOB JONES



CLASS 6	London Shubunkin under 3"
1st	DON SMITH
2nd	DON SMITH
3rd	MICK SMITH
4th	MICK SMITH

CLASS 7	London Shubunkin over 3"
1st	DON SMITH
2nd	MICK SMITH
3rd	DON SMITH
4th	IAN MILDON



WINNERS A.M.G.K. OPEN SHOW 25/06/11 (Conts.)

CLASS 8	Metallic Fantail
1st	BOB JONES
2nd	DAVID GAY
3rd	BOB JONES
4th	ANDREW BARTON



CLASS 9	Nacreous Fantail Owner Bred 2010
1st	RAY RICH
2nd	ANDREW BARTON
3rd	GARY MALPAS
4th	GARY MALPAS

CLASS 10	Metallic Fantail
1st	BOB JONES
2nd	DAVID TUGGEY
3rd	BOB JONES
4th	DAVID TUGGEY



CLASS 11	Nacreous Fantail
1st	GARY MALPAS
2nd	MICHAEL PEPPER
3rd	GARY MALPAS
4th	RAY RICH

CLASS 12	Metallic Veiltail
1st	GRAHAM TURNER
2nd	ANDREW BARTON



CLASS 13	Nacreous Veiltail
1st	NICK SWALES
2nd	DAVID PADFIELD
3rd	CLIVE WATERHOUSE
4th	NICK SWALES

CLASS 14	Metallic/Nacreous Oranda
1st	ANDREW BARTON
2nd	ANDREW BARTON
3rd	TONY WATERHOUSE
4th	J D ROBERTS



CLASS 15	Moor
1st	PAT DAVIES
2nd	BOB JONES
3rd	PAT DAVIES
4th	TONY WATERHOUSE



CLASS 16	Lionhead
1st	J D ROBERTS
2nd	SHARON HALL

CLASS 17	Pearlscale
1st	J D ROBERTS
2nd	NICK SWALES
3rd	J D ROBERTS
4th	CLIVE WATERHOUSE



CLASS 18	Celestial
1st	NICK SWALES
2nd	GRAHAM TURNER
3rd	GRAHAM TURNER
4th	NICK SWALES

CLASS 19	Bubble Eye
1st	GRAHAM TURNER
2nd	MICHAEL PEPPER
3rd	MICHAEL PEPPER
4th	MICHAEL PEPPER



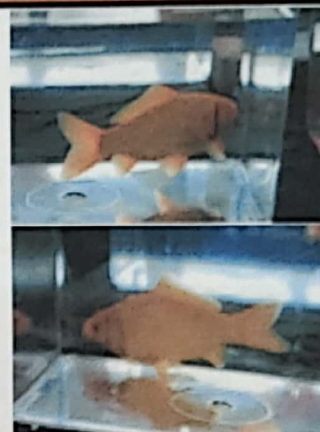
CLASS 20	Ranchu
1st	ANDREW BARTON
2nd	KEITH WATERS
3rd	MARTIN CLARE
4th	MARTIN CLARE

CLASS 22	Matched Pairs Bristol Shubunkins
1 st	DAVID PADFIELD
2nd	BRIAN BATES



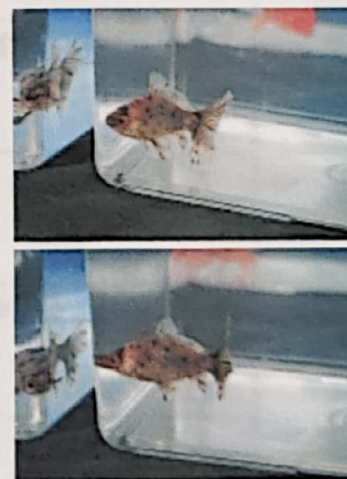
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CLASS 23	Matched Pairs Single Tail
1st	BRIAN BATES
2nd	IAN MILDON
3rd	TONY WATERHOUSE



CLASS 24	Matched Pairs Twin Tail
1st	BOB JONES
2nd	GARY MALPAS
3rd	PAT DAVIES
4th	PAT DAVIES

CLASS 25	Matched Pairs Single Tail (Owner bred 2010)
1st	DAVID PADFIELD
2nd	IAN MILDON
3rd	GRAHAM TURNER
4th	GRAHAM TURNER



CLASS 26	Matched Pairs Twin Tail (Owner Bred 2010)
1st	BOB JONES
2nd	PAT DAVIES
3rd	PAT DAVIES

WINNERS A.M.G.K. OPEN SHOW 25/06/11

CLASS 27	Novice Class For competitors not having won 1 st in
1st	TRACEY WHITE
2nd	TRACEY WHITE

CLASS 28	New Variety/Non Standard
1st	NICK SWALES
2nd	GRAHAM TURNER
3rd	NICK SWALES



AMGK MEMBER HIGHEST POINTS	PAT DAVIES
BEST COMMON GOLDFISH	GEORGE THOMPSON
BEST LONDON SHUBUNKIN	DON SMITH
BEST BRISTOL SHUBUNKIN	MICHAEL PEPPER
BEST FANTAIL EXHIBIT	BOB JONES
BEST VEILTAIL IN SHOW	NICK SWALES
BEST AMGK MEMBER FISH	ANDREW BARTON - ORANDA
BEST OWNER BRED EXHIBIT	ANDREW BARTON - ORANDA
BEST IN SHOW	ANDREW BARTON - ORANDA

BEST IN SHOW—A.M.G.K. OPEN SHOW 25/06/11**Elaines Spawning Update— Elaine Edmunds**

Shock horrors, in Elaines' Goldfish establishment, Ranchu males, were trying to spawn, a dead Ranchu female.

I had been a couple of hours late in checking on my pond fish. The dead female had probably been chased to death by the males. I'm not sure, whether being on time could have saved her. She probably was alive two hours previously, so I moved her to a separate container to hopefully allow a peaceful recovery (maybe not quite dead). However 3 blowflies made the bad news clearer. A dead looking fish was indeed dead. So far it has been a pig of a fish breeding year.

On a happier note, none of my baby nacreous Pearlscales were metallic. Only matts and nacreous fish were produced. All the adults I have are nacreous fish with the reflective irised eyes, so at some point in their lineage, someone bred a matt to nacreous fish and it has continued down the generations, popping up now and again. In fact, my very first Pearlscale spawning did not produce any metallic, or for that matter, many twin tails either. It was a very strange spawning.

Elaine Edmunds

From the Editor

The next issue of **Goldfish Standard** should in effect come out before the August meeting, and the following then before the November meeting. This is obviously not practicable, one month then three months. So for this reason, the next issue will be published early in September, and will hopefully contain pictures from the Baby Fish Show, and space permitting, from the table show earlier this year. IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT EVERYONE SUBMITS THEIR REPORTS, ARTICLES OR PHOTOS BEFORE THE 28TH AUGUST DEADLINE TO GIVE ME THE TIME TO PUT IT TOGETHER, GET IT PRINTED AND GET IT POSTED OUT TO YOU. If I've not received it before that date, then it won't go in, no matter how important it might be.

As it stands, I've just taken a weeks leave from work in order to allow me to get this issue out to you, and I'm still not certain that you will get it prior to the next meeting. I won't do it again!

You can see the effort I'm putting in, so please help me by writing some articles about your wealth of experience of keeping goldfish over the years, to help our newcomers.

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If you have questions, then please email me or phone me (Details on back cover) THANK YOU

Sandra Witter

A.M.G.K. Diary Dates for 2011

Sunday 24th July	-	T.B.A.
Sunday 14th August	-	Baby Fish Table Show (Bred 2011)
<u>Sunday 28th August</u>	-	<u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE</u>
Sunday 6 th November	-	A.G.M. & Presentation of Awards



IMPORTANT — Do you Breed Tosakin and/or Ryukin

If so then please let this fact be known to your Society's Nationwide Delegate(s) as a matter of urgency!! We need your help and views as to the most desirable and sustainable characteristics for these two varieties, in time to report to the April 2012 meeting of Nationwide.

The agreed Joint Lead Coordinators for these two varieties are as follows:

Tosakin – Andrew Barton, Alan Race and Keith Waters

Ryukin – Keith Waters and Graham Turner

Our Nationwide delegates are:

Mick Smith , Chris Whitehurst Pat Davies

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A Brief History of A.M.G.K.

In 1973, three Goldfish enthusiasts, Frank Orme, Tony Roberts and David Easingwood, met to discuss the possibility of forming a specialist society for Goldfish keepers in the Midlands.

At the inaugural meeting, which was held at Foleshill Community Centre, Coventry on Sunday 24th March 1974, many enthusiasts turned up to support.

At that meeting the constitution was agreed and the group given the title of ASSOCIATION OF MIDLAND GOLDFISH KEEPERS.

The present committee continues to work hard to make the A.M.G.K. a successful society that welcomes members from a wide area of the Midlands. These members range from the beginner to some who are very experienced goldfish breeders. It has always been a feature of the A.M.G.K. that all members treat each other as equals; The more experienced always happy to advise and pass on their knowledge.

Meetings are kept as informal as possible and the business

of the group, got through as speedily as possible so that the main part can be devoted to matters of interest to members. In this connection, one of the most popular type of meeting has been found to be table shows of members fish. Early in the season, members bring along adult fancy goldfish. Later in the year, young fish that have been raised that season are displayed. These miniature shows invariably provoke much discussion from which newer members can pick up many worthwhile tips.

Lectures, talks, videos and slide shows are arranged throughout the year, which cover all aspects of cold water fishkeeping including, pond breeding, fish spawning, raising baby fish and showing. The Association has three nationwide judges available to give advice on showing.

