

# NORTHERN GOLDFISH & PONDKEEPERS SOCIETY

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Our President, Bill Ramsden's Oranda from his video 'Beautiful Underwater Worlds' – as he says: "Look at that beautiful face!"

### **The February Meeting Report**

Despite the first snow of the winter, there was a good turnout for the meeting at Prestwich.

Our Chairman, in his capacity as Chair of the Nationwide Standards Committee announced the sad news that the GSGB committee have declared that they are withdrawing from Nationwide and adopting their own recently drawn standards and judging system. Members were unanimous in believing this to be an unwise, unnecessary and damaging decision made in an undemocratic fashion as a whim of the GSGB Committee. Several members holding joint GSGB membership announced their intention to resign

that membership in protest. All members agreed they would no longer attend any GSGB shows.

A letter from our friends and colleagues ( and a fellow valued member society of the Nationwide Committee) the Bristol Aquarists Society, has been received and is shown below.

"The secretary then read out a letter from David Padfield our member from Yorkshire in which he stated that he was very disappointed with the GSGB's decision to exit from Nationwide and to adopt their own standards. David, who is one of the country's foremost breeders and who has been a member of the GSGB for over 30 years went on to say that it was largely due to the efforts of the Bristol Aquarists Society that all the major goldfish Society's came together over 25 years ago to establish a common standard for breeding and judging goldfish, which has been to the great benefit of all the breeders throughout the country over so many years. Ian Mildon then addressed the meeting and in a fair and balanced way informed everybody about all the facts relating to the history and the GSGB's decision to exit Nationwide and The Nationwide standard Committee. The matter was then opened up to the members for discussion and to listen to their comments.

It was said that Nationwide was, and still is one of the greatest achievements over the last 30 years for the benefit of our hobby. The GSGB in their wisdom have now brought this to an end for no good reason other than their own selfish agenda. Some members went on to criticize the officers of the GSGB for the underhanded way this whole matter has been handled. It was felt that an awful lot of "spin" had been used in the various correspondences and also in the reporting of it in the GSGB Bulletin which it was felt had been totally one sided with any criticism being heavily censored. A member commented that he felt the GSGB was not a democratic Society but is wholly controlled by a few of the officers. Many members stated that they would not be renewing their membership and that they would no longer be attending their open show."

It was pointed out that Nationwide will continue with the same support and commitment from ourselves, Bristol Aquarists Society, the Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers and the North East Goldfish Society. Members of these societies constitute the bulk of serious Goldfish breeders in this country.

The GSGB AGM is in March when it is hoped their decision to withdraw from Nationwide will be reversed by their members attending.

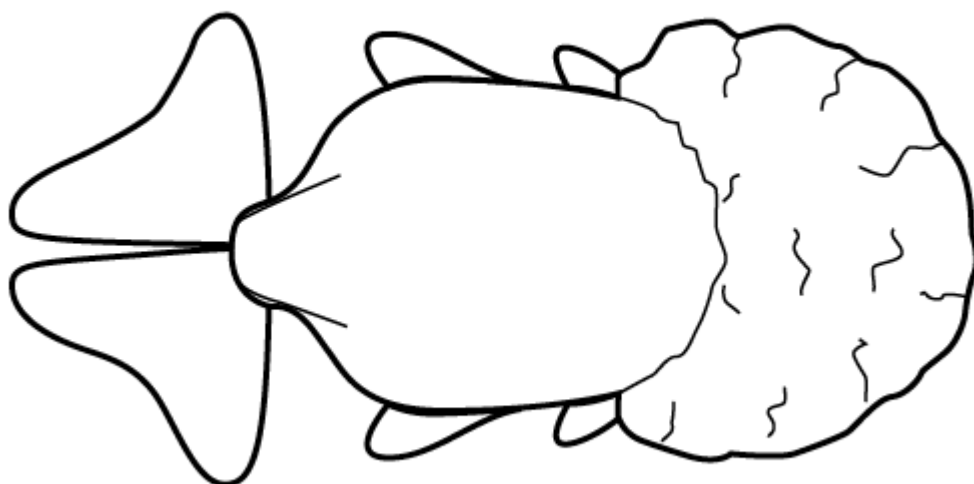
David Padfield brought a Calico Veiltail with unusual fish congestion problems. Discussions ranged from dorsal fin drying from exposure or Trichodina damage, to low water temperature intolerance. But no cure was offered except warmer waters and live food mini-feeds. This was most effective for a near-death Goldfish rescued by Sherridan from an Aquarium Home Services tank.

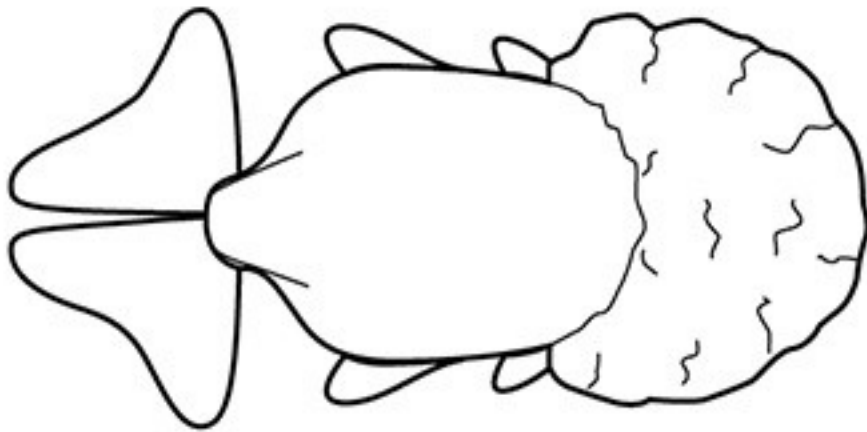
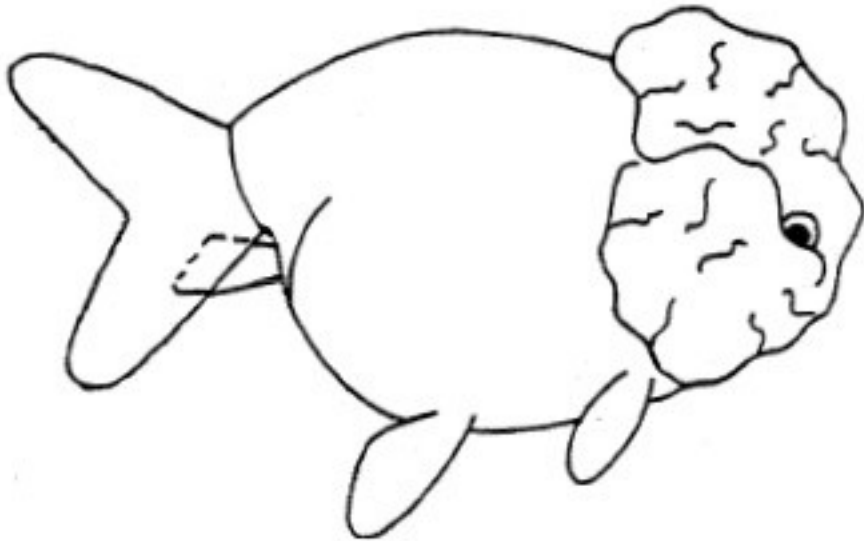
Richard Rizzotti stated that 3% Hydrogen peroxide was a good (local) treatment for Fungus which led to a long list of other unusual medicines members use, such as Savlon creams on wounds.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 11th March, as usual at The Church Inn at 8pm. A BBC video by David Attenborough about Goldfish will be shown. Any newcomers welcome!

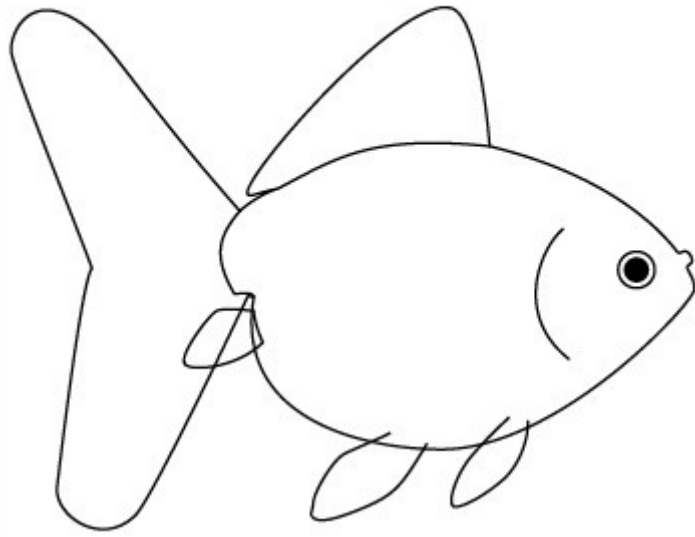
The latest draft drawings for Nationwide Standards revisions are as follows.....

### **Lionhead Ver.1 - Rounded Tace, Pectorals and Pelvics Added**



**LIONHEAD**

**Fantail Ver. 2 - Fuller Body And Tail**



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