



Derek Durrant

We regret to announce the passing of Derek Durrant, the long-established FBAS Judge.

A member of Southend, Leigh & D.A.S., Derek was a popular Judge on the Show circuit and always had a merry quip as a reply to almost anything you liked to say to him. The last eighteen months or so had not been kind to Derek, healthwise, and we send condolences to his family at this sad time.

The following tribute has been submitted by fellow Southend-member, Peter Capon.

Derek (or 'DD' as he became universally known) was first introduced to fishkeeping after breaking his neck as a teenager when his father bought him an aquarium.



Southend Club first became aware of Derek as a member of Thurrock Society with a prize-winning strain of red *Betta* in the mid 1960's. He even wrote an article on *Bettas* which was published in *PetFish Monthly*.

Derek left the Thurrock Club when British Telecom offered him a move to the Southend area and he subsequently joined Southend Society.



In the 1970's he was our Open Show Secretary for several Shows, at a time when entries were three or even four times what are expected today.

All in the fishkeeping world will join in offering our condolences to Elizabeth, their four daughters and grandchildren.