



Proceedings began on a very pleasant note – the presentation of a Gold Badge (reflecting his achievement of gaining 75 1st Places in Open Shows) to Alan Finnegan by Keith Sollitt, the FBAS President. Joining in the celebratory moment are (l-r) Graham Allen, Alan Stevens, Terry Hewitt, Keith Cocker and Chris Cheswright.

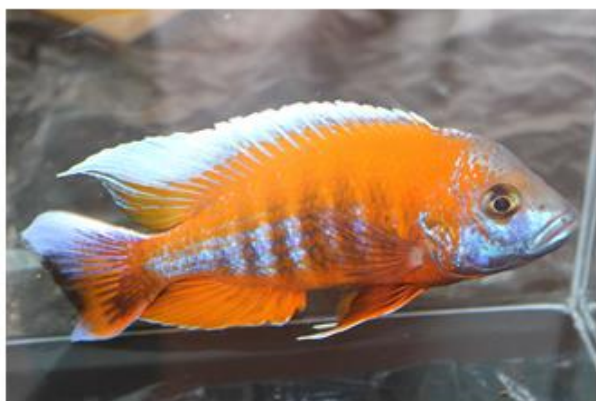
The main Award winners from amongst the around the 100 entries:



BEST IN SHOW

Class C *Distichodus decemaculatus* 97 points

Stuart Brown Preston A.S



Reserve

Class Dc *Aulonacara jacobfreibergi* 94pts

Alan Finnegan, Leicester A.S.



Reserve

Class Ca *Hemigrammus coeruleus* 83

Stuart Brown, Preston A.S



### BEST CATFISH

Class H *Corydoras brevirostris* 83

Stuart Brown, Preston A.S



### Class C CHARACINS

1<sup>ST</sup> *D. decemaculatus* 97  
Stuart Brown, Preston A.S

2<sup>nd</sup> *Moenkhausia collettii* 93 3rd *Moenkhausia costae* 90  
Alan Finnegan, Leicester A.S.

Despite to attractions of the fish on display, the main subjects of conversations almost certainly centred around the answers to these questions;

'Haven't seen you for years,' 'How are you keeping?' 'Pretty good – for my age'

Everyone was just so pleased to see everyone else, there were a few sad moments as we mourned the recent loss of Les Pearce but once again the true spirit of companionship of fishkeeping shone through – and those blighters from up North took most of the top awards, yet again. But there's always next time - in August, in Portsmouth maybe?