Taunton and Somerset Bonsai Club, Tree of the Month critique November 2021

Member name	Tree species and style	Subject		Technique					Total Score Out of 100	Member votes	Comments
		Overall presentation 30	Pot 10	Roots 10	Trunk 15	Branches & foliage 20	Health & vigour 10	Surface 5			
Mike	Beech	22	6	7	12	16	10	4	75		Well proportioned tree with good branch placement and character in the trunk. Nicely presented but would benefit from shallower pot
Tony	Acer Deshojo	20	6	7	11	14	10	3	71		Nice trunkline and branch spread. Good nebari but they are hidden by unruly moss! Pot is too clunky for an elegant maple though colour/glaze is good. There are some “wheel spokes” at branch ends that need thinning out.
Alistair	Pyracantha	22	8	8	13	15	10	3	79		Interesting trunk and good rootbase, though some roots could be untangled/removed. Branches need more refinement. Main branch cuts across and obscures the trunk which is the best feature. Nice pot!
Nigel	Sycamore	16	4	6	12	10	10	4	62		Nice trunk which shows age but the branches need spread and ramification. Pot is far too big unless growing on.
Richard M	Oak	17	5	3	10	10	10	3	58		Pretty tree with nice small leaves but needs more development and branch structure. Roots are interesting but overwhelm such a small tree.
Dave G	Cotoneaster	18	6	3	10	10	10	3	60		Try sweeping the branches slightly downwards rather than horizontal. Sort out the crossing roots.
Richard P	White Pine	20	8	6	12	14	10	4	74		Nicely proportioned tree and pot. But the top of the trunk moves away from the front. Some bar branches need sorting. Roots hidden by moss.