



TAUNTON & SOMERSET BONSAI CLUB

Tree of the Month critique November 2025

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			
Advanced											
Alistair	Pyracantha	24	9	8	13	15	9	4	82	6	Super presentation. Lovely tree and good pot combination, perhaps a glaze would enhance further. A small amount of Pyracantha scab.
John C	Zelkova	21	6	3	10	13	10	4	67		Nice tree, pot much too big and clunky. Try carving out the big wound.
Mike	Cedar	21	8	8	11	15	10	5	78	3	Lovely tree/pot combination.
Richard P	JWP	20	6	7	13	13	10	4	73	1	Nice pine. Clean out the roots to show them off. Needs pad wiring out.
Richard M	Oak	20	6	5	12	12	10	3	68	1	Expose the roots and bring branches down a little.
Bob	Trident	21	7	10	13	13	10	5	79	3	Good tree, with excellent rootbase but pot too chunky – needs something more elegant. Develop the ramification.
Peter	Juniper	21	9	8	12	15	10	4	79	2	Nicely styled and presented. Good match with pot.
Novice											
Dave	Juniper	20	7	7	13	13	10	3	73		Nice tree, but needs some work to compact the foliage pads. Clean roots to show them off.
Zac	Cotoneaster	20	6	5	12	13	10	3	69		Well styled but wrong pot!