



TAUNTON & SOMERSET BONSAI CLUB

Tree of the Month critique March 2026

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											
John C	Fuji Cherry	21	6	5	11	13	10	4	70	1	Good trunk character but try to make one trunk more dominant to avoid the catapult look. Perhaps expose some of the roots a little. Pot too large.
Bob	Chinese Elm	23	9	9	13	16	10	5	85	3	A delightful little tree. Well balanced with good branch structure. Pot a little too deep but well suited
Peter	Japanese Quince	20	6	8	12	14	10	4	74	4	Nice image and good structure. Good pot though a little large.
Richard M	Chamaecyparis	21	5	9	12	14	10	4	75		Nicely presented. Great roots. Top a little heavy for such a slender trunk. Pot too deep!
Michael C	Lonicera	23	9	9	14	15	10	4	84	5	Great tree/pot combination. Beautiful and aged looking trunk and nebari. Try to hide the tie wires.
Simon F	Larch	21	8	7	13	14	10	3	76	3	Unusual pot for a larch but it works. Nice tree with good structure. Try to hide fixing wires inthe soil.
Novice											
Steph	Chinese Elm	20	6	7	12	13	10	3	71		Lovely pot but too big! Good character developing on trunk but remove unwanted shoots. Tree leans away.
Zac	Hawthorn	21	8	6	12	13	10	4	74	1	Nicely presented with suitable pot. Tree just needs more development/ramification