



SOMERSET BONSAI SOCIETY

Tree of the Month critique May 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											
Bob	Acer Shishigashira	21	6	8	11	13	10	4	73	1	Nicely presented. Good nebari but rather one-sided and top heavy.
Richard M	Pine	20	5	8	12	14	10	4	73	5	Lovely gnarly trunk. Need to pinch candles.
Clive	Larch	19	3	6	14	15	10	2	69		Good aged, tapering trunk and nice branch structure but rather spoiled by the weeds. Really deserves a nice pot!
Paul R-Y	Cotoneaster	19	9	6	10	13	10	2	69	5	Lots of beautiful flowers and a good pot choice. . Tangled roots and weeds detract
Novice											
Zac	Cotoneaster	22	9	6	12	15	10	4	78	7	Nice display. Lovely little tree