



## SOMERSET BONSAI SOCIETY

### Tree of the Month critique April 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	Larch	23	8	9	12	14	10	4	80	1	Very nicely presented. Could use a little more structure in branches.
John C	Cedar	21	7	6	10	12	10	5	71	2	Well presented. Branch direction inconsistent. Bad wire marks.
Bob	Juniper	21	8	6	12	13	10	3	73	1	Nice deadwood and lower trunk. Needs more structure and downward movement in branches. Could expose some roots?
Michael C	Larch group	21	10	6	13	14	10	4	78	6	Nice image and very convincing. Nice tapered trunks and branches look good, though a few dead. Excellent pot choice.
Richard M	Cryptomeria	18	6	5	10	10	10	3	62		Needs time to mature.
Tony M	Larch	23	9	9	14	13	10	4	81	4	Lovely trunk and roots. Consider tapering the "chop" at the bottom of the shari. Foliage appears "spiky" as the upward growth of previous year has not been trimmed and conflicts with lines of branches.
Geoff	Cryptomeria	20	6	6	12	12	10	3	69		Could make an interesting tree with 2 or 3 apices but structure is currently confusing.
Nigel	Larch	20	7	8	13	16	10	3	77	5	Very nice tree. Excellent aged trunk. Top dressing would enhance presentation.
Novice											
Zac	Scots Pine	22	7	7	12	13	10	4	75		Trunk is very nice , but extreme twisting branches don't really sit well with a straight trunk. Could expose some root?
Stephanie	Larch	21	6	8	12	13	10	3	73		Good roots and trunk. Branches well placed. Pot too big!