



SOMERSET BONSAI SOCIETY

Somerset Bonsai Society, Tree of the Month critique July 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											
Bob	Hawthorn	20	7	8	12	12	10	4	73	2	Just needs development of branches. Consider changing front 90 degrees anti-clockwise for much better trunk movement.
Mike C	Beech	20	8	9	12	15	10	4	78		A delightful little tree. Develop the crown a little higher to improve image.
Peter	Deshojo	21	9	10	12	13	10	4	79	9	Very nice colour and good image. Needs a bit more branch development to avoid having unnatural looking foliage pads.
Tony M	Cedar brevifolia	20	7	6	13	15	10	4	75		Roots are very tangled; would look better if some are removed. Would also look better with downward sweeping branches.
John C	Deshojo	22	7	5	12	12	10	5	73		Nicely presented. Work on getting more taper in the trunks.
Richard M	Birch	21	7	9	13	12	10	4	76		Interesting roots. Needs more ramification.
Mike X	Deshojo	20	8	5	12	12	10	4	76		Trunks present a very prominent "catapult". Aim to reduce one trunk to leave a dominant trunk. Also top-heavy; lower branches need more spread.
Brian	Golden Larch	21	7	6	12	13	10	3	72	5	Over-sized pot. A bit top-heavy, otherwise nice image. Some ugly roots need attention.