



SOUTHERN COUNTIES PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION

Newsletter, September 2017: (re-issue)

Apologies for some incorrect dates in the first issued version, hopefully all now corrected!

Important Dates !

16th October: Deadline for all League entries to be and all fixtures to be finalised.

28th October: Deadline for uploading Exhibition entries.(start date will be confirmed shortly)

1st November: Start of the League fixtures window

17th November: Reps' meeting, all Exhibition print entries to be handed over at this meeting, and all trophies to be returned

19th November: Exhibition judging at Sparsholt.

5th January 2018: Exhibition Opening & Preview

6th to 27th January 2018: Exhibitiion

25th March 2018: SPF Championships, Bracknell

31st March 2018: End of the League fixtures window

13th May 2018: AGM and Finals Day. PLEASE NOTE this is a change from 6th May which was previously planned.

APM

The November assessments are all on track. Spectator tickets will be available after 28th October.

The April 2018 assessments in Chorley is already about three-quarters full, so if you are planning to go for this you need to get your entry in sooner rather than later.

The PAGB are also planning an AV adjudication on 26th May 2018 in Wilmslow, but this is dependent on receiving a minimum number of entries by 31st December, so again if you are interested in this make sure to apply early.

SCPF Exhibition 2018

27 clubs had registered for print entries by the closing date of 31st August, eight short of the exhibition capacity. A further four had registered by the Reps' meeting on 12th September. With the expectation that this may be due to many clubs not having started their new season yet, the Council has agreed a one-off extension for registration to 19th September. We really hope that the remaining slots will be taken so that we can have a full gallery for the Exhibition. If your club wishes to avail of the extended period, if possible can you please check with the Exhibition Secretary Ray Acland (exhibition@southerncountiespf.org.uk) to make sure that the last slots have not been taken before you register and pay.

Uploading for the Exhibition will be available shortly; new keycodes will be issued to clubs to avoid a repeat of last year when some clubs uploaded Exhibition entries to the League and vice versa.

In selecting clubs' print entries, please do take care to comply with the hanging plan requirement so we have consistency across all of the Exhibition. Also make sure prints are on 50 x 40 cm. mounts to fit the frames; any oversize prints will be trimmed to fit (last year we had four 20 x 16 inch mounts)

Trophy holders are requested to return their trophies to the November Reps' meeting. This meeting is also where prints for the Exhibition will be collected; the judging takes place two days later so there is no tolerance on this. If necessary entries can be handed in in advance to any Council member.

Exhibition Frames

Outside of the Exhibition period, the exhibition frames are available for clubs to hire, at a rate of £45 for one week and £35 per additional week. 210 frames are available. Hirers to make their own collection arrangements. Bookings should be made through Ray Acland, Exhibition Secretary.

League Secretary

Following the resignation of our League Secretary, noted in the previous Newsletter, the Council has co-opted David Isaacs as League Secretary for the remainder of 2017-18. David has in fact been managing this work behind the scenes and we are grateful for his valuable assistance in this respect. David can be contacted directly at league@southerncountiespf.org.uk

However, we do desperately need someone to take over this role for next season, and would like someone to be appointed as soon as possible to be able to shadow David in the role during this season in readiness for taking over fully after the AGM in May. Please contact our President on president@southerncountiespf.org if you would like to discuss this role.

All clubs have been issued with their League upload codes; if you have any problems with these please contact webmaster@southerncountiespf.org.uk

Club Reps' September meeting: website information, PDI uploads etc.

The first Reps' meeting of the new season was a good mix of business and networking.

Part of the evening was given over to a presentation by our Webmaster Jason Hyde who took us through the process of registering keycodes and uploading images for the league. An important change this year is that there will be a single registered contact for each club; this will help to avoid a number of problems from last year. David Isaacs, the League Secretary, has also requested that the club contacts provide him with a contact telephone number to assist with resolving any queries.

In discussing the image sizes for PDIs, the following clarifications were made:

Standard PDI size is 1600 x 1200 px., and we will create additional sets of 1400 wide PDIs for clubs which need this size. You can still upload 1400 x 1050 PDIs; these will not be resized upwards to 1600 wide, but will be issued at that size with a border to make a 1600 wide PDI. Also, they will not be reduced when sets of 1400 wide PDIs are being issued. Please also note that 1400 wide images should not be uploaded with a border to create a 1600 wide image; any border needed to provide a set of 1600 wide PDIs will be created at the web end (this will avoid such images being further reduced in a 1400 wide set)

One other useful clarification relating to the web-site was that the main category headings along the top of the home page (News, League, Exhibition, Championships etc.) can be clicked on directly to reveal details, additional to the drop-down boxes below these items.

Finally on the web, it is best to avoid browsing the site in Internet Explorer as this is not compatible with many of the functions on the site.

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