



SOUTHERN COUNTIES PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION

Newsletter, December 2017

Important Dates !

4th January: Hanging the Exhibition, Salisbury Library 10.00 am. Volunteers needed please !

5th January 2018: Exhibition Opening & Preview 6.30 pm.

6th to 27th January 2018: Exhibitiion

25th March 2018: SCPF Championships, Bracknell

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

SCPF Exhibition 2018

We're now all set for the Exhibition. Hanging will take place on Thursday 4th January from 10.00 am. As always, we need plenty of volunteers to assist with this, so if you can help please come along. We should be all done by lunchtime.

Thanks to all the volunteers for stewarding, this has been a really good response from the clubs; we still have just eight half-day slots to fill, so don't be shy in coming forward, it's a good way to see the exhibition as well as helping others to enjoy it.

PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit

Report from Leo Rich:

ADJUDICATION NOVEMBER 2017 - COLCHESTER

I have just received the results of this event and can advise you the following SCPF club members were successful:-

Credit Prints

Jason Hyde Overton CC

Credit PDI

Hilary Flaxman Beaulieu CG

Unfortunately none of those entering the Distinction and Master levels were successful.

ADJUDICATION APRIL 2018 - CHORLEY

There are still a few places left at Distinction and Master levels only. Obviously Daphne Hanson the PAGB Awards Secretary is experiencing the same problem that I did of people applying and then withdrawing which does leave spaces to be filled.

ADJUDICATION SEPTEMBER 2018

It has now been confirmed that this additional adjudication is going ahead on the 9th September 2018 though firm details have yet to be agreed. This will be a CLOSED EVENT which only the organising team and judges will attend. No audience allowed or catered for.

I am a great believer in actually being at the adjudication so that you can see your work being assessed and also to see the standard of other entries. I appreciate that not all people have the time etc to do this and so this event may be of interest to them.

ADJUDICATION NOVEMBER 2018 - YORKSHIRE

Applications are already being received and I do know, from conversations that there is a great deal of local interest in that Federation and it should fill very quickly.

I would request that any of our club members who wish to enter for the Awards in 2018 do make clear which adjudication they would prefer. Places cannot be guaranteed but the PAGB will do their best to meet their choice.

ADJUDICATION IN AUDIO VISUAL - WILMSLOW

This is very much a final call. **Entries close on the 31st December** and there will be no extension.

I, personally, am very disappointed at the response from our Federation. A lot of publicity - not least in PAGB e-news - has been given but the take up by SCPF club members has been almost non-existent despite, over the past year or so, a number grumbling that their chosen genre of photography is being sidelined by PAGB. There is an old business saying "Use it or lose it" and this must apply to the future of Awards in AV.

PAGB Awards: proposed Advisory Workshop

The Council has agreed to run a PAGB Awards Workshop in October 2018, where potential candidates can learn about the standards and have their work evaluated. This will be of great value to any photographers contemplating applying for awards in 2019. **We now need to find a club willing to host the event.** The day will be organised by the SCPF Council, so the hosting club just needs to provide the venue, display facilities and catering etc. Any clubs interested in this should please contact our President Peter Rocchiccioli or any other Council member.

GB Cup 2017

The GB Cup 2017 is open for entry until 14th January 2018.

Entry Fees are being subsidised from Sponsorship income. The GB Cup 2017 is sponsored by Paper Spectrum.

Cost of entry is: GB Cup Open £7.50 per club, GB Cup Small Clubs £7.50 per club, GB Cup (Natural History) £7.50 per club. For the Full Rules, Explanatory Notes and Entry Form visit:

<http://www.thepagb.org.uk/competitions/great-british-cup>

PAGB Executive Member

We are pleased to announce that we have had a volunteer to replace Roy Lambeth in 2019. Pat Platt has been co-opted to the Council so she will gain familiarity with our issues before assuming the role. Pat is already very involved at PAGB level, and her husband Ian is a PAGB Executive member. She will be a good and welcome addition to our Council.

Speakers

Following a suggestion at the Reps' meeting that the SCPF should consider a formal feedback system for speakers (somewhat along the lines of the judging feedback) the Council has considered that this is not a viable proposition. However, there is no reason why clubs' programme secretaries should not meet together to discuss and get feedback on speakers; this already happens to some extent where some clubs arrange for visiting speakers to visit several clubs in one area so that travel costs etc. can be shared. So, the Council will leave it up to clubs to meet up with others locally as they see fit.

Leagues: Important date change for next year

Please note that next year we will be bringing forward the closing date for league entries / uploads to the end of September. This is needed to give adequate time to setting everything up, and also to give a better break between the League and Exhibition uploads. For clubs which have a summer break this will leave a shorter time in the new season to complete their selections and prepare for uploading, so they will need to get their selections in hand at the end of the 2017/18 season.

This year's leagues are now up and running well. Please remember that if there are any issues relating to the league these should first be raised directly with David Isaacs, the League Secretary

(league@southerncountiespf.org.uk)

Judges: use of Level 1 judges

None of our competitions can operate without judges, so it is vital that we continue to develop new judges as an ongoing succession plan. The Council is concerned that many of our newer Level 1 judges are not getting the amount of experience that they need to develop their judging skills; they need this to work their way up to Levels 2 and 3 and be qualified for judging in the higher League divisions etc.

We are therefore asking all clubs to consider their judge selections especially for internal and friendly competitions, and to try to facilitate Level 1 judges where possible. They might also consider using a Level 1 judge alongside a more experienced judge (perhaps each judging beginners / advanced classes respectively), which would have additional mentoring benefits.

Well, that wraps up our Newsletters for 2017, so just wishing all our photographers a very happy Christmas, and good and healthy 2018.

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