



Newsletter, April 2019

Important dates for your Diary:

12th May: AGM and Finals Day, Littleton

31st May: Last date for any new clubs to register for the SCPF Leagues.

SCPF Leagues Finals Day

Preparations are now in hand for Finals Day which will take place after the AGM at Littleton Memorial Hall, Winchester SO22 6QL on Sunday 12th May from 11.30 to 4.30.

The competition is between the top scoring prints and PDIs from each club that participated in the League. You should all have received notification of your top scoring print(s) and **you will need to bring them along on the day and hand them in before the start of the AGM at 10am if possible (but no later than 11.15am).** Your top scoring PDIs will be entered automatically.

I hope at least one representative from each club will be attending on the day but if not could you please arrange to get your print brought along by another club so that we can have the full number of images for judging on the day.

Our judge will be **John Chamberlin FRPS** who will also be giving a talk after the competition. John is a member of the Arena group of photographers and of Bristol Photographic Society. He has been a prolific photographer for over 35 years. He has served on several of the distinctions panels of the Royal Photographic Society and in 2008 was awarded the Fenton Medal for services to the Society. His images have been exhibited extensively in the UK and in various countries around the world gaining many awards and he has also acted as a selector at countless national and international exhibitions. He describes himself as essentially a photographer rather than a digital artist, preferring to capture images 'in the field' rather than creating them in Photoshop.

Tea and coffee will be provided (volunteers permitting!) but you will need to bring along a packed lunch. Any other volunteers to help on the day with various tasks such as print sorting would also be appreciated. So if you can lend a hand or have any queries, please email the League Secretary at league@southerncountiespf.org.uk

Two Roll of Honour Presentations at Havant C.C.

President Peter Rocchiccioli had the pleasure of presenting two Roll of Honour certificates to members of Havant Camera Club, Eric Clark and Roger Pratt.



Eric Clark has been a member for 11 years, during which time he held the key role of PI Competition Secretary and implemented new software and a PI online entry system, and subsequently Print Competition Secretary. His knowledge of computers and software has been invaluable and he has also helped out at various SCPF events in the past.

He was also an essential team member in the running of the BPE recognised National Open Exhibition organised by Havant CC over a five year period.



A member since 2008, **Roger Pratt** joined the Committee the following year, and has remained on the Committee since then, including four years as Chairman.

He has always been very active, including productions of Programme Booklets, organising competitions and displays of members' work in local venues as well as helping with the National Open Exhibition. A really valuable member of the club.

Roll of Honour: Audrey Cleverley APAGB



President Peter Rocchiccioli recently presented a Roll of Honour Certificate to Audrey Cleverley APAGB of Woolston Camera Club. She has been a member since 1961, and Hon Secretary since 1962! As well as supporting club members, she was the club's SCPF representative for many years. In 2003 Audrey was awarded the APAGB for services to the club.

Roll of Honour: Peter Adams



Peter Adams of Fareham & Portchester Camera Club was a proud recipient of a Roll of Honour certificate presented by the SCPF President.

Peter first joined Fareham & Portchester Camera Club over 30 years ago and has remained an active member ever since. He has served on the committee since 1989, firstly as Secretary, then Chairman for 9 years before stepping into his current role as Treasurer in 2010. He rarely misses a meeting and is always one of the last to leave, making sure the hall is left tidy and secure.

His work for the club is much appreciated by all, and he well deserves this recognition for his long and faithful service.

PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit

Latest update from Leo Rich, Awards Officer: Confirmation has now been received that the additional "closed to audience" Adjudication will take place in Scotland on the 14th September 2019. Only the judges and PAGB team will be in attendance.

As the number of Distinction applications are also increasing the PAGB are accepting applications at both Credit and Distinction levels for this event.

The PAGB Awards Secretary will have to close the books in May (if not already oversubscribed) in order to issue the Entry packs within the normal timescale.

Leaflet One - Guidance Notes and FAQ's; this has again been revised and the latest version (dated February 2019) is on the PAGB Website.

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Call for new Council Members

We will soon be preparing for the AGM, being held on 12th May. The Council is looking to recruit some new members to replace planned retirements, and of course to refresh the Council with new ideas and fresh enthusiasm! Anyone who feels they may be able to contribute is invited to contact the President Peter Rocchiccioli, or any of the Council members who will be able to explain how we work and what the opportunities are. It would be great to see some new blood coming on board in May.

Club Directories

Eric Bennett, our Handbook Secretary, has issued a plea for clubs to please update their information, both for our website and for the next issue of the PAGB Handbook. It is of crucial importance that all the information about our clubs is always up to date, but we rely completely on the clubs to send us updates whenever things change.

As always, we strongly recommend that clubs adopt generic e-mail addresses to cover changes in personnel from year to year.



SOUTHERN COUNTIES PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION



PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit Advisory Day

Sunday 3rd November 2019, 9.30am – 5.00pm

Led by Leo Rich and experienced members of the APM Team

This workshop is intended for those who are thinking of applying for one of the PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit, CPAGB and DPAGB. It will be particularly useful for people intending to submit an application for the Adjudication on 25th/26th April 2020. The aim of the workshop is to provide advice and guidance on your images prior to submission. Participants will have the opportunity to have a prospective panel of images assessed by experienced adjudicators and will receive feedback on the standard of their work and the award level for which they should aim.

VENUE **Littleton Millennium Memorial Hall**
The Hall Way
Littleton
Winchester
SO22 6QL

ADVISORS Leo Rich (SCPF Awards Officer)
Roy Lambeth
Clive Tanner
Colin Harrison
John Chamberlin

COST **£18** For those bringing images for advice
 ▪ **15** places available for prints
 ▪ **10** places available for PDIs
£9 For observers

Because of the limited numbers of places available for participants there will be a high demand for tickets. These will be allocated on a **first-come** basis. Bookings will not be confirmed until the completed application form and payment have been received.

CONTACT For further information and an application form please contact
Jill North at awardsworkshop@gmail.com

For telephone queries contact Peter Rocchiccioli on 02392 467695

Print Boxes

Eric Bennett has sent the following:

The 'window' for the next order of Nomad print boxes will open on Monday 1st April and close on **Friday 26th April**.

They should be available for collection at the AGM/Finals Day at Littleton on Sunday 12th May.

Nomad describe these boxes as Heavy Duty in that they have two webbing straps and moulded black plastic corners.

Handles can be supplied on any size box at an additional cost of £3.

Note: There are two types of handle – webbing handles and suitcase handles.

I wouldn't recommend the suitcase handles for boxes above 4 inches in depth. Also handles can be a bit of a nuisance if you are going to be sending your box through the post on a regular basis. If you are ordering 6" deep boxes please bear in mind that they are a substantial weight when filled.

Dimensions.

21" x 17" x 1⁵/₈ " £25.70 Please note the new prices

3" £26.70

4" £27.70

6" £28.70

All order enquiries contact – jeneric2012@btinternet.com

Orders in writing and with cheques payable to:

E.J. Bennett. 6 Inhams Road, Holybourne, ALTON, Hants GU34 4EU

When ordering please give your email address and the name of your club.

Note: Visit the SCPF Website - **Single Boxes can now be ordered on line.**

Exhibition Frames. (repeat)

We have received a very nice offer for storage of th Exhibition frames in Petersfield. To enable this, we need to transport the frames from the self-storage unit in Salisbury to Petersfield. Is there anybody amongst our clubs who has access to a short wheel-base van and who would be prepared to assist with moving the frames? If so , please get in touch with Vice-President John Hodge or any Council member. We will of course be happy to cover the expenses.

Is your club considering purchasing a new projector?

We now have some useful contributions posted to the discussion space on the SCPF website, and we would encourage any clubs who have purchased new projectors or have been testing / comparing projectors to share their information for the benefit of other clubs. The postings can be seen on the home page of the SCPF website.

From the President

Members may be interested to read the following report presented by Peter Rocchiccioli to the PAGB AGM

We had a very successful Annual Exhibition at Salisbury Library Gallery throughout January. The Exhibition was opened by Gordon Jenkins President of the PAGB and it was very well attended.

We operated a self-funding PAGB Advisory day in 2018 and we have another planned for November 2019. I was very pleased that we had eminent photographic judges agreeing to be our assessors:

Barry Mead from Western Counties

Clive Tanner from Kent County PA

Roger Parry & Judith Parry from Midland Counties P F

Roy Lambeth & Leo Rich from our own Federation

SCPF is continuing a drive to improve judging standards and understanding of what judging is and should be.

In the 2018-19 season we have held:

- A Forum for judges.
- A judges training course over two days, resulting in ten new Judges.
- A Seminar for Clubs, which attracted fifty club representatives, with the purposes of a) understanding how we train and support judges, b) understanding the philosophy, and c) creating an opportunity for dialogue.

Our feedback process continues to offer valuable insights. We have accredited five and promoted three judges to our senior level, directly resulting from good feedback.

Fiona Senior

Peter also wishes to let people know that Fiona Senior suffered a very nasty fall a few weeks ago, and was knocked unconscious and taken to hospital in Dorchester. She suffered broken bones including her collar bone and a cracked skull. She is still in hospital and making some improvement, but it will be a long road to recovery. Fiona is a longstanding member of several clubs in the Federation, and we would all want to send our best wishes.

John Hodge, Editor