



Newsletter, August 2019

Not a lot has happened in the last month, so as well as any new items we are repeating and updating some of the content from the previous Newsletter. Please note the correction about the APM Advisory Day; we had understood that this was fully booked, but have since been advised that there are still places available.

Important dates for your Diary:

31st August: Deadline for Registration for the 2020 Exhibition (confirm entry and pay entry fees)

30 September 2019: Final date for uploading League entries

31st October: Deadline for uploading Exhibition entries

15th November: All Exhibition prints to be delivered to the Reps' meeting in Littleton.

3 May 2020: Finals Day (see below)

Exhibition Secretary Needed

Although we have a strong and committed Council, we still need to recruit a replacement Exhibition Secretary following the retirement of Ray Acland. This is a crucial role, especially in this year when we will be organising our 50th Exhibition. Although desirable, it is not essential that the Exhibition Secretary is a Council member, so please do not be put off if you just don't fancy being on the Council!

The work is confined to a relatively short period. A small involvement is needed during the Registration and uploading period, between August and September. Then there will be preparation for the judging near the end of November, with the main work then following on in preparation for the Exhibition itself in early January. There may be some minor involvement during January if any issues arise before taking the Exhibition down at the end of the month.

There will be plenty of support from the Council; Anne Eckersley will be masterminding the Catalogue, Peter Rocchiccioli will be managing the sponsorship, and I will again be lending a lot of direct support. Other Council members will be supporting the judging and the preparation of the digital exhibition.

If you feel you would like to consider this please get in touch with me (president@southerncountiespf.org.uk, tel 07775 630 289 or 01256 771232) and I can fill in any more information. We have a detailed project plan covering every stage of the process, so you can hit the ground running without having to wonder what needs doing.

If you can't offer this yourself, then please pass the word round to any of your colleagues who might be able to help.

SCPF Leagues 2019-20

The website is now open for entries to the 2019-20 SCPF League and all notified fixture dates/judges have been added.

Clubs are reminded to read the revised uploader instructions before registering and before uploading.

Keycodes have been sent to all clubs so if you haven't received yours then please email the League Secretary as activation of this code is required before any entry can be made.

The League section of the website has been improved and new uploading instructions were issued along with the keycodes.

The rules (available from the website) have been revised to eliminate duplicate and irrelevant information. It is always a good idea to read these and check you haven't missed an important point of information! At the most recent Council meeting two minor changes were made:

- +/- 2mm was added to the stated mount size to bring the League rules in line with those for the Exhibition and Championship.
- An additional rule for Finals Day was included (point 4) stating that the print brought along on Finals Day must be the same one used in the League rounds - it was noted this year that several clubs had brought along another copy.

A reminder that the final closing date for uploading entries to the League is **30th September 2019**. However, as last year please try and upload your entries as soon as possible to avoid too many last minute issues.

Clubs who have not yet notified the League Secretary of the date and/or judge for any of their fixtures are requested to do so as soon as possible. Please remember that the fixture window for the rounds is 1st November 2019 to 31st March 2020.

SCPF Leagues Finals Day 2020 re-scheduled.

Please note that there is a change to the planned date for Finals Day in 2020. The government has decided to change the May bank Holiday from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. The Council discussed this in relation to the planned Finals Day of 10th May and concluded that the Finals Day should be re-scheduled to avoid the Bank Holiday weekend. Accordingly, it has been rescheduled to Sunday 3rd May 2020.

Exhibition 2020 : our 50th!

As mentioned above in the plea for an Exhibition Secretary, our 2020 Exhibition will be our 50th, and we hope to make it something memorable.

We're planning to have a special anniversary catalogue, which is in the planning stage, and we expect we will have pages allocated to our clubs to include club profiles and images. The catalogue itself can thus become an exhibition of the work of our Federation, much broader than the Salisbury print Exhibition which is restricted to 35 Clubs due to space availability. We traditionally get a similar entry for the PDI Exhibition, but as there is no space restriction here there is no good reason why every club in the Federation should not have an entry. With over 70 clubs this could be a superb entry, and particularly with PDIs the work involved for club entries is very minimal. The Exhibition is a great way to enthuse our club members who are invariably delighted to have the honour of a selection for the Exhibition.

So, over to you, the clubs, to grasp the opportunity to make our 50th Exhibition really special !

PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit

Here's the latest report from Leo Rich:

The current state of play with the Awards is:-

September 2019 closed adjudication in Scotland. All packs have been issued and it is all happening. All entries should have been made to the CES

November 2019 "normal" adjudication - Watford. All packs went out this past weekend. Some of our applicants have confirmed they have received them so all looks to be well but, if you know of anyone who has entered and not received a pack, please let me know. I appreciate many of you will not know whether any of your club members have entered as many like to keep it confidential! Entrants will be able to upload their images to the Central Entry System from 1st Sept.

April 2020 Birmingham For our Federation things have been quiet but to be expected during the Club close season. The Credit sections are about one third full - plenty of spaces available at Distinction and Master level.

November 2020 Western Counties venue yet to be confirmed. The Awards Sec has already opened the books for this one which seems to indicate there is a great demand. As this Adjudication is "local" to us I anticipate I will see a number of applications when the Season re-opens. If you know of anyone thinking about entering best tell them not to delay.

PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit Advisory Day: Places are still available.

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

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Eric Bennett our Handbook Secretary is endeavouring to bring the List of SCPF clubs up to date ready for the start of the 2019/2020 season.

If your club has changed the Secretary or Ext. Competition Secretary, or perhaps even its venue, then please do let Eric know.

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Audio Visual

The Council is interested in understanding the extent of interest in AVs amongst clubs. It is a few years since we held AV Championships, which were terminated due to the very low response from clubs. There has been a very low take-up for the PAGB Awards in AV, but this may be due to AV workers not getting sufficient encouragement through the Federation. If there is a demand out there, then we'd like to know so that we can support it appropriately.

It would be helpful if clubs could feed this information back to the Federation through the Reps' meetings or through the standard contact form on the SCPF website.

John Hodge, Editor