



Newsletter, September 2019

Important dates for your Diary:

31st October: Deadline for uploading Exhibition Print entries.

1st November: Start of the SCPF Prints and PDI Leagues.

10th November: revised deadline for uploading PDI entries for the Exhibition.

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

2nd January: Exhibition hanging at Salisbury Library (helpers needed)

3rd January 2020: Preview & Opening of Exhibition.

3 May 2020: Finals Day

Exhibition Prints: URGENT Exhibition Frames



As mentioned previously we now have our Exhibition print frames stored in Petersfield. We will need to have them taken to Salisbury in readiness for mounting the Exhibition at the start of January, so we need a volunteer or two to help with this. The frames need to be picked up on 30th December from Petersfield and taken to Salisbury, where they can be held for a couple of days prior to the mounting on 2nd Jan.

We desperately need someone with a van or prepared to drive a hire van, or a couple of people with large cars to do this. Leo Rich has offered to store the frames until 2nd Jan so they can be easily taken to the library for 10 a.m.

So, is there anyone in the clubs who is able and willing to help with this? If so please contact John Hodge on 07775 630 289 or at president@southerncountiespf.org.uk. Or any Council member.

We will of course cover travel expenses.

Our Exhibition depends on getting the frames in place!

As a reminder, there are 12 boxes of frames, each approx. 60 x 50 x 40cm, plus a "bits and pieces" storage box and mdf templates for setting out the hanging, as per this photo.

New Council Member

We are delighted to welcome a new co-opted Council member, Stewart Lacey, who is President of Basingstoke Camera Club. Stewart is joining the Council initially as a member 'without portfolio' to facilitate his understanding of the Council's workings and issues.

We would still welcome another volunteer to the Council, so please do get in touch if you are able to help or know someone who may be interested. Speak to any Council member if you need any information about the Council.

SCPF Leagues 2019-20

League Secretary Jean Brooks has sent this report:

Thanks to everyone for getting all your entries in on time.

Everything is now ready for downloading and printing. Instructions are on the website and also in the Uploading Instructions sent out last June.

Please do check well in advance of hosting a competition that everything is correct and working on your equipment. The Rules contain all the information you need on hosting both print and PDI competitions.

The procedure for scoring remains the same as last year. So the host club should email the completed scoresheet promptly to the League Secretary for checking and circulation. Please remember that it is important that all clubs present on the night of the fixture check that they are in agreement on the scores.

Finally, some clubs are already planning ahead and have notified dates for the 2020-21 Season. Don't forget to email these to the League Secretary as soon as you have booked.

Exhibition 2020 : our 50th!

The 2020 Exhibition will be our 50th, and we hope to make it something memorable.

We've had a full (35) entry for the Prints Exhibition; unfortunately a couple of clubs left it too late to register and so have missed out.

However, Registration and uploading for PDIs has been extended up to 10th November, just one week before the judging, so as to encourage as many clubs as possible to enter. We traditionally get a similar number of clubs entering 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, especially this year, can we make a big plea for as many clubs as possible to put in PDI entries? With 57 clubs having League PDI panels most of which could probably be used also for the Exhibition, it should be very straightforward and would really enhance the Exhibition over to you, the clubs, to grasp the opportunity to make our 50th Exhibition really special! (and help to make the Catalogue a really nice piece of memorabilia for your club and members)

Exhibition Judging: another volunteer request!

The Exhibition judging will be taking place on Sunday 17th November at Sparsholt Community Hall. We need a volunteer who can look after the catering on the day. Essentially this is to provide teas and coffees, plus a buffet lunch for the Judge and helpers (10 to 12 people in total). If anyone is available to do this please contact John Hodge on 07775 630 289 or president@southerncounties.org.uk

PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit

Here's the latest report from Leo Rich:

I am pleased to report I am seeing a slow "dribble" of applications coming through from our members. The current position re open adjudication is as follows:-

25/26th April 2020 - Rednal Birmingham

This event is over half full at Credit level and two thirds full for the Distinction/Master day. Most of the applications I have received lately have been for this.

28/29th November 2020 Western Counties

As previously advised this adjudication was opened early due to perceived demand and our Federation already have one Entrant in place and there are another 14 from other Feds. of which I am aware. I know there is pressure for places and can, as always, only urge would be applicants not to delay.

I have now received details of the venue which is Coombeshead Academy, Coombeshead Road, NEWTON ABBOT TQ12 1PT. This is a little way away from Bristol which was the area previously indicated! Don't shoot me - I am only the messenger.

End of report

Leo Rich SCPF Awards Officer

PAGB Awards Advisory Day

This is imminent, on 3rd November, so just a quick reminder that there are still a few spaces for PDI advice., and places for observers. Please contact Jill North (awardsworkshop@gmail.com) to book a slot.

Print Boxes

Any print boxes ordered in the latest batch will be handed out at the November Club Reps' meeting on 15th November, so if you ordered one please arrange collection via your club Rep.

Clubs' Insurance and Membership fees

Our Treasurer has a very demanding job in managing the SCPF Membership Fees and the PAGB Insurance arrangements on behalf of the Clubs. This is unfortunately made much more demanding by having to chase up many clubs who do not make the necessary payments on time. The responsibility for doing this rests fairly and squarely with the clubs, and it should not be allowed to become a burden for our Treasurer.

All clubs must be aware that Insurance Fees are due in January, and Membership Fees in July. Reminders are issued to all clubs, to the most recent address that we have been notified of. Please, remember to put these in you club diaries and arrange the payments in good time. If for any reason (almost always because a club has not notified SCPF of a change of contact) you have not received an advance notification then do please make the payment in any case, or contact the SCPF Treasurer to sort things out.

We do appreciate that all club officers are just volunteers and have lots of other things to do, but the same applies to the SCPF Treasurer !

Club Directories

Eric Bennett, our Handbook Secretary, has still not received the Secretary contact details (postal addresses) for a number of our clubs. These are needed for any communication should e-mail addresses be out of date, but also for issue of e.g. PAGB Handbooks. Can all clubs please ensure that up to date details have been sent to Eric. Thanks.

Dicentra

We have received the following from Salisbury C.C

“Salisbury Camera Club have recently purchased the Dicentra PDI display system and are keen to get it working as smoothly as possible. Unfortunately none of our members have experience of the "business" end of the system and we are therefore hoping that there is a Dicentra using club within the SCPF who would be willing to spare a few hours to give us a quick run through the system. This would be from uploading and organising a competition, through to display, marking and reports etc.

We are willing to travel to do this if nobody fancies a trip to Salisbury!

If you can help please contact either Richard Temlett or Tony Oliver at Salisbury Camera Club.”

Please respond directly to this, but if there are other clubs who might also need either training or updating maybe a collective training event might be appropriate.

Judging Advisor's Update

A few items from Ken Scott's report to the Reps' Meeting in September 2019:

Judging Upgrades

We have three upgrades for the start of the new season:

- Paul Thackeray to L3
- Keith Newton to L2
- Carl Reeve to L2

We'd like to offer our congratulations to them and to thank you, the clubs, for providing the opportunity and the feedback that allows our judges to progress.

A number of our new Level 1 judges from last season are just starting out with their first bookings.

May I thank you again for providing the opportunity for them. And please, if I might remind clubs, that your providing feedback is mandatory for L1. We are able to accredit them at the end of this calendar year if we have three feedbacks from the clubs to support it.

Ken has now arranged Judge Training days on 12 January, 2 February and 8 March at Littleton. Helpers will be required at these events please.

John Hodge, Editor