



Newsletter, December 2019

With Christmas looming, just a very brief Newsletter this month, mainly to remind everyone of the Exhibition, and a brief PAGB Awards update, along with a couple of repeats from last month.

Important dates for your Diary in 2020:

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

3rd January: Preview & Opening of Exhibition, with presentation of awards. From 6.30 pm

3rd February: Taking down the Exhibition, from 10 am

1st to 29th February: Uploading for the Championships

29th March: Championships at Alton

3 May: Finals Day and AGM

2020 Exhibition

As noted above, the 2020 Exhibition opens in January with the Preview and Presentations evening on Friday 3rd.

We'll be hanging the Exhibition on Thursday 2nd January, from 10.00 a.m., so as always we would welcome any willing helpers; the more we have the quicker we can complete the operation.

We hope to see all the award winners attending to be presented with their awards / certificates. The event starts at 6.30 p.m. in the Young Gallery, which is on the first floor of Salisbury Library., on Friday 3rd January. Anyone else from our Federation clubs are welcome to attend.

Stewarding the Exhibition

Thanks to all who have signed up so far for stewarding; we have 50% Of the sessions covered at the time of writing.

Stewarding is a critical component of the Exhibition, as without stewards we are unable to show the PDI Exhibition, sell catalogues or deal with questions from the public. At the recent Club Reps' meeting it was agreed that in future entry to the Exhibition will carry with it a requirement for the club to provide stewarding for at least one session. We would urge clubs to take this forward to the 2020 Exhibition. The rota is now on-

line on the SCPF website, and booking in for a session is really straightforward. We hope we will achieve 100% coverage this time!

PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit

Here is the latest update from Leo Rich (1st December)

April 2020 - Birmingham

The Distinction/Masters day (normally Sunday) is now completely full for this event. Any applications received from now on will be entered in the November 2020 adjudication in Western Counties.

Credit Section. Officially there are 10 places available BUT I have already sent two which have yet to arrive with the PAGB Awards Sec so make that eight.

This section may well fill in the next week.

Best wishes

Leo

Clubs' Insurance: New arrangements from PAGB (Repeated from last month)

Public Liability Insurance

As a result of changes in the law following the miss-selling of Payment Protection Insurance, the PAGB can no longer directly provide Public Liability Insurance Policy advice, nor act as an intermediary between the customers (Camera Clubs) and the Insurance Broker (Darwin Clayton).

The Federations can no longer prepare bills or collect payment for Public Liability Insurance, although they can chase. As a result of changes in the law following the miss-selling of Payment Protection Insurance, the PAGB can no longer make late payments or non payments.

Darwin Clayton remain the preferred Insurance Provider for the PAGB, and it is recommended that Clubs continue to obtain their Public Liability Insurance from them. Darwin Clayton will provide the Federations with information as to which Clubs have or have not renewed their insurance for 2020.

If a Club wishes to organise its own cover with a different Broker, the cover must be for a sufficient sum (usually £5 million), and the suitability of cover must be acceptable to the SCPF. If any Club opts not to have Public Liability cover, the Federation Judges and Lecturers would have to be warned that their attendance at that Club would be entirely at their own risk.

It is suggested that Clubs should subscribe to E-news so that they can get information on Darwin Clayton as an Insurance Provider.

Patricia Platt

PAGB Executive member

The SCPF Treasurer has issued the following based on the above:

As a result of these changes the procedure for this year will be:

- I will issue the rates to you, as an application form, in the next few weeks. There will also be a reminder that premiums are to be paid directly to Darwin Clayton. This information is so important that I plan to send it to Treasurers, Secretaries and Club Reps. Please ensure that it is actioned by your Club.

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- As the completed application forms, and payments, are received Darwin Clayton will process the renewals and issue documents directly to the clubs.
- In early January reminders will be sent to those Clubs that have not renewed.
- I will repeat this in mid-January and then after renewal so as to maintain up to date information.

Those Clubs that do not renew their Insurance will be notified at the end of January and will not be able to receive visits from Speakers, Judges etc. due to lack of appropriate insurance.

Clubs who insure directly with other Insurers are, as before, required to send a copy of their Insurance details to the Federation Treasurer.

I trust all is in order, if you have any queries please let me know.

Dicentra (Repeated from last month)

Following the item in the last Newsletter, there seems to be an interest in a potential workshop covering the setting-up and running of Dicentra, so the Council will give some consideration to setting up a workshop / training session, possibly involving a Dicentra trainer. We would like to have some idea of the likely take-up for this so would ask any clubs with a potential interest to email president@southerncountiespf.org.uk Thank you.

Christmas Greetings !

On behalf of the Federation I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our club members a very happy Christmas, with very best wishes for 2020.

I would also like to say thanks to all those in the clubs and on the Council who give freely of their time in helping all our photographers; committee members, SCPF Reps, judges and indeed many others who just get on and do things for the benefit of the rest of us.

Have a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

John Hodge, President SCPF