Southern Counties Photographic Federation

Newsletter, January 2020 V2

Please be aware that there are multiple changes from the Newsletter originally issued, so please take care to read thoroughly!

Important dates for your Diary in 2020:

3rd February: Taking down the Exhibition at Salisbury Library (helpers needed), from 10 am

1st to 29th February: Uploading for the Championships

29th March: Championships at Alton

3 May: Finals Day and AGM



Tony Oliver ARPS CPAGB BPE2* of Salisbury Camera Club being presented with his Roll of Honour certificate at the 2020 Exhibition Preview evening.

Tony was recognised for his many years of dedication to Salisbury Camera Club, including a number of initiatives to help support newer and developing photographers, his work as a busy judge throughout the Federation and his years on the SCPF Council including a term as President.



Leo Rich ARPS DPAGB APAGB EFIAP/g of Spectrum Guernsey being presented with his certificate at the 2020 Exhibition Preview evening.

Leo is one of the best-known people around the Federation, particularly as a judge and lecturer. In previous years he was a member and Chairman at Salisbury C.C., where he has continued on occasion to provide emergency judging for club competitions. He has been a Federation Council member for many years, served two terms as President and is the Federation's PAGB Awards Officer. He is also of course a former President of the PAGB.

2020 Exhibition

We had a great evening for the Exhibition Preview and Presentations on 3rd January, with a large attendance from around the Federation. Photos from the event, by Steve Kirkby, are available on the SCPF website. We have had an excellent turnout of stewards so far for the Exhibition, thanks to everyone who volunteered. We're just short for several sessions in the final week.

ps. As previously mentioned we also need help on Monday 3rd Feb from 10 a.m. for taking down the Exhibition.

Copies of the PDI Exhibition

For any clubs who paid for CDs of the PDI Exhibition, please note that this year we have decided that in line with current technology it is more appropriate to issue clubs with a downloadable set of images. These will be issued via Dropbox, hopefully straight after the Exhibition closes.

Championships 2020



With the Exhibition coming to a close, we are immediately into the run-up to the 2020 Championships, being hosted this year by Alton Camera Club who have provided the following:

SCPF Championships 2020
Sunday 29th March 2020, Alton Assembly Rooms

SCPF clubs are warmly invited to enter the 2020 Championships. The event is on Sunday the 29th of March and being hosted by Alton Camera Club. The venue is the fine Alton Assembly Rooms and doors open at 10am on the day. Sorry, there is no parking on-site - use local public car parks.

Members of every SCPF club are welcome to attend; admission free.

As usual, there are Print and PDI classes of 15 images each and clubs can enter either or both. The top two clubs from each class will go on to represent your Federation at the PAGB Inter-club championships in July (PDIs) and October (Prints). Medals will be awarded to the judges' favourite images.

We are delighted to welcome our judges for the day, who are:

Barbara Jenkin ARPS EFIAP/dip GMPSA BPE2 (WCPF)
Malcolm Jenkin CPAGB EFIAP/dip GMPSA BPE2 (WCPF)
Peter Gennard MFIAP EFIAP/p (MCPF)

Clubs can enter the Championships by uploading their PDIs and a PDI copy of each print to the uploader on the website having gained access using the club keycode. Please note that clubs are not being issued with new keycodes; comp-secs should use the keycodes already issued to clubs for the Leagues and Exhibition for uploading for the Championships. Prints must be brought on the day and registered before 10:30am. Please note the Federation's Championship Rules.

Championship Rules: https://southerncountiespf.org.uk/championships/championship-rules/

Closing date for entries is 29th February 2020 – all images (PDI and Print) must be uploaded on or before that date.

Link to image uploader: https://championships.southerncountiespf.org.uk/public/login

PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit

Here is the latest update from Leo Rich:

The PAGB have confirmed that, at the time of writing, there are still plenty of spaces left at all three levels of the Awards Adjudication being held at Newton Abbot over the weekend 28/29th November 2020.

Please be aware that the following Adjudication - in April 2021 will be in Northern Ireland. Whilst I can thoroughly recommend a long weekend there (to see some of the glorious countryside) it may be a little too far to travel to see your work assessed.

Looking ahead we are due to host the Adjudication in November 2022. It is not too early to start planning an entry as we are bound to have an above average number of local photographers wishing to take part.

The Southern Counties PF are charged with holding an Advisory Day approx one year prior to this Adjudication when the PAGB team will act as advisors etc. We are currently considering February 2021.

This is an ideal opportunity to receive guidance and advice "from the horse's mouth" - so to speak but we do need a Club to help us organise this important day. We are looking at venues in the Southampton area currently but, if you have one near to you which may be of interest, we are happy to explore. The Club does not have to be located near to the venue as a full briefing etc will form part of the process. Please let the Federation Council know if your club can assist.

Awards in Audio Visual: although the PAGB have already said they will not hold an Adjudication in 2020 they still need to know if there is sufficient interest from AVers wishing to take part. I do hear the odd person express a slight interest but nothing seems to materialise. I will be pleased to compile a (no commitment) list but I do need names otherwise AV will never reappear.

Leo
Awards Officer

Leagues

A reminder to all clubs participating in next season's league (2020-2021) that they should email the League Secretary as soon as possible with details of any bookings. Jean keeps an up to date list to avoid any duplications.

Hot off the Press update re Management Liability Insurance

This is the latest from our PAGB Executive member:

I expect you've seen by now the information that has gone out to Federations, for forwarding to Clubs, with the good news that Darwin Clayton have managed to find a way of continuing to provide blanket cover for Management Liability Insurance, for the PAGB, the Federations and Clubs.

Management Liability Insurance cover is not mandatory, but there is concern that the Federations, and some Clubs, may be at risk without such cover. This is particularly the case for Clubs which own the premises in which they

meet, and in situations where large amounts of money are held by Clubs or Federations (for example bequests or loans), where cover may be advisable for protection against possible fraud.

Negotiation has taken place for some time between the PAGB and Darwin Clayton, the company which has to date provided insurance cover for the PAGB, and Darwin Clayton have finally managed to come up with a Management Insurance policy which does provide blanket cover for the PAGB, the Federations and Clubs within the requirements of the law, but the cover available for any one Club or Federation in any one year is financially limited. Information on this cover has been sent to the Federations, for distribution to the Clubs.

There is, however, a limit to the amount of liability that can be covered for any one Club or Federation in any given year, and some Clubs, or even SCPF Council, may feel that the cover offered is not sufficient.

Neither the PAGB nor the Federations are allowed to provide insurance advice to Clubs, because they would be classed as intermediaries. Clubs and Federations which want Management Insurance Liability cover have been investigating this themselves, and have found that it is normally costly (in the region of £150.00 per annum), because these policies are designed to cover commercial companies which require very comprehensive cover. However, some companies do also offer cheaper, less comprehensive cover, designed specifically for clubs, societies and charities, which may offer sufficient cover for any Club or Federation which feels that the PAGB / Darwin Clayton cover is not sufficient for them. Most Clubs will probably feel that the latter would be sufficient.

However, the main thing for the Clubs is that they must all still arrange their own Public Liability Insurance, (which should be completed by 31st January) and also we are not allowed to give them advice on what cover they take out.

Patricia Platt
PAGB Executive member

DiCentra (Repeated from last month)

We have now had a proposal from DiCentra for a comprehensive training workshop, which is being considered by the Council. So far we have had five clubs expressing interest which would be enough to make it viable, but if we do go ahead and organise we'd need to know very soon if any other clubs would now wish to take part, so once again please get in touch asap if you would wish to be included; the costs would need to be shared amongst the participating clubs. This will depend on the final numbers; the basic cost of training would be £200 for up to ten people and £7.50 per person for any additional. There would also be the venue cost and some travelling expenses.

If you would like to express an interest please contact John Hodge at president@southerncountiespf.org.uk

Walter Benzie Hon FRPS

It is with regret that we note the death recently of Walter Benzie, former President of the Royal Photographic Society. Walter lived in Chichester and will be well known throughout our Federation where he has been active as a judge over many years

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John Hodge Editor