



SOUTHERN COUNTIES PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION

Newsletter, May 2021

AGM and Finals Day

Our final event of the 2020-21 season took place on 9th May, with the Club Reps' AGM, followed by the League Finals Day. The Finals Day images were judged by Roger Hance FRPS AFIAP DPAGB BPE5*, and we were then be treated to a brilliant lecture from Roger. The event can still (at the time of writing) be watched on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/S1ww08fxQm4>

AGM: New Council

The AGM elected a new Council with some significant changes:-

The new **President** is Anne Eckersley LRPS DPAGB BPE3*, a member of Cricklade C.C.

We also have three new members: Peter Terry and Ian Hardacre from Bracknell C.C., who will be League Secretary and SCPF Secretary respectively, and Peter Markwick from Boundary C.C. and Burghfield C.C. Former Secretary Sue Teagle will be remaining as a Council member.



As the AGM was on Zoom, the President's Chain of Office had to be handed over after the event by Past President John Hodge.

Finals Day

This saw the best League images from each club being judged by Roger Hance FRPS AFIAP DPAGB BPE5*. The quality was of course extremely high; congratulations to all the winning and Highly Commended photographers. The top three images are shown below:



First Place: Danger, Flooded Ford, by Paul Gray of Beaulieu C.C.



Second Place: Male Green Darner Escapes Snowy Egret, by Pauline Thornhill DPAGB of Petersfield P.S.



Third Place: Night Setting In, by Colin Gogerty of Boscombe C.C.

League Secretary Jean Brooks also announced the winners of the 2020-21 Leagues:

Division 1: Winchester P.S.

Division 2: Bracknell C.C.

Division 3: Lymington C.C.

Division 4: Blandford Forum C.C.

Division 5: Aldershot, Farnham & Fleet C.C.

Division 6: Storrington C.C.

Division 7: Hungerford C.C.

PAGB Awards

PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit

As we all slowly emerge back into what is now our "new normal" world what better time to plan your next photographic project (or challenge) and to consider putting together an Entry for the PAGB Awards?

I have just been advised (mid-May) that, for the next Adjudication in November at Newton Abbot there are 40 places still available at Credit level to be held on the Saturday. On Sunday they still have 25 places at Distinction and 5 at Master level (this section needs at least five more to run) and, if numbers are not forthcoming they will increase the Distinction allocation accordingly.

So, the opportunity is there and waiting for you!

Leo Rich SCPF Awards Officer

Leo has also forwarded PAGB APM Bulletin 28, which should have been received by all aspiring Print applicants; it includes the following:

PRINT ADJUDICATION UPDATE

As you know we had hoped to hold the Print Adjudication in May. However we need six adjudicators and at least the same number of workers at a Print Adjudication.

The current 'rules' do not allow such a gathering indoors.

We remain committed to holding this Adjudication as soon as we can. You should all have sent your prints to arrive before 8 May, but if you have not yet done so you **MUST** do so now.

We are ready to go ahead at the earliest opportunity. This might be at quite short notice, too late for you to send anything to us.

If we don't have your Prints, you cannot be included in the Adjudication.

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Following the success of our Online Advisory Service, we have now established a permanent service, administered by David Smith. If you would like advice at CPAGB, DPAGB or MPAGB in Still Photography or in Audio Visual, please email apmonline@thepagb.org.uk

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League News

Jean will be sending out the lists of the 2021-22 League Divisions to all League Reps next week after which Peter Terry will be taking over the role of League Secretary.

A decision on the print league will be taken later in the summer.

Nature Images

Following the discussion at the AGM, we received quite a few suggestions as to how this could be handled and invite clubs to write in with any suggestions that they may have by 10th June, to give us time to circulate and read before the next Council meeting.

Facebook

We would encourage clubs to sign up to the Southern Counties Photographic Facebook Group. This will allow them to post details of any speakers, events etc, that they consider would be of interest to other clubs. We're keen to get it up and running and hope it will be a valuable resource.

Judging Question Time: 8th April

This season has concluded with a Clubs' Judging Question Time on Zoom, which generated helpful discussion. The resulting FAQ will be published in due course. The session was felt to be successful enough to warrant a regular run.

Directories

Clubs: Some of you may have noticed that the Directory of SCPF Clubs has had a little make-over. It being up to date is, of course, dependent on those fine club secretaries passing on the information. I shall be sending out a note next month to gather any changes since club AGMs.

By the beginning of next season, the intention is to enable club secretaries to maintain their own club's details. This should simplify the process and ensure that accurate details are available more quickly. This will be more data secure than the current documents.

Lecturers: This list has also been given a review. A couple of lecturers have been added recently, replacing a few who have decided to retire. If we know that the lecturer can do Zoom or similar this has been added to their entry.

We are always looking for new speakers. If you know anyone in your club that can entertain a club for an evening with their photography or other photographic skills, please ask them to get in touch.

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