



THE SOUTHERN COUNTIES PHOTOGRAPHIC
FEDERATION
NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the Exhibition Preview last Friday, I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did, and if you missed but would like to catch the action, then the recording has now been uploaded to YouTube: <https://youtu.be/52iCCwMhr2o>. Congratulations to all the award winners and also everyone who had their images selected by their clubs. They are all in the catalogue, which can be downloaded from the Southern Counties Photographic Federation Website and you can enjoy all the images at your leisure.

ENTRY for 2022 Championships is NOW OPEN!

Usual Keycodes apply.

Entries must be uploaded by 28th February 2022 (no exceptions)
Please check SCPF website for updated rules.

This is our first print competition for sometime and **we need your prints!**

This year not only will the winning two clubs from both the print and PDI competitions go on to represent the SCPF at the PAGB Print and PDI Championships, but we have just been notified that this year's Inter Federation Competition and Exhibition will be a print only competition.

There will be three sections in the Inter-Fed Competition - Colour, Monochrome and Nature. Federations can enter up to 30 prints in each section - which means 90 prints per Federation! Accepted images will tour the country and there are of course individual awards.

High scoring prints from this year's Championships will be retained for selection for the PAGB Inter-Federation Entry in mid May and will hopefully form the basis of a strong SCPF entry..



Southern Counties Photographic Federation
Founded 1963 as the Southern Photographic Federation

SCPF Print and PDI Championships 2022

Sunday March 20th 2022

To be held at

Alton Assembly Rooms, High Street, Alton GU34 1BA

Judges:

Monica Weller FRPS
Roger Reynolds Hon FRPS, APAGB, FBPPA, FBPE
Peter McCloskey FRPS APAGB

Full details at www.southerncountiespf.org.uk

TWO UNUSUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC PROJECTS

I know programme secretaries sometimes find it difficult often to keep coming up with new and exciting topics to inspire members to think about their photography and push the boundaries and I am delighted to be joined this month by Sabine Tillie-Davidson from Basingstoke Camera Club, who will share two exciting projects Basingstoke Camera Club ran recently, one in connection with a local poetry society and the second with a local college. Here's Sabine to tell us all about them:

In May 2019, I became Programme Secretary for Basingstoke Camera Club. I had only been a member of a photographic club for a couple of years, so it was not easy knowing where to start, but I was full of enthusiasm, and I had to quickly learn on the job.

The most important thing was to provide an interesting and varied programme for our members. Not only did I want to include talks and activities that would fit with members' interests, but I also wanted to encourage people to come out of their comfort zone, try something they perhaps had not done before and hopefully light a spark to a fresh approach to photography.

The first new item I scheduled in this season's programme was an evening of photo-poetry. I approached a local amateur poetry society and asked if they would be interested in a collaboration with their poetry and our images. The poetry society responded enthusiastically, and we gave ourselves 6 months to complete the project.

Our club members worked in small groups, which was fun, and we had quite a few Zoom meetings to coordinate what we needed to do. We illustrated the provided poems by AV slideshows of images. In return, some of the poets wrote poems inspired by images that our members had provided.

The poets joined us for a joint evening of poetry and photography in October 2021. Several poems were repeated with different photographic interpretations generating interesting discussions from both the poetry and photographic perspective.

A lot of effort went into this collaboration, but the work was very well received by both club members and poets. It has even led to a Special Interest Group being set up within the Club to continue this project in the future.

Image by Philip Davis



'Aspen' by Sue Davies.

Gone now, your voice. Up in the air – a lilting shimmer of light, your body chalk white, pitted with lenticles.

You rose from the burial ground of gold wheatgrass, straight as an arrow – catkins pink, copper leaves quiver.

Ghosts walk among trees, ancient warriors bearing their shields, but you are not among them
wearing your aspen crown.

The second new idea was to team up with the local college photography department. Again, the response of the school was encouraging. AS level students and our members were set the same homework for 6 weeks. This consisted of 6 'prompt words' (Triangle, Dots, Red, X, Frame and Window) and we had to submit our favourite 6 images.

We had a presentation evening in November 2021 where we compared how the young college students and the older camera club members approached the task. It was a very interesting exercise, generating a lot of discussion. It is probably fair to say that we concluded that both groups can learn a few things from one another. The school planned to incorporate the comparison as part of homework discussions.



Triangle - Swati Patel



Dots - Sabine Tillie-Davidson



Red – Gary Baker



X - Simon Williams



Frame - Napalai Cain



Window- Peter Malcolm

Basingstoke Camera Club Images

Collaborations with outside groups have turned out to be activities that seem to have caught the imagination of the club members. Both these activities have been complementary to existing activities such as competitions and external talks as well as other newly introduced initiatives that stimulate members' creativity beyond making images solely for the purpose of getting good marks from a judge. The external collaboration also had the effect of introducing the club to groups of people that may otherwise have been unaware of its existence.

In short, a couple of fun ideas for projects turned out well and produced tangible benefits for the club and its members.

Thank you, Sabine, for sharing your projects with us, I was certainly fascinated to see the images from your club/college evening and the sheer variety of subjects in each of the sections.

If any other clubs have unusual projects they would like to share with other clubs, we'd love to share them in a future newsletter. Please email: newsletter@southerncountiespf.org.uk with details.

Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT



Des King CPAGB



Dave Airston DPAGB



David Keep MPAGB



The Awards for Photographic Merit are available at three levels, CPAGB, DPAGB and MPAGB, to all members of affiliated Clubs. See your Federation website or talk to your Federation Awards Officer, listed in this Handbook.

And in other news:

A Date for Your Diary Saturday 24th September 2022

PAGB AWARDS - ARE THEY FOR YOU? Why not come along and find out?

Would you like to be one of the 40? "One of the 40 what?" I hear you ask. Well the lucky 40 will be those club members who will be able to show their work/possible entries to the PAGB team who are visiting the Southern Fed on 24th September 2022 to run an advisory/explanatory day prior to us hosting the Adjudication in April 2024. This will be held in the Littleton Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton - just outside Winchester.

The team are very experienced and will be able to provide you with unbiased opinions especially whether you meet the standard of the level of award you are considering. Having been involved for many years I lost count of the number of photographers who underestimated the standards required and could be an eye-opener for some.

Although the spaces for advice are limited there will be plenty of room for Observers who can then assess whether the PAGB Awards are the route they wish to follow if they want to achieve awards or distinctions. To make the most of the experience please read Leaflet One downloadable from the Awards page of the PAGB website.

Forward planning is essential and we need to know as soon as possible, the numbers likely to be interested in attending. If you have not already done so please let me know. All I need is your name and club and whether you wish to be one of the 40 or will be just observing. You will not be committing yourself at this stage - that will happen when we ask you for money! Please email:- pagb.awards@southerncountiespf.org.uk

Leo Rich
SCPF Awards Officer

2022 Resolution - Become a Judge!

Okay, maybe not one you added to your list already, but why not?

CLUBS PLEASE ANNOUNCE TO YOUR MEMBERS

Are you interested in joining our Judging community in SCPF? SCPF is looking to run a training course for new judges in the first quarter of this year. Competition is still a significant part of the programme for most clubs. It is now two years since we have been able to run a training course, and it is vital that we have a continual throughput of new energy and interest.

SCPF's judging training is probably the most established and comprehensive you will find anywhere.

Training is normally two full days (or an equivalent series of online workshops if we go fully online). This year I will also be holding a preliminary meeting for you to find out in more depth what it entails before committing yourself. You can find out more on our Judging pages on the website here <https://southerncountiespf.org.uk/judging/judging-becoming-a-judge/>

If you are interested, please let me know by Wednesday 26th January.

February Reps Meeting

The February Reps' Meeting is - Thursday February 17th at 7.30pm

PAGB – 2022/2023

Public Liability, Property, “All Risks” and Management Protection Insurances

Club Insurances are due for renewal on 1st February 2022 and brokers are pleased to confirm that, essentially, the insurances and premiums remain unaltered from last year. There have however been some small, technical alterations following the RSA Insurance Group PLC becoming part of Intact Financial Corporation and the integration of old and new policy wordings:

- The scheme insurers, Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance PLC, are replaced by Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Ltd.
- A new cyber exclusion is included in the wording of the Public Liability section excluding legal liability for mental injury arising from loss / destruction / misinterpretation / misuse etc of data.
- The Data Protection Act cover under the Public Liability extension is amended and restricted to £1,000,000.

Covid19

This is something that remains at the forefront of everyone's minds and many clubs have asked what cover is provided under your policy for Coronavirus and Pandemics. Whilst there is an exclusion applying to the Property Damage, “All Risks” and Money sections it does not apply to the Public Liability section.

Brokers recommend that you continue to be aware of, and follow completely, the guidelines from the government and appropriate bodies and do not put any of your members in a position of doing something where they feel uncomfortable.

Premiums

With the restrictions that we are all currently living under, we are aware that most of the Clubs activities will be carried out ‘virtually’ for the time being. Brokers have discussed matters with insurers, although the liability risk is reduced it is not removed altogether and the risk is still the same from “All Risks” and Management Protection viewpoint. Unfortunately, no premium rebates are available for last year and brokers are happy to advise that there are no premium increases this year.

Affiliation to the PAGB

This facility is only available to Clubs that remain affiliated to the PAGB. If a policy is taken out by an unaffiliated club, then brokers will have to cancel it and refund the premium paid.

Please ensure that your Club has adequate insurance for your own protection as well as the Club's.

Alternative policies are available from other insurers but please ensure that the level of cover is sufficient for your, and your club's needs.