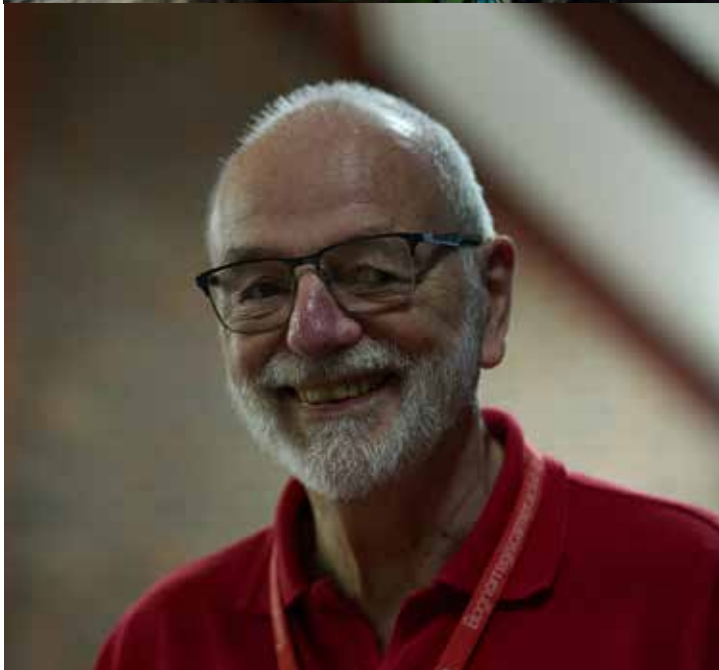




THE SOUTHERN COUNTIES PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2024 CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIAL

Well what a fabulous day we had on Sunday at the 2024 SCPF Championships held in Bognor Regis. It was lovely to see so many of you there and so many fabulous images. The full results are here now. Thanks and congratulations to everyone involved in organising such a seamless and great day. Thank you to Tony Lord and Steve Kirkby for the record photos of this day.





The catering team on Sunday were amazing, so before we come on to the results, here's a special treat for Easter. If the thought of yet more chocolate eggs worries you, if your hot cross buns haven't risen, then try one of Jacqui's Flaked Almond Flapjacks. I had hoped for a picture to accompany the recipe, only by the time I remembered I was down to just the parchment left in the bottom of the tin! So instead here's a picture of Sunday's lovely catering team.



ALMOND FLAPJACKS

165g butter
125g soft brown sugar
2 tablespoons golden syrup (60g)
250g rolled porridge oats
1 pinch salt
1 pinch ginger

(Jacqui swaps about 50g oats with 50g ground almonds and I so recommend you do too.)
Flaked almonds for the top

Melt butter, sugar and syrup in big pan
Stir in oats, salt and ginger

Press into 20cm square traybake tin (lined with baking parchment)
(Run parchment under the tap – squeeze out excess water – much easier to work with – leave plenty at both ends to lift out with later)

Sprinkle with flaked almonds.

Cook for about 20 minutes until light golden colour (longer if you like crispier) at 200C/180C/gas mark 6/400F

Mark out squares after about five minutes – lift out when cold and cut into pieces.

Warning - These are very moreish!

And now on to the individual winning iamges, and as in all good presentations in reverse order, they are:

Individual Awards, PDIs

Highly Commended

In the Spotlight by Ian Clarke LRPS, Gosport Camera Club

Jacana Meets Lily by Mick Parmenter, New Forest Camera Club

Got It! by Steve Hawkins, Middleton Camera Club

Silver Medals

Silver Medal : Chosen by Prof David Wheeler

Dibbs at Luskentyre by Stephanie Paterson, Bracknell Camera Club

About this image David W said, 'I've got a dog, my dog keeps me sane, my dog keeps me under control. I just love the fact that this was such a simple image, but yet you've made something very special out of it. And I just thought the low angle was so clever. That stare of the dog straight into your eyes, the ball in the mouth and the way the paw has pushed the sand forward. It could have been such a plain image of you out with your dog. It's become such a special image because of the angle, the sights and the engagement of the dog with a lovely landscape behind. I loved it. And to me it just said this is what I do with my dog. It was perfect.'



Silver Medal : Chosen by David Smith

Our Daily Bread by Peter Smith, Southampton Camera Club



About this image David S said, 'Often with images, we're looking for narrative. And there's a lovely narrative here. All the elements hang together beautifully and it works really well in monochrome.'

The way it's been put together has got some sort of 3D feeling to it. The fact that he isn't actually staring down the camera lens and has such a quizzical look really makes it come alive for me. And the way we've got the light in the centre casting light on the bread and the crucifix. And the crucifix works very well.'

Silver Medal : Chosen by Cherry Larcombe
Light Painting Still Life by Chris Dixon, Horndean Camera Club

About this image Cherry said, 'What I liked about this image is first of all, it's a still life and we haven't seen many of those today. This one really resonated with me because of the limited colour palette which I think always works well. But also the fact that you've created something out of some ordinary subjects. This is often the way it is but the lighting is so good here, particularly the way it fades away at each side.



With the watering can you've got that lovely circle which balances so well with the circular plant that's in the pot. Then there's that little shell in the same colour tones more or less as the watering can so everything kind of works and makes for a lovely composition.'

Gold Medal
Free Spirit by Sharon Bolt, Newbury Photography Club



About this image, Cherry said, 'I'm speaking for us all here we had a tremendously hard job choosing a top image because there were so many good ones. But there's a lot to say about this one. It's got such a graceful feel to it. It's got a lovely atmosphere in the background. It's got a lovely light. Look at it coming through the tail there. And although that's the lightest part it's not distracting at all. Just look at that beautiful tail. It's the positioning of the horse, the colours, everything about it. The sheer quality of the image really resonated with us all. So well done.'

SCPF Championships 2024 Results PDIs

Pos.	ClubName	TotalScore	Award
1	New Forest CC	181	1ST
2	Southampton CC	176	2ND
3	Yateley CC	172	
4	Bracknell CC	171	
5	Littlehampton & District CC	171	
6	Chichester CC	171	
7	Fordingbridge CC	171	
8	Salisbury PC	170	
9	Wareham CC	170	
10	Basingstoke CC	169	
11	Lymington CC	169	
12	Newbury PC	168	
13	bh pc	168	
14	Storrington CC	168	
15	Overton PC	167	
16	Hayling Island CC	167	
17	Beaulieu CG	167	
18	Horndean CC	165	
19	Alton CC	165	
20	Bognor Regis CC	165	
21	Havant CC	165	
22	Cricklade CC	165	
23	Middleton CC	164	
24	Gosport CC	163	
25	Hungerford CC	161	
26	Farnborough CC	158	
27	Boundary CC	157	
28	Oakley CC	157	
29	Isle of Wight PS	155	
30	Niton & District CC	154	
31	Wight Balance Photography	153	
32	Focus - Ryde Imaging Gp	151	
33	Lambourne CC	146	
34	Reading CC	145	
35	Ordnance Survey PS	145	



The winning two clubs will go on to represent the Southern Counties Photographic Federation at the Inter Club PDI Championships in July in Warwick

Congratulations to:

New Forest Camera Club and Southampton Camera Club

Individual Awards, Prints

Highly Commended

An Unwanted Itch by Su Leverington, Fordingbridge CC
Wittering Beach Walkers by Gordon Gentles, Havant CC
Icelandic Pony in a Snowstorm by Richard Sheldrake, Southampton CC
Pink Flower by Liz Barber LRPS, Storrington CC

Silver Medals

Silver Medal : Chosen by Prof David Wheeler

Mount Fuji on a Misty Day by Peter Rocchiccioli BA(Hons) DPAGB EFIAP/b, Chichester CC

About this image David W said, 'To me this was about Japan. Mount Fuji is an iconic volcano that I think is covered in snow all year round if I remember correctly, and what I loved about this picture was not only the mounds, but the clouds with a little bit of reddish colour in there. Then there's the foreground which is so special in this picture and the Japanese cherry blossom which of course goes so beautifully with the iconic volcanic snow covering the top there. In fact the whole print had a Japanese feel to it, particularly from the way that it was printed. It was one like a Japanese print, so I thought this was clever on so many levels. Absolutely loved it. It's superbly done. Beautifully put together. Well done Peter.'



Silver Medal : Chosen by David Smith

Fight for Life by Julia Wainwright FRPS MPAGB AFIAP, Chichester CC



About this image David S said, 'The quality of nature images that we saw today in both PDIs and prints was extremely high. In nature nowadays we're looking for some action or something in the environment, not just an animal standing there looking at us, And my goodness haven't we got something of an action shot here. We've got movement.'

The eyes are beautifully sharp. The background isn't distracting. Then you see the detail in the fur and look where those horns are going. And the way the

cheetah's tail is standing up. The balance he gets from just using that tail. Beautiful nature image captured very very effectively.'

Silver Medal : Chosen by Cherry Larcombe
Gannet Landing - Peter Whieldon ARPS DPAGB, Winchester PS



About this image, Cherry said, 'I agree with what David said just now about the standard of all the wildlife and nature pictures today. It has been absolutely brilliant. But this one for me had a quite a painterly feel to it. It feels very delicate. It's got a lovely feel because you've got the bird and you've got that hint of just a mountain at the bottom there and absolutely nothing in the background. Okay, you might say well, there's a lot of negative space but for me that is very important in this image. And what strikes you

immediately is a lovely little bit of orangey yellow colour on the head, which really stands out when you first see it and then you see the rest of the bird, the outline of it, the positioning of it and the way that the feet are coming out. It's just absolutely stunning. So thank you.'

Gold Medal

Boatman and Branch - Ann McDonald DPAGB ARPS EFIAP/p, Chichester CC



About this image David said, 'This was a brilliant competition. And we were looking at real quality, for creativity with the printing process, about the mounting as well as about the image, so this one just ticked all the boxes for all three of us. This was beautifully presented. Remember it was a small print on a big, double mount. It was on a textured paper and superbly printed, just beautifully exposed so that it felt like the image was just touching the paper. There's lots of white but of course all that is textured. You can't appreciate what we saw in the print from the PDI on the screen. The print is absolutely superb, fantastic composition. It's also got a little bit of travel interest in it. It's a part of the world we believe where these people rowed these boats with their feet, which is fascinating in itself. Beautifully done and congratulations Ann.'

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7	Horndean CC	178	
8	Basingstoke CC	176	
9	bh pc	175	
10	Winchester PS	174	
11	Bognor Regis CC	172	
12	Bracknell CC	171	
13	Hungerford CC	170	
14	Overton PC	168	
15	Salisbury PC	168	
16	Havant CC	167	
17	Storrington CC	167	
18	Alton CC	166	
19	Gosport CC	162	
20	Oakley CC	154	
21	Middleton CC	115	



The winning two clubs will go on to represent the Southern Counties Photographic Federation at the Inter Club Print Championships in October in Blackburn
 Congratulations to:
 Southampton Camera Club and Chichester Camera Club.



Thank you so much to our judges, David Smith, Cherry Larcombe and Professor David Wheeler, they had a formidable task judging 840 images when there were many outstanding images. Thank you again to Bognor Regis Camera Club for hosting the event.

Next year's championships will be hosted by New Forest Camera Club, and held at the Colbury Memorial, Main Rd, Totton, Southampton SO40 7EL on Sunday March 23rd 2025.

Put it in your diary now!

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**Day tickets available at £15.00 from
<https://southerncountiespf.org.uk/apm-tickets/>**

We'd love to see you there!

The Awards for Photographic Merit (APM) are available to members of Clubs affiliated to the PAGB through their Federations and, for still images, are at five levels: Badge (BPAGB) for prints only (new in 2023); Credit (CPAGB); Distinction (DPAGB); Excellence (EPAGB) for prints only (new in 2023) and Master (MPAGB)