

Officer Reports for Club Reps Meeting 242:

4 President's Report

The camera club season is now well underway and hopefully your clubs have settled into your new programmes of activities. We have just held a very successful AV Championship, and the leagues are about to get underway. We will shortly be judging the entries for the exhibition, and we will be trying something different this year – holding the preview/ awards on a Saturday to, hopefully, make it accessible to more members.

As our Treasurer's report indicates, 65 clubs have paid your subscriptions to the SCPF, so we only had one casualty – Wight Balance, which was sadly wound up at their AGM due to falling membership. Across the federation, club membership numbers are down though, through some of my visits, I am pleased to see some clubs thriving with growing numbers. We just need to distil their secret ingredient and make it available to others.

I am keen that the SCPF is seen to be relevant to club members and their photography. The objective of the SCPF, stated in our constitution is "to promote the advancement of photography in all its aspects. To encourage the cooperation between Member Clubs through participation and hosting of inter-club & Federation activities". You, as club representatives to the SCPF, have a say in hope we achieve that.

Firstly, we want the Club Reps meetings themselves to add value, not just in communicating information, but discussing matters that contribute to that stated objective. As a start, the questionnaire sent out with the agenda is very important to us – we will act on its findings and take your suggestions onboard.

The level of interest in our Promoting Print workshop clearly indicates that we should do more of this type of thing, perhaps using venues in various locations around our region for the convenience of those who might find Littleton slightly too far to travel. We also need your support in helping to make your club members more aware of the SCPF and the value of your club being a member.

5 Treasurer's Report

Note that all monetary values are given to the nearest £100.

SCPF Funds

The SCPF funds stand at £10,900 on 26th October, which includes £6,300 memberships paid this FY. It is currently predicted that the funds at the end of the FY will be approximately unchanged from the beginning of the FY.

The expected net income/expenditure (I/E) during this FY is given in the following table, together with the net I/E incurred so far this FY:

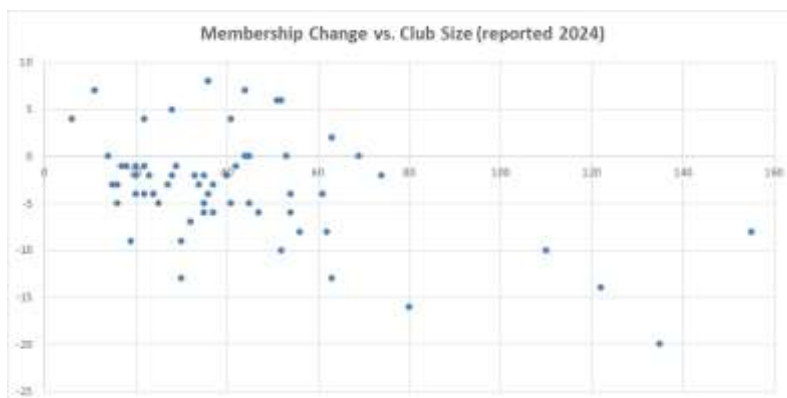
Category	Predicted Net I/E	Net I/E incurred so far this FY
Subscriptions	£3,700	£6,300
SCPF Competitions	-£1,600	£0
SCPF Events	-£400	-£300
PAGB Competitions	£0	£200
Operations	-£1,700	-£600
Total	£0	£5,300

Note that purely represents the I/E incurred during the FY. It does not include all the IE associated with this FY (which may occur in the previous or following FY) and can include IE associated with the previous or following FY. The actual I/E associated with this FY will be reported at the AGM.

SCPF Membership

All 65 clubs have paid their SCPF membership fee.

Overall, there has been a decrease in club membership of 7% (this excludes Disabled Photographers' Society, which only reports a membership of '300+'). The change in membership plotted against reported membership size reported last FY is shown in the following charts:





6 Judging Advisory Panel Report

With Bo's help we are making great strides with setting up the new judges on the Website, so I ask you to please make use of our new members of the team, they are all avidly waiting for the chance to get going. We are now looking for the next group of volunteers to take up the mantle and join us in this very rewarding way to help all the clubs in the region or of course just the ones close to you. I would say it is also a way to improve your own photography by seeing what others are creating.

The Promoting Prints Day is fast approaching in fact when this report will be discussed on the 3rd November it will all be over and I hope a fantastic success. The intention is that this will also help the judges with analysing the surge of new print entries your clubs will have now with everyone's newfound skills.

7 PAGB Executive Member's Report

The latest meeting was held in Warwick on 4th October. It was a fairly short meeting with no particularly significant changes.

The PAGB are looking for Nominations for Meritorious service. 15 years is the minimum. Please let me know if you have anyone in your club you would like to put forward. I will assist you with the procedure and requirements.

April's APM's in Northern Counties will close for entries on 31st January

PAGB PDI Champs at Warwick in 2026 will be held on 10th July.

Inter Fed competition will be held on the 20th June in Smethwick.

Nominations of clubs for the Nationals will need to be in by April 30th 2026. Going forward 3 clubs can be put forward per Federation.

PAGB Suggests Federations should check all Federation Clubs have Insurance if not with Hive.

Please promote GB Cup within the Federation, this competition is in danger of folding if clubs don't enter.

Look at Travelling Portfolios, there are opportunities for Federations or Clubs to have travelling Print Portfolios i.e. Masters of Print and Interfed etc. They can be sent to you from the previous club then you post onto the next.

8 PAGB Awards Officer's Report

Our Federation currently has 13 entrants for the next Award for Photographic Merit Adjudication being hosted by the Northern Counties Photographic Federation in Dalston, Carlisle on 25/26 April 2026

There are already sufficient entrants to run the Adjudication, but as there are about half of the ideal number of entries for each day at present, there is good availability for more submissions, so do encourage your club members to have a go – APM's start at the Badge level requiring just 7 prints or PDI's.

Submission of PDI's can be done online while prints can be posted, but by attending in person it could perhaps be an ideal opportunity for a Spring photographic trip to the Lake District

9 PAGB Competition Secretary's Report

Now that the season is underway and the Leagues and Exhibition are about to start, it is a good opportunity for me to remind the club reps of the Inter-federation National Print Championships, which will be held in June 2026. In this competition, the 15 regions that make up the PAGB all compete against each other.

As a refresher, as a region we need to provide 20 Colour, 20 Mono and 20 Nature prints for this competition, and I rely on the clubs to give me their best work to give us the strongest chance of being successful in each section.

Last year, I had a rather disappointing response from the clubs for work and ended up being reliant on just a handful of clubs to make up our quota for this prestigious national competition. I only had help from Chichester, Yateley, Southampton, Lymington, BH and New Forest making up the bulk of entries bar a few individual prints that I managed to grab at Finals Day. I would ask that the reps all communicate the need to support the region back to their Competition Secretaries and Chairs. Surely with many of the clubs who didn't support us this year, they should be able to supply some of their best work from last season by now! I hope to collect as many boxes of prints as

you clubs can supply at Finals Day 2026 or earlier at the Regional Championships in March.

We need the support of more clubs to compete to the best of our potential.

I look forward to catching up with you all at the face-to-face meeting.

10 League Secretary's Report

The start of season for league competitions is coming up soon with the first match taking place on the 5th November.

The images, scoresheet and print labels are now available and can be found at the uploader page in the Directory.

Please let me know if you have any issues downloading the files and un-zipping them.

You will find the images for all the clubs in your division in the folder called "Images"

For the match the images must be truly randomized. Please do not use the PAGB system of: -

Club A image 1, Club B image 1, Club C image 1,

Club A image 2, Club B image 2, Club C Image 2,

Club A Image 3, Club B image 3, Club C Image 3

and so on.

The folder "Scoresheets" contains an Excel spreadsheet and a pdf file. The Excel spreadsheet (.xlsm) contains a macro which should be enabled for the spreadsheet to work seamlessly.

My strong preference is to receive the results as a completed Excel spreadsheet. This allows me to copy and paste the match results into a consolidation workbook quickly and easily removing the possibility of manual entry errors.

A second manual scoresheet (.pdf) is provided for those clubs who do not have Excel on their club computer. Please use the printout to record the results and fill out the relevant boxes. At the end of the evening's match, please scan both sides of the printout and send it to me.

Please send the results to me with in a day or two and no later than Friday of the week the match took place.

Many thanks & good luck

11 Championships Secretary's Report

There are no specific rule changes for this season and a formal invite to clubs will come in the next few weeks. At this and future events certificates will only be printed for attending clubs; a PDF copy will be emailed. An address for the prior receipt of prints will be made available for offshore or our remote clubs; they will be returned provided the club makes suitable arrangements and covers the cost of carriage.

12 AV Secretary's Report

The champs were held successfully at Blandford Forum CC and we are indebted to them for their hospitality. Entries were up from last season with 31 AVs from 15 clubs of which 8 competed for the salver. As expected, Ian Bateman's judging was excellent and his comments at the event were concise and pertinent which was appreciated by the entrants. For copyright reasons the stream was on Zoom but we were unable to have the same management facilities that we'd enjoyed at previous events. For that reason the call was somewhat rudimentary but functional. To ensure an entertaining event that ran to time only the best 19 sequences were shown which allowed time for Ian's excellent primer on AV creation and 3 of his superb sequences demonstrating advanced AV techniques. All the championship sequences will be shown at a bumper Zoom evening on Sunday 30th November at 19:30. The result has been sent to entering clubs and will be included in a full report in the upcoming newsletter. The audience at the event were in clear agreement that Ian had made the correct choice of winner.

Next season the judge will be David Smith LRPS CPAGB (SPA) who is another experienced AV judge. I'd like a club in the north-east of our region to host the event which will be on Sunday 25th October. I will be looking to improve the Zoom stream for this event depending on the availability of equipment and technical skill. However the experience of seeing the AVs and judge Live is far superior.

Please note that I do a talk on making audio-visuals which can be found in my listing in the Lecturers in the online directory. Upcoming dates for "Making an AV":

Tues 4th November Gosport CC

Weds 12th November Alton CC

Thurs 20th November Newbury PS

Weds 11th February Horndean CC

13 Directory Secretary's Report

Please use directory-support@southerncounties.org.uk to email all issues with directory functionality and content. Requests will be routed to the Directory Secretary and Webmaster as appropriate.

It has been noted that some club entries do not have a valid email address defined for one or more roles. This needs to be fixed by the club (usually the secretary) as communication via distribution lists such as ClubRep, Secretary or Chair may not reach your club.

We have noted that some Directory account holders have had problems logging on. This is usually following a password reset where the account is set to inactive until the validation link is clicked in the email sent to the account holder.

We are hoping to have a draft user manual for the directory before the end of the year

14 Exhibition Secretary's Report

Entry to the Exhibition on has now closed

- Print entries – 28 clubs, 168 Prints
- PDI entries – 33 clubs, 264 PDIs.

Labels available in Uploader, Print delivery at Reps meeting (ideally)

Judging

Judging Day – Sunday 16th November, Sparsholt – note: closed judging but help required (see below)

John Tilsley has kindly agreed to judge following John Chamberlin's withdrawal due to ill health.

Exhibition – Young Gallery, Salisbury Library

Private View & Award – Saturday 10th January 2026, 11am-1pm

Tuesday 7th January 2026 – Saturday 31st January 2026

The opening times for the venue are as follows:

Monday 10am to 7pm

Tuesday 9am to 7pm

Wednesday 9am to 5pm

Thursday 9am to 5pm

Friday 9am to 7pm

Saturday 9am to 5pm

Sunday Closed

Stewarding will be required during the Exhibition, sign-up rota available

Key dates

Install date: Monday 5th January 2026

Preview date Saturday 10th January 2026, 11 am – 1pm

Deinstall date: Monday 2nd February 2026

Help Required

Judging Day – Sunday 16th November, Sparsholt

Catering	
Print Team	Place prints on lightbox
	Take prints off
	High scoring prints table
	Replace prints in club box
	Scorer 1
	Scorer 2
	Print awards labels
PDI Team	Set up & run Dicentra
Equipment	PDI - Screen
Equipment	PDI - Projector
Equipment	PDI - Laptop
Equipment	Print – lightbox & stand

Exhibition

Support - Private View/Awards	Saturday 10 th January
Install	Monday 5 th January
Stewarding	Tuesday 6 th – Saturday 31 st Jan
Take-down	Monday 2 nd February

15 Roll of Honour Report

There are currently no Roll of Honour nominations in the pipeline. We want to recognise those of your members who have made a significant contribution to your clubs over at least 10 years, so please check the guidelines on the website to see if your club has any eligible members. And remember to keep the nomination secret from all but the proposer and 2 seconds!

16 Webmaster's Report

Nothing to report