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Not everyone is afflicted with e-mail and I would be grateful if you could pass a hard copy of this e-news to any such club member who would like to see it.

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JUDGING DIGITAL IMAGES

At its last meeting the PAGB Executive confirmed their policy recommendation for those judging PDI competitions – especially at Camera Clubs

It is recommended that judges of Projected Digital Images competitions should not modify the images being judged by cropping or adjusting in any way but should rely instead on traditional verbal comments.

Whilst it can be very helpful to demonstrate simple improvements in this way there is also potential to cause offence and judges are strongly advised to avoid it – unless, of course, the Club has requested the procedure and/or agreed it in advance.

NEXT ISSUE – RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT ADJUDICATION.

Do you know anyone who is trying for their CPAGB, DPAGB or MPAGB?

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CHILTERN TRIUMPHANT in the 2009 Inter-Federation Projected Image Annual Competition. The CACC average image score of 11.571 was significantly higher than their nearest rivals and only Scotland and the L&CPU achieved an average higher than 11. The CACC also won the PAGB Inter-Federation Colour Print competition earlier this year and, although this has been notified before, I have included the results in this e-news in case you missed it.

HOW IT WORKS

Each Federation enters a different number of images in each of the 3 competitions. This is proportionate to the number of clubs so the NWPFA enter just 15 Projected Images whilst the MCPF enter 56. The competitions are judged by a 3 person panel appointed by the PAGB, each scoring between 2 and 5, and the result is determined by the average score of all the Federation's entry

There has been a recent attempt to reform this contentious system but no general consensus for change has proved possible.

ADDITIONAL RULE

After consultation with the Federations the PAGB Executive Committee has agreed an additional rule designed to ensure that the same images would not appear in both the Annual Print and the Annual PDI Exhibitions. This will be added to the rules for all the Inter-Federation Competitions with immediate effect.

Images which have been accepted in any previous Inter-Federation Competition will not be accepted in any subsequent Inter-Federation Competition. This will include images which are so similar to previously accepted images as to be virtually identical.

<u>2009 Inter-Federation Projected Image Annual Competition - Results</u>	<i>Selected for the Exhibition</i>			<i>Average Mark</i>	<i>Total Score</i>
	<i>Digital</i>	<i>Slides</i>	<i>Total</i>		
Chilterns Association CC	14		14	11.571	243
Scottish PF	28		28	11.100	444
Lancashire & Cheshire PU	18	11	29	11.042	530
Midland Counties PF	36		36	10.929	612
Northern Counties PF	8	2	10	10.360	259
Southern PF	13		13	10.250	328
Kent County PA	9		9	10.208	245
North Wales PA	6		6	10.200	153
Western Counties PF	14		14	10.082	494
North & East Midlands PF	6		6	9.864	217
Yorkshire PU	8	1	9	9.844	315
East Anglian FPS	16		16	9.741	565
Welsh PF	6		6	9.600	240
Surrey PA	6		6	9.583	230
Northern Ireland PA	3		3	9.467	142

PAGB INTER-FEDERATION PROJECTED IMAGES ANNUAL COMPETITION 2009

Although this is an Inter-Federation competition the judges also make some Individual Awards.

GOLD MEDAL

Steve Brabner for Buffalo Road Amersham PS CACC

SILVER MEDAL Graham Hodgkiss choice

David Pearson for Waterloo Escalator Amersham PS CACC

SILVER MEDAL Don Byatt choice

Paul Hoffman for Redhood Cheltenham CC MCPF

SILVER MEDAL Colin Southgate choice

Steve Jones for In The Love House Nuneaton PS MCPF

PAGB RIBBONS			
Andrew Harding	Mermaid	Amersham PS	CACC
Pamela Moncur	Dancing Feet	Amersham PS	CACC
Ann Miles	Eagle Owl in Snowstorm	Cambridge CC	EAF
Colin Smith	Emperor Dragonfly	Wigan 10 FC	LCPU
Austin Thomas	Blue Tit In Flight	Wigan 10 FC	LCPU
Paul Reynolds	Rambo	Cannock PS	MCPF
David Wheeler	Amita And Pictures	Smethwick PS	MCPF
Mel Gigg	Walkway	Swindon PS	WCPF

COMBINED AVERAGE

Each PAGB Inter-Fed competition stands alone and there is no combined title but if there was

CACC 11.02 (49 entries)
SPF 10.97 (92 entries)
MCPF 10.77 (130 entries)
L&CPU 10.72 (112 entries)

This is the total score divided by the total entry for the Projected Image, Colour Print and Mono Print competitions. I was a little surprised by the result as the SPF had the most consistent performance by position. The rather lower scores given by the Print Judges perhaps arithmetically bias the result.

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Inter-Federation Projected Images
Competition & Exhibition 2009



(Scanned from the catalogue)

PAGB INTER-FEDERATION PRINT COMPETITION 2009

(These results were announced earlier this year but are repeated in case you missed them)

Colour Prints - Stirling Trophy

	Prints Entered	Average Mark	Prints Accepted
Chilterns Association of Camera Clubs	14	11.43	7
Scottish Photographic Federation	26	11.12	10
North & East Midlands Photographic Federation	15	11.00	4
Kent County Photographic Association	16	10.94	4
Northern Counties Photographic Federation	16	10.69	5
Surrey Photographic Association	16	10.63	4
Welsh Photographic Federation	16	10.63	4
Lancashire & Cheshire Photographic Union	32	10.59	5
Midland Counties Photographic Federation	37	10.57	11
Yorkshire Photographic Union	21	10.24	2
East Anglian Federation	39	10.17	12
Western Counties Photographic Federation	33	10.09	4
Southern Photographic Association	22	9.68	3
Northern Ireland Photographic Association	10	9.30	1
North Wales Photographic Association	10	9.10	1

Monochrome Prints - Alexander Keighley Trophy

	Prints Entered	Average Mark	Prints Accepted
Midland Counties Photographic Federation	37	10.73	10
Scottish Photographic Federation	26	10.65	9
North & East Midlands Photographic Federation	15	10.60	5
Surrey Photographic Association	16	10.50	6
East Anglian Federation	39	10.49	11
Northern Counties Photographic Federation	16	10.44	3
Lancashire & Cheshire Photographic Union	32	10.38	10
Kent County Photographic Association	16	10.25	2
Northern Ireland Photographic Association	10	10.20	2
Chilterns Association of Camera Clubs	14	9.79	2
Welsh Photographic Federation	16	9.75	2
Southern Photographic Association	22	9.73	2
Western Counties Photographic Federation	33	9.73	5
North Wales Photographic Association	10	9.70	2
Yorkshire Photographic Union	21	9.67	2

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PAGB INTER-FEDERATION PRINT COMPETITION 2009

Individual Awards

Best Monochrome Print - PAGB Gold Medal

The Watcher by Margaret Salisbury

Eryri Photo Group. North Wales Photographic Association

Best Colour Print - PAGB Gold Medal

Wasps Vs Treviso by Janet Osborne-Williams

Amersham PS. Chiltern Association of Camera Clubs

Selectors Medals - PAGB Silver Medal

Roger Force's Choice

Red Boat by Brian Beaney

Ipswich DPS. East Anglian Federation

Barry Mead's Choice

Harvest Mouse Sheltering by Barrie Kelly

Bury PS Lancashire & Cheshire Photographic Union

Richard Walton's Choice

Gymnast by Rod Wheelans

Dumfries CC Scottish Photographic Federation

PAGB Ribbons

Monochrome Prints

Lunch Time, Yunnan by Trevor Burley

Brother and Sister by Steve McDonald

You by Tony Potter

The Olive Grove by Jack Bates

Haunted by Libby Smith

Chelmsford CC. EAF

Arden PG. MCPF

W Cumbria PG. NCPF

Selsdon CC. SPA

Carlisle CC. SPF

Colour Prints

Renaissance Portrait by Steve Peet

Ortolan Bunting Preening by Margaret Sixsmith

Song for Two by Ian Britton

Tea with my Father by Stan Farrow

Street Life by Jill Baxter

Tonbridge CC. KCPA

Hoyle PS. L&CPU

Gateshead CC. NCPF

St Andrews PS. SPF

Tenby & District CC WPF

(Updated article previously published in the SPF Newsletter- you can easily replace SPF with PAGB)

HOW MUCH DO LECTURERS AND JUDGES PAY TO VISIT YOUR CLUB?

You might think this question makes no sense but the judges and lecturers on the SPF list visit lots of clubs every year and most of them are out of pocket most of the time. These people give up their time, their energy and their expertise and, because they seldom claim sufficient expenses, they also subsidise your club!

Depending on which motoring organisation you consult the cost of running the average car - taking into account loss of value due to increased mileage together with repairs and maintenance – is seldom less than 30 pence per mile – often much more. On top of that is the cost of petrol which is currently at least 12 pence per mile. How many of your visitors charge you 42 pence per mile and how many charge you anything for their other expenses, meals, coffee, etc.?

The PAGB Standard rate is stuck at a very modest 22p per mile plus petrol which cannot be less than 34p per mile. I ask for 30 pence per mile at smaller clubs and 35 pence per mile at larger clubs. I have seen treasurers go pale when I give them the claim! One club last year queried the amount in a quite embarrassing manner. The total mileage was 240 round trip and I had to stop for a meal (say £7) on the way and a coffee (say £3) on the way back. I asked for £60 and they obviously thought that was excessive. I reckon that I was about £34 out of pocket on the deal! (Actually, although the differential is accurate, I've changed the distance and the amounts to protect the guilty – otherwise you will try and work out which club it was).

Another club, who had been informed in advance that my claim would be about £40, (real cost more like £55), discreetly slipped me a brown envelope. I put it in my pocket and didn't check it until the next day. It contained £5 so I calculate that visiting that club cost me about £55. Of course many clubs are very generous and very few object to reasonable expenses but it is quite normal for Scottish lecturers and judges to charge much less than they should.

So my advice to those on the SPF lists is PLEASE charge a sensible amount. If you don't you are robbing yourself and you are making it difficult for the next visitor who wants to charge his/her proper expenses. My plea to Clubs is to look at the distance your lecturer has come and, if the amount requested is inadequate, PLEASE insist on paying him/her not less than 30 pence per mile. Why should they pay so that your members can have their fees reduced?

If clubs now stop inviting me, I will understand!

HM Revenue & Customs Company Car Advisory Rates July 2009

Engine size	Petrol	Diesel
1400cc or less	10p	10p
1401cc to 2000cc	12p	10p
Over 2000cc	18p	13p

http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/cars/advisory_fuel_current.html

This is calculated on 97.5p per litre petrol and 103.4 diesel – we all know what we are paying today! Furthermore, the cost of running a used car is about 25% greater than running a new car.

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