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Editorial

(Vivien Smith)

What a good evening we all had at the Camera Club Christmas dinner last Friday. Thank you Wendy for organising this so well. I think this year was a record with 33 people attending and it was good to see some of the newer members at this event. It is such a good way to get to know each other better.

At this point I have to gloat a little because our table won the quiz. I was lucky to be sitting with plenty of intelligent people which meant we won the bottles of wine.

Christmas is now almost upon us so I hope you all have a very festive time and don't eat and drink too much.

Chairman's Ramblings

December 2010

Last year we had a disrupted programme losing the last meeting in December and the first three in January due to the snow. This year we had to be prudent and cancel the first meeting in December. Let's hope we don't have any more problems this year! Nevertheless I trust some members will have spectacular snow scenes to use in subsequent competitions.

There has been an encouraging number of new faces over the past few months I hope that you are enjoying your time spent with the Club and will become members for many years developing both friendships and photographic skills. Also I trust all members will help the Club to continue to evolve and develop as the technology continues to drive change.

We had an interesting and very informative Key Note talk by Clive Nichols who repeated the view that dawn is a great time for garden photos. He showed many inspiring images and gave many tips on how to achieve great results. It was the first time we have held this talk away from the Community Centre

but, once you found your way in, the Sixth Form College Lecture Theatre proved a great venue with unobstructed views for everyone. Quite a few visitors attended, but not all our own members; nevertheless we made a good profit to help our Club funds. Thank you to everyone, led by Ken Whalley, who worked hard to make this a very successful event.

We have made a good start in this season's SPF Print and PDF leagues as well as winning the friendly competition with Ludshott PC. I recommend that you should attend some external competitions both those at our home venue and those away matches at other clubs. They provide a good opportunity to see other people's style of photography and to meet other photographers in the local area. I believe we always should be learning and other peoples' best images are always a good source of new ideas and "how could I do that even better?"

John Childs and friends are in the process of setting up a "Distinctions Assistance Group" to help and mentor Club members to gain RPS and PAGB distinctions. It's great to get a nationally recognized award to confirm your photographic ability and so the aim of the group is to provide help with the processes as well as examples of successful submissions and advice about your potential entries.

Now one for the "old and bold", particularly those who regularly disagree with judges' comments and marking, why don't you show your skills by going on a course and becoming a judge? Photographic clubs are very short of judges and Federations run judges courses from time to time so if you are interested I am certain Clifford Derricutt will be able to help you find one.

Now for those few still reading this, I have come to the end of my three years as Chairman and it will be a relief just to concentrate on my own photography again. I would like to thank everyone who has helped with all the organisation and operation of our Club during this time, particularly those who served on the Committee and kept me in order, most of the time! The most important thanks are for all of you who have attended and supported our Club during this time.

I would like also to give special thanks to Terry Redman who is standing down from the Committee after serving on it for about 12 years, three of which he was Chairman.

I wish your new Chairman, Glenda Boswell, well for what I am certain will be a very successful and happy three years.

Finally, I am certain that those who are attending will have a great Christmas Party although there is still some discussion if I will have permission to show the odd cartoon?? I trust everyone will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and you will have recovered in time to compete with the second round of the PDI trophy Competition on the 6 January 2011.

Basil Groundsell

Membership Matters

In the past few weeks several newcomers have arrived at Club meetings or enquired via email and 'phone. Seven have become members.

Danielle Edwards
Beryl White
Neil & Angela Purcell
John & Jacqui Sturgeon
Keith Roberts

A very warm welcome to all of you. I know that other Club members will do everything to make you feel at home. There is a lot of information available on the club website to smooth your way, but if unsure please do not hesitate to ask any of us.

Our current membership now stands at 72 - a very encouraging number.

Chris Dennis
Membership Secretary

Competition News

By Paul Hugill, Print Secretary

Club Trophy Print Competition Round 2

The second round of the Print Trophy produced another crop of excellent prints, and quite a few changes to the overall results for the season so far. In the Beginners Section, all of the top three positions were taken over by new names, namely Clair-Louise Harvey (1st pos), Gill Harratt (2nd) and Lesley Taylor (3rd). In the Intermediates, Ian Newman moved up from 2nd to 1st position, while Paul Harratt and Richard Bond moved into the 2nd and 3rd slots respectively. In the Advanced Section, Glenda Boswell managed to cling on to the top spot by increasing her lead from a half to one point, while David Cary sneaked into 2nd position ahead of Phil Goddard in 3rd.

The 10s were as follows:

Beginners

Autumn Colours	Gill Harratt
Gracie's Amused	Lesley Taylor
Floating on a Millpond	Gill Harratt
Kaffir Lily after the Rain	Lesley Taylor

Intermediates

Power at Dawn	Richard Bond
Male Broad Bodied Chaser	Paul Harratt
Rock Chick	Ian Newman

Advanced

Barn Owl Hunting at Dawn	David Cary
Aber Falls	Chris Bean
Touching Hands	Alan Burton
Swinging Orang Utan	Wendy Collens
Singing in the Shower	Glenda Boswell

Print Panel

This event again proved to be very popular, which resulted in our print display capability being used to capacity, and providing some exercise to John and Bernard. Subject matter was very varied which added to the enjoyment of the evening. The results were as follows:

1 st	Red Deer in the Mist	John Fletcher
2 nd	Watercress Line	John Childs
3 rd	Wildmoor Heath, Sandhurst	Ken Whalley
HC	Garden Birds	Paul Harratt
HC	Fungal Splendour	Paul Hugill

HC	Motocross	Peter Watson
HC	Marbled Godwits	Glenda Boswell

Competition News

By David Cary, PDI Secretary

Welcome Back Evening - 10s Competition.

In some cases the second and third places in the various sections were not mentioned on the evening. A full analysis of the sheets revealed the following: -

Beginners Section

1 st	Kaffir Lily in the Rain	Lesley Taylor
2 nd	Drawn to the Window	Brian Jones
3 rd	Souvenir of Venice	Karen Burke

Intermediate Section

1 st	The Thirstlands	Louise Hodges
2 nd	Kingfisher Female	Paul Harratt
3 rd	Banded Demoiselle	Paul Hugill

Advanced Section

1 st	Wildmoor Heath	Ken Whalley
2 nd	Sennen's Cove Fishing Fleet	Ken Whalley
3 rd	Tree Frog in Rain	Basil Groundsell

Round 1 of the PDI Trophy Competition

Round 1 of the Trophy Competition was judged by Tony Mearman from Woking PS on 30 September. He was new to judging and this was his first engagement and most successful it proved.

He awarded a total of 7 x 10s. In the Advanced Section - Colin Price was awarded 10s for both his entries [Azure Male Damselfly](#) and [Holly Blue Butterfly](#). Ken Whalley and Chris Bean also obtained a 10 for one of their respective entries [Bench with a View - St Ives](#) and [Woodmouse](#). Richard Bond in the Intermediate Section was awarded 10 for his [Kingfisher at Rest](#) and Gill Harratt in the Beginners Section received 10s for both her entries [Black on Pink](#) and [Iguana](#).

Set Subject - A Humorous Moment

The subject was not a very popular one as it only attracted 17 PDI entries. The judge, Cynthia James LRPS, struggled, as we also

did, to see the funny side in one or two of the entries. The PDIs selected for awards were:

1 st	Mum what about the rest of us	David Cary
2 nd	Candid Laughter	Clare Edwards
3 rd	I thought Dopey was a Dwarf	Richard Bond
HC	Fish & Chips	Hugh Reid
HC	Sorry I found a Curry in the Bin last Night	Richard Bond

Round 1 of SPF PDI League

This year the SPF has divided the competing clubs into two leagues and FCC is in the second league for PDIs. All PDIs within the league are judged at various venues throughout the season. The first showing was hosted by Petersfield PS and judged by Caroline Colegate. Each of 8 PDIs from the 7 clubs was judged and marked out of 10. Overall four 10s were awarded and Louise Hodges' image [The Thirstlands](#) was one of them.

The competing clubs' scores were:-

Viewfinders	69.5
FCC	69.5
Petersfield PS	66.5
New Forest CC	66
Fareham & Portchester	64
Basingstoke CC	63
Solent CC	62.5

A second round 2 should have taken place at Basingstoke CC but was cancelled due to heavy snow.

New Group for Farnborough Camera Club

The Committee has sanctioned the formation of a new group, to be called the Distinctions Assistance Group. It will take the form of workshops which any members can attend, but the name does not include the word "workshop" to avoid confusion with those run by the RPS and the PAGB.

Those working towards distinctions are welcome as are those who are considering doing so and need information on what exactly is involved. Meetings will be held probably once a month or at longer intervals during the Club's season but this will depend very much on the specific needs of those involved.

The meetings will take place in the Community Centre, on different evenings to the usual Club evenings, for those who are interested in trying for the distinctions of the Royal Photographic Society (RPS) or the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain (PAGB).

Help and advice will be given in respect of the basic and intermediate distinctions provided by these bodies. The FRPS and the MPAGB will not be catered for as there are no members of the club who have these particular distinctions and cannot therefore knowledgeably advise on them. The sessions will be run by one or more of the members who have been through the mill and can give practical help to others who are intending to do the same. They are as follows:-

Name	Advice on
David Cary	CPAGB DPAGB
John Childs	CPAGB LRPS ARPS
Wendy Collens	CPAGB DPAGB
Basil Groundsell	CPAGB DPAGB
Derek Riley	CPAGB LRPS ARPS
Ken Whalley	LRPS ARPS

John Childs will, in addition, act as co-ordinator and all questions etc should be addressed to him in the first instance. John is in the process of preparing a memo setting out in some detail what the various distinctions are and what has to be done to achieve them. Printed copies will be available over the next few Club nights and at the meetings of the Group. John is also preparing a CD containing various articles, publications by the RPS and the DPAGB etc and copies should be ready in time to be given out at the first meeting.

It is proposed that the first meeting, to be held in early Jan 2011, will be an introductory meeting for interested members to explain the procedures, documents and contacts, etc. with examples of successful images by the group leaders. Future meetings will spend time considering the work of interested members for the group to assess the probable timescales for entry to the relevant distinctions. Help will be given to improve potential submissions and select entry dates along with RPS and PAGB workshop dates. There is intended to be

continuing mentoring of individuals as they progress towards their entry dates and continue until they gain their awards.

Would those members who wish to pursue the idea of obtaining any of the distinctions mentioned above, and would be interested in attending the proposed meetings please contact John. They should indicate which evenings would be most convenient for them so that we can select the most popular evenings.

*John Childs
Co-ordinator
Distinctions Assistance Group*

For Sale

Lowepro Orion Trekker Camera Rucksack - brand new present no longer in the range - £40.

Lowepro Fastpak 100 new price £49 (brand new still in original polythene bag) - another present £40.

Brand new leather white and pale blue golf shoes size 4½ but they are large as I normally take size 5½! (were £55) say £40. Decided to take my photography seriously and not learn to play golf!!

If anyone is interested please phone Sally Seager on 01252 314616 evening/weekends.

Sally has photos and will bring them to Camera Club if anyone wants to see them.

Club Programme and Events
January 2011

Thursday 6 January

Club Trophy PDI Competition Round 2

Friday 7 January

*SPF Annual Exhibition Preview Evening
At Salisbury Library 7 for 7.30 pm*

Saturday 8 to Sunday 30

SPF Annual Exhibition in Salisbury Library

Thursday 13 January

From Origins to Excursions
A talk by David Henderson

Thursday 13 January

Print Box Round 4 – Landscape and Industry

Thursday 20 January

Club Trophy Print Competition Round 3

Sunday 25 January

Studio Session Room 6 Starts 7.30 pm

Thursday 27 January

Around Kail – West Tibet
A talk by Don Halliday

*Deadline for the next
Newsletter is Friday
18th February 2011*