



Newsletter - April 2022

Introduction

With our Annual competitions fast approaching it is very nearly Awards time. The time in the season where we honour those who have been assessed, by a judge, to have produced the best images in the categories the club sets out for its competitions. Mention the word "competition" to some members and it can provoke much negative comment. Phrases like "judges are biased" and "judges don't know what they are talking about" are often heard.

I must admit, when I joined WPS I was fearful of competitions, having seen the standard (to my eyes anyway) set so high, I thought there is no way I can get anywhere near that. However, I turned it round in my head and thought to myself, if I don't try, I won't know. Sure enough, I started to enter, took note of what judges said and my photography has improved.

I then started producing images that I thought "a judge would love this". How wrong I was. I soon learned that it is impossible to second guess a judge and all one can ask is that anyone critiquing an image is fair and impartial. As we have all seen over the years, some are better than others! So now I produce images that I like, I enter club competitions with no expectations, and enjoy the fleeting moment of pleasure and recognition if one of my images happens to be selected. If you have never submitted an image before, make the annual comps the time to do it. Go on...you never know how you will get on.

WPS News

Congratulations are in order for club member Gavin Bickerton - Jones who has had three images selected for the Royal Photographic Society Nature Group Exhibition which takes place in April this year. His selected images are on our Facebook page and are brilliant. Many congratulations Gavin!

WPS Website - As you know the club website is a very useful tool to showcase us as a Society. However among the dozens of junk e-mails I receive through the site daily, was a very threatening message demanding a ransom of 0.05 bitcoin otherwise the hackers would hang a "Support Ukraine" banner on our website and render it inoperable. This reminded me that if you do get any malicious or unusual e-mails please do not click on any links included. They could do more damage than you think. I asked our

Webmaster, John Staines to check this particular e-mail out with our web hosts to ensure we have not been hacked. Luckily all is well, but please take care.

Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) - You should have received by now the notification for our EGM on 29 Mar 22 to discuss and approve a revised club constitution. This is an important document as it provides the framework around which our club is structured and operates. Once the formal part of the EGM is concluded there will be a discussion session on the club competition scoring system. Following a report on the whole Awards and Competition structure, it was recommended that we change the scoring to a points based system rather than a merit system. The paper attached to the EGM calling notice will give greater detail.

Landscape Group - As you know, the club set up a Landscape Group last year and it proved to be very popular. Sadly I no longer have the time to organise and run the monthly meet-ups so I have stepped down with immediate effect. Dennis Gardiner has kindly volunteered to take on the running of the group. My thanks to all who supported the group during its first year and also to Dennis for taking this on. Please keep an eye open for information on locations into the spring and summer.

Competition Secretary - John Edwards is currently our Competition Secretary and is doing an excellent job of keeping our internal and external comps running. John has reluctantly decided to step aside from this role at the end of the season and also stand down from the committee. The role of Comp Sec is an important one in the club and if anyone would like to take this on then please let a committee member know as soon as possible so a hand over can be arranged.

Publicity/Media Officer for WPS - The club does not at present have a Publicity Officer. What we do have is a disparate collection of sites such as Facebook and Flickr which are administered by club members. Our Flickr Administrator, Patricia Wilden has decided to stand down from this role so we need someone to take over the administration of the club site. It occurred to me that all these small tasks could be brought under the ownership of one member with additional responsibility for any club publicity in local media outlets for things like our Open Evening in May and entries in the forthcoming events of the Wymondham Magazine. It is not an onerous role but is key to generating new members for the club and expanding our reach. If you are interested in taking on this role then please let me know.

Forthcoming Programme

There has been number of changes to the programme over the next couple of weeks As has already been noted, there is an EGM on 29 Mar 22.

On **5 Apr 22** club member and recent RPS star Gavin Bickerton-Jones will be presenting a talk on his recent nature photography trip to Africa. Judging by his recent successes with the RPS (See above) we are in for a photographic treat.

The club takes a two week break over Easter on **12 and 19 Apr**, returning on **26 Apr 22** with our annual Tripod Competition against local clubs Buxton and Lowestoft which will be hosted by WPS. This year it will be returning to a "live show" hosted at The Dell. I am unsure what format the competition will take but as always it will be keenly fought and I am hoping that members from other clubs will join us for the evening.

3 May 22 is the date for our Open Evening. This replaces the Open Day, normally held in January and will be a chance for the club to showcase itself to the wider Wymondham community. More information very soon.

Also, May sees the start of our Annual Competition season to decide on the best images (Print and DPI) of the year in a number of categories, and as the evenings are drawing out there will be an outdoor photoshoot at a location to be decided.

Recent Events

March opened with an outstanding presentation by Damien Demolder. His presentation on Street Photography was delivered with humour and originality and made for a very entertaining evening. He runs Street Photography workshops which are available through his website. However he also suggested that he would be willing to set up a Street photography workshop exclusively for WPS members either in Norwich or London (our choice) for a fee of £99 each. If you are interested please contact Alan Archer as he is co-ordinating this offer.

On **8 Mar 22** we held our annual competition against Central Alberta Photographic Society (CAPS). They are based in a town called Red Deer, Alberta and the competition came about following a visit our former Chair John Cann made to CAPS a few years ago. It was great opportunity to see work from photographers abroad. As usual the standard was very high with some excellent images around. WPS came out as eventual winners and results and score are below. Thanks go to Dave Balcombe for looking after the technology as John was away. Scores are below the programme info.

15 Mar 22 saw the 3rd round of the Open Print Competition with a good number of entries. I was away but I am told that the judge, David Steel was excellent. He gave constructive comment, critique and feedback on all presented images and his remarks were very well received by the audience.

Winners are below:

Open Print Round 3 2022

Tier 1

1 st - The Hunter	Trevor Oakley
2 nd - Kingfisher Splash	Trevor Oakley
3 rd - Can you see me now	Trevor Oakley
HC - The Lights of Bergsbotn-Norway	John Staines
HC - Early Birds Hanging Around	Gareth Janacek

HC - One down 2 to go	Terry Drury
C - Wow!!!	Terry Drury
C - Longhorn Cow and Calf	Fran Grimsdell
C - After the late Shift	Gareth Janacek

Tier2

1 st - Cleared for take off!	Gavin Jones
2 nd - Cheetah on the prowl	Gavin Jones
3 rd - Walk to Infinity	Patricia Wilden
HC - Rush Hour	Patricia Wilden
HC - Leopard Watching and Waiting	David Pelling
HC - A Glass of Red	Dave Balcombe
C - Sunrise at Cromer	Alan Archer
C - Sunrise at Thurne Windpump	Alan Archer
C - Padley Gorge	Dennis Gardner
C - Elephant Family	Gavin Jones

<https://www.wymondham-ps.org.uk/category/competition-results/>

Our speaker on 22 Mar 22 (Vic Hainsworth) cancelled at short notice because of Covid, however a "You The Judge" evening was quickly arranged. The idea was that members would submit images that would be critiqued by those attending.

We had a very relaxed and informative meeting, judging each others work and it brought home how difficult a task judging in Photo Comps is. My thanks go to those who submitted images and I hope everyone got something from the evening. We hope to do more of these maybe on a themed basis in the new season.

.....and Finally

With the rocketing increase in fuel prices recently, I was struck by a stat in a recent Amateur Photographer article. The author was writing about home printing and whether it was cost effective, and he observed that a gallon of printing ink would cost roughly the same as a 14 plate Mercedes E250 AMG 2.1, at around £9000! Admittedly a gallon of printer ink would go a very long way. A Canon Pro 1000 printer uses approximately 1 millilitre of ink as it wizzes its way across an A3 sheet of photographic paper. Thankfully we don't run our cars on printer ink! My only thought as I ponder whether to move into the world of printing is, would you use a gallon of ink before it all dried up or would, as my late father was fond of saying, see me out! As maths is not my strong point, I will leave you to work out how many A3 prints a gallon of printing ink will make.

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2021 -22 Programme

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Tuesday, March 29, 2022	Extra-Ordinary General Meeting - Approval of New Constitution
Tuesday, April 05, 2022	Gavin Bickerton-Jones A Trip to Africa
Tuesday, April 12, 2022	Easter Break
Tuesday, April 19, 2022	Easter Break
Tuesday, April 26, 2022	Tripod competition - Lowestoft & Buxton
Tuesday, May 03, 2022	WPS Open Evening
Tuesday, May 10, 2022	Annual DPI competition (Tier 1)
Tuesday, May 17, 2022	Annual DPI Competition (Tier 2)
Tuesday, May 24, 2022	Continuous Improvement - Long Exposure Theory
Tuesday, May 31, 2022	Outdoor photoshoot - Long Exp. Practical
Tuesday, June 07, 2022	Annual Print competition (Tiers 1 & 2)
Tuesday, June 14, 2022	Theme Challenge evening: Summer
Tuesday, June 21, 2022	Final Meeting of the Season

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		WPS Scor es		CAPS Score s		
Title	CLUB	WPS	CAPS	WPS	CAPS	
B/W						
Moment in Time	CAPS		14		15	
Snow Waves	CAPS		16		15	
Lightmagic	CAPS		16		16	
Sea Railings	WPS	19		18		
Beach Huts,Wells next Sea	WPS	15		13		
Wine Glasses	WPS	20		18		
Meeting in the fog	CAPS		16		16	
Beach Walker	WPS	17		16		
Curiosity Corner	WPS	18		17		
Pillars	CAPS		18		14	
Nature						
Four Spotted Chaser	WPS	15		15		
Zebra's taking a Drink	WPS	15		14		
True Colors	CAPS		17		15	

Rhino's at the Waterhole	WPS	18		18		
Barn Owl Swooping in	WPS	20		18		
Velvet and Canola	CAPS		17		13	
Fall leaf	CAPS		14		16	
Feeling Reflective	WPS	15		17		
Stars and Aurora	CAPS		18		15	
Yellowstone Coyote	CAPS		19		16	

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Title	CLUB	WPS	CAPS	WPS	CAPS	
B/W						
Open						
Radiance	CAPS		17		13	

City Reflections	CAPS		15		13	
Stairway Starburst	WPS	17		14		
Market Cross	WPS	19		18		
At the Beach	CAPS		20		17	
Lens Ball Magic	CAPS		15		13	
Ferris Wheel	CAPS		16		16	
Milk Drop	WPS	18		16		
Cart Gap Sunset	WPS	18		14		
Light Reading	WPS	17		15		
Just Blue	WPS	20		15		
Light the Night	CAPS		14		16	
Ghost Bus	CAPS		15		14	
Highlands Spotlight	WPS	20		13		
Smoothed Sea	WPS	18		17		
Lacey Window Frost	CAPS		15		17	
Brown Betty	CAPS		16		17	
Reflections	WPS	16		14		
Portraits						
Getting Ready	CAPS		16		16	
Lost in Dance	WPS	18		18		
Tilly	WPS	18		18		
Amelia	CAPS		15		18	
Caring	CAPS		14		13	
Beach Day	CAPS		17		15	
Pat	WPS	16		17		
I am Bemused	WPS	19		13		
Yoga on the Hill	CAPS		17		15	
Georgia	WPS	20		15		

TOTAL						
WPS		426		381		807
CAPS			387		364	751

