



Northern Counties Photographic Federation

A Member Federation of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 06th November 2024 on Zoom.

The President, Gerald Chamberlin, opened the meeting at 7.05pm and welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

Special Invitation: Tony Marsh

A special invitation had been extended to Tony Marsh by the President, Gerald Chamberlin, to voice the concerns and opinions he raised at a recent Western Area Meeting regarding the content of entries by the NCPF into the PAGB competitions. Before beginning Tony said that the views and opinions are those of his club and not his alone. He suggested that the Judges could be sent the images prior to the NCPF Competitions (PDI's only) to allow them more time to view each one which may increase the individual scoring of some images higher than the 3, 4 or 5 they are spontaneously given on the day. He said that at the PAGB Competition at Warwick it had been noted that images that could only be described as 'Fantasy' images and had been highly manipulated, were scoring higher than wildlife submissions. When wildlife images were dominating the scoring a few years ago the rules were amended to only allow a proportion of entries per club. He suggested that this could also be applied to the number of highly manipulated images. This may allow other types of photography such as landscapes, portraits, photojournalism etc. to receive better marks. He proposed that a different way of scoring could be used giving higher marks. David Brown said that he had attended Warwick and had voiced a similar opinion regarding the highly manipulated images gaining higher scores than natural history. It was thought that other clubs attending at Warwick also came to same assumption regarding the scoring. Gerald Chamberlin said that the points raised by Tony had also been picked up by the PAGB and were under discussion. He said that all aspects of photography come in waves, last for a while and then they peter out when a new creative trend comes along. Richard Speirs added that there is always an element of fashion in photography and manipulated images are the 'in thing' at the moment but people will quickly tire of them. Regarding nature photography, people are sceptical of some nature images because there are so many photographic shoots that are set up for the photographer and genuine nature photographers are penalised because of this. The PAGB are aware of these trends. Tony's views were noted and Richard said he would put them forward to the PAGB and it will be discussed further within the NCPF.

The meeting commenced:

Present: - Gerald Chamberlin, Jim Welsh, Margaret Welsh, Jill Chamberlin, Richard Speirs, Debra Taylor, Glen Lawson, Jo Knight, Alan Forster, John Smith, John Fare, David Brown, Joseph Duffy

24/11/01 Apologies for Absence: - Dave Coates, Alan Wilson, Phillip Dove

Incommunicado: - Jane Black

24/11/02 The minutes of the meeting held on 29th August 2024 were approved and signed on behalf of the President.

Proposed by Jill Chamberlin – Seconded by Alan Forster

24/11/03 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

24/11/04 Correspondence

Margaret said that she had received a letter of resignation from Alan Wilson which had been circulated to the committee. This was accepted.

Gerald said he had been contacted by Michael from Aztec Calendars asking for contributions of images for their calendar from the NCPF. Apparently Jane Black had supplied them in the past from the International entries. After discussion it was agreed that the timescale was too short to get approval from the authors for their images to be used this year and the offer was declined. This may be discussed at a later date.

24/11/05 Treasurer – Jill Chamberlin

Appendix 1

Jill read through her report. She asked if the NCPF subs should be increased. After discussion it was agreed to leave them at £70.00 for now.

Report accepted and attached.

24/11/06 Reports

24/11/06-1 Competitions Chairman – John Fare

Appendix 2

John read through his report. He thanked the subcommittee for the work they've done regarding the Presentation Event.

Alan Wilson's resignation was discussed as he is currently the Competitions Officer for the subcommittee. John said we would need to speak to him to find out if he is still prepared to fulfil his role at the Club Championships. After discussion it was agreed that his would be discussed at our next subcommittee meeting on 25th November with Phillip Dove and Alan Wilson in attendance.

Report accepted and attached.

24/11/06-2 Representative to PAGB – Richard Speirs

Appendix 3

Richard read his report. He outlined all of the PAGB meeting dates in his report. He said that he would take Tony Marsh's comments to the next PAGB Executive Meeting on 1st February 2025.

Report accepted and attached.

24/11/06-3 Merit Awards Officer – Gerald Chamberlin**Appendix 4**

Gerald outlined the content of his report. He said the next follow on APM Workshop will be held in May 2025 in Carlisle. The previous Workshop was held at Clara Vale, Ryton.

24/11/06-4 Editor Northern Focus – Alan Wilson

In Alan's absence there was no report but he emailed to say the Northern focus would be issued soon.

24/11/06-5 Judges Sub Committee – Richard Speirs**Appendix 5**

Richard read through his report. He said that a Judges Assessment Day had been provisionally booked for 30th March 2025 At Dalston Victory Hall, Carlisle. This will be a half day event as it was thought that the content could be condensed to fit. Gerald said that he didn't get many requests from the North to judge. Margaret said that it may be down to cost. Richard then asked for approval to add Jeremy Malley-Smith, who is a well known judge and lecturer from the L&CPU who is relocating to West Cumbria, to be added to the B list of the NCPF. Approval was given by the Executive to go ahead with the seminar and the appointment of the judge.

Report accepted and attached.

24/11/06-6 Data Manager – Richard Speirs**Appendix 6**

Richard read through his report. He referred to the listing of judges on the CMS system without rankings. We use the A,B,C system to determine a judge's ability but other Federations use different ranking systems. If this is applied to the system it may cause a problem. He said that there was space for each judge to add their ranking to their personal records on the CMS system. Richard said he would look further into this to see if he is able to do this.

Report accepted and attached.

24/11/06-7 Portfolio Secretary – Phillip Dove**Appendix 7**

In Phillip's absence his report was outlined by Margaret.

Report accepted and attached.

24/11/06-8 Club Support & Development – John Smith

John said that after a discussion with the members of the CS & D committee they were finding it hard to come up with new ideas and have taken the decision to disband for the time being. Everyone agreed that they had done an excellent job giving the clubs support and ideas to take forward. The subcommittee were thanked for all of the work they had done. John proposed that this subcommittee could be put into 'hibernation' with the possibility that it could be revived in the future if the need arose. His proposal was accepted.

24/11/06-9 Beamish Representative – Joseph Duffy

Joseph said that this year there were 72 entries into the Beamish Competition. This is the most we've had so far. As this was Joseph's final report as the Beamish Representative the committee wished him well in his retirement.

24/11/06-10 Webmaster – Jo Knight**Appendix 8**

Jo read through her report. She said that access to the PAGB website had been difficult. They have had problem which have now been sorted and it should be working fine. She said that she had received a number of enquiries regarding the Judges and Lecturer's not being listed on the NCPF website and has redirected them to the PAGB CMS system. Further discussion regarding this can take place when we reach Any Other Business. Richard said that the PAGB were aware of the problems with their website and spent a long time trying to find out why. They found deeply imbedded in it, a couple of Trojans. It is now resolved. Report accepted and attached.

24/11/07 Area Reports**24/11/07-1 Northern – Jim Welsh**

Jim had no written report but said that the N.A. Knockout Competition will be held on 24th November by Wooler CC.

24/11/07-2 North Tyne – David Brown

David said that the North Tyne A.G.M. would be held on 8th November and the Annual Print Competition will be hosted at Gosforth on the 26th November.

24/11/07-3 South Tyne – Glen Lawson**Appendix 9**

Glen outlined the content of his report. Report accepted and attached.

24/11/07-4 Southern – Phillip Dove**Appendix 10**

In Phillip's absence Margaret asked for approval for information regarding the NYSDPA forthcoming awards evening to be advertised on the NCPF website. Approval was given and a flyer will be sent to Jo Knight to out on the website.

24/11/07-5 Wear Area – Debra Taylor

Debra said there was nothing to report other than the Wear Area Battle will be held in November and hosted by Castleside.

24/11/07-6 Western – Gerald Chamberlin**Appendix 11**

Gerald outlined the content of his report. He added that clubs in the West are reporting an increase in memberships.

24/11/08 Any Other Business

Another discussion took place regarding the cessation of the Directory booklet. Jo said she was getting emails from clubs asking where they could get the information for booking Judges and Lecturer's and is directing them to the CMS system.. Margaret said that when the decision was taken to stop producing the handbook, detailed information was sent out to the clubs outlining how they could contact Judges and Lecturer's through the PAGB CMS System. This proved difficult for some clubs and impossible for others as they had to register before access was granted. Although eventually access was gained to the Judges and Lecturer's list, Club contact information was not as forthcoming. In view of this Margaret sent out the Directory Update Forms to the Secretaries and received all but three updated forms back. She proposed that this club information should be accessible through the NCPF website. Richard said that it may be counterproductive putting this information onto the NCPF website as the clubs will rely on this and not become familiar with the CMS system. Margaret said that she wasn't suggesting that the Judges and Lecturer's are added to the NCPF website, only the individual club details.

This would be by club with the officer's titles, email address and contact numbers only. She explained that the CMS system will take you to a club and access to their website but no contact details for Secretary's or Competition Secretary's are available. As Secretary of the NCPF, Margaret said that she needed the current Club Secretary's contact details to ensure that information sent out regarding NCPF Competitions etc. got to the correct person. A discussion regarding Data Protection took place. Jo said that access by password protection would be a nightmare as Club details change every year and the password would need to be updated to reflect this. Glen suggested producing a PDF document, possibly sent to the Area Representatives, who can pass this information on to their respective clubs. It would not then need to be published on the website. As a PDF this could only be changed by the author. Jo said that a flyer could be sent out each year to the clubs reminding them to update their details on the CMS system. Richard said that it would take 2 -3 years before all clubs recognise that information is accessible through the CMS system. Glen suggested having a seminar/zoom meeting for clubs to explain how to access the CMS system. This was considered a good idea. The conclusion was that a PDF document would be acceptable with a 3 year cut off period. The Directory Update Form should also include a reminder for club details to be updated on the PAGB CMS system.

Margaret then said that when we stopped producing the Directory Handbook we lost a lot of additional information that was contained in the outer pages. The history of the NCPF Presidents from the first to the current, the list of the Secretary's, Role of Honour listings and the Life Vice President information is no longer available. We also have the Constitution but this is already on the website. It was agreed that this information should be sent to Jo for publication on the website.

Gerald said that regarding club visits, he is prepared to come to clubs to give talks for the cost of his fuel. He asked that the members pass this on to their respective clubs. He said that on the 18th November he will take delivery of the PAGB Masters of Print until the end of December. If anyone would like to show it in their club please contact him directly. He reminded David Brown to bring his DPAGB Panel to the Presentation Event on the 17th November.

John Fare asked if there was any progress regarding the publication of the Northern Focus in view of Alan Wilson's resignation. It was agreed that this was a discussion for a later date.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday 17th December 2024 – zoom at 7.00pm

Wednesday 15th January 2025 – zoom at 7.00pm

Monday 17th February 2025 at Clara Vale, Ryton at 7.30pm

Sunday 23rd March 2025 at Clara Vale, Ryton at 2.00pm

Northern Counties Photographic Federation

Finance report

03/11/24

Expenditure

- Clara Vale have been paid £21 for the last Exec meeting and £166 for the Club Championships Presentation day.
- Beamish have finally cashed the cheque paid to them for commission on print sales.
- Both Saltburn Photographic Society and Keswick Photographic Society have been paid their £100 contributions for representing the NCPF at the PAGB Inter Club Print Championships.
- The £50 contribution to Whickham for expenses occurred running the Newcastle Cathedral photographic exhibition has been paid.
- The trophies have been engraved at the cost of £85.00.
- The monthly Zoom licence & printing ink contracts have been paid.

Full details are shown on the Accounts spreadsheet.

To date expenditure for 2024/25 is £312.90 more than the £3,010 we received in subs from the NCPF clubs. Further expenditure will include refreshment for the Presentations day, Club Championships, the zoom licence which has now been changed to an annual charge of £155.88 which is cheaper than the current monthly charges which would have cost £187.08 for a year and printing ink contracts.

As the bank accounts are still affluent, I would suggest we keep the subs for 2025/26 at £70.00 per club dependant on the committee's approval.

Bank Accounts**Current Account**

| | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Balance at AGM | £3,889.06 |
| Expenditure | <u>£3,151.31</u> |
| Current balance | £749.00 |

Business Savings Account

| | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Balance at AGM | £3,010.69 |
| Interest | <u>£24.26</u> |
| Current Balance | £3,034.95 |
| Fixed Term Savings | £16,000.00 |

The Fixed Term savings account matures on 4/11/24 and I have reinvested the capital of £16,000 for another year at 2.75%. The interest rate has reduced from 3.6%. I have requested the bank to transfer the interest to the current account to help cover the deficit.

Jill Chamberlin

NCPF Treasurer

NCPF Accounts as at**18/05/2024**

| | Income | Expenditure | Balance | |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|
| 2024 NCPF Subscriptions | £3,010.00 | | £3,010.00 | (43 clubs) |
| Executive Committee | £48.20 | £306.01 | -£257.81 | |
| NCPF Website | | £51.46 | -£51.46 | |
| Club Championship 2024 | | | | |
| Presentation Day | £0.00 | £296.25 | -£296.25 | |
| Club Championship 2025 | | | | |
| | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | |
| Annuals Competition | | | | |
| 20-21/04/24 | | £1,236.02 | -£1,236.02 | |
| Beamish Print Exhibition | £75.00 | £75.00 | £0.00 | |
| PAGB Championships | | £400.00 | -£400.00 | |
| PAGB Awards | | £321.90 | -£321.90 | |
| Assessment 12/05/2024 | | | | |
| Newcastle Cathedral | | | | |
| Exhibition | | £50.00 | -£50.00 | |
| Equipment | | £537.87 | -£537.87 | |
| Total Expenditure | | | -£3,151.31 | |
| Equipment depreciation | | £171.59 | -£171.59 | |
| (Value w/off over 4 years) | | | | |

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance of 2024-25 | -£312.90 |
| subscriptions | |

Lloyds Bank Account Balances

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|------------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Treasurers A/C | AGM | 18/03/2024 | £3,889.06 |
| | Expenditure | | -£3,151.31 |
| | Balance | 01/11/2024 | £749.00 |
| Business Savings A/C | | 01/11/2024 | £3,010.69 |
| Interest | | | £24.26 |
| | | | £3,034.95 |
| Fixed Term Savings A/C | | 01/11/2024 | £16,000.00 |

Lloyds Bank Account Balances AGM 2024

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|------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| Treasurers A/C | 2023-24 | 18/03/2024 | £879.06 |
| Subs for | 2024-25 | 18/03/2024 | £3,010.00 |
| | | | £3,889.06 |
| Business Savings A/C | | 18/03/2024 | £3,000.00 |
| Interest | | | £10.69 |
| Fixed Term Savings A/C | | 18/03/2024 | £16,000.00 |

Competition Sub Committee Report November 2024

Appendix 2

The last meeting of the Competition sub-committee was held in October.

Philip Dove has issued the AVs of the 2024 Annuals Competition to all the Clubs. The Committee thanked Philip for all the hard work he has done in producing the AV's.

The results of the Beamish Trophy have been published on the NCPF website.

All the potential judges listed in the Judges sub-committee report have been contacted and agreed to judge the various competitions.

Preparation for the Annuals Presentation awards was discussed, and it was confirmed that all arrangements are in hand.

Draft amendments of the rules for the NCPF Club Championships were discussed and agreed. The invitations for Club to enter the Club Championships will be sent out shortly after the Annuals Presentation event. A reminder will also be sent out in January.

John Fare

PAGB Representative's Report November 2024

Appendix 3

6th November 2024

The most recent meeting of the PAGB Executive was held on Sunday 6th October at Warwick University. Regrettably, due to an operation the week before, I was unable to attend.

The Draft Minutes have now been circulated and there is nothing of consequence to be reported back to Federations. The next meeting of the Executive will be held on Sunday 1st February, again at Warwick University.

The meeting did agree the provisional dates for PAGB events in 2025 as follows.

PDI Championship will be on Sunday 6th July at Warwick School

The GB Cup will be judged on the 29th-30th March possibly at Smethwick PS club rooms.

The MOP Exhibition will open on Saturday 8th February at St Martins in The Bull Ring

The April Awards for Photographic Merit, hosted by the Scottish Photographic Federation, will be on the 26th-27th April in Dunblane

The Inter Federation will be judged on the 21st-22nd of June and be hosted by the Southern Counties Photographic Federation.

The October Executive Meeting will be on the 4th October

The November APM would be hosted by the Surrey Photographic Association on 22nd-23rd November

The next PAGB event is the Awards for Photographic Merit adjudication over the weekend of 23rd and 24th November at Winsford Academy in Cheshire.

Richard Speirs

NCPF Awards Officer Report – November 2024

Appendix 4

The next APM (Awards for Photographic Merit) it to be held 23rd & 24th November 2024.

We have two club members from the NCPF submitting images for the awards,

One member is applying for their CPAGB in PDI's, and the other person for their DPAGB in Prints.

I have had several requests for entry forms to apply for APM but for some reason they and not returning the form .

The next PAGB APM workshop date is now booked and will take place on the Sunday 11th May 2025 and will be at the Victory Hall, Dalston, Carlisle. A poster and information will be sent out to all clubs in the New Year, and to the participants of the May 2024 workshop.

Gerald Chamberlin DPAGB, EFIAP
NCPF Awards Officer

A Zoom Meeting of the subcommittee was held on Sunday 13th October. A copy of the minutes is attached for reference.

The meeting focused on considering if there was sufficient demand to hold a Judge's Recruitment Day in Spring 2025. Overall, it was agreed that there was enough demand and that the event could be held in the Western Area to encourage up take from club members in this area. In the past all events have been held in the North East which may have reduced interest from potential candidates in the South West of the Federation.

As can be seen from the minutes a booking has been made for Sunday 30th March 2025 at Dalston Victory Hall. This is an excellent location 5 miles South of Carlisle with adequate parking close by. At this stage the Hall has only been booked for half a day however this could be potentially extended to a full day if there was sufficient interest. Members of the subcommittee were of the opinion that the essential content of a recruitment and assessment day could be effectively condensed to half a day thereby saving on catering costs.

Members of the Executive are requested to approve this proposal.

A request was received to add a new judge to the NCPF list. He is Jeremy Malley-Smith a well known photographer, tour leader, lecturer and judge from the L&CPU who is moving to West Cumbria.

Jeremy is currently on the highest accredited level of the L&CPU where he has a good reputation for both club and inter-club events. The judges subcommittee recommend that Jeremy be added to the B list of the NCPF with promotion to the A list to follow on receipt of satisfactory feedback.

Members of the Executive are requested to approve this proposal.

The next meeting of the subcommittee has been arranged for Sunday 19th January at 7pm via Zoom

Richard Speirs

NCPF Judges Subcommittee Chairman

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JUDGES SUB-COMMITTEE

Date: 13th October 2024

Location: Hosted on Zoom

Present: Margaret Welsh (Executive, meeting set up only) Richard Speirs (Chair)
Keith Snell; John Fare; William Broadley; Gerald Chamberlin; Lynda Golightly (Secretary)

Apologies for Absence: David Ord (on holiday)

Minutes of previous meeting (16th June 2024)

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated to all members and were accepted as a true record.

Meeting opened at 7pm.

Margaret set up the Zoom meeting for the group and handed control to The Chairman. She left before the start of the meeting.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

It was stated that all judges for the 2025 season are now confirmed.

Thanks went to John for his efforts with this.

The list is as follows:

Club Championships

Dave Phillips (A)

Alan Porrett (A)

Keith Snell (A)

Richard Speirs as reserve (PAGB judge)

Annuals Open

Bill Broadley (A)

John McVie

Lynda Golightly (A)

Richard Speirs as reserve (PAGB judge)

Annual Alliance

Keith Snell (A)

John Reed (B)

John Tillotson (B)

Annual Portfolio

John Williams (A)
Peter Maguire (A)
Peter Walton (B)
Reserve?

Annuals Beginners

Jane Morris Abson, Richmond (C) Alan Wilson as reserve

Beamish

Alan Wilson (C)
Catherine Ball, Wallsend (C)

Current Business

1. Judges recruitment event

It was noted that there has been a number of judges who have recently retired.

Possible reasons for retirement were:

New CMS system, travelling at night, Zoom.

It was proposed (Richard) that a judge's recruitment event be held next spring

At least three people were already interested in taking the training and more were needed.

Suggestion was for a location in the West of the region as 2 of those interested were from the West.

This was considered a good idea as clubs in the extreme west of the region have great difficulty in getting the variety of judges they need.

Committee agreed that a Spring date would be good, with prompt NCPF approval of plans allowing immediate posting on the NCPF website and early circulation of information to clubs, thus permitting newly enrolled judges to start work without too much of a delay. It had been noted that in past years some newly appointed judges had to wait up to 18 months before getting going.

The Victory Hall in Dalston was suggested as a venue that was easy to get to from both West and East. This was considered a good venue with the possibility of two rooms and a kitchen.

The scheduling of a training day was discussed in brief and it was suggested that this might be cut back a little and be run over an afternoon rather than the usual 10am to 4pm. This was considered a possibility and would also save on the cost of providing lunch.

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Early suggestions as follows:

Possibility to tie in with Masters of Print Exhibition

The inclusion of competition secretaries?

Shorter initial presentation

Team to provide prints for discussion

Experience of new judge...presentation was by Arjun Nambiar last year. Thought this might have been too long.

How to present yourself...presentation by Stephen Fowler last year.

Thought was that this training could be done 'in house'

(Action – Richard to investigate and confirm possible date).

Post meeting follow up. **Date has been confirmed for Victory Hall, Dalston as 30th March 2025.**

Other Business:

Richard informed the team about Jeremy Malley Smith, a judge in LNCPU who is moving to our area. Jeremy has extensive club and interclub experience and it was suggested he be placed in the NCPF B list.

(Action – Richard to report to the executive on this issue at their meeting in November where a decision can be made)

Comment made that the PAGB directory and classification of judges directory is proving to be a challenge for all areas.

Not every federation has a grading system for judges and it was asked if the online system allows for any sort of grading within it.

It was noted that the lack of a hard copy of the year book would be a big miss and that it was not easy to find judges outside the federation.

(Action – Richard to raise this with the PAGB).

Next Meeting Date: Sunday 19th January at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

At the last meeting of this Executive concern was raised that the Judges section of the PAGB CMS doesn't have the capacity to identify at which level a judge is approved by the Federation.

I have since discussed this with Mark Buckley-Sharp who organises and operates the CMS. He confirmed that other Federations have raised this issue, however there is no workable solution. This is due to those Federations who operated distinct levels of judge approval each having their own scales which are not directly comparable with other Federations.

Mark suggested that it could be possible for each judge who is recorded on the CMS to edit their personal details to include their level of approval within their Federation as there is space to do so within the personal records of each judge.

Richard Speirs

Portfolio Secretary Report November 2024

Appendix 7

The Annuals Avs have been distributed to all of the contacts on my current list. There have been a number of requests for the WeTransfer link since the original distribution as there had been some changes of officers, and others had missed the deadline dates for the download. All of these have been attended to, and my distribution list amended to suit.

There has been some feedback about the Avs which, so far, has been quite positive.

The Avs for the Presentation Event are now nearing completion along with a script for the narration and presentation of awards. There is to be a slight variation to the traditional agenda for the day. In previous years the awards have been presented at the end of each showing of the images from each competition. To make for a smoother running event, the images from all competitions will be shown with the presentation of all awards at the end. As each award is presented, the relevant image(s) will form the backdrop to the presentation.

Phillip Dove

Portfolio Secretary

Webmaster's Report – November 2024

Appendix 8

The website was naturally quiet over the summer, as most Camera Clubs were on a break until September.

Website traffic since my last report consists:

- May 2024: 423 visitors and 1411 page views
- June 2024: 173 visitors and 496 page views
- July 2024: 293 visitors and 667 page views
- August 2024: 327 visitors and 1378 page views
- September 2024: 281 visitors and 889 page views
- October 2024: 297 visitors and 1033 page views

The page with the most views overall during the past six months was the results of the Annuals Competition in May, followed by the Exhibition in Newcastle Cathedral.

The PAGB must have had an update to their website recently and the links to their articles had changed, hence for a time the links to PAGB pages from our website were broken. This was pointed out to me by a Club member although, due to my health issues, it took me a few weeks to re-establish the links. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

I've had a couple of comments via the website bemoaning the fact that a judges and speakers list is not available on our website. I have re-directed the members concerned to the CMS system on the PAGB website, information and links to which are all available from our own website, although one Club officer found accessing the information on the CMS system challenging. I know there was discussion at the last Executive meeting about the situation, which I unfortunately missed due to my health issues, so am happy the matter will be discussed again at this meeting.

Jo Knight

Webmaster

South Tyne Representative Report – November 2024

Appendix 9

Update regarding the purchase of new shields/salvers for the South Tyne Inter Club PDI & Print Competitions.

New Salvers and presentation boxes have been ordered and will be in play for this season.

South Tyne Inter Club Dates/Host Clubs.

| | | |
|-----------|--------|---------------------|
| 19 Nov 24 | Prints | Winlaton CC |
| 18 Feb 25 | PDI | Ryton & District CC |

Regards G Lawson.

Southern Area Representative Report

Appendix 10

North Yorkshire and South Durham Photographic Alliance (NYSDPA) are holding their annual competitions with the results and awards evening being held at Saltburn Learning Campus on the evening of Friday 29th November.

Many of the clubs in the NYSDPA are also members of the NCPF

Will this be an acceptable addition to the NCPF web site. If so I will ask Malcolm Blenkey, the current NYSDPA chairman to forward a flyer to Jo Knight.

Phillip Dove

Southern Area Representative

Western Area Representative Report

Appendix 10

A meeting of all the western area club plus Dumfries CC was held on the 21st September 2024

Final details for the W/A inter club competition on the 7th December 2024 was agreed.

Again the competition will be held at the Victory Hall Dalston Carlisle and will this year to be hosted by Workington CC.

A discussion regarding the lack of new judges in the W/A area and the NCPF took place and

it has been suggested that we hold a Judges Recruitment event in the Western Area. Members of the committee were encouraged to ask at their clubs to gauge the level of interest.

This request has been passed to the NCPF judges Subcommittee and all been well it is plan to hold it in March 2025. (See the judges subcommittee report)

It was also reported that membership of W/A club seem to be steady with some club gaining new members.

Keswick PS lead a discussion about PAGB competitions

They noted that highly creative images are currently in the majority. They wondered if it would be possible to restrict entries in certain genres. They also suggested considering a different way of judging, to allow judges more time to consider an image.

There is a risk of overlooking 'slow burners' (and these compete well in normal club judging).

It was noted that there had been a reply in the PAGB e-news to the comments about creative images.

Gerald Chamberlin DPAGB, EFIAP

Western Area Rep