



The Image

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SPF Print Championship

The judges were Judith and Roger Parry from the Midland Counties; and Ross McKelvie from Northern Ireland.

12 club members had entered 31 colour and 23 Monochrome prints.

The scoring pattern quickly developed and it appeared that the judges were reluctant to use the 2 button in their scoring. It also seemed that quality nature prints were failing to get a 5 from any judge.

One growing problem in these competitions (both PDI and prints) is that we are regularly seeing “flavour of the month” subjects. In this case it was “Kingfishers” in various guises (perched, diving, erupting from the water, with or without a catch). I suspect that the judges will “switch-off” and give very ordinary marks (11 or 12) to some high quality shots because they’ve already seen so many shots of the same subject.

We did manage to get a couple of 14s in the colour section with “Mountain Trees” and “Snowy Beach, Norway” both from Robert Fulton. With four 13s and 4 of our eleven 12s this gave us an aggregate for our best 10 prints of 128 points.

In monochrome we only managed a single 14 and it again came from Robert and gained him a “Commended”.



“Ebb Tide, Lofoten” by Robert Fulton

With two 13s, five 12s and 2 of our four 11s to make up our top 10 scores we had an aggregate of 122 points.

In colour we were 5th only 1 point behind joint 3rd place Eastwood PS and Edinburgh PS. Carluke CC were 2nd on 139 points with the winners Dumfries CC on 142.

In Monochrome we did not do so well and were 8th, although we finished only 3 points behind 3rd place. The top three were 1st Dumfries CC(134), Carluke CC(126) and Eastwood PS(125).

Overall we finished in 5th place with 250 points. The top four clubs were Dumfries CC(276), Carluke CC(265), Eastwood PS(254) and Edinburgh PS(253).

PAGB GB Cup

Open

The judges this year for the Open section were Gwen Charnock, Bob Moore and Roger Parry.

Our 15 images in the Open section scored 172 points and that gained joint 12th place for us. Two years ago when we last entered the GB Cup we were joint 23rd.

Images used were by Charles Hamilton, Guy Phillips, Duncan McEwan, Robert Fulton, Alison Smart and Jim Caldwell.

Our best image was:



Light and Shade by Robert Fulton which scored 15.

99 clubs took part in the Open section for large clubs and the top 3 clubs were 1st place Chorley PS and in joint 2nd place Eastwood PS and CannockPS. Note we were the 2nd placed Scottish club.

Nature

The judges this year for the Nature section were Gordon Rae, Mick Durham and Bob Moore.

Our best 10 scores in the Nature section scored 128 points and gained joint 9th place for us.

Two years ago when we last entered the GB Cup we were joint 22nd.

Images used were by Jim Black, Jim Caldwell, Mike Cruise, Richard Bennett, John Hunter, Guy Phillips and Zul Bhatia.

Our best images were:



Cuckoo with Caterpillar 2 by Mike Cruise and



Stoat with Prey by John Hunter which both scored 15.

96 clubs took part in the Nature section and the top 3 clubs were Chorley PS and Keswick PS in joint 1st with Smethwick PS in 3rd place. Note that we were the highest placed Scottish club.

PSA Projected Image Interclub

The Class A judging was hosted by Houston Photochrome Club.

The round 2 results have arrived and show a much improved score for PCPC. After round 1 we were 22nd of 22 clubs, but with 3rd equal in round 2 we have moved up to joint 13th.

Images from Charles Hamilton, Robert Fulton, Mike Cruise, David Dalziel, Richard Bennett and Jim Caldwell were used. An Award of Merit went to



October Mist by Robert Fulton

and an HM to



Arctic Tern by Mike Cruise

PSA Nature Interclub

The 2nd round of Class A was hosted by The Photographic Society of Chattanooga

After round 1 we had been joint 18th of 27 clubs, but our joint 8th place in round 2 moves us up to joint 15th.

Note: Wigan 10 Fotoclub had been joint 10th but they are now 18th.

We used images from Jim Black, Mike Cruise, Fiona McEwan, John Hunter, Jim Caldwell and Guy Phillips.

Our best scoring images were:



Marbled White by Jim Black and



Puffin with Sand Eels by Fiona McEwan

Renfrewshire Interclub Competition

PCPC hosted the RICC this year. Our judge was Roy Smith from Ayr PS.

Unfortunately we could not deliver a victory but were 2nd to an extremely good set from Eastwood PS.

Best individual scores for us, both with 20, went to *Cuckoo with Caterpillar 2* and the image judged Best of Show:



Osprey with Catch by Mike Cruise

Small Prints Competition

Judged by members on the night, the winners were:

Best Non-Advanced

Quiet Protection by Ken McArthur

Best Advanced

Kingfisher Catching Minnow by Mike Cruise

2nd Bimonthly Competition

Judged by Roy Gibson.

Introductory

The winning image was:



Please Come Home by Ken McArthur.

2nd place went to Frank Donnelly with *The Fly* and 3rd place to Ken McArthur with *In Reflection*.

Intermediate

The winning image was:



Kelpies Reflection by Tony Barr

2nd and 3rd both went to Linda Rodger with *Mia* and *Tiger* respectively.

Advanced

The winning image was:



Clearing Mist by Robert Fulton

2nd place went to Bill Melvin with *Bryce Canyon* and 3rd place to Duncan McEwan with *Wilderness Dawn*.

Blackwood Trophy

Judged by Gaie Brown of Inverclyde CC.

The winning image was:



Above the Crowd by Duncan McEwan

In 2nd place was Richard Bennett with *Stags in Snow* and in 3rd place Andy Kerr's *Museum Fatigue*.

Individual Salon Successes

Recent Salon successes:

Montenegro

Woman	Bill McCance	2 accepts (incl 1 HM)
Nudes	Bill McCance	3 accepts
Portrait	Bill McCance	2 accepts (incl 1 HM)

Miscellany

One for the Diary

This year the British Pipe Band Championship will be held at St James Playing Fields on 20th May.

Stats Attack

Since we started competing in the PSA Interclub Competitions we have used images from 36 different members and 17 of those members have won Ribbons for HM, Award of Merit or Best of Show. We've also won 1 Gold Medal for Best of the Best.

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