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# WELCOME TO THE GUERNSEY PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

#### Introduction – from the Club President

We hope that you enjoy our Tuesday meetings which run every fortnight throughout the year. Other than the occasional outdoor event our regular venue is the Vale Douzaine Room where we meet at 8pm.

These meetings include regular competitions, demonstrations, talks and social activities that are arranged to help members improve their technical and artistic qualities in photography in the company of those with similar interests.

The club was founded in 1953 with just five members and in those days one needed a darkroom to produce monochrome prints but over the years the club has expanded increasing its membership and taking on new technology as it has appeared.

Colour slides came into their own during the 60's and 70's and then colour print production became possible for amateurs and this was taken up with great enthusiasm. More recently the digital revolution has swept in and now days most prints are produced in this way. Also with the falling away of interest in colour slides the projecting of digital images has been established for a number of competitions and illustrated talks.

What will come next? Who can tell, but we will certainly endeavour to keep in touch with every new development.

Robin Millard President (35 years, retired 2018)

#### **Club Activities**

On general club nights the club runs a league competition which will be either a "Print" or "PDI" (Projected Digital Image) on a predetermined topic or subject. Members can exhibit up to two images per night depicting their interpretation of the given topic or subject.

Meetings, Subjects and Topics can be found on the club programme card and also on the Guernsey Photographic Club website, along with any other events throughout the year.

On league nights the first part of the evening is taken up with various talks, demonstrations, viewings etc. Each member will then be asked to view and secretly vote on paper their favourite three images submitted by their fellow members. Members cannot vote for their own images. Each vote is then submitted to the secretary for counting before each member gathers for a tea/coffee break.

After the interlude all entries are then viewed individually by members where a critique is given. The Critique is of a constructive and helpful nature and intended to provide feedback



to the author as well as helping raise the standard of photography for all members. The author will also have the opportunity to give their views and further information on the image. The images receiving the most votes are then revealed in reverse order.

League Points are awarded as follows:-

1 point is awarded to every member entering the competition

plus:

Fourth place = 1 point, Third place = 2 points, Second place = 3 points, First Place = 4 points

These points are added on to a League Table and the member who achieves the most points throughout the year will be declared winner.

The Print League and PDI League are two separate leagues and will both have their own individual winners.

During the year there will also be other house competitions; The Gillingham Nature Competition and Annual Championships which will be judged by a non-club member.

Also during the year there are two outdoor shoots organized by Committee Members. These meetings start at 7pm and members meet for supper afterwards at a local hotel or restaurant.

Each year we have an inter-club meeting with Spectrum Photographic Club and this is usually another outdoor event starting at 7pm followed by supper afterwards. Later in the year there is a Social Evening when the results of the Competition will be screened.

We also have an inter-club with Prism Photographic Club which is an indoor meeting on the same lines as our home competitions. Topic or Subject can be found on the GPC Programme sheet.

Our Annual Dinner / Presentation evening is held early in January to which friends and family are invited to join us. This is a social evening with excellent raffle and all Annual Print Competition Entries displayed for viewing.

### Secretary



### **External Club Competitions**

The Guernsey Photographic Club encourages members to enter external and overseas competitions and to this end elects a club member to act as Competition Secretary. The club is a member of the Southern Photographic Federation (SCPF) and the name and contact details of the Competition Secretary are listed on the (SCPF) website, (southerncountiespf.org.uk) this enables clubs organising competitions and exhibitions to notify the Competition Secretary of forthcoming events.

The Competition Secretary keeps a list of these events and brings them to the attention of club members, handing out entry forms and collecting entries from members wishing to enter competitions. They are then posted to the relevant event organisers with arrangements made for their return after the competition. Postage is paid by the Club.

These are some of the competitions/exhibitions that the GPC Competition Secretary deals with:

Guernsey Eisteddfod

Jersey Eisteddfod

Guernsey Salon of Photography

Inter-club with Jersey Photographic Club

Inter-club with Spectrum

Inter-club with Prism

Cotswolds Monochrome

SCPF league

SCPF Exhibition

Most competitions/exhibitions have print classes such as Open Mono, Open Colour and Nature, which have a maximum mount size of 50cm X 40cm and a minimum image size of 23cm on its longest edge. Nearly all competitions/ exhibitions these days now include a digital image class where images are submitted as digital files online or on a CD-R/DVD in .jpg format, with an image size of 1600 X 1200 depending on the projector used to display the images. All this information is given on the entry forms for the various competitions/exhibitions.

#### **Competition Secretary**



### **GUERNSEY PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB RULES**

(Amendedments to Jan 2022)

- 1. The Club shall be known as 'The Guernsey Photographic Club'.
- 2. The Committee shall comprise of the following, who will be elected at the A.G.M. from within the membership.

President

Vice President

**Honorary Secretary** 

Honorary Treasurer

Competition Secretary

Two Members

An Auditor and a Publicity Officer will also be elected at the A.G.M. The Auditor shall not be a serving Committee member but the Publicity post may be held by any of the above.

- 3. Meetings will normally be held on alternate Tuesdays, according to a Fixture list drawn up by the
  - out going Committee for each year and will normally start at 8pm.
- 4. Membership shall be by payment of an annual subscription that will be revised at each A.G.M.
- 5. The annual subscription is to be paid at the earliest opportunity after the A. G. M.
- 6. Membership will be restricted to individuals over 16 years of age.
- 7. Prospective new members are welcome to all meetings. After two meetings, not necessarily consecutive, they will be asked to declare their intention to join the Club. The Fee for their first year may be at a reduced rate as decided at the A.G.M.
- Following a resolution approving winding up the Club and (after discharge of all liabilities)
  distributing all the remaining assets, the meeting then will decide on the distribution of those
  assets. Distribution will be restricted to Registered Charities or Groups with photographic
  association.
- 9. Alterations to Club rules must be notified in writing to the Secretary one month before the A.G.M. Competition rules can be altered at the A.G.M. without prior notification.

#### **COMPETITION RULES**

- A. Print and Digital Image League competitions maximum 2 entries per member (entries must conform to the rules which apply to each particular competition).
- B. Anyone entering a competition or event must have paid his or her membership in full as detailed in Club rule 5.
- C. Members and visitors attending meetings will be invited, where applicable, to cast a vote placing entries into 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. All three places must be accredited; failure to do so will render the whole of the voting slip void.
- D. An entry in a print league competition (E.J. Le Page Trophy) or digital image league competition (Quill Bisset Trophy) must not have been used in either of these competitions previously or be very similar to a current or previous image in either League.
  - An entry cannot be entered in more than one of the six GPC Annual Championship competitions nor entered if it has been used in any one of the six Annual Championship competitions previously or if it is very similar to a previous image entered in any one of the five Annual Championship competitions.
  - An entry in any other club competition must not have been used in that particular competition previously or be very similar to a previous image entered in that particular competition.
- E. Images, negatives and transparencies used to produce work for any Club competition must have been exposed by the entrant.
- F. A member is not to vote for their own entry.
- G. Digital images will be accepted in all competitions, providing that all images used are the original copyright of the author.
- H. Any entry in a league competition will have one voting point deducted
  - where the entrant is not physically present during the casting of votes for such competition
  - where the competition is held online and the entrant does not cast votes
- I. When a league competition is judged by a visiting external judge no point should be deducted from an entrant's score if they have entered the competition but are absent from the meeting.
- J. When an entrant in a league competition is unable to attend the meeting to vote as they are on Club business, no point should be deducted from that entrant's score.

#### **SPECIFIC COMPETITION RULES**

# **E.J.LE Page Trophy** (Prints League)

Print size- maximum 12 inches by 8.25 inches; minimum size 8 inches on the longest print edge. Mount size is optional but photographs should be mounted on firm card. Prints can be printed by the member or by others.

League points are awarded thus - members receive one point for entering a competition, plus one point for fourth place, two points for third place, three points for second place and four for first place. In the event of a member gaining two winning places, the higher position will be awarded and the other place vacated in favour of another entrant.

The member with the highest total at the completion of the league programme will be awarded the trophy. In the event of a tie, the trophy will be shared. Certificates will be awarded to the second and third placed member

Should the second or third places be shared they will all receive a certificate

#### **Quill Bisset Trophy** (Digital League)

See GPC specification rules for digital entries.

Points, certificates and trophy awarded as detailed for the E.J.LE Page Trophy competition.

#### **The Millard Cup**

This cup is awarded for a member's notable achievement in photography or contribution to the promotion and well-being of the club. The decision is to be made by the donor's son, with assistance

### **ANNUAL COMPETITIONS RULES**

Entries from previous League competitions can be entered in all the annual competitions shown below.

Gillingham Trophy (Local Nature PDI) (Max. 3 entries per member)

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Entries from Gillingham competitions can be entered in all the competitions shown below.

<u>Phil Jackson Cup</u> (Colour Open PDI) (Max. 2 entries per member)

<u>Thomas Gough Cup</u> (Monochrome Open PDI) (Max. 2 entries per member)

<u>Joanne Mahy Trophy</u> (Nature PDI) (Max. 2 entries per member)

#### **Jack Caldwell Trophy** (Best Overall PDI)

Awarded to the PDI selected by the judge as the best pdi image from the winning PDIs from the Phil Jackson Cup, Thomas Gough Cup and Joanne Mahy Trophy competitions.

For the following annual competitions listed below, the maximum print/mount size will be 50 cm by 40 cm and the minimum print size will be 8 inches on the longest side.

<u>Stan Galliott Trophy</u> (Human Portrait Print) (Max. 2 entries per member)

Bridel Shield (Colour Open Print) (Max. 2 entries per member)

<u>Derek Tostevin Trophy</u> (Monochrome Open Print) (Max. 2 entries per member)

## **Guernsey Photographic Club Trophy** (Best Overall Print)

Awarded to the print selected by the judge from the winning prints of the Bridel Shield and the Thomas Gough Cup competitions.

Judge/s for the annual competitions to be selected by the committee from outside the Club. In the rare event that a judge cannot be found, a competent non-contributing Club member may be nominated to the post.