

BCC End of Year Newsletter(2017-2018 season)

On the 31st May 2018 - at the end of season AGM, our Chairman Bob Lennox delivered the Chairmans Report followed by the prize giving.

For those members who were unable to attend, here are the headlines of the report with bullet points plus details of the prize giving and a summary.

Headlines:-

- * The Past Season Programme Highlights.
- * Competitions
- * The 2018 Exhibition at the Leatherhead Theatre
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1) The Past Season Highlights

- * 37 Events (6 external speakers, 3 Internal speakers, 10 Club evenings, 2 Club Dinners, 1 round table, 12 competitions and 5 active Special Interest Groups.
- * The presentations by the external and internal speakers were extremely well attended and remain a very popular item in our programme

2) Competitions

Internal Comps

- * 11 Comps (4 Open PDI's, 4 Open Print, 2 Set Subject + 1 season final)
- * 661 Entries (385 PDI's, 276 Prints)
- * 73 entries scored a max of 10 (11%)

External Comp

Surrey Photographic Association (SPA) Interclub Comp

Prints;- BCC - 1st in Nature class, 3rd in Open - Our BEST result - ever.

PDI's:- BCC - 4th in Nature, 2nd in Open - an excellent result.

3) The 2018 Exhibition at the Leatherhead Theatre

- * Ran for 4 weeks
- * 102 Prints and 187 PDI's
- * Very successful opening Evening
- * Judged by David Smith LRPS, CPAGB
- * Special thanks to Barrie Parker for his significant contribution in making the exhibition a success.

4) Distinctions during the season

- * Gerry Middleton-Stewart LRPS
- * Anne Overstall LRPS
- * Hilary Lumley LRPS
- * Richard Sharman LRPS
- * Paul Gale LRPS

5) Membership Survey

- * Very high participation (75%)
- * Significant majority vote in favour of a 'no score' trial season for all internal comps
- * Slight majority NOT in favour of introduction of a 3 'class' competition structure
- * All other comments to be considered by the Committee during the holiday period and feedback will be provided.

6) Communication

- * Main broadcast communication is by email but some spam filters block these.
- * The Website is regularly updated and contains a lot of useful information - should be the prime reference point for all members
- * Google Groups facility is very convenient as it groups messages and does not overload your inbox . Many use it but we cannot measure 'hit rate'
- * WhatsApp - often used by SIG's
- * Facebook - some reluctance and security doubts

7) Club Hero Awards

- * No trophy, no certificate, no badge
- * Just the chairmans recognition of those people in the club whose contribution played a significant role in the success of the club.
- * The Chairman gave special thanks and a personal gift to the following:-
- * Monica Weller (for her excellent support for the club, especially stepping in to give us a judging master class when the booked judge was ill. Also for her excellent talk, and mentoring a record number of LRPS candidates.
- * David Mendus, external competition Secretary for his record success in his first year.
- * Martin Halley for his dedication and hard work in providing half-time refreshments.
- * Barrie Parker for stepping in and curating the Annual Exhibition and securing the immediate future of our exhibition at the theatre.

He also thanked

- * Gordon Roots for his excellent work as Club Secretary (now stepping down)
- * Steve Kingswell and Alan Thompson for their highly professional talks

8) Club Finances

- * Roger Mendham delivered the Treasurers report and confirmed the clubs finances are in a very healthy state with provision made for future expenditure such as a replacement projector.
- * No increase in subscription fees for the forthcoming season.

9) The New Data Protection Policy

- * The Chairman was able to announce that following a full interrogation by Chris Bussicot the club is GDPR compliant. To conform to the new regulation each member will be asked to sign their acceptance with the membership renewal in September Full details will be provided upon request.

10) Awards, Cups and Trophies

- * Club Class - The Ernie Gates Cup - Open PDI comp (1st - Chris Evans, 2nd - Lynn Hyde, 3rd - Randal Tajer)
- * Club Class - The Eric Warne Trophy - Open Print comp (1st - Richard Sharman, 2nd - Lynn Hyde, 3rd - Christine Padmore)
- * Club Class - The Peter Hyde Trophy - Set Subject comp (1st - Melanie Rolls, 2nd - Richard Sharman, 3rd - Geoff Haylar)
- * Club Class - The Joan Field Salver for overall combined score in all comps (1st - Richard Sharman, 2nd - Kirsten Asmussen, 3rd - Melanie Rolls)
- * Advanced Class - The Charles Pollard Trophy - Open PDI Comp (1st - Eddie Hyde, 2nd - Gerry Middleton-Stewart, 3rd - Paul Mitchell)
- * Advanced Class - The Gordon Stevens Trophy - Open Prints Comp (1st- Alan Thompson, 2nd - Bob Lennox, 3rd - Paul Gale)
- * Advanced Class - The Percy Ball Trophy - Set Subject (print + PDI) 1st - Andy Carter, 2nd- Michael Shilling, 3rd Rex Sellars)
- * Advanced Class - The Anne & Graham Peck Trophy for Overall Combined scores (1st - Eddie Hyde, 2nd- Gerry Middleton-Stewart, 3rd- Bob Lennox)
- * Presidents Cup - This year (on behalf of our President Keith Hughes) the trophy was awarded to the most deserving Club Class Photographer - Kirsten Asmussen.
- * Season Final - The Edgerton Ryerston Trophy (Open Class - Best PDI of the Year, 1st Lynn Hyde, 2nd Paul Mitchell, 3rd Eddie Hyde)
- * Season Final - The Neil Lamb Trophy (Open Class - Best Print of the Year, 1st Eddie Hyde, 2nd Barrie Parker, 3rd-tied - Martina Bennelick, Noreen Wickens, Bob Lennox.
- * Leatherhead Exhibition Awards (Open Class) - The Monica Weller Cup for Best Print - 1st Geoff Haylar, 2nd Roger Mendham, 3rd Steve Kingswell
- * Leatherhead Exhibition Awards (Open Class) - The Gordon Roots Cup for Best PDI - 1st Alan Thompson, 2nd Paul Mitchell, 3rd Richard Sharman.

Summary

2018 was another very successful year for Bookham Camera Club. The Club is running a full membership and strives to deliver an enjoyable, informative and entertaining programme.

We are proud of our achievements and together with the help and assistance freely given by our vanguard members e.g David Mendus, Monica Weller, Steve Kingswell, Eddie Hyde, Gordon Roots, Roger Mendham and Bob Lennox we are steadily improving our results in external competitions and gaining a reputation within the wider (photography) community as a club to be respected and admired.

We are also fortunate to have an active and engaged Committee (you will find their details on the club website). Any member of the committee will be pleased to help anyone in any way they can. The willingness to share and help is one of the major strengths of Bookham Camera Club. A special thanks to Eddie Hyde for bringing us a diverse, interesting and informative programme for the year and the baton has now been passed to Gary Margetts who, we know, will deliver an equally engaging programme for the new season.

Lots of people help us along the way and my apologies if I've missed out anyone. My bad memory should not diminish the appreciation of the contribution that others have made!

Whats ahead?

Please refer to the club website

<http://bookhamcameraclub.zenfolio.com/>

The programme for the new season has already been published and we can look forward to another great season starting 6th September 2018. Please put this date in your diary. We start the season with a renowned guest speaker - Polina Plotnikova who will present to us on the subject of Creative Studio and Still Life Photography. I think this will be a very popular evening.

Last, but not least, we must say a very special thanks to our past chairman, Roger Mendham who over the last 5 years has built the foundation stones for the popularity & success of the club. Thank you Roger. Secondly, we must also thank our current chairman - Bob Lennox.

Bob works tirelessly for the club and I often think he eats, sleeps, drinks and thinks about BCC non-stop. Without much of the (often unseen) work by these two gentlemen we wouldn't be the successful club we are today.

Please note that many activities will continue during the official break with the Special Interest Groups. If you are interested in joining an SIG please refer to the club website for details of the respective leaders. Don't be shy as everyone is welcome! It's a great way of making friends and improving your photography.

Enjoy your holiday and see you soon.

Paul Gale LRPS



Many thanks to Michael Shilling for the Photographs