

Croydon CC Newsletter – 11 April 2021

Chairman's Viewpoint

Yesterday, the SLF held its annual Finals Day. Last year's event did not take place due to Covid-19, although the SLF was able to complete the judging remotely. This year, Covid-19 again disrupted the normal programme and it was only possible to hold the PDI competitions with the event taking place online. I am pleased to report that our club was well represented in the results.

In the Edwin Appleton Rose Bowl, a competition for the highest scoring images in the first round of the inter-club competition, Bill Yates had a Judge's Comment for his image "Not For This Lady". In the open PDI competition for the Jack's Jug trophy, 14 images were selected out of the total entry of 182. Of these, no less than four were submitted by Croydon Camera Club members:

Judge's Comments went to Iggy Tavares for "Lovely Smile" and Steve Brooker for "Siberian Jays". Of the three certificates on offer, Wally Conquy won one with "Ethan" and Jack Bates got another with "The Chaos and Terror of a Tsunami". Congratulations to everyone mentioned for their successes. It was a creditable performance on the part of our club.

One aspect of the SLF Finals Day is that some images are critiqued twice by different judges. Some which featured in the inter-club competition appeared again in the Edwin Appleton Bowl. Did the two judges agree? Not a bit of it. So who was right? Both were. Affirmation, if needed, that we should shoot for ourselves and not try to second guess the judge. Assessment is inevitably subjective and the diversity of photography ensures that few images will have universal appeal. While the pursuit of perfection can lead to a degree of homogeneity, there is a place for a range of styles and approach. Long may that continue.

With the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions now confirmed, the print competition consisting of the first two rounds will take place on 5 May. Both competitions are open in PhotoEntry. To comply with Covid-19 regulations, entries close on Friday, 23 April and prints are to be handed in at Shirley Methodist Church on 24 April. Further details will follow.

Club Matters

14 April 2021 – DPI Competition 4th Round

Our first meeting after the Easter Break. The judge is Monica Weller FRPS.

21 April 2021 – "Night and Day" with David Jenner

Very little is unique in photography but David Jenner lays claim to that distinction with his stunning imagery which combines both daylight and night at the same location. This will be a presentation with a difference.

<https://www.davidjenner.co.uk/night-day/>

Links for PhotoEntry and Instructions

<https://compent.photoentry.uk/compent/>

<http://croydoncameraclub.org.uk/WebSiteArchive/PhotoEntryGuidance.pdf>

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