

SPA InterClub PDI Championship 2011

This inaugural competition will be held on Saturday November 26th at East Horsley Village Hall in conjunction with the SPA AGM.

Rules

1. The competition is open to all member clubs of the SPA
2. An entry will comprise 20 PDI images. There will be a single 'Open' class and any nature or natural history type subjects that are entered will be judged as pictorial images. A maximum of two images per author are permitted with a relaxation for this rule for clubs that declare less than 20 PDI workers – see Appendix 1.
3. An author who belongs to more than one club may only permit their images to be entered with one club in any one season (1st August to 31st July).
4. Images must not have been entered in any previous SPA competition.
5. Images entered must be entirely the work of the photographer. Composite images are permitted provided all component images meet this requirement.
6. Images must be sized to fit within an area 1400 pixels wide and 1050 pixels high. Images will be projected at the dimensions supplied and smaller images will not be resized. Titles and name of author or club must not appear within the image area.
7. Image files must be in the sRGB colour space and in jpeg (.jpg) format.
8. Image files must be named as follows:
Clubcode_imagenumber_authorsurname and distinctions _authorfirstname_title.jpg
EXAMPLE:
C1_01_Bloggs ARPS_John_Deadwood Tree.jpg
Note that underscores are used as separators and spaces are permitted.
9. Image files together with an Excel spreadsheet listing the club entries in the format supplied by the SPA Competition Secretary must be supplied on a CD and received by 7th November 2011
10. CD's will not be returned but retained by the SPA so that images can be considered for selection for PAGB Inter Federation competitions.
11. Judging will be by a panel of 3 judges using scoring machines and each judge will award between 2 and 5 points per image – a maximum score of 15
12. A random selection of 20 images will be shown at the beginning of the competition so that judges can be aware of the typical standard of entries.
13. Each image will then be shown and the title read out. Once all three judges have scored, the total score for the image will be declared and the next image displayed.
14. The images will be displayed and judged in random order and not as club panels.
15. The winning club will be the club scoring the highest aggregate number of points. In the event of a tie the winner will be decided by the highest number of high scoring images at each level – 15's then 14's and so on until the winner is determined.
16. The runner up will be the club with the second highest aggregate score, any tie to be determined in the same way as for the winner.
17. Each judge will award an SPA Individual Award to an image of their choice.
18. The winning club will be presented with the Founders Trophy
19. The winner and runner up clubs will be invited to represent the SPA at the PAGB InterClub PDI Championships at Warwick in July 2012

Appendix 1.

The SPA recognise that paid up membership of any club does not realistically recognise the number of active workers in any one photographic genre – colour or monochrome prints or PDI's. Clubs were therefore asked to declare a realistic indication of the number of active workers entering PDI's.

The SPA has accepted these declarations in good faith and for the 2011 competition offers a concession to Rule 2 regarding the maximum number of images per photographer as follows:

Where a club declares less than 20 PDI workers the maximum number of images per photographer shall be as follows:

Less than 20 workers but more than 10 workers – 3 images per photographer

10 workers or less – 4 images per photographer

Notes to the rules for the SPA InterClub PDI Championship

Images will be projected using a Canon Xeed Projector with a native resolution of 1400 pixels wide x 1050 pixels high and using DiCentra software.

Images will be projected as supplied and without resizing. Images larger than 1400x1050 may be cropped and images smaller than 1400 x 1050 will show smaller on screen.

This will be the first year of this new approach to interclub competition within the SPA. Our primary concern is that this first event should be successful and that all clubs that enter will enjoy the experience.

We will, of course, be closely observing the progress of the competition, both logistically and on the day, and will invite your comments or criticisms so that we can make any necessary adjustments for 2012.