



# e-news

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## AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT - A CREDITABLE COLLECTION



It certainly felt like a record number of successful CPAGB entrants at Ormskirk in August and it was heart-warming to see so many present to collect their badges. A few even managed to keep their eyes open for the photograph. There were fewer CPAGB passes in PDI but lots of them were also present >

### AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT IN AUDIO VISUAL

The PAGB are planning an APM/AV Adjudication in May 2016 – see venue on page 9. To date we have applications from 16 CPAGB/AV, 4 DPAGB/AV and 1 MPAGB/AV but, since we have two days available we can take quite a few more at every level. You can download an explanatory Leaflet Number 6, which will be updated later in the year, and also “General Leaflet Number 1” from the PAGB website at -

<http://www.thepagb.org.uk/merit.htm>

We are particularly keen that Club members, who are not yet very involved in AV but are setting their own pictures to music, should certainly consider entering PHOTO HARMONY sequences. See page 9 for more information.

There have been very few opportunities to seek a PAGB APM in Audio Visual so we really encourage you to have a go and to encourage other Club members to join in



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# Joan Blease MPAGB

This is the succesful MPAGB entry by Joan Blease, Wigan 10 FC, at the extra Summer Adjudication held in Ormskirk in Aug 2015. There were seven MPAGB applicants but, although we saw some superb photos, only one succeeded.



01 Woolly Jumper.jpg



02 As You Desire.jpg



03 Languishing Ladies.jpg



04 Shopping Day.jpg



05 Waiting.jpg



06 Retribution.jpg



07 The Shiner.jpg



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19 The Ice Queen.jpg



20 Past Memories.jpg

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## **THE GB TROPHY**

**a competition FOR PRINTS**

**OPENS 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Hundreds of you have entered and enjoyed the GB Cup competitions for Projected Digital Images and now you are cordially invited to participate in a new competition for unmounted prints.

Quite unlike the PAGB Annual Inter-Club Championships, there is no qualification and YOUR Club can enter, no matter how big or small your membership might be. You may enter even if you only have one Print worker, although your chances of winning the trophies will be improved if you have more.

There are TWO GB Trophy Competitions

for **Open** and **Nature Prints**

and you can enter either with JUST THREE PRINTS or both with two sets of THREE PRINTS

**CLOSING DATE FOR ONLINE ENTRY 18 OCTOBER 2015**

Prints to arrive not later than 26 October 2015



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**NOTE** Prints should be posted to Howard Tate, the Receiving Secretary, or handed in at the PAGB Inter-Club Print Championship in Ellesmere Port on 25 October 2015.

#### **1 THE GB TROPHY FOR PRINTS (OPEN)**

- 1.1 Each club must submit minimum of 3 and a maximum of 24 Prints, any combination of Colour and Monochrome, but see para.1.3.
- 1.2 Natural History Prints are not permitted and, if included, the judges will be asked to assess them strictly as pictorial, not as Nature. Please comply with this rule.
- 1.3 The Winning Club will be decided on the aggregate of the 12 highest scoring Prints, of which 4 must be Monochrome. If a Club has entered fewer than 12 Prints it cannot qualify for the Club trophy. Individual awards will be available at the discretion of the judges. You are encouraged to enter even if you have only one Print photographer in your Club.
- 1.4 No photographer may have more than 4 Prints.
- 1.5 The FIAP Monochrome Definition will apply. See Appendix 1.

#### **2 THE GBH TROPHY FOR PRINTS (NATURE)**

- 2.1 Each club must submit a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 24 Nature Prints, but see para.2.2.
- 2.2 The Winning Club will be decided on the aggregate of the 12 highest scoring Prints. If a Club has entered fewer than 12 Prints it cannot qualify for the Club trophy. Individual awards will be available at the discretion of the judges. You are encouraged to enter even if you have only one Nature photographer in your Club. The judges will recognise all aspects of Nature.
- 2.3 No photographer may have more than 4 Prints.
- 2.4 The PAGB Natural History definition will apply. See Appendix 1.

**<< CLICK HERE**

**For the e-news 146 Supplement with the full rules and entry procedures.**

## **GB TROPHY EXHIBITION**

No catalogue will be produced and the results will be published online. We will exhibit the "Accepted" Prints in Poster Type Display cradles, at all PAGB Public events such as the Inter-Club Print Championship, The Inter-Club PDI Championship, the Inter-Federation Judging and Exhibition, the Awards for Photographic Merit and the PAGB AGM. We also hope to be able to make them available for Federation events. We will try to represent every Club and every entrant in the "Accepted" Prints but this will obviously depend on the number of entries received.



## NATURES PHOTOS Bob Brind-Surch



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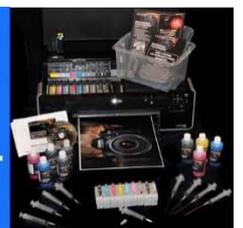
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# How Tight to Crop?

by Richard Garvey-Williams

One of the choices we have, when composing our images, is how much space to leave around our subject matter. Ideally, if we are to maximise image quality we should be making our decisions at the time of capturing the image rather than leaving lots of space so that we can crop into it during our image processing routines. With zoom lenses we don't even have the excuse of having to move our legs to alter how our subject matter fills the frame. Having said this, it can be a good exercise to deliberately leave plenty of space and then play around with various cropping options on your computer to learn about their impact and to experience the effect that the amount of space left in a 2-dimensional image can have on us. *See below -*



Generally speaking, minimal negative space (empty or 'non-subject' parts of the image – often background) in an image can have a tendency to leave us, as viewers, feeling claustrophobic or cramped. Ample negative space by contrast allows the subject matter and us to breathe. An excess, however, can give a sense of luxuriousness – space to spare. So, how much we end up leaving might depend on a whole list of potential considerations such as:

- The subject matter and messages we wish to convey about it. We may want all attention to fall on one aspect of our subject that we are illustrating, for example. **4**
- Messages we wish to convey about the subject matter's relationship to its environment. We may wish to reveal our subject matter as existing in a vast open space, for example. **5**



- The relationship of the subject matter to other elements around about. A tense, threatening relationship might require tight cropping, whereas a free, relaxed one might benefit from some space.
- Other compositional considerations such as our desire to position the subject in a pleasing position within the frame or our desire to convey a sense of motion in a particular direction by allowing some 'nose room'. For example **6**
- Our own individual perceptions, conditioning and needs. In this context, how we tend to crop our images may become a reflection of our 'style'. An extensive collection of a particular photographer's work that I saw recently left me wondering why he had cropped so many of them so tightly at the bottom edge. It would have been interesting to ask around to see if others had the same perception and if the photographer himself was consciously doing this for any reason. *Contd.*



As a wildlife photographer, it's my perception that when people first acquire a long lens they have a tendency to crop rather tightly. With some experience we learn more flexibility, often backing off a little and allowing more breathing room. Perhaps this isn't a question of what's right or wrong, but simply a reflection of the excitement the photographer with the new lens experiences in suddenly being able to get so close to the subject and perceiving so much detail.

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You can browse these pictures on the e-news website

Richard is also the author of 'Mastering Composition – the definitive guide for 'Mastering Wildlife Photography'

(Ammonite Press)

For further examples of his work and details of these publications and his workshops go to-

[www.richardgarveywilliams.com](http://www.richardgarveywilliams.com)

Richard is an award winning wildlife and landscape

photographer and author. Having spent much of his up-bringing in East Africa, frequent family safaris left him with an awe for the amazing wildlife of that continent. He graduated with a degree in Zoology from Manchester University and was then

temporarily side-tracked by another career and only later was his passion for the natural world re-kindled, largely through his

other love: photography. He is now based in Devon, but regularly returns to Africa leading photographic safaris.



## POINTLESS SCORING SYSTEM

*Dear Dave, Someone talked to me recently at Warwick about a "Pointless Scoring System" but I wasn't really listening. Have you got any ideas or did they just dislike competitions?*

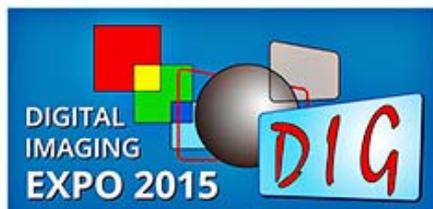
Yes I do and I think there might have been an e-news item earlier about it. Clubs use all sorts of systems for judging their competitions. Some mark out of 10, some mark out of 30 but probably a score out of 20 is the most common. However, they don't really mean what they say and most Clubs do not expect a judge to give a score much under 13. A growing number of Clubs have stopped asking the judge to award points at all and this is the "Pointless Scoring System".

Of course, if your Club runs a League system over several rounds, you probably need points to add up so as to decide the overall winner at the end of the season. This isn't a problem. Ask your judges to pick First, Second, Third, some HC and some C. You can give guidance on how many of each might be appropriate and you could have, for example, up to 2 2<sup>nd</sup>= and up to three 3<sup>rd</sup>=. Later you allocate scores, 1<sup>st</sup> gets 20 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> gets 19 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> gets 18 points, HC, of which there could be lots, gets 17 points and any number of C gets 16 points. Everything else gets "Nul Points" or better still 15 points for entering.

Judges mostly love the system because they don't have to find a reason to separate (say) a 14 from a 13 when really there is very little difference. Entrants mostly like it as the judge can concentrate on making helpful suggestions for improvement rather than being obliged to make negative comments to explain the very low score. Do you use such a system and do you have a better name for it?

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Sound Devices, <http://www.sounddevices.com/news/sound-devices-news/sound-devices-technical-alert>, say that they have confirmed user reports of a serious issue with Windows 10 and removable media formatted as FAT32. Users are experiencing corruption of .wav media files by simply inserting FAT32 formatted SD or CF cards into a Windows 10 computer. Files do not need to be opened or accessed in order for them to become corrupt.

If anyone has more information, I'd be glad to hear it.

Howard Gregory [chairman@wilmslowguildav.org.uk](mailto:chairman@wilmslowguildav.org.uk)

The PAGB cannot attest to the accuracy of the warning from "Sound Devices" but thought it worth publishing anyhow as the consequences could be devastating.

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Mark Allen

(Borrowed from a Facebook post)

Many new camera club members often struggle with learning how to use their camera on a tripod. I have come up with a simple mnemonic called "ISO".

Please feel free share this with your members if you think it might help.

"Your tripod has three legs and each one has a name, they are called: 'I', 'S' and 'O'. Some folk tie a label on their tripod, with 'ISO' written on it, to ensure that they remember this. 3 legs and 3 things to remember!

'I' stands for ISO, when your camera is on a tripod make sure you disable 'Auto ISO' and set your camera ISO settings to the default of 100 or 200, depending on your camera.

'S' stands for SELF TIMER. Use the self timer, or a remote, rather than simply pressing the button. 'S' also stands for SPEED, use aperture priority to select the depth of field you require and let the camera sort out the speed. Because the camera is on a tripod you can have long SLOW shutter speeds.

'O' stands for OFF, turn your camera or lens image stabilisation off. You don't need it when using a tripod. 'OFF' should also remind you about turning off the auto ISO, which is often the main mistake."

I hope this might be useful.

## INTER-CLUB PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

SUN 25 OCT 2015 at Ellesmere Port

The judges

Phillip Charnock MFIAP FRPS	L&CPU
Gabriel O'Shaughnessy MFIAP FIPF FRPS EFIAP/b	ROI
Richard Walton MPAGB EFIAP FRPS	KCPA

All of the participating Clubs should now have the required paperwork and should be busy selecting their bank of Prints. This is when organisers start to get requests to name the judges, which we often don't do until much nearer the event. I guess Clubs think they can play to the supposed preferences of the judges but this really is a waste of time.

The judges the PAGB choose are scrupulously fair and will do the very best they can to give due credit to every good picture, whatever their personal style might be.

See Page 2 for tickets to this great event

## AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT (APM) UPDATE

**November Adjudication in WPF** - Nidum Arts Centre, Neath Port Talbot College, Dwr-y-Felin Road, Neath SA10 7RF  
All entry packs were issued on the 11th August. Yet again withdrawals are coming in daily and few seem to worry about forfeiting the £25.00 admin fee. (They lose the whole of their fee if they withdraw after 28 August!)

**April 2016 Adjudication in NCPF** - Joseph Swann Academy, Saltwell Road South, Gateshead, NE9 6LE  
Take up has been a little slow to-date but is to be expected with most clubs closed until September. Plenty of space at all levels.

**May 2016 Adjudication in Audio Visual** - in Steventon, Oxfordshire, OX13 6RR  
As we are hoping this will be a two day event and we still have spaces available. There are very few opportunities to gain an APM in AV so please tell your friends. Remember, we encourage "Photo Harmony" productions.

**PHOTO HARMONY** should demonstrate skill in the production and visual progression of still photographs linked to sound. No script or commentary with a specific beginning, middle and ending are required but the images must flow well in a pleasing progression, not just in a random manner. The emphasis is on visual harmony in colour, tone or graphic design. The aim is not to display a collection of single photographs which may be excellent when considered individually but rather a sequence of pictures which blend well with each other and with the sound and music chosen. Good technique is essential and it is expected that the sound and the pictures start and finish together and that the original ending of the music is preserved rather than an arbitrary fade out. In a successful Photo Harmony presentation the Adjudicators will expect most of the pictures to be original photography of a good standard.



# EAST ANGLIAN FEDERATION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETIES



## AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT (APM) WORKSHOP



Images from successful CPAGB entries

**The EAF is hosting an APM Workshop on behalf of the PAGB**  
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**on**  
**Sunday 11th October 2015. 10.00am to 5.00pm**

Fulbourn Centre is situated east of Cambridge, two miles from A11, six miles from A14.  
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The workshop will be led by Rod Wheelans with other members of the PAGB APM Team.  
 In the morning they will clearly explain the various PAGB Photographic Awards and the standard of work necessary to achieve the CPAGB, DPAGB and MPAGB awards.

In the afternoon delegates will get the opportunity to have an initial panel of work assessed to give an overview of their current standard, plus guidance about which level they might aim for and what they will need to do to achieve this.

The cost of the event including refreshments will be  
 £16.00 for those requiring assessments, £11.00 for observers.

Numbers will be limited and the event is likely to be popular so an early application is recommended.

A completed application form, together with your cheque payable to EAF, should be sent to:

Vic Hainsworth ARPS DPAGB,

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Applications must be received by no later than Saturday 26th September 2015.

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CHRIS HAMMOND ARPS, Colcutta Fishermen

There were fewer DPAGB candidates present to receive their badges and only one MPAGB – but they all look very happy



These were the Awards for Photographic Merit Adjudicators in Ormskirk in August 2015



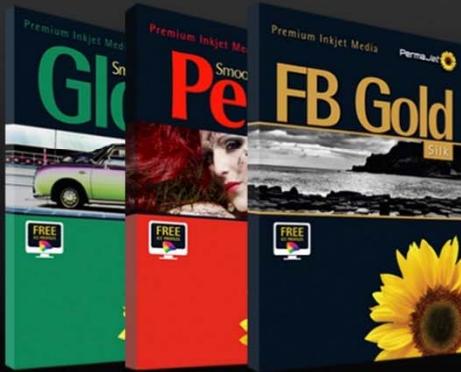
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	This article examines the scoring process for inter-club competitions which also give out individual awards.
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Points of View



< As the author states, the articles in this blog do not represent the views of the PAGB, but you may find them interesting.

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