

Chertsey Camera Club – Competition Rules

Quarterly Competitions

- There will be two competitions for prints and two competitions for Projected Digital Images (PDIs) in each season.
- Each club member may submit two images into each Quarterly Competition.
- All image content must be the sole work of the club member.
- There is no theme for photo content. Images may contain any subject matter and may be colour or monochrome.
- Each image will be critiqued by a guest judge and awarded a score out of ten (half marks are allowed).
- Each image must be given a title, which will be read aloud as the image is presented before the judge.
- Judges are selected from a pool of judges made available via the Surrey Photographic Association.
- At the end of the season, scores will be added up and awards presented for the top three in both print and Projected Digital Image categories.

Printed Images

- Printed images must be mounted but not framed or under glass.
- Mounting can be done by simply sticking the printed image to a piece of card, or by using more professional mounting borders and backing card.
- The mount must be 50 cm x 40 cm.
- There is no restriction on the colour of the mount being used.
- The minimum size of the printed image is 10 inches x 8 inches, except for 'letterbox' format images where the longest side should be a minimum of 10 inches.
- Images may be printed by the author or by a commercial printer.
- Any printed image can only be submitted into one Quarterly Competition. Repeat entries are not allowed. (However, an image which was previously submitted as a digital image, can be submitted as a printed image).
- The members name and the image title should be written on the back of each mounted print in the top left hand corner.
- Titles, together with a JPEG of the image, must be submitted to the Competition Secretary by the SUNDAY EVENING before the competition. Email is the preferred method.
- The JPEG may be shown on the club website if the corresponding print scores 9 or above.

Projected Digital Images (PDIs)

- Digital images must be in JPEG format with a maximum resolution of 1600 pixels wide by 1200 pixels high. (This is to conform to the SPA PDI Competitions format that came into effect on the 1st January 2017).
- Files should be named "INITIALS_Image Title.jpg"
eg. 'PH_windsor_great_park.jpg'
- Any digital image can only be submitted into one Quarterly Competition. Repeat entries are not allowed. (However, an image which was previously submitted as a printed image, can be submitted as a digital image).

- The JPEG images and confirmation of the titles must be submitted to the competition secretary by the SUNDAY EVENING before the competition. Email is the preferred method.
- The JPEG may be shown on the club website if it scores 9 or above.

Set Subject Competition

- Members may submit one print and / or one PDI into the Set Subject Competition.
- Interpretation of the theme is up to the entrant.
- All image content must be the sole work of the club member.
- PDI naming convention & resolution, and print sizes, are as per Quarterly PDI Competitions.
- Any images entered into the Set Subject Competition can be entered into the Image of The Year Competition for that season.
- The JPEG images and confirmation of the print title must be submitted to the competition secretary by the SUNDAY EVENING before the competition. Email is the preferred method.
- A guest judge will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.
- The JPEG may be shown on the club website if awarded 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place.

Image of the Year Competition

- At the end of the season there will be an evening where each member may submit one printed image and / or one PDI into the Image of the Year Competition.
- Any print or PDI entered must have been previously entered into one of the Quarterly Competitions or into the Set Subject Competition during that season. The images must not be edited, updated, or changed in any way between competitions.
- A guest judge will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each category (print & PDI) and may also make "Commended" awards to other images.
- The judge will also select one image, from the combined print & PDI pool, which they consider to be the 'Image of The Year'.
- Print and PDI titles are to be submitted to the competition secretary by the SUNDAY EVENING before the competition.
- The JPEG of the winning image may be shown on the club website.