

Scottish Photographic Federation



2024

ANNUAL REPORT

Notice is hereby given that the
122ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the
SCOTTISH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION
will be held on
SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2024 VIA ZOOM
STARTING AT 2.00PM

To attend this AGM Zoom Meeting - Anyone wishing to attend requires to send an email to libby.neilsmith@btinternet.com with the following details -

- *Attendee Name and Full Club Name (No Acronyms Please)
- *Confirmation if Attendee is a Voting Delegate for the Club, or not
- *email address for Attendee to receive Zoom meeting link/details

The deadline for these details to arrive with the SPF General Secretary is **by Thursday 24th Oct** to give time for the Zoom meeting details to be sent out to all wishing to attend.

If you require further details before confirming Zoom attendance please email or phone 01555 750737

You can alternatively send the above details by post to the SPF General Secretary but please ensure any written email address is correct.

Please remember a maximum of 2 voting delegates per Club.

There are no restrictions on the number of attendees per Club

When deciding whether or not to attend please remember that we require a quorum before this AGM can run.

Please Note that we can take no responsibility for you being unable to attend due to inaccurate email addresses or any late or non-delivery of emails.

Please check your spam folder for any missing meeting details.

Apologies for absence, Proposals to the Federation,
Nominations to the Executive Committee to be sent to the
SPF General Secretary, Neil Smith
in writing as soon as possible to
libby.neilsmith@btinternet.com
or 34 Braemar Crescent, Carlisle ML8 4BH

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AGM AGENDA 2024

1. President's Opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2023 AGM pages 6 to 9
4. Matters arising from the 2023 AGM
5. Treasurer's Report on 2023 pages 21 to 26
6. Proposals - see page 27
 - a) Subscription proposals for 2025
7. The following are contained in this years Report, and are distributed to all clubs prior to the AGM. see pages 9 to 20, 27 to 29

Only matters arising from these or on this Agenda will be discussed.

- 7.1 President's Report
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8. Election of Office Bearers & Ordinary Members see listing on page 5
 9. Any Other Competent Business.

Your attention is drawn to clause 2.1 of the Constitution of the SPF where it says:

"....each Affiliated Society is entitled to be represented by 2 members as delegates. All members of Affiliated Societies may attend, but only delegates may vote."

Executive Committee of the Scottish Photographic Federation

AGM ELECTIONS

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
President	_____	_____	_____
Snr. Vice President	_____	_____	_____
Jnr. Vice President	_____	_____	_____
Secretary	_____	_____	_____
Treasurer	_____	_____	_____
Hon. Vice President	___ No election Required _____		
Imm Past President	___ No election Required _____		
Member 1	_____	_____	_____
Member 2	_____	_____	_____
Member 3	_____	_____	_____
Member 4	_____	_____	_____
Member 5	_____	_____	_____
Member 6	_____	_____	_____
Member 7	_____	_____	_____
Member 8	_____	_____	_____
Member 9	_____	_____	_____
Member 10	_____	_____	_____
Member 11	_____	_____	_____
Member 12	_____	_____	_____
Member 13	_____	_____	_____
Member 14	_____	_____	_____
Auditor	_____	_____	_____

MINUTES of the SCOTTISH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION 121ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held via 'Zoom' on Sunday 29th October 2023 at 2.00 pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Gordon McMann (President); Neil Smith (Secretary); Libby Smith (Treasurer); Alan Campbell, Ayr PS; Allan Perera, Auchterarder CC; Anne Nicol, Auchterarder CC; Brian Saberton, Motherwell PS; Cameron Scott, Carlisle CC; Cathy Davies, Kirkcaldy PS; Emily Noakes, St Andrews PS; George Taylor, Forres CC; Gordon Rae, Dumfries CC; Graeme Clyne, Edinburgh PS; Helen Mitchell, Bon Accord CC; Ian Mitchell, Bon Accord CC; Ian Sturrock, Dundee PS; Isobel Lindsay, Edinburgh PS; John McVie, Dumfries CC; John Peacock, St Andrews PS; Ken Dow, Paisley Colour PC; Ken Goodfellow, Dunfermline PA; Margaret Dewar, Motherwell PS; Muriel Binnie, Edinburgh PS; Rod Wheelans, Dumfries CC; Sandra Taylor, Livingston CC; Terry Railley, Edinburgh PS.

1. PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS – Gordon remarked that it was good to see so many in attendance and hoped the changing of the clocks hadn't caused any confusion. He also reminded those attending that only registered affiliated society delegates may vote.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Eddie Telford, Ayr PS; Wanda Mackie, Kirkcaldy PS; Robert Thorp, Deeside CC; Joe Prior, Queen's Park CC (and during the AGM Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries CC)

3. MINUTES OF THE 2022 AGM – *There were no amendments and acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by George Taylor, Ken Goodfellow seconded.*

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2022 MINUTES – there were no matters arising.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT ON 2022 (*pages 21 – 26 of document circulated*) – Treasurer, Libby highlighted aspects of the Treasurer's Report and noted that last year she indicated that the SPF recorded a small deficit for 2021, due largely to setting a zero-membership rate for that year. For 2022 we set a reduced joint SPF/PAGB subscription rate of £3.50 per member, as the PAGB increased their subscriptions for 2022 to a 50% reduced rate of £16.00 per club and agreed a rate of £32.00 at its AGM in April 2022 for 2023.

Also of concern was the drop in Clubs rejoining at the end of 2021. In 2020 we had 97 member Clubs, but with the introduction of the reduced fees for 2022 we saw that drop to 86 Clubs. This was largely due to the impact of covid, with a number not having run over 'lockdown' and not knowing if they had a membership, or others having seen a significant reduction in membership or committee. At the end of 2022 we saw our Club numbers drop to 84, and a membership of 2847, up slightly on the previous 2735, however still well down on the 3453 pre-covid number.

The following are the usual events commented on in the Treasurer's report however this year they are slightly misleading as there is a significant outlay still to be offset for Medals and engraving, with some expenses carrying over to 2023. The cost of replacing medals has also gone up significantly and is being done between 2022 and 2023.

The Portfolios again recorded a surplus, in line with last year, largely due to being run remotely. The Print Championship ran with a 50% reduced Entry Fee to encourage entries and made a small deficit as all three Judges were brought together to Judge it in Dumfries, without an audience. The Digital Championship 2022 was run late and bridged the end of the financial year, so figures are not available within this Annual Report. It did, however, have a surplus of over £500.00 as it was again held virtually with a reduced Entry Fee.

As the SPF Executive has taken the decision to return to in-person events in 2023, and a number of in-person SPF Executive Meetings to facilitate print collection etc., our costs are going to be greatly impacted. Taking all of this into account the SPF Executive Committee therefore proposes to increase the subscriptions rate for 2024. But we do have Federation funds of £50,958.91 and we are conscious that many clubs are struggling with increased costs and reduced memberships. We are therefore proposing a subscription increase to the 2019 rate of £4.00 per member. Although we don't envisage this will be enough to cover all of our costs, and we don't yet know what size of audiences we may yet have for our events. We think this is the best way forward to maintain as many member Clubs as possible.

6. PROPOSALS - SUBSCRIPTION PROPOSALS FOR 2024 (page 27 of the pre-supplied Annual Report) - The SPF EC propose that the joint SPF/PAGB per member subscription rate for 2024 be increased to £4.00 per member (was £4 in 2019) payable by 31st Dec 2023. Proposals seconded by Cathy. Carried unanimously. We propose that the cap for large clubs remains at 120, Seconded Terry Ralley, with no one against.

7. ANNUAL REPORTS

President, Gordon Mcmann announced that the following items were contained in this year's Report and have been distributed to all clubs prior to the AGM. Only matters arising from these or on this Agenda will be discussed. (pages 9 to 20 & 28)

7.2 GENERAL SECRETARY – EXTRACT - On behalf of Neil, Libby noted the following from his report. The online zoom register set up by Adrian Lines (via Facebook) proved popular during covid, and as a result the SPF Directory-Handbook now indicates which of our SPF Judges and Lecturers are prepared to do zoom. Adrian's online zoom register has now been totally replaced by an online PAGB system, which also replaces the 'printed' PAGB Handbook called the CES. This online system gives all SPF Clubs up to date access to all of the Judges and Lecturers from throughout all of the Federations of the PAGB, including the SPF, for both zoom and in person bookings. To gain access Club Officers require to create an individual CES log-in and then have a Club Officer account registration approved. More details are available from the SPF website as to how to access this area. In early 2022 we received notice of a volunteer for the post of Ayrshire Area Rep, after it being vacant for many years, so we welcomed Eddie Telford, a member of Ayr PS, onto the SPF Executive following agreement by the Area Clubs. After many years, Alison Bradley, our SPF Minute Secretary, is stepped down from her role at the 2022 AGM and was thanked for all of her help and great patience over the years. However, we also had a co-option onto the SPF EC of Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries CC. During 2023, due to personal issues Anne Sproul also stepped down from the SPF Executive and her role as FIAP Liaison Officer. We thank her for her contribution over the past few years. Libby reminded those present that we still have a number of Area Rep posts vacant.

2022 was another year where we lost some stalwarts of Scottish Photography, they included in early 2022 Bob Smith, a long-term member of Bon Accord CC, serving on a variety of Committee posts over the years including as President. He was heavily involved in running the Bon-A-Slide International, was an SPF Judge and Lecturer for many years and was on the SPF Roll of Honour. We also lost Douglas Hamilton, early in 2022, a long-term member of Edinburgh Photographic Society, who together with his wife Sue ran the Edinburgh International Print Salon for many years, with Doug as its Chairman. He was also an SPF Judge and Lecturer.

In August 2022 we lost Andrew West of Fraserburgh PS, who had only been added to our SPF Roll of Honour a short time before, in late 2021. Andrew was a member of Fraserburgh for over 60 years and held the post of President for 43 of those as well as Treasurer and Secretary multiple times.

As this report is being published, we received the very sad news that one of our own SPF

Executive Committee members, and a past SPF President (2016-2018), Hunter Kennedy from Carluke, had passed away suddenly.

His last duty had been to oversee the SPF Judges Assessment Day, held in Dunblane the previous weekend, in his role as SPF Judges Liaison Officer, before attending our Sept EC meeting that afternoon. He was a member of Carluke CC for over 45 years, and the SPF Executive for over 10 years, but had helped out at SPF events and the Scottish Salon for many years prior to that. An SPF Lecturer, and SPF & PAGB accredited Judge, he will be sadly missed by Clubs and Executive alike, as well as the many photography friends he made over the years. We would like to thank all of the Clubs and Individuals for all of the kind comments received following our recent announcement of his passing. He will leave a big hole in our Executive.

Thank you to all of the SPF Club contacts we have dealt with over the past 18 months, who have been very understanding of some last-minute changes to our events that have been required given the unusual circumstances we have been working under.

There were no comments made on any of the additional reports, but Libby gave a plug for two upcoming events. Scotland host the PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit roughly once every seven years and they are coming to Scotland in April 2025. We have a Free PAGB Awards Workshop event on the 18th November open to anyone interested. Places must be pre-booked. This is the day prior to our SPF Digital Championship, back as an in-person event, in a new format. Both events being held at a totally new venue for us Victoria Hall, Dunblane.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS & ORDINARY MEMBERS

It is customary at this point for a sitting President to step down, so that constitutionally he can be re-elected for his second year. Therefore, on behalf of the SPF Executive Libby Smith took the chair and formally proposed Gordon McMann be re-elected as President. Seconded Rod Wheelans. With no one against that was carried and Gordon retook the chair.

Full details for the remaining posts were as follows below -

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconded
President	Gordon McMann	Libby Smith	Rod Wheelans
Snr. Vice President	George Taylor	Libby Smith	Terry Railley
Jnr. Vice President	Ian Sturrock	Libby Smith	Cathy Davies
Secretary	Neil Smith	George Taylor	Cathy Davies
Treasurer	Libby Smith	Cathy Davies	Emily Noakes
Hon. Vice President	Libby Smith	No election required	
Imm. Past President	Gordon Rae	No election required	
Member 1	John McVie)	
Member 2	Maybeth Jamieson)	
Member 3	Rod Wheelans)	
Member 4	Joe Prior)	
Member 5	Terry Railley)	
Member 6	Cathy Davis)	
Member 7	Wanda Mackie) George Taylor	Alan Campbell

Member 8	Tom Doherty)	
Member 9	Ken Dow)	
Member 10	Dave Ferguson)	
Member 11	Ken Goodfellow)	
Member 12	Vacant		
Member 13	Vacant		
Member 14	Vacant		
Auditor	TBC		

Libby asked that anyone interested in joining the Executive should get in touch with her.

9. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS - No matters were raised. Gordon thanked all for attending.

Neil Smith,
SPF General Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been a challenging year to say the least getting through the aftermath of Covid-19 on the long road back to normality, however we are settling into our new venue the Victoria Hall in Dunblane, excellent size for our requirements allowing all our competitions to go ahead with face to face meetings, being only ten minutes away from our old venue at Stirling Court, this new venue Victoria Hall still allowing a location centrally available for most clubs to attend meetings.

There has been healthy numbers participating in all the SPF events, Digital Championship, the Print Championship and the Portfolio Competition as well workshops, nice to see the clubs in a healthy position.

To the SPF's Executive Committee and officials I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your hard work and commitment in supporting the Scottish Photographic Federation, you are very much appreciated.

I feel it can't be stressed enough our indebtedness to Libby and Neil Smith for their continued commitment to the Scottish Photographic Federation, I would especially like to acknowledge Libby for stepping forward to cover vacant positions, as we still have a few vacancies to be filled I would appreciate anyone giving some consideration to filling these positions.

We were saddened to hear the news this year about the passing of two SPF Executive members, Hunter Kennedy and Clive Turner, both had a long service as officials within the Scottish Photographic Federation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As this is the end of my term, I'll be handing over to a new President soon, I am sure you will all give your full support.

Gordon McMann,
President

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

We ended 2020 with 97 member Clubs, but struggles with reduced memberships, venue shortages and price increases, meant that by the end of 2022 Club numbers had dropped to 84. This trend was to continue throughout 2023 and into early 2024, with a drop to 81, with Carnoustie CC folding, and Deveron CC, The Levern CC and Visions PC not rejoining. However, on a more positive note, we saw Orkney CC rejoin us for the start of 2024, and throughout the year Deveron CC and Isleburgh PC also rejoined, along with new Clubs Alba PS, Scone 50+ PG and Clyde CC.

For 2023, we planned to hold all of our SPF events with an audience. Unfortunately we fell at the first hurdle when we found our previous venue of Stirling Court Hotel outwith our budget as they had decided to charge a per delegate rate of £35 to all hirers rather than a room only cost, irrespective of the size of audience. Despite our best efforts we were unable to find a replacement venue to hold an audience event so were forced to run without one in late April at the New Lanark Hotel, with only Judges and SPF workers in attendance. It was heartening to note however that there was a good print entry when a number of Federations were reporting a significant fall in prints. We were also very pleased to get support from Paper Spectrum, who had been prepared to once again have a stand at our event if we had been able to run with an audience. They still supported the event however and awarded a sponsor's award.

The 2023 Annual Portfolios was judged in it's normal pre-covid format of two Print and one PDI section, with all three Judges attending in person at Holywood Hall, near Dumfries. The print entry was down significantly, likely due to the late Judging and return of the Print Championship prints.

Keen to stay in the Stirling area, as it has proved popular with audiences from all over, we eventually found an ideal venue in Dunblane which was used for an Executive Meeting and Judges Assessment Day in early August.

Victoria Hall, Dunblane, proved an ideal venue and a large PAGB Awards for Photographic Workshop Day, part funded by the PAGB, was run in November for those interested in finding out more about the PAGB Awards Distinctions scheme. The SPF are hosting the PAGB's Awards Adjudication in April 2025, something that happens only once every 7 years.

The following day our 2023 Digital Championship was run with an audience in our now permanent venue of Victoria Hall. We weren't sure what the turnout might be, but were delighted to have a good sized attendance and more Clubs than ever competing in this new format event which proved extremely popular. It has however been adjusted for 2024 following several comments received on the day. This should make for a shorter and more enjoyable experience for audience and workers alike.

Externally, Scottish authors and Clubs continue to do very well in the PAGB and International arenas although the various organisations have also found numbers have dropped.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 159th Edinburgh International Print Exhibition returned in 2023 and again in 2024, with the 3rd Edinburgh Digital just about to close as I write this report.

During 2023, Anne Sproul stepped down from the SPF Executive and her role as FIAP Liaison Officer, for personal reasons. We thank her for her contribution since joining us.

Since our last AGM we have again lost some more stalwarts of Scottish Photography, they have included Dr David Clark a long term member and past President and Secretary of Banff Art Club, later called Deveron CC. David was also a very well know SPF Judge and Lecturer.

Neil Barlow of Cowal CC, for many years on their committee, including many as Secretary or President, known to all who visited. He was also well known for Judging and Lecturing.

Brian Clark, a long term member and committee member of Dundee PS, including as President. He featured regularly in the SPF's awards lists over the years.

And, most recently on the 5th Sept Clive D Turner, who was a long term member of Paisley PS, as well as being an SPF and PAGB Judge and Lecturer for many years. He also served on our SPF Executive until 2019. He held many posts over a number of years including President (1991-93) General Secretary, Salon Chairman, FIAP Liaison Officer as well as running Portrait Workshops, being a Judges Assessor for many years and running the SPF Slide Championship, the forerunner to our Digital Championship which some may remember attending at Perth or Lochgelly. He was added to the SPF Roll of Honour in our Centenary year for his service to photography, and was awarded an APAGB by the PAGB that same year (2003).

The online zoom register set up by Adrian Lines on Facebook proved so popular during Covid, that it has now been totally replaced by an online PAGB system called the 'CMS' website, which also replaces the 'printed' PAGB Handbook. This online system gives all Clubs up to date access to all of the Judges and Lecturers from throughout the Federations of the PAGB, including the SPF, for both zoom and in-person bookings. To gain access Club Officers require to create an individual CMS log-in and then have a Club Officer account registration approved. More details are available from the SPF website as to how to access this area.

Although the CMS and our SPF Directory-Handbook are available for Clubs to access for Judges and Lecturers, we require to act now if we are going to continue to have Judge and Speakers available to visit our Clubs in the coming years. Many of our long term Judges and Lecturers are now beginning to retire from our lists, quicker than we can bring new people on. We need everyone's help in encouraging more people to volunteer to take on these roles if all Clubs are to continue to have Judges and Lecturers available to them. We therefore urge all SPF Clubs, Judges and Lecturers to have a word with anyone you think might be able or willing to take on one of these roles.

We are running a campaign to make everyone aware of the need to act now. I urge you to visit the SPF website homepage where you will find the article 'Does Your Club Need Judges or Speakers?'

Thank you to all of the SPF Club contacts we have dealt with over the past year. All of our organisations rely on their volunteers, and sadly volunteers are always undervalued, so if you can help in any way keep your Club running why not consider volunteering for your committee. I'm sure they could do with the help, and it may just save the future of your Club!

Thank you also to all of the members of the SPF Executive Committee for your invaluable input over the past year once again.

Neil Smith
SPF General Secretary

PAGB INTER-FED COMPETITIONS

In 2023 the PAGB Inter-Federation Competitions were again open to Prints only with three Sections being Judged Colour, Mono and Nature. Up to 30 prints per section could be submitted by each Federation, with the top scoring 15 counting towards the overall Federation placing. The SPF made up this year's entry largely from the delayed SPF Print Championship, and we are very grateful for the Clubs and Individual Photographers who gave us their permission to use work from the 2023 Championship, together with additional prints submitted for possible selection.

A total of 1150 prints were entered by the PAGB Federations, so it was quite an achievement to gain an acceptance in the Exhibition.

The Judges were Jenny Hibbert (WPF), Roger Parry (MCPF) and Nick Hilton (L&CPU). The Judging was hosted by the L&CPU as a closed event in early June.

The full results were to see the SPF finish 5th in the Colour Print Section, 9th in the Nature Print Section and an excellent 2nd in the Mono Print Section, with the following prints in each section being accepted into the Exhibition -

In the Mono Print Section - We had 7 Acceptances

Don't Forget to Write	by Michele Campbell, Ayr PS
Scarlot's Leap	by Alistair Cox, Carluke CC
Memories	by Libby Smith Carluke CC
The Eye	by David Moyes, Dumfries CC
Only Pride was Hurt	by David Reid, Edinburgh PS
Consoling Touch	by Eion Johnston, Edinburgh PS
Five Old Bottles	by Stan Farrow, St Andrews PS.

In the Colour Print Section - We had 5 Acceptances

Choir Practice	by Alistair Cox Carluke CC
White Horse Portrait	by Gaille Gray, Carluke CC
Round Up	by Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries CC
Showtime	by Wanda Mackie, Kirkcaldy PS
Stranded	by Kenny Gordon, Eastwood PS.

In the Nature Print Section - We had 3 Acceptances

Bobcat in Deep Snow	by Alistair Swan, Ayr PS
Juvenile Pine Marten on Branch	by Ian Mitchell, Bon Accord CC
Arctic Fox in Blizzard	by Richard Bennett, PCPC.

Congratulations go to those authors, and also to the following Individual Award winners from the SPF who were as follows -

In the Mono Print Section -

Judge's Award went to Eion Johnston, Edinburgh PS for 'Consoling Touch'
PAGB Ribbon went to David Reid, Edinburgh PS for 'Only Pride was Hurt'
Certificate went to Alistair Cox, Carluke CC for 'Scarlot's Leap'.

In the Colour Print Section -

PAGB Ribbon went to Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries for 'Round Up'
PAGB Ribbon went to Kenny Gordon, Eastwood PS for 'Stranded'.

In the Nature Print Section -

PAGB Ribbon went to Richard Bennett, PCPC for 'Arctic Fox in Blizzard'.

The full entry details of what was submitted by the SPF in each section is available from the SPF website.

John McVie,
PAGB InterFed Secretary

SPF PRINT & PDI ANNUAL PORTFOLIOS

The 2023 SPF Annual Portfolios went ahead in their pre-covid format of three sections - a Colour Print section, Mono Print section and a Projected Digital Section. The two Print sections being judged as prints, and not as digital copies.

The competitions were judged on the 19th August in Holywood Hall near Dumfries by Robert Millin (L&CPU), Jack Bamford (NCPF) and John Williams (NCPF).

A total of 1047 Prints and Projected Images were received from 27 Clubs; made up of 533 PDI, 297 Colour Print PDIs and 217 Mono Prints PDIs. The print entries were down this year, but there was still a very respectable number for our Judges to score. All sections were scored out of a maximum of 15, and minimum of 6. The Judges then selected their Individual Awards from the higher scoring photos in each section.

The Judge's combined scores were also used to calculate the final Club placings whose results came as normal from the total combined scores of the Club's selections in each category.

The overall club results were as follows:

Best Monochrome Club - The Salon Trophy – Carluke Camera Club

Best Colour Club(s) - The Henry Coates Trophy – Dumfries Camera Club

Best Digital (PDI) Club - The McLachlan Shield – Carluke CC, Dumfries CC,
Kirkcaldy PS & Paisley Colour PC

SPF COLOUR PRINT PORTFOLIO CLUB RESULTS 2023

CLUB	TOTAL	PLACING
Dumfries Camera Club	56	1st=
Bon Accord Camera Club	54	2nd=
Carluka Camera Club	54	2nd=
Dunfermline Photographic Association	53	4th =
Paisley Colour Photographic Club	53	4th =

SPF MONOCHROME PRINT PORTFOLIO CLUB RESULTS 2023

CLUB	TOTAL	PLACING
Carluka Camera Club	54	1st
Ayr Photographic Society	53	2nd=
Dumfries Camera Club	53	2nd=
Eastwood Photographic Society	52	4th=
Milngavie and Bearsden camera Club	52	4th=
Paisley Colour Photographic Club	52	4th=
Queens Park Camera Club	52	4th=

SPF PDI PORTFOLIO CLUB RESULTS 2023

CLUB	TOTAL	PLACING
Carluka Camera Club	82	1st=

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Dumfries Camera Club	82	1st=
Kirkcaldy Photographic Society	82	1st=
Paisley Colour Photographic Club	82	1st=
Ayr Photographic Society	79	5th=
Queens Park Camera Club	79	5th=

The following **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS** were also awarded by the Judges -

Best Overall Colour Print	Cowboy	David Scott	Dunfermline PA
Best Overall Mono Print	St Monans Breakwater	David McLaughlin	Bon Accord CC
Best Overall Projected	Kite Surfing is Fun	Iain Gardener	Paisley Colour PC
Best Creative Print	Mixed Emotions	Wanda Mackie	Kirkcaldy PS
Best Nature Print	Grebe Family	Ian Mitchell	Bon Accord CC
Best Landscape Print	Winter in Glen Shee	Mark Woodfin	Mearns CC
Best Portrait Print	Proper Charlie	Ronnie Galloway	Dumfries CC
Best Creative Projected	White Horses	Mary Gibson	Carluke CC
Best Landscape Projected	Red Rocks & Raging Surf	Malcolm McBain	Dundee PS
Best Nature Projected	Dusting Off	Gavin Forrest	Carluke CC
Best Portrait Projected	The Lilac Secret	John McNairn	Dundee PS

Colour Print Section -

Jack's Judge's Choice	Mountain Hare in Snow	Ian Mitchell	Bon Accord CC
Robert's Judge's Choice	Car Parts Tbilisi	Anne Greiner	Dumfries CC
John's Judge's Choice	Red Tailed Kestrel	Janet Russell	Carluke CC

Mono Print Section -

Jack's Judge's Choice	Out of the Spotlight	Jim Hill	Carluke CC
Robert's Judge's Choice	Kilchurn Castle	Norman McNab	M'gavie & B'den CC
John's Judge's Choice	You'll Have Had Your Tea	Rod Wheelans	Dumfries CC

Projected Digital Section -

Jack's Judge's Choice	Buzzard Aggression	Wanda Mackie	Kirkcaldy PS
Robert's Judge's Choice	Little Dreamer	Michele Campbell	Ayr PS
John's Judge's Choice	Straining Sinews	David Scott	Dunfermline PA

All Club Placings and Individual scores for the photographs entered have previously been emailed directly to the Club Competition Secretary who completed their Club's entry and full details about the Portfolios are also available on the SPF website.

John McVie,
SPF Portfolio Secretary

SPF CLUB PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

For 2023 we had planned to hold our SPF Print Championship Judging with an audience in March back at Stirling Court Hotel, alas due to a change in let and pricing structure this provide impossible. We looked for alternative venues to hold an audience event but were unsuccessful within the required timescale. We were therefore forced to source a venue for a non-audience Judging of the event.

The closed Judging event with our three Judges was held on the 30th April 2023 at New Lanark Hotel and Conference Centre. Our three Judges were - James Hardy (L&CPU), David Gibbins (N&EMPF) and Ray Brammall (YPU).

We were to receive just over 1100 prints from 28 Clubs which is a fantastic entry given Clubs are still getting up and running with prints.

Once again the scoring was the normal range of each Judge scoring a Max of 5; Min 2 to achieve a Maximum of 15; minimum of 6. These scores were then used to calculate the Club Results.

The Shortlist of Prints for the Individual Awards selection by the Judges came from the prints scoring 14 or 15 from the Mono and Colour sections. A total of 90 prints scored 14 or 15 and were considered by all three Judges for the Individual Awards .

All Individual and Club Results were announced on Sunday 14th May at a zoom presentation event to which 62 SPF Club members attended. A gallery of all of the Individual Awards for this year is shown on our website under galleries.

Also, there was an additional Individual Award being presented this year by the event sponsors Paper Spectrum who hoped to be with you with a stand, if we had been able to find a suitable venue. So, congratulations to the lucky author who won a box of A3 Pinnacle Premium Silk Baryta 310 and some 500x400 Black Mount Board. This went to Lone Tree at the Quirang by Manoj Mohan of Eastwood Photographic Society . In addition to the above Paper Spectrum have also gave us a discount code for our members which was launched at the zoom event on the 14th May and ran for the week.

CLUB RESULTS

Best Overall Club – John Logan Trophy – **Dumfries Camera Club (281 points)**
2nd Edinburgh Photographic Society (265 points)
3rd Ayr Photographic Society (263 points)
4th Eastwood Photographic Society (262 points)

Best Monochrome Club (SPF Gold Medal) - **Dumfries Camera Club**

Best Colour Club (SPF Gold Medal) - **Dumfries Camera Club**

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Best Overall Print (Esme Smythe Trophy) - Stranded by Kenny Gordon, Easywood PS

Best Colour Print (SPF Gold Medal) - Looking for Papa by John McVie, Dumfries CC

Best Mono Print (SPF Gold Medal) - At Home by anne Greiner, Dumfries CC

Best Landscape Print (Campbell McNair Trophy & SPF Silver Medal) - Frozen Dawn by Ian Mackay, Perthshire PS

Best Portrait Print (SPF Silver Medal) - Born to Dance by Michele Campbell, Ayr PS

Best Nature Print (SPF Silver Medal) - Female Stonechat by Guy Phillips, Paisley Colour PC

SPF CLUB PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

Best Creative Print (SPF Silver Medal) - Skaters, New York by Rikki O'Neill Dundee PS

Judge's Choices (SPF Bronze Medal) were awarded as follows -

Ray Brammall's – Seaside Pastel Shades by Maureen Anderson, Queen's Park CC

James Hardy's – Round Up by Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries CC

David Gibbin's – Flowing with Grace by Peter De Marco, Eastwood PS

The following were awarded **Highly Commended** –

- 1 Winter Trees by Jim Hill, Carluke Camera Club
- 2 The Cyclist by Ken Lindsay, Eastwood Photographic Society
- 3 Mixed Emotions by Wanda Mackie, Kirkcaldy Photographic Society
- 4 Gauff Concentrates on the Ball by Campbell Skinner, Greenock Camera Club
- 5 Cattle and Cottage North Uist by Alexander Berndt, Edinburgh Photographic Society
- 6 Fishing Net by Mike Blair, Ayr Photographic Society
- 7 Near Miss, Colin Robinson, Kilmaurs Photographic Club
- 8 Still Life with Stones and Seaweed by Stan Farrow, St Andrews Photographic Society
- 9 Things by Gordon Scott, Mid Calder Camera Club
- 10 Northern Gannets with Guga by Sandy Gilmour, Queen's Park Camera Club
- 11 Cowboy by David Scott, Dunfermline Photographic Association
- 12 Looming by David Moyes, Dumfries Camera Club
- 13 Winter in Glenshee by Mark Woodfin, Mearns Camera Club
- 14 Crash by Ruth Hayton, Ayr Photographic Society
- 15 Beach Brolly by David Moyes, Dumfries Camera Club
- 16 Black Bear with Salmon by Alan Macleay, Bon Accord Camera Club

The following were awarded **Commended** -

- 1 Cable Guy by Anne Greiner, Dumfries Camera Club
- 2 Sisterly Love by Michele Campbell, Ayr Photographic Society
- 3 Out of the Spotlight by Jim Hill, Carluke Camera Club
- 4 Trinity by David Moyes, Dumfries Camera Club
- 5 Me and My Dad by John McVie, Dumfries Camera Club
- 6 Through the Dunes by Muriel Binnie, Edinburgh Photographic Society
- 7 Showtime by Wanda Mackie, Kirkcaldy Photographic Society
- 8 Snow Birds by Janet Russell, Carluke Camera Club
- 9 On the Beach by Pat Copner, Bon Accord Camera Club
- 10 1405 on Canary Wharf by David Sadler, Dundee Photographic Society
- 11 On the Beach by Ian Lawrence, Mearns Camera Club
- 12 Trains to Nowhere Platform 13 by Bruce Harley, Livingston Camera Club
- 13 Foggy Wood Triptych by Marion McMurdo, Dundee Photographic Society
- 14 Brothers by Anne Greiner, Dumfries Camera Club
- 15 Osprey Catch by Iain McFadyen, Paisley Photographic Society

SPF DIGITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Our first audience event since February 2020 went ahead on Sunday 19th November 2023 at our new venue the Victoria Hall, Dunblane to which we had an excellent attendance from Club members from all over Scotland, together with an excellent support of our raffle. Many also commented that they really liked the venue, although it got a little warm in the afternoon. Ironically we were a little cold at our event there the day before so it should be just right for the next event.

Our Judges for these Championship Competitions were - Richard Speirs DPAGB APAGB BPE2 from Carlisle (NCPF), Tillman Kleinhans DPAGB EFIAP/g ARPS BPE5 HonLCPU from St Helens (LCPU), and Gordon Jenkins HonPAGB from Chorley (LCPU).

The SPF Digital Championship 2023 was run as two separate competitions, both run on the same day, judged by our three Judges, as an audience event. Clubs could choose which Competition to enter either 'The Plate Trophy Competition' or 'The Bowie Trophy Competition'. 37 Clubs competed on the day, 24 in the Plate and 13 in the Bowie. This was a record number of Clubs for this event.

The day over ran our projected timetable by an hour, which was unfortunate, due in part because the process was new to many, or had been forgotten since 2019 when this event last ran, which resulted in a few late entries and processing delays. We will look at addressing this as best we can for the 2024 event. The knock on effect of the delays were that a number of people had to leave before the results were able to be announced, but fortunately representatives from almost all of the Clubs were able to stay and hear the results and collect any awards.

The final results were to show new winners in both competitions, who were both delighted with their wins. The final results were as follows –

THE IAN BOWIE TROPHY

Winner - Ian Bowie Memorial Trophy, & SPF Gold Medal - Kilmaurs Photographic Club
Runner Up - SPF Silver Medal – Dumfries Camera Club
3rd Place - SPF Bronze Medal – Bon Accord Camera Club

THE PLATE TROPHY

Winner – The Kirkintilloch Plate Trophy & SPF Gold Medal - Livingston Camera Club
Runner Up - SPF Silver Medal – Greenock Camera Club
3rd= Place - SPF Bronze Medal – Fort William CC and Mid Calder CC

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Best Overall Image - SPF Gold Medal – Trepidation by Ken Lindsay, Eastwood PS
Best Bowie Image - SPF Gold Medal – Ballerina and Piano by Derek Noble, Edinburgh PS
Best Plate Image - SPF Gold Medal – Stonechat Feeding Juvenile by Sandy Gilmour, Queen's Park CC
Best Nature - SPF Silver Medal – Black Bear with Salmon by Alan McLeay, Bon Accord CC
Best Landscape - SPF Silver Medal – Dawn Aberdeen Beach by Mike Stephen, Bon Accord CC
Best Creative - SPF Silver Medal – On the Bridge by Al Buntin, Dundee PS

SPF DIGITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Best Portrait - SPF Silver Medal – Mean Street by Libby Smith, Carluke CC

Richard Judge's Choice Bowie - SPF Bronze Medal – Wren on Bullrush by Dale Powell, Kilmaurs PC

Richard Judge's Choice Plate - SPF Bronze Medal – Kelpies in the Wild by Duncan Gray, Kirkintilloch CC

Gordon Judge's Choice Bowie - SPF Bronze Medal – Final Touches by Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries CC

Gordon Judge's Choice Plate - SPF Bronze Medal – Osprey Catch by Iain McFadyen, Paisley PS

Tillman Judge's Choice Bowie - SPF Bronze Medal – Mixed Emotions by Wanda Mackie, Kirkcaldy PS

Tillman Judge's Choice Plate - SPF Bronze Medal – Hair Sway by Howard Dickson, Mid Calder CC

PAGB AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT

2023 was another busy year for the PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit (APM) Adjudications as they returned to normal, with audience events in April 2023 and Nov 2023.

A trial for two new levels of Award were introduced by the PAGB in 2023, both currently for print applicants; the BPAGB (just below CPAGB level) and EPAGB (a slightly more challenging DPAGB level).

The SPF also ran several workshop events throughout the year, including a PAGB part-funded one in November to encourage interest for when the SPF host a PAGB Adjudication in April 2025. All were very well attended, and resulted in several individuals applying for a space on a 2023 Adjudication.

The April 2023 PAGB Adjudication was held in Aylesford, and hosted by KCPA. An AV Adjudication was held in August, online, and Nov 2023 so the PAGB Adjudication held between Nottigham and Smethwick Clubrooms and hosted by N&EMPF.

The following were the successful Scottish Candidates from the 2023 Adjudications who can now place CPAGB, DPAGB or MPAGB after their names.

At the 2023 adjudications there were 12 successful SPF Candidates. They were -

Cathy Davies	Kirkcaldy PS	April-23	CPAGB
Chris Briggs	Deeside CC	April-23	DPAGB
Sandy Gilmour	Queens Park CC	April-23	DPAGB
Lorna Hayton	Ayr PS	April-23	DPAGB
Ruth Hayton	Ayr PS	April-23	DPAGB
Peter De Marco	Eastwood PS	April-23	DPAGB
Dr Mike Blair	Ayr PS	Aug-23	DPAGB-AV
Robert Buchan	Aberdeen CC	Nov-23	CPAGB
Morag Forbes	Auchterarder CC	Nov-23	CPAGB
John Stewart	Bon Accord CC	Nov-23	CPAGB
Kenneth Dow	Pasiley Colour PC	Nov-23	DPAGB
Helen Mitchell	Bon Accord CC	Nov-23	MPAGB

All of the successful work submitted by these Applicants in 2023, as well as in previous years, can be viewed in their own respective galleries on the SPF Website, or to find out more about the PAGB Awards scheme, and how to apply visit the SPF visit -

www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/pagb-awards

2024/5 Update -

The SPF have a 'zoom' presentation arranged for Monday the 4th Nov at 7pm, which is free to attend. We will also be running a workshop in Jan 2025 in time for those to apply for the April 2025 Adjudication being hosted by Scotland at Dunblane. See above webpage for details, or contact Libby for info.

Libby Smith, SPF's PAGB Awards Officer

PAGB REPORT

PAGB 93rd AGM ran on its usual April date and was held as a hybrid meeting with PAGB EC in attendance at Scarman, Warwick and others on Zoom on 15th April 2023. The elections of OB's saw the election of President as Daphne Hanson (EAF); Vice President David Gibbins (N&EMPF); Adrian Lines (LCPU) Honorary Secretary and Peter Young (WPF) as Treasurer.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: AGM 2023: In accordance with the decisions taken at the 2022 AGM, the Subscription rate for 2023 went back up to the pre-covid amount per club of £32.00. At the 2023, with the return to normal, this had generated the proposed rate of £36.00 per club for 2024. This was agreed unanimously

The Executive Committee held all meetings in person during 2023, in Feb, April and October all were held in facilities at Warwick University campus.

RECORDED LECTURE SERVICE with instant download proved extremely popular again in 2023, with new lectures continuing to be added. This service is available to all SPF Clubs (see SPF website for details of how to access this).

INSURANCE: Insurances were provided for 2022 via PAGB broker, Darwin Clayton. We were informed by DC that no new policies would be able to be taken out with Darwin Clayton after April 2022. The PAGB were effectively looking for new Insurers and by the end of the year Hive Insurance Services had made an arrangement with the PAGB, with underwriters AXA. PLI insurance, and MLI were arranged at very competitive prices, however it transpired that All Risks was somewhat more expensive. But, Hive Insurance Services have reviewed this with the insurer, and also set up a new website giving more flexibility for amounts insured, to keep costs as low as possible for Clubs.

GB CUP & TROPHY 2023: For the 2023 GB Trophies (Prints) there were 772 print submitted by 27 clubs to the two categories of Open and Nature. For the third year running there was no charge for entering prints. The Judging was held on 21st Jan 2023. The three judges were James Hardy (L&CPU), Adrian Lines (L&CPU) and Richard Speirs (NCPF).

Three Scottish Clubs entered the GB Trophy competitions this year, Dumfries CC, finished 4th in the Open section (163pts), Ayr finished 12th (140pts) and Kirkcaldy 16th (130pts). In the Nature Section no Scottish Club had a full Club entry. For a list of all of the GB Trophy Club Placings ([click here](#)), or you can view all of the award winning images by visiting the PAGB gallery ([click here](#))

In the Open Section Individual Awards went to the following Scottish authors - Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries CC for Round-Up (PAGB Silver Medal for a Judges Choice), David Moyes, Dumfries CC for Erasmus Bridge (Highly Commended), Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries CC for Final Touches and for Thunder (both Highly Commended), Rod Wheelans, Dumfries CC for God is My Refuge (Highly Commended), Anne Greiner, Dumfries CC for Mr Speaker (Highly Commended). In the Nature Section one Individual Award went to a Scottish author - Icy Water Rail by Lorna Hayton, Ayr PS was awarded a PAGB Silver Medal for a Judges Choice.

For the 2023 GB Cups Open (Projected) there were 1491 PDIs submitted by 66 clubs; In the Nature GB Cup there were 1323 PDIs submitted by 63 clubs, and in the Restricted Clubs category there were 307 PDIs submitted by 14 Clubs. The Judging was held on the 21st Jan 2023. The three judges were John McVie (SPF), Jane Lines (L&CPU) and Paul Radden (EAF).

7 Scottish Clubs entered the GB Cup competitions this year, Paisley Colour PC, Kirkcaldy PS, Edinburgh PS, Dumfries CC, Dingwall CC, Bon Accord CC and Irvine CC.

In the Open section the top placed Scottish Club was Dumfries who finished 10th= (146pts). In the Nature section top Scottish Clubs were Paisley Colour PC 3rd= (149pts), Edinburgh PS finished 13th= (145pts) and Bon accord 19th= (144pts).

In the Nature Section one Individual Award went to a Scottish author - David Wolfenden, Edinburgh PS for A Surge of Knots (Highly Commended).

INTER-CLUB PDI CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 event was held at this event's regular venue of Warwick

PAGB REPORT

University on 15th July. Two Scottish Clubs made the trip to represent the SPF; Dumfries CC and Paisley Colour PC who qualified in November's SPF PDI Championship. This year's Judges were Libby Smith (SPF), Steven Le Prevost (SCPF) and Sue Sibley (SCPF).

The 41 Clubs entered this year's competition, from the PAGB Federations, and competed in the first and second rounds for a place in the final. The competition was keenly fought with 8 Clubs qualifying for the final.

At the end of the first two rounds, Dumfries had qualified for the Final, while Paisley Colour competed for the Plate trophy. The final result was to see Dumfries finish in 7th place with 236 points. In the plate Paisley Colour finished on 98 points in 9th= place, only 4 points behind the Plate winner.

INTER-CLUB PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 event was held again at Westholme School, Blackburn on Saturday 21st October. Two Scottish Clubs made the trip to represent the SPF; Dumfries CC and Edinburgh PS. The Judges were Armando Jongejan from the Netherlands, Erica Oram (YPU) and Christine Widdall (L&CPU).

37 Clubs competed in the first round for a place in the final. Nine Clubs ended up qualifying for the final, which was again a close fought battle with only one point between making it into the Final and the Plate competition. Unfortunately no SPF clubs made it into the final.

The Plate result was to see Edinburgh and Dumfries both finish on 93 pts, with the Plate winners finishing on 98 pts.

No Individual Awards went to Scottish authors this time.

MASTERS OF PRINT: The 7th Masters of Print closed for entries on 3rd Dec 2023, and once again Scottish authors did extremely well. The event was Judged in early December and followed by an Exhibition back at Birmingham in St Martin's Church in the Bullring with the opening and awards presentation day being held on Saturday 3rd February 2024 to which many successful authors were able to attend. Sponsors again presented their own prizes to their chosen prints.

The Judges were subject to a last minute change due to health issues and were Gordon Jenkins (L&CPU), Chris Palmer (CACC) and Rod Wheelans (SPF), who was also the MoP chairman. As only 60 prints from 60 authors are accepted, it is always a very tightly fought event, even more so this year with a much higher entry than last year, 1374 prints from 347 entrants. In addition to the Individual Entry, there was also a Club competition.

Once again Scottish Photographers did extremely well in the 7th Masters of Print. Of the final 60 works exhibited 11 were from Scottish authors. Congratulations go to the following successful Scottish authors who gained acceptances – Alan Givens, Anne Greiner, Lorna Hayton, Maybeth Jamieson, Peter Lawrie, Wanda Mackie, Teresa Mitchell, Rikki O'Neill, George Robertson, Keith Thorburn, Martin Watt. One SPF photographer managed to make it 7 Masters of Print out of 7, a great achievement, so well done to Maybeth Jamieson of Dumfries!(one of only 3 photographers to do so).

We, as a Federation, have again the highest number of prints entered 256, from 14 Club representing 67 photographers. SPF Clubs also did well in the Club Awards – Kirkcaldy PS finishing 3rd, and Dumfries CC 4th in the new CeWe Diamond award (Dundee PS 13th, Scottish Circle 17th, CKPS 19th, Ayr PS 21st). The Scottish Circle finished 3rd in the Online Paper Gold Award, Dumfries CC 4th, Dundee PS 9th, Kirkcaldy PS11th and Ayr PS 17th.

APPOINTMENTS: Rod Wheelans (PAGB Hon-Life Vice President) continues as a member of the APAGB, J.S. Lancaster, Judges', Print Championship, and Standards and Governance sub-committees. He is also Chairman of the Awards for Photographic Merit, Masters of Print, and PAGB e-news editor. I was re-elected as the member of the PAGB. I am a member of sub-committees - Print & Digital Championships, GB Cup and GB Trophy, APM's, Masters of Print, Strategy, JS Lancaster and Technical (Competition Management System, CMS).

Libby Smith, SPF's Member on PAGB Executive

TREASURER'S COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT

My report last year pointed out the concern for the drop in Clubs rejoining which again continued to be a trend at the start of 2023 when we saw our Club numbers drop to 81, and a membership of 2719, well down on the 3453 pre-covid number and 86 Clubs. However, as I write this report I am pleased to report that we have had an upturn in the number of Clubs with 5 joining us throughout the year, and a total individual members of 2812.

This Annual Report for end of 2023 shows a surplus on year of £2438.75. Of note is the lack of an audience Print Championship, and a smaller than normal entry into the Portfolios. However, the Balance Sheet doesn't show our true end of year balance as two of our three events ran over to 2024, for Income or expenses. Therefore, it is important to note the 2024 current position at the end of two events completed. We have a surplus of £2,455 on the year so far. This also includes most of our catching up of expenses, and Medals split between 2022 and 2023 with only trophy engraving to come.

As noted 2023 was not a typical year given our Print Championship ran as a non-audience event, giving a large deficit on the event, entry being down for the Portfolios but the Digital Championship as our first audience event was very successful with more Clubs entering our new format than our old pre-covid one. It was also heartening to see such a good size of audience.

The SPF Executive Meetings have returned to being held in person when we require to collect or return prints, and running the rest of the time via zoom, in order to keep travelling expenses costs down.

Of note when considering this year's combined SPF/PAGB Subscription Rate is that the PAGB once again increased it's for the coming year by £3 per Club to £39.00, this currently equates to 10p per member.

Our current combined SPF/PAGB rate is £4.00 per member. Given the situation in many clubs where Club membership is still depleted making the impact of increased costs of travel/venue/accommodation/insurance being incurred even greater. It is difficult to know what impact any increases we may make, will affect the loss of more Clubs at our SPF renewal.

I am therefore of a mind to keep any increase to a minimum and try to hold on to the smaller Clubs we still have while minimise the risk of a deficit. Since 2020 we have been prepared for an annual loss of £2000 to £3000, which so far hasn't happened. We are starting to have many more enquiries from non-member clubs about joining. I would hope by keeping the subscription rate lower, that we may get more of those to join us, thus avoiding the requirement for larger increases longer term, for Clubs who remain with us.

Taking all of this into account the SPF Executive Committee therefore proposes to increase the subscriptions rate for 2025 only by the minimum required to cover the PAGB's £3 subscription increase, therefore 10p per member to £4.10 per member payable by 31st December 2024. We think this is the best way forward to maintain as many member Clubs as possible.

Although not an AGM proposal we would also draw your attention to the changes made to the SPF Membership Declaration Form for 2025 following the PAGB reinstating the pre-covid Definition of a Club i.e. requirement of being a Member Clubs i.e. that the additional latitudes given during the covid period, for Clubs not having to meet in person, have been removed. For the avoidance of doubt, this does not mean that Member Clubs cannot have 'virtual' meetings, but they must also meet the minimum requirements of meeting in-person in a physical location, to be in line with our SPF Constitution and that of the PAGB. See Page 28 for full details.

Summary of items usually mentioned is given overleaf.

TREASURER'S COMMENTS CONT'D

COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

Club Annual Portfolios	+£386.81	surplus*
Print Championship	-£1315.67	deficit*
Digital Championship	+£216.71	surplus*

Note on events - The Balance Sheet doesn't show our three events accurately as two* of these events ran over to 2024, for Income or expenses. So, to give an accurate picture of the 2023 events all Income/expenses for 2023 are indicated against the surplus/deficit above, but will not appear in the accounts until the 2024.

SPF Print Championship April 2023 - Was run as a non-audience in-person event as we were unable to secure a venue in time to be able to run with an audience. This severely affected our income.

SPF Annual Portfolios Aug 2023 - Run as our normal non-audience event with in-person Judging. Entry was down on previous years. For 2024 entry has gone back up again.

SPF Digital Championship Nov 2023 - Was run as an Audience event with PAGB Awards Workshop on the Saturday, not making it a typical Championship for costs. Awards workshop costs were split off and are not included in the above. 50% of this cost was paid by the PAGB.

Of additional note are engraving and medal costs as we catch up from previous years. additional Medal costs are incurred in 2024. Additionally we will have Trophy engraving for the past 4 years in 2024.

Total Funds available to the
Federation and Salon at 31st December 2023

£53,617.15

Libby Smith, Treasurer
Scottish Photographic Federation
30th August 2024

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Surplus (Deficit)

SPF Income 2023	£13,884.12		
SPF Expenses 2023	£11,445.37	<u>surplus / (deficit)</u>	<u>£2,438.75</u>

Account Transfers

Treasurer's a/c 2022	£23,581.42		
Surplus/(Deficit on year)	£2,897.73	<u>Treasurer's account</u>	<u>£26,479.15</u>

Salon /PayPal Bank Account 2022	£2,433.49		
Surplus/(Deficit on year)	(£458.98)	<u>Salon/Paypal Account</u>	<u>£1,974.51</u>
Made up of		PayPal	£1332.62
		Salon PayPal A/C	£641.89

General Fund a/c 2022	£24,944.00		
Interest from General Fund	£219.49		
		<u>General Account</u>	<u>£25,163.49</u>

NET WORTH OF FEDERATION FUNDS = £53,617.15

ACCOUNTS BALANCE SHEET

Brought forward from 2022

Carried forward to 2024

Treasurer's a/c (Salon/Paypal)	2,433.49	Treasurer's a/c (Salon/Paypal)	1,974.51
Treasurer's a/c SPF	23,581.42	Treasurer's a/c SPF	26,479.15
General Fund a/c	24,944.00	General Fund a/c	25,163.49
Income from SPF 2023	13,884.12	Expenditure from SPF 2023	11,445.37
Income from General A/C	219.49	Transfer from General A/C	0.00
<u>Total amounts</u>	<u>£65,062.52</u>	<u>Total amounts</u>	<u>£65,062.52</u>

Libby Smith, SPF Treasurer

Signed*Libby Smith*.....

SPF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT...

SPF INCOME

Competitions	Club Annual Portfolios & Viewing Fees	999.71
	Digital Championship (Interim 2022 & 2023)	1,325.28
	Print Championship (Non audience)	752.20

Custodians Income	Sale of Medals	477.00
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FIAP	Distinctions	634.98
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Subscriptions	Joint SPF/PAGB Membership Fees	9,694.95
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Total Income £13,884.12

...FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

SPF EXPENDITURE

Administration	Executive Meetings - Zoom and Travel	347.32
	Stationary and Software Updates	407.07
	Custodian	1,537.14
	e-flash and e-mailing	311.18
	Website (Digital Ch'ship amendment)	702.00
	SPF PAGB Awards Workshop	166.40
	Storage Unit	1008.00
Competition	Club Annual Portfolios	207.00
	Digital Championship	247.30
	Print Championship	2067.87
Fees	FIAP Membership Fees & Distinctions	1,012.50
	PAGB Membership Fees	2,688.00
	Public Liability, All Risks and MLI Insurance	743.59
	Total Expenditure	<u>£11,445.37</u>

SCOTTISH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

ACCUMULATED FUNDS	2022	2023
General fund account	24,944.00	25,163.49
Treasurer's cheque account SPF	23,581.42	26,479.15
Treasurer's cheque account SPF Salon/PayPal	2,433.49	1,974.51
 REPRESENTED BY		
Premier account SPF (****721)	24,944.00	25,163.49
Treasurer's account SPF (****644)	23,581.42	26,479.15
Treasurer's account Salon/PayPal (****977)	1,654.39	641.89
PayPal Account on Year	779.10	1332.62

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

to the Members of the Scottish Photographic Federation

We have examined the Financial Statement of the
Scottish Photographic Federation

in Accordance with section 2 (4) of the Constitution and Bye Laws In our opinion,
the Financial Statements

give a true and fair view of the state of the Federation affairs

at 31st December 2023

Name

Address

Signed

Dated

AGM PROPOSALS 2024

SUBSCRIPTIONS PROPOSAL FOR 2025

The 'per member' Annual Subscription proposed by us (*the SPF*) annually is a joint SPF & PAGB membership fee. Although things are beginning to get back to normal, the SPF and many of our member Clubs are still seeing the effects of Covid, particularly with reduced memberships. We are also aware that costs are going up, and now that we are back holding physical events, we are affected by the same increases as our Clubs.

These increased costs have also affected the PAGB and their AGM have agreed their Subscription for 2025, which shows an increase of £3 per Club to the rate of **£39.00** per Club.

This has led the SPF to this proposed small Annual Subscription rate for 2025.

As we currently have 84 Clubs this increase equates to a cost of £252 to find (effectively another 10p per Club member). Our current rate is £4.00 per member. Given the situation in many clubs where Club membership is still depleted making the impact of increased costs of travel/venue/accommodation/insurance being incurred even greater. It is difficult to know what impact any increases we may make, will affect the loss of more Clubs at our SPF renewal. We are therefore of a mind to keep the increase to a minimum and try to hold on to the smaller Clubs we still have while minimise the risk of a deficit.

We are therefore proposing an increase of 10p per member to cover this PAGB increase only.

The SPF Executive Committee propose that the subscriptions rate for 2025 be increased by 10p to **£4.10 per member payable by 31st December 2024.**

Although we do not propose a late payment levy for 2025 Clubs should be aware that if their Subscription is not paid by the 1st week in January they may be ineligible for PAGB Services, CMS Website Access to Judges and Lecturers Lists, Competitions and more importantly Insurances as we now require to supply a list of eligible Clubs to the PAGB and Insurance Brokers in early January.

We propose that the Fee threshold for large clubs remains at 120 members

These proposals also require the completion of an SPF Membership Declaration Form together with Main Club Contact Details etc. to be completed by 31st December.

ADVANCED NOTICE OF SPF MEMBERSHIP DECLARATION FORM CHANGE FOR 2025 ON

Please Note that the temporary conditions agreed for Clubs to be able to run 'virtual - only' has been removed by the PAGB, and subsequently the SPF so that our SPF Member Club's membership complies with that of the PAGB, and subsequently that of their Insurers. Full details are given on the following page.

Please note this does not mean that Clubs cannot hold virtual meetings, only that they must comply with the minimum in-person meeting requirements as well.

Any Club who cannot comply with the details laid out in this updated Membership Declaration Form can apply to the SPF and PAGB direct for membership. They should do so as soon as possible and not wait for the renewal date.

SPF MEMBERSHIP DECLARATION FORM CHANGES TO CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025 ON

The joint Annual Subscription for 2025 to the SPF (and PAGB) will be at (a rate as agreed at the AGM) per member payable to the 'SPF' by 1st January 2025 (or at time of joining), and on completion and submission of this SPF Membership Declaration Form.

Please Note that the additional latitudes given during the covid period, for Clubs not having to meet in person, have been removed from this Declaration. For the avoidance of doubt, the below does not mean that Member Clubs cannot have 'virtual' meetings, but they must also meet the minimum requirements of meeting in-person in a physical location, to be in line with our SPF Constitution and that of the PAGB.

Since 2016, it is now a condition of Membership that all Clubs require to complete a Membership Declaration Form annually at Renewal of Membership. This is to show that Clubs fulfil the following requirements outlined in our SPF Constitution and PAGB definitions as follows:

FROM THE SPF CONSTITUTION - *"1.2 A Society may be affiliated to the SPF only if it is a camera club, photographic society, photographic club or photographic group with a published constitution and published programme of events, united by a common interest in photography, meeting in person for mutual co-operation, education, entertainment or competition solely from a physical location within Scotland."*

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE OF GREAT BRITAIN DEFINES A CLUB AS: *"A camera club, photographic society, photographic club or photographic group with a published constitution and programme of events, united by a common interest in photography, meeting in person for mutual co-operation, education, entertainment or competition solely from one or more physical locations within the Geographical Limits of the PAGB. (Constitution, section 9). The Geographical Limits include The United Kingdom, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands and only Clubs falling within this definition are qualified to enter PAGB Competitions.*

Clubs are expected to meet regularly, meaning at least twelve times each year, usually during a prescribed season, and in-person, meaning at an actual physical location with members present - not an online meeting."

"Exceptions: Historically the PAGB has affiliated a number of National and Specialist Clubs. The Federations where they are affiliated to the Alliance may ask to have such Clubs accepted into PAGB Competitions, but each must be specifically agreed by the PAGB Executive Committee."

Only Clubs who fall within these definitions can be insured, under the PAGB agreed policies, and only such Clubs will be able to be members of, or compete in SPF or PAGB Competitions.

If this causes a problem for your Club please contact the SPF Treasurer, Libby Smith to discuss as soon as practical please don't wait for renewal time.

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FIAP LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

FIAP Distinction Awards - The following applications for FIAP Distinctions were successful in 2023.

Our congratulations go to :

	Name	Club	Distinction
1	Mary Gibson	Carluke CC	AFIAP
2	David Gold	Mearns CC	AFIAP
3	June Gold	Mearns CC	AFIAP
4	Lorna Hayton	Ayr PS	AFIAP
5	Ruth Hayton	Ayr PS	AFIAP
6	Lynne Watson	Kirkintilloch CC	AFIAP
7	David Greer	Edinburgh PS	EFIAP
8	Roy Smith	Ayr PS	EFIAP
9	David Spinks	Strathaven CC	EFIAP
10	Bruce Harley	Livingston CC	EFIAP/b
11	Alexandra McOrist	Edinburgh PS	EFIAP/s

Changes to FIAP Distinctions came into effect 1st Jan 2024 - As some relaxations to rules had been made re print requirements etc during the covid period the re-instatement of pre-covid rules re print requirements at AFIAP and EFIAP was re-introduced with effect from 1st Jan 2024.

Please Note our Scottish annual closing date for applications to the SPF has changed to maintain FIAP certificate date requirements.

All future applications will require to submitted to the SPF between 1st March and 15th May. Please wait for paperwork dated for 2025 before applying as FIAP tend to change paperwork and conditions late Dec/early January.

Anyone interested in applying who has any questions should see the dedicated FIAP Distinctions pages on the SPF webpage for details **or email - SPFflo1@gmail.com**

Our dedicated webpages can be found at -

<https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/fiap-distinctions-applying>
or all details about making an application

and

<https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/fiap-distinctions-results>
For all details and links to galleries of successful Scottish applications

FIAP Patronage - Two successful applications for FIAP Patronage for the return of the 159th Edinburgh International Exhibition 2023 for prints, and the 2nd Edinburgh International Digital Salon 2023 later in the year.

Libby Smith

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Gracie L Allison, Hon FRPS, APAGB	William Anderson, APAGB
Alex (Sandy) Cleland, FRPS, AFIAP	Dr David F Clark, OBE, ARPS, BPE2
Peter Connolly, AFIAP	Prof Richard Cormack, EFIAP, DPAGB
John Coyle	George Cruickshank, EFIAP, APAGB
Dr Robert L C Cumming, ARPS	John Davidson
Fred Duncan, ARPS	William Doig
Alec G Eunson	Malcolm S Gillies, APAGB
David W Hay	Bob Hunter, APAGB
James Joyce, FRPS, FIPF, APAGB	Bob Collins AFIAP
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William McCance, FPSA, Hon EFIAP, APAGB	Duncan I McEwan
Duncan McIntyre, APAGB	Campbell M McNair
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David Ogden	Alastair Paterson
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Robert D Smith	Roy M Smith
Gordon L Stevenson, APAGB	Joe B Thomson
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