

Competitions secretary report 2022

The 2022 competition year opened with us hosting Marlborough Nelson Motueka challenge, unfortunately due to Covid 19 the event had to be cancelled although the photography competition went ahead. My thanks to Sandra Johnson for judging the images.

The four Interclub competitions sponsored by PSNZ. - Wiltshire Memorial Cup, Bowron Trophy, Bledisloe Cup, and the Chance Cup, we were unable to enter, as we could not put together credible entries. The requirement is for sets of images from different authors. My thanks to Peter Wise, Irene Buchan, and Irene Callaghan the selection panel who put the effort in to try and select entries

During the year we had had four Open competitions and one Nature competition. Thirty eight of our club members entered 360 images into our competitions, this is well up on previous years participation, it is particularly pleasing to see the increase in B grade entries. I had to separate B grade entries and have them judged by senior club members otherwise it would have been an unfair burden on the judges. My Thanks to Peter Wise, Graeme Skinner, Don Pittham, Irene Callaghan for stepping in to help. I am also pleased with the number of print entries, 109 well up on previous years

Well done those club members who participated

PSNZ judges used :-

Open Comp 1: - Judged Jill Cliffe APSNZ

Open Comp 2: - Judged Alison Viskovic FPSNZ

Nature Comp: - Judged Robyn Carter LPSNZ

Open Comp 4: - Judged Adair Willson APSNZ

Open Comp 5- Judged James Gibson APSNZ

We are still participating in the PSNZ feedback on judging programme, I believe this is paying dividends, as I think the standard of judging is more consistent.

Getting judges for our competitions is more challenging, I prefer to avoid using the same judge in adjacent years, I also have to be aware of where they live as freight, especially of prints is becoming more expensive and problematic with the centralising of courier firms.

Nelson camera club members continued to have a strong showing in external competitions, particularly at NATEX, the North Shore Salon, Canon online, Laurie Thomas, Creative online, Camera Talk and the Triptych. Those members who enter and do well at these competitions, also lift the standards in our own club competitions, resulting in an improvement in the standards of club member's photography generally.

Next year's competitions are –

Motueka- Nelson Marlborough challenge. Motueka have yet to advise of their program for the event.

PSNZ interclub Salons (Wiltshire, Chance, Bowron and Bledisloe)

These competitions all have requirements designed to maximise the number of authors, so we need prints from all of you. The requirements can be for a set that flows, NZ only landscape, images taken in NZ and so on, and only one image per author.

I would acknowledge the help given me willingly by the committee, and club members. Specifically acknowledging individuals, risks offending some, but, Irene Callaghan, Caroline Foster, Irene Buchan, Dianna Hambleton, Noeline Alexander and especially Peter Wise deserve acknowledgement.