

PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR – ROUND FIVE

THEME – TAKEN THIS SEASON (DIGITAL)

Date of Competition: Tuesday 18th April 2023

Competition Judge: Catherine Humphries, photographic judge for the Chilterns Association of Camera Clubs

SUMMARY

In each Round each entrant is allowed to enter a maximum of two images:

- * The first image should comply with the theme for that has been 'defined' including any restrictions regarding manipulation processing for the defined image in each round.
- * The entrant is able to choose the theme/subject of the second image and there is no restrictions placed upon manipulation.

Theme – TAKEN THIS SEASON

It is fast becoming NDPS 'tradition' that the last round of POTY is an 'open' competition for images that have been 'Taken this Season'. 'Taken this Season' is defined as an image captured by the photographer using as camera on or after TUESDAY 6th September 2022 and no earlier.

'Open' competition means, free rein is given to the choices the photographer makes in the creation of the submitted image. Images of any and all subjects or themes, created using any photographic or post-processing methods or techniques, are acceptable.

The images will be evaluated based upon the judge's general assessment of their creativity, emotional and/or intellectual impact, aesthetic beauty, uniqueness of subject, and technical skill.

But remember the judge need not assign any specific weight to any single attribute of the image but will be directed to be consistent in his/her approach throughout the round.

In the themed round, congratulations to David Powley whose image WINTER SUNRISE ON CAISTER BEACH won the f5.6 League, and Dave Balcombe whose image HOLLY IN PINK won the f2.8 League.

In the free-choice round congratulations to Terry Newman whose image IN A FLAP won the f5.6 League, and ALAN DIXON whose image BUZZARD EATING BROWN HARE won the f2.8 League.

In addition, to those members whose images won their leagues (both themed and free-choice entries) a further 7 images gained the right to a potential automatic place in the Image of the Year Competition later in the season. These images were:

Themed round

SUNRISE MOORING AT THORPE BAY

Terry Newman

NAVAL DEFENCE BARRIER

Ian Saunders

BROWN HARE RUNNING

Alan Dixon

Free-choice round

THORNHAM HARBOUR AT HIGH TIDE

David Powley

TOMMY

Paul Cowcher

STAIRS AND SHADOWS

David Jordan

REFLECTIONS

Patricia Wilden

RESULTS

f5.6 league – themed images

RUN	IMAGE	TITLE	SCORE	First	SURNAME
8	513	WINTER SUNRISE ON CAISTER BEACH	10.0	David	POWLEY
11	503	BRUTAL ABSTRACTION	10.0	Andrew	LOVEDAY
13	510	SUNRISE MOORING AT THORPE BAY	9.5	Terry	NEWMAN
10	511	THE CASTLE	9.0	Daniel	GRAY
4	509	NIGHT GHOST	8.5	Pat	STEBBINGS
12	512	WINTER SUNRISE GUN HILL	8.0	Graeme	TAPLIN
6	505	LAUNCH THE LIFEBOAT	7.5	Paul	COWCHER
5	502	ANGEL OF THE NORTH	7.0	Clive	MATTHEWS
7	508	MYOKO TOGAKUSHI NATIONAL PARK	7.0	Wendy	HAMPTON
9	506	LAUNCH	7.0	Frank	CROWDEN
3	504	IN THE TUNNEL	6.0	Jeff	TURRELL
2	501	AN UNINVITED GUEST	5.5	Tom	WATSON
1	507	MORNING LIGHT	5.0	Nigel	HARTLEY

f5.6 league – free-choice images

RUN	IMAGE	TITLE	SCORE	First	SURNAME
4	533	IN A FLAP	10.0	Terry	NEWMAN
9	528	THORNHAM HARBOUR AT HIGH TIDE	10.0	David	POWLEY
7	536	TOMMY	9.5	Paul	COWCHER
1	530	KOOKABURRA	8.5	Jeff	TURRELL
11	526	QUIET PLACE	8.0	Clive	MATTHEWS
6	527	COASTGUARD'S COTTAGE	7.5	Daniel	GRAY

10	532	STRANDED WRECKS	7.5	Pat	STEBBINGS
12	534	ONE TREE	7.0	Tom	WATSON
3	529	HEYSTERI MUD POOLS ICELAND	6.5	Graeme	TAPLIN
8	525	HOLKHAM DEER	6.0	Andrew	LOVEDAY
5	535	TWINS	5.5	Wendy	HAMPTON
2	531	HOLKHAM BEACH	5.0	Nigel	HARTLEY

F2.8 league – themed images

RUN	IMAGE	TITLE	SCORE	First	SURNAME
9	555	HOLLY IN PINK	10.0	Dave	BALCOMBE
11	556	NAVAL DEFENCE BARRIER	10.0	Ian	SAUNDERS
14	553	BROWN HARE RUNNING	9.5	Alan	DIXON
1	550	AUTUMN IMPRESSION	9.0	David	JORDAN
4	552	BEAUTIFUL LIGHT, ELY CATHEDRAL	8.5	Joan	JORDAN
3	560	THE THINKER	8.0	Des	KING
13	561	THIS IS THE END	7.5	Bill	DANIELS
7	562	UNFURLING	7.0	Clare	LISTER
6	563	WORKING THE LAND	6.5	Nick	LEWIS
2	554	FAIRGROUND WATER BUBBLE RIDER	6.0	Patricia	WILDEN
5	551	AUTUMN LIGHT	6.0	David	JENNINGS
8	559	THE LONG SHADOWS OF WINTER	6.0	Jonathan	TIDSWELL
10	557	STREET ARTIST AT WORK	5.5	Michael	BYGRAVE
12	558	SUNNY HUNNY	5.5	Maurice	YOUNG

F2.8 league – free-choice images

RUN	IMAGE	TITLE	SCORE	First	SURNAME
12	578	BUZZARD EATING BROWN HARE	10.0	Alan	DIXON
13	588	STAIRS AND SHADOWS	10.0	David	JORDAN
11	585	REFLECTIONS	9.5	Patricia	WILDEN
1	575	BEACON	9.0	Bill	DANIELS
9	580	DOWN THE TUBE	8.5	Dave	BALCOMBE
5	584	PILLION RIDER	8.0	Maurice	YOUNG
8	576	BUOY AND BOAT	8.0	Ian	SAUNDERS
14	583	PALM LEAVES	7.5	Joan	JORDAN
3	582	MARKET DAY	7.0	David	JENNINGS
6	589	WASHINGTON METRO STATION	7.0	Des	KING
2	581	IT'S BEEN A HARD DAY	6.5	Michael	BYGRAVE
10	587	SPIINING FOR GOLD IN THE PELE TOWER	6.0	Nick	LEWIS
7	579	CANTLEY REFLECTED	5.5	Clare	LISTER
4	586	SEEN BETTER DAYS	5.0	Jonathan	TIDSWELL

Final result after the five qualifying rounds of Photographer of the Year.

Before the fifth round as predicted David Powley, Pat Stebbings and Clive Matthews won through to compete in final of this Season's Photographer of the Year competition on Tuesday 6th June.

Although lying in third place at the start of the David Powley had a perfect aggregate score of 20 for his two images overhauling Clive Matthews who led after round four to win the f5.6 League for two years in a row with a total aggregate score of 91.0 points. Pat Stebbings and Clive Matthews were tied on 88.5 points after the five rounds, but Pat took second place on count back.

The top six in the f5.6 League were as follows:

1	David	POWLEY	91.0
2	Pat	STEBBINGS	88.5
3	Clive	MATTHEWS	88.5
4	Terry	NEWMAN	83.5
5	Jeff	TURRELL	81.0
6	Graeme	TAPLIN	79.0

In the f2.8 league last year's overall POTY Champion David Jordan already seemed to have an unassailable lead and he made sure of retaining the league title with an almost perfect

score of 19 points. That gave David an aggregate score of 95 points and a place in the POTY final where he will defend the title of NDPS Photographer of the Year. Joining him in the final will be Dave Balcombe who over-took Joan Jordan to gain second place with 86.5 points. Joan who scored 86.0 points finishes in third place.

The Top 6 in the f2.8 League were as follows:

1	David	JORDAN	95.0
2	Dave	BALCOMBE	86.5
3	Joan	JORDAN	86.0
4	Ian	SAUNDERS	85.0
5	Bill	DANIELS	83.0
6	Patricia	WILDEN	82.0