

PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR – ROUND FOUR

THEME – FILL THE FRAME (PRINTS)

Date of Competition: Tuesday 21st March 2023

Competition Judge: Malcolm English ARPS

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 – FILL THE FRAME

There are many rules you can use to improve your photography composition. For many photographers, the best way to enhance photography composition is to 'fill the frame'.

The 'frame' in photography is the rectangular scene captured by your camera, but your camera captures only a fraction of what your eyes and mind see. You make decisions about what to include within the edges of your photograph and often the easiest way to direct attention to your subject is by making the subject larger in the frame. The best way to achieve this is to get closer to your subject. You can get visually closer with a zoom lens or physically closer.

Filling the frame also means being clear about what you're taking a photograph of. So, in this round as Robert Capa says, "If your pictures aren't good enough, you probably weren't close enough...!".

PLEASE NOTE – To remove doubt and provide clarity macro-photography was explicitly disallowed in this round.

In the themed round, congratulations to David Powley whose image THROUGH THE TUNNEL won the f5.6 League, and Joan Jordan whose image INSIDE OUT STAIRWELL won the f2.8 League.

In the free-choice round congratulations to Clive Matthews whose image MY LAST MOORING won the f5.6 League, and Joan Jordan whose image LEAF FANTASY won the f2.8 League making it two 'winners' on the night for Joan.

In addition, to those members whose images won their leagues (both themed and free-choice entries) a further 17 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

CHARLOTTE

Tom Watson

FEMALE PHEASANT	Heather Lindsay
LOCOMOTION	Clive Matthews
GOING UP	Pat Stebbings
A SERENGATI LION	Des King
KATELYN	Dave Balcombe
THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER	Bill Daniels
STEAM POWER	David Jordan
SECTIONS	Clare Lister
<u>Free-choice round</u>	
COBBOLD'S POINT AT DAWN	David Powley
MORNING LIGHT	Pat Stebbings
SUNRISE OVER THORPE BAY	Graeme Taplin
GORMLEY AGAIN	Patricia Wilden
TAKING A BREAK	Maurice Young
PPROACHING STORM AT HOUGHTON HALL	David Jordan
CASA BATTLO, GAUDI	Des King
NATURE'S COLOURS	Jonathan Tidswell

RESULTS

f5.6 league – themed images

RUN	IMAGE	TITLE	SCORE	First	SURNAME
6	402	THROUGH THE TUNNEL	10.0	David	POWLEY
5	410	CHARLOTTE	10.0	Tom	WATSON
8	411	FEMALE PHEASANT	9.5	Heather	LINDSAY
3	401	LOCOMOTION	9.5	Clive	MATTHEWS
10	407	GOING UP	9.5	Pat	STEBBINGS
4	409	CLEARED FOR TAKE OFF	9.0	Terry	NEWMAN
11	405	KINGFISHER'S CALL	8.5	Jeff	TURRELL
7	408	R276	8.0	Paul	COWCHER
2	403	TRACTION WHEEL	7.5	Frank	CROWDEN
1	404	GLACIER BAY	7.5	Graeme	TAPLIN
9	406	SEAL WATCH	7.0	Nigel	HARTLEY

f5.6 league – free-choice images

RUN	IMAGE	TITLE	SCORE	First	SURNAME
1	425	MY LAST MOORING	10.0	Clive	MATTHEWS
10	426	COBBOLD'S POINT AT DAWN	10.0	David	POWLEY
7	431	MORNING LIGHT	10.0	Pat	STEBBINGS
11	428	SUNRISE OVER THORPE BAY	9.5	Graeme	TAPLIN
2	430	MUNCASTER CASTLE GARDEN	9.0	Nigel	HARTLEY
6	429	BURGHLEY	9.0	Jeff	TURRELL
3	433	BONNIE BOAT	8.0	Terry	NEWMAN
5	432	CROMER STORM	7.5	Paul	COWCHER
9	427	THE JACKOBITE	7.0	Frank	CROWDEN
4	435	PINEWOOD SOLITUDE	7.0	Heather	LINDSAY
8	434	BOXER	7.0	Tom	WATSON

F2.8 league – themed images

RUN	IMAGE	TITLE	SCORE	First	SURNAME
10	456	INSIDE OUT STAIRWELL	10.0	Joan	JORDAN
8	454	A SERENGATI LION	10.0	Des	KING
7	452	KATELYN	9.5	Dave	BALCOMBE
5	450	THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER	9.5	Bill	DANIELS
6	453	STEAM POWER	9.5	David	JORDAN
1	451	SECTIONS	9.5	Clare	LISTER
11	455	RED WALL	9.0	Ian	SAUNDERS
4	459	ICEY FUCHSIA	7.5	Michael	BYGRAVE
2	458	AUTUMN CHAOS HOCKING WOOD	7.5	Maurice	YOUNG
3	457	STORMY SKIES	7.0	Jonathan	TIDSWELL
9	460	PAW(S) FOR THOUGHT	7.0	Patricia	WILDEN

F2.8 league – free-choice images

RUN	IMAGE	TITLE	SCORE	First	SURNAME
6	481	LEAF FANTASY	10.0	Joan	JORDAN
7	485	GORMLEY AGAIN	10.0	Patricia	WILDEN
5	483	TAKING A BREAK	10.0	Maurice	YOUNG
1	478	APPROACHING STORM AT HOUGHTON HALL	9.5	David	JORDAN
2	479	CASA BATTLO, GAUDI	9.5	Des	KING
9	482	NATURE'S COLOURS	9.5	Jonathan	TIDSWELL
10	477	SPINNING A YARN	8.5	Dave	BALCOMBE
4	475	A GUIDING HAND	8.5	Bill	DANIELS
3	476	ROBIN RED BEAST	8.0	Clare	LISTER
11	480	PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP	8.0	Ian	SAUNDERS

Current Standings

With just one round remaining last year's f5.6 League winner David Powley is in third place behind Clive Matthews and Pat Stebbings. With just two and half points separating all three being champion is still up for grabs. However unless there is a last minute surprise, Clive, Pat and David seem to have secured their place in this year's POTY final.

In the f2.8 league last year's overall POTY Champion David Jordan seems to have secured his place in the final. Behind him is Joan Jordan and then six members who are fighting it out for the last place in the final (in alphabetical order these are Dave Balcombe, Bill Daniels, Des King, Patricia Wilden and Maurice Young)