

## SCHEDULE OF COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES 2016-2017 SEASON

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In the 2016-2017 season there will be three areas of competitive activity:

- Ordinary competitions that run throughout the season
- Annual competitions, one for prints and one for PDIs that take place towards the end of the season
- Other competitions

### Ordinary competitions

The purpose of the 2016-2017 ordinary competitions is to give competitors the opportunity to enter images into a variety of open, themed or special competitions. They can only enter images that they have not entered in previous competitions. Promotion from Novice to Intermediate and to Advanced levels depends on the results in these competitions .

See Appendix 1 below for more details.

### Annual competitions

The purpose of the 2016-2017 annual competitions is to give competitors the opportunity to enter their best images, whether or not they have been used in previous competitions. The points do not count towards promotion but do count for awards below.

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### COMMENTS ON THE CLUB RULES AND SCHEDULE 2016-2017

1. The club rules can only be changed at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting of the members. Any other arrangement in the Schedule can be changed by the committee at any committee meeting.
2. The club rules enable the club to award Shields, Trophies and Certificates in accordance with the published schedule.
3. All awards are based on internal competitions.
4. All points scored throughout the year count towards those awards based on accumulated totals, only reduced where appropriate to emphasise quality over quantity.
5. If any part of this Schedule differs from, conflicts with or contradicts, the Club Rules, it will be the Club Rules that prevail as the superior authority.

### APPENDIX 1

#### 1. ORDINARY Competitions

Images which are submitted for ordinary competitions must not have been submitted in any earlier MCC competition even if it was in a different category.

##### 1.1. "Regular" competitions, Prints and PDIs.

For Novice, Intermediate and Advanced classes

These can be either "Themed" or "Open".

Points scored are used for annual awards (Shields, cups and certificates) and promotion.

##### 1.2. Portfolio Competition. Prints and PDIs.

For Novice, Intermediate and Advanced classes

These can be either "Themed" or "Open".

Points scored are used for annual awards (Shields, cups and certificates) and promotion.

##### 1.3. Prints 'Cups' competition.

For Teucher Trophy, Jubilee Trophy and Anne Walker award. These trophies are 'Classless'.

Points scored are **also** used for annual awards (Shields, cups and certificates) and promotion.

#### 1.4. **Natural world competition.** Prints and PDIs.

Images are presented and scored in Novice, Intermediate and Advanced classes.

The Campbell Trophy is awarded for best image (Print or PDI) regardless of class.

Points scored are **also** used for annual awards (Shields, cups and certificates) and promotion.

## **2. ANNUAL competitions**

Images may be re-submitted. Annual competitions are **the only** internal competitions for which images previously entered in a MCC competition may be re-submitted.

### **2.1 Annual print competition**

Images are presented and scored in Novice, Intermediate and Advanced classes.

The Joe Green Trophy is awarded for best image regardless of class.

Points scored are **also** used for other annual awards (Shields, cups and certificates) but **not** for promotion.

### **2.2 Annual PDI competition**

Images are presented and scored in Novice, Intermediate and Advanced classes.

The Byte Trophy is awarded for best image regardless of class.

Points scored are **also** used for other annual awards (Shields, cups and certificates) but **not** for promotion.

## **3. OTHER Competitions**

3.1 Chair's challenge. For the **President's Cup**. The theme for this is defined by the chair.

This competition is classless, and **points are not awarded**. The winner is chosen by the chair.

## **4. PROMOTION**

As stated in the Club Rules 11, iv, b – d, all points gained from images scoring 17 or more from all the **Ordinary** competitions will count towards promotion from one level to the next. Points from the **Annual** competitions do not count towards promotion.

Members will be promoted on reaching:

- 200 points gained at Novice Level for promotion to Intermediate Level
- 400 points gained at Intermediate Level for promotion to Advanced Level.

Promotion will be automatic and will become effective either:

- immediately if the member chooses to begin competing at the higher level, or
- at the start of the subsequent season if the member chooses to continue competing at the lower level until the end of the current season.

There will be no time limit for the gaining of the totals required for promotion.

### **Voluntary Stepping down.**

To encourage increased participation in competitions, members may request to step down in level (from Advanced to Intermediate or from Intermediate to Novice) at any time. Requests to step down will be reviewed by the committee at the next committee meeting.

## **5. ANNUAL AWARDS**

Points from the competitions qualify members for annual awards as detailed below.

### **Qualifying points.**

To encourage image quality, for the Wadsworth Shield and Pixel Shield and the Annual First Place Cups and Certificates and the Second Place Certificates, across all three levels, the lowest six marks are discarded from the total awarded during the season.

This season there are 22 point scoring opportunities for prints and 19 for PDIs, so members top 16 scores only for prints and top 13 scores only for PDIs will qualify towards the above awards.

Note that for competitions not entered, a score of zero is assumed, thus in many cases, it is the zero marks that will be discarded. Discarding the lowest six marks means that it is still possible to win awards even if one is unable to enter a full complement of images to every competition during the season.

**Shields** will be awarded to workers gaining most qualifying points throughout the year, as follows:

- The **Wadsworth Shield** to the **Advanced** Print Worker
- The **Pixel Shield** to the **Advanced** Projected Digital Image Worker

#### **Cups and certificates**

First Place **Certificates** will also be awarded to the **Advanced** level members gaining most qualifying points throughout the year in both **Print** and in **Projected digital image** competitions.

First Place **Certificates and Cups** will be awarded to the **Novice and Intermediate** level members gaining most qualifying points throughout the year in both **Print** and in **Projected digital image** competitions.

Second Place **Certificates** only will be awarded to the **Novice, Intermediate and Advanced** level members gaining second most qualifying points throughout the year in both **Print** and in **Projected digital image** competitions.

**Also, Trophies** will be awarded as follows:-

- The **Teuchter Trophy** is awarded to the best submitted Colour Print in any level submitted to the '**Cups**' competition only.
- The **Jubilee Trophy** is awarded to the best submitted Monochrome Print in any level submitted to the '**Cups**' competition only.
- The **Anne Walker Award** is awarded to the best submitted Macro Print in any level submitted to the '**Cups**' competition only.
- The **Campbell Trophy** is awarded to the best submitted image of the **Natural World competition** in any level or category (print or PDI)
- The **John Wilcox Trophy** for the Photographer of the Year is awarded to the Member, irrespective of level, gaining the most points throughout the year without limit to acknowledge quality and quantity.
- The **Eric Burger Progress Trophy** will be presented to the **Novice or the Intermediate** Member gaining the most points throughout the year without limit to acknowledge quality and quantity. Members who have voluntarily stepped down to Novice or Intermediate level do not qualify for this trophy.
- The **Byte Trophy** is awarded to the best PDI in the **Annual PDI Competition**.
- The **Joe Green Trophy** is awarded to the best print in the **Annual Print Competition**.
- The **President's cup** is awarded to the winner of the **Chair's challenge**.

#### **NOTES**

1. All shields and trophies will remain the property of the Club, and any member holding a shield or trophy shall be responsible for its safekeeping and its maintenance, and shall make good any loss or damage occurring whilst it is in his or her custody. If the person holding the trophy ceases to be a member of the club, then the trophy shall be returned to the Secretary of the club without delay.
2. The member to whom a trophy or shield is awarded may, if he or she prefers, leave the trophy in the safekeeping of the Secretary of the club.
3. The Eric Burger Progress Trophy was presented by Mr Eric Burger in 1976. The trophy is the property of the club. In the event of the disbandment of the club, the trophy shall automatically become the property of Mr Burger or his successors.