

16th January 2018: - Pegasus Trophy. Cowdray Hall Thurrock RM20 3BJ.

Large Hall with 6 Tables allowing each club to have two people positioned around the periphery. Draw lots for which table you have on the way in. All rather serious. All Images must have a Black Background to be 1600x1200 (New this Year). Note that Loading to the stick/ejecting the stick can take more time that you expect, and some background light would be advantageous to allow easy manipulation. (Mobile Phone torch used in this case). **The Naming of the Files is not important.** Again the images are resized so that a Vertical image does not have an advantage on the "half" of the screen.

Photofold Representation: Dave Hussey (Ext Comp secretary), No-Support Jim was crook.

Judge: Roger Winter. (Still trying to get a handle on his preferences – no real pattern)

Club A Dagenham (1)
Club B Hornchurch (2)
Club C Photofold (0)
Club D Benfleet (3)
Club E Barking (0)
Club F Thurrock (2)

1 Natural History: Team A 1st image a couple of Flies against a couple of Damsel flies – Damsel win – our damsel is next – up against the two which beats us (We are out!), Lion Vs Wildebeest, loses A Wasp arrives, and loses, finally a duck. Fails. Winner Damsel Pairing.

Photofold Entry: Ray Waters – Banded Demoiselle Damsel Pairing

Winner: - damsel Pair Club Hornchurch (B)



2 Child Study: A Girl resting on a gate vs a Black and white Boy Boxer (Very well lit technically excellent). boxer wins, 3rd image Average shot of Girl in a lavender field - loses, 4th is Indian girl looking a bit lost, this wins, another girl in a garden loses, then we get a chance, - and our re-enactors apparently shouldn't have daffodil bulbs because they were bought over later in history (Rubbish!!)

Photofold 6th Entry: Paul Sillence – Springs New Hope

Winner: - Indian Girl - Club (F)



3 Landscapes and Seascapes: 1st image, Ipswich type dock picture –Up against a high Key boats on the lake image, Docks win 3rd image is Stringer's misty pier, appreciating the ancient and not so ancient – we win, then a very average sunrise Picture knocks us out. 5th is a moody Beach – which wins, 6th is a B&W Suspension Bridge but it loses. Moody beach wins it.

Photofold Entry: Stephen Stringer – Swanage old and New Pier

Winner: Moody Beach shot - Club (A)



4 Action: 1st a B&W Dancer in mid-air, and up against a couple of B&W canoeists which you can see the faces of but they lose. 3rd Man playing Cricket (not sharp, no wicket – loses), 4th Horse and buggy on a beach (okay – loses) Wrestling Shot (good B&W close Action not posed) – wins, finally it's our motorbike shot but we lose.

Photofold Entry: Dave Hussey – (This is going to Hurt)

Winner: Wrestling Submission - Club (B).



Coffee Break: 8:45 they are getting through it far more quickly than last year.

5 Architecture: A window vs a B&W skyscraper view of Central Canary Wharf which loses, 3rd is a morning reflection from Valencia which wins. 4th entry is our windmill with an "Unbelievable sky" stronger as a sky shot so we lose. Orange Light on a Dome loses, to Valencia, 6th shot is B&W Lifeguard hut – also loses. Winner is dawn in Valencia.

Photofold Entry: [John Davies – Windmill Mountnessing](#)

Winner: CoArts and Sciences Club Benfleet (D).



6 Natural History: Fantastic Small Monkey vs Fox on a Wall, Monkey wins, then our butterfly but although he doesn't like the background he thinks it is very well done – but we lose, 4th image another Fox, loses, 5th is two birds, 6th is bird on a post. Winner was the soulful eyes of the Baby Monkey.

Photofold Entry: [Margaret Stacey – Butterfly on Bamboo](#)

Winner: Orangutan Baby - Club Benfleet (D)



7 Off Beat: A Threatening man through a mirror vs a Black and White image, Made up Man wins, 3rd picture is a couple of push-bikes on railings – loses, 4th is our Astrophotography shot of Head torch and milky way apparently not "Off Beat" enough so we lose. 5th image is an eye of a reptile – loses, 6th is an HDR boat on Dungeness beach, which loses.

Photofold Entry: [Steve Stringer – Contemplating Infinity](#)

Winner: Harlequin Man - Club Benfleet (D)



8 Action: Our Surfer is against a dancer – Our guy is seen as lacking confidence – the dancer wins, 3rd is a picture of Glass blowing – loses, 4th Canoeist which beats out the dancer, 5th is Ice Dancing – loses, 6th and final image is couple of Wrestlers. Canoeist wins

Photofold Entry: [Ray Waters – Hastings Surfer](#)

Winner: Canoeist – Club Thurrock (F)



Clear winner was Benfleet with 3 wins (4th time they have won in 5 years) We unfortunately did not score, but we did have a wide ranging entry from a number of photographers, so I thank the club for their support. Oddly enough I feel that we could win this competition as the quality of images has nothing that I don't see in some of our competitions, it just that the stars (And Juge) just have to be aligned. (But not the Milky Way as that is not off beat enough!)

The technological issues that plagued the competition last year seen to have been solved however the changing to 1600x1200 was not adequately explained so this may revert back to 1400x1050 at some time in the future. Good support from the Thurrock Club with Aiesha collecting our stick and helping us out with questions.

Dave Hussey

Photofold External Competitions Secretary.