

Scottish Photographic Federation



2025

ANNUAL REPORT

Notice is hereby given that the
123RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the
SCOTTISH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION
will be held on
SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2025 VIA ZOOM
STARTING AT 2.00PM

To attend this AGM Zoom Meeting - Anyone wishing to attend requires to send an email to libby.neilsmith@btinternet.com with the following details -

- *Attendee Name and Full Club Name (No Accronyms Please)
- *Confirmation if Attendee is a Voting Delegate for the Club, or not
- *email address for Attendee to receive Zoom meeting link/details

The deadline for these details to arrive with the SPF General Secretary is **by Thursday 30th Oct** to give time for the Zoom meeting details to be sent out by Friday 31st Oct to all wishing to attend.

Anyone not receiving the Zoom link by 31st Oct should contact us no later than Sat 1st Nov to ensure time to resend details prior to the meeting.
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Please remember a maximum of 2 voting delegates per Club.

There are no restrictions on the number of attendees per Club

When deciding whether or not to attend please remember that we require a quorum before this AGM can run.

Please Note that we can take no responsibility for you being unable to attend due to inaccurate email addresses or any late or non-delivery of emails.

Apologies for absence, Proposals to the Federation,
Nominations to the Executive Committee to be sent to the
SPF General Secretary, Neil Smith
in writing as soon as possible to
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AGM AGENDA 2025

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 - a) Subscription proposals for 2026
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Only matters arising from these or on this Agenda will be discussed.

- 7.1 President's Report
- 7.2 General Secretary
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8. Election of Office Bearers & Ordinary Members see listing on page 5
9. Any Other Competent Business.

Your attention is drawn to clause 2.1 of the Constitution of the SPF where it says:

"....each Affiliated Society is entitled to be represented by 2 members as delegates. All members of Affiliated Societies may attend, but only delegates may vote."

Executive Committee of the Scottish Photographic Federation

AGM ELECTIONS

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President			
Snr. Vice President			
Jnr. Vice President			
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Hon. Vice President	___ No election Required ___		
Imm Past President	___ No election Required ___		
Member 1			
Member 2			
Member 3			
Member 4			
Member 5			
Member 6			
Member 7			
Member 8			
Member 9			
Member 10			
Member 11			
Member 12			
Member 13			
Member 14			
Auditor			

MINUTES of the SCOTTISH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION 122ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held via 'Zoom' on Sunday 27th October 2024 at 2.00 pm

IN ATTENDANCE: (41 Attended from 20 Clubs) Gordon McMann (*President*); Neil Smith (*Secretary*); Libby Smith (*Treasurer*); Alec Hunter, Bon Accord CC; Cameron Scott, Carlisle CC; Carole MacLaren, Cupar CC; Cathy Davies, Kirkcaldy PS; Colin Smith, Isleburgh PS; Dave Ferguson, Falkirk CC; Eddie Telford, Ayr PS; Emiy Noakes, St Andrews PS; George Taylor, Forres CC; Gordon Rae, Dumfries CC; Iain Izatt, Kirkcaldy PS; Iain Pollock, Carlisle CC; Ian Mitchell, Bon Accord CC; Ian Sturrock, Dundee PS; Isobel Lindsay, Edinburgh PS; Jack Quick, Milngavie & Bearsden CC; Joe Prior, Queen's Park CC; John Cuthbertson, St Andrews PS; John McVie, Dumfries CC; Ken Dow, Paisley Colour PC; Ken Goodfellow, Dunfermline PA; Margaret Dewar, Motherwell PS; Mark Woodfin, Mearns CC; Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries CC; Peter Ormsby, Eastwood PS; Rod Wheelans, Dumfries CC; Roger Hinton, Bon Accord CC; Ron Walker, Kirkcaldy PS; Sandra Taylor, Livingston CC; Shelley Knight, Bon Accord CC; Sidney Tulloch, Isleburgh PS; Terry Ralley, Edinburgh PS; Wanda Mackie, Kirkcaldy PS.

1. PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS – Gordon welcomed everyone. He also reminded those attending that only registered affiliated society delegates may vote. There was comment of some individuals being unable to attend because they didn't have the zoom link. Libby explained that the initial email where people confirmed attendance had made clear that the zoom link would be sent on the Friday prior to this meeting, and anyone who didn't receive that email should contact the General Secretary in advance of this meeting to have it resent.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Alan Gray, Stirling & District CC; Iain Gibson, Inverness CC; Tom Doherty, Queen's Park CC; Gillian Temple, Dunfermline PA; Hazel Allanach, Bon Accord CC; Muril Binnie, Edinburgh PS; Mike Mair and Rhona Cameron, Forres CC; Terry Ralley, Edinburgh PS.

3. MINUTES OF THE 2023 AGM – *As supplied in the Annual Report supplied with the notice of this meeting and again with the zoom link. There were no amendments and acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Ken Goodfellow, seconded Cathy Davies.*

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2023 MINUTES – there were no matters arising.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT ON 2023 (*pages 21 – 26 of pre-supplied Annual Report*) – Treasurer, Libby highlighted aspects of the Treasurer's Report. Her report last year pointed out the concern for the drop in Clubs rejoining which again continued to be a trend at the start of 2023 when we saw our Club numbers drop to 81, and a membership of 2719, well down on the 3453 pre-covid number and 86 Clubs. However, as I write this report I am pleased to report that we have had an upturn in the number of Clubs with 5 joining us throughout the year, and a total individual members of 2812.

This Annual Report for end of 2023 shows a surplus on year of £2438.75. Of note is the lack of an audience Print Championship, and a smaller than normal entry into the Portfolios. However, the Balance Sheet doesn't show our true end of year balance as two of our three events ran over to 2024, for Income or expenses. Therefore, it is important to note the 2024 current position at the end of two events completed. We have a surplus of £2,455 on the year so far. This also includes most of our catching up of expenses, and Medals split between 2022 and 2023 with only trophy engraving to come.

As noted 2023 was not a typical year given our Print Championship ran as a non-audience event, giving a large deficit on the event, entry being down for the Portfolios but the Digital Championship as our first audience event was very successful with more Clubs entering our new format than our old pre-covid one. It was also heartening to see such a good size of audience. The SPF Executive Meetings have returned to being held in person when we require to collect or return prints, and running the rest of the time via zoom, in order to keep travelling expenses costs down.

Of note when considering this year's combined SPF/PAGB Subscription Rate is that the PAGB once again increased their rate for the coming year by £3 per Club to £39.00, this currently

equates to 10p per member. Our current combined SPF/PAGB rate is £4.00 per member. Given the situation in many clubs where Club membership is still depleted making the impact of increased costs of travel/venue/accommodation/insurance being incurred even greater. It is difficult to know what impact any increases we may make, will affect the loss of more Clubs at our SPF renewal.

I am therefore of a mind to keep any increase to a minimum and try to hold on to the smaller Clubs we still have while minimise the risk of a deficit. Since 2020 we have been prepared for an annual loss of £2000 to £3000, which so far hasn't happened. We are starting to have many more enquiries from non-member clubs about joining. I would hope by keeping the subscription rate lower, that we may get more of those to join us, thus avoiding the requirement for larger increases longer term for Clubs who remain with us.

Taking all of this into account the SPF Executive Committee therefore proposes to increase the subscriptions rate for 2025 only by the minimum required to cover the PAGB's £3 subscription increase, therefore 10p per member to £4.10 per member payable by 31st December 2024. We think this is the best way forward to maintain as many member Clubs as possible.

Although not an AGM proposal we would also draw your attention to the changes made to the SPF Membership Declaration Form for 2025 following the PAGB reinstating the pre-covid Definition of a Club i.e. requirement of being a Member Clubs. The additional latitudes given during the covid period, for Clubs not having to meet in person, have now been removed. For the avoidance of doubt, this does not mean that Member Clubs cannot have 'virtual' meetings, but they must also meet the minimum requirements of meeting in-person in a physical location, to be in line with our SPF Constitution and that of the PAGB. Full details were supplied within the Annual Report.

Isobel Lindsay, Edinburgh asked if she could also broadcast these 12 in-person meetings e.g. 25 attendees in the room, and 25 online. It was agreed, yes, that was fine. Libby did add that there were requirements for individuals to attend in-person to be eligible to enter PAGB competitions. She would send details.

6. PROPOSALS - SUBSCRIPTION PROPOSALS FOR 2025 (*page 27 of the pre-supplied Annual Report*) - The SPF EC propose that the joint SPF/PAGB per member subscription rate for 2025 be increased to £4.10 per member (was £4.00 in 2024) payable by 31st Dec 2024. We propose that the cap for large clubs remains at 120, and no levy for late payments. Proposals seconded by Cathy. Carried unanimously.

7. ANNUAL REPORTS President, Gordon Mcmann announced that the following items were contained in this year's Report and have been distributed to all clubs prior to the AGM. Only matters arising from these or on this Agenda will be discussed. (*pages 9 to 20 & 28*)

7.2 GENERAL SECRETARY – EXTRACT - Neil noted that we ended 2020 with 97 member Clubs, but struggles with reduced memberships, venue shortages and price increases, meant that by the end of 2022 Club numbers had dropped to 84. This trend was to continue throughout 2023 and into early 2024, with a drop to 81, with Carnoustie CC folding, and Deveron CC, The Levern CC and Visions PC not rejoining. However, on a more positive note, we saw Orkney CC rejoin us for the start of 2024, and throughout the year Deveron CC and Isleburgh PC also rejoined, along with new Clubs Alba PS, Scone 50+ PG and Clyde CC.

For 2023, we planned to hold all of our SPF events with an audience. Unfortunately we fell at the first hurdle when we found our previous venue of Stirling Court Hotel outwith our budget as they had decided to charge a per delegate rate of £35 to all hirers rather than a room only cost, irrespective of the size of audience. Despite our best efforts we were unable to find a replacement venue to hold an audience event so were forced to run without one in late April at the New Lanark Hotel, with only Judges and SPF workers in attendance. It was heartening to note however that there was a good print entry when a number of Federations were reporting a significant fall in prints. We were also very pleased to get support from Paper Spectrum, who had been prepared to once again have a stand at our event if we had been able to run with an audience. They still supported the event however and awarded a sponsor's award.

Since our last AGM we have again lost some more stalwarts of Scottish Photography, they have included Dr David Clark a long term member and past President and Secretary of Banff Art Club, later called Deveron CC. David was also a very well know SPF Judge and Lecturer.

Neil Barlow of Cowal CC, for many years on their committee, including many as Secretary or President, known to all who visited. He was also well known for Judging and Lecturing. Brian Clark, a long term member and committee member of Dundee PS, including as President. He featured regularly in the SPF's awards lists over the years. And, most recently on the 5th Sept Clive D Turner, who was a long term member of Paisley PS, as well as being an SPF and PAGB Judge and Lecturer for many years. He also served on our SPF Executive until 2019. He held many posts over a number of years including President (1991-93) General Secretary, Salon Chairman, FIAP Liaison Officer as well as running Portrait Workshops, being a Judges Assessor for many years and running the SPF Slide Championship, the forerunner to our Digital Championship which some may remember attending at Perth or Lochgelly. He was added to the SPF Roll of Honour in our Centenary year for his service to photography, and was awarded an APAGB by the PAGB that same year (2003). And, since the Annual Report was written Sandy Cleland, a member of Edinburgh PS, and the SPF Roll of Honour passed away on 12th Oct.

The online zoom register set up by Adrian Lines on Facebook proved so popular during Covid, that it was replaced by an online PAGB system called the 'CMS' website, which also replaces the 'printed' PAGB Handbook. This online system gives all Clubs up to date access to all of the Judges and Lecturers from throughout the Federations of the PAGB, including the SPF, for both zoom and in-person bookings. To gain access Club Officers require to create an individual CMS log-in and then have a Club Officer account registration approved. More details are available from the SPF website as to how to access this area.

We are running a campaign to make everyone aware of the need to act now. I urge you to visit the SPF website homepage where you will find the article 'Does Your Club Need Judges or Speakers?'

7.3 PAGB INTER-FED – John noted that for 2023 these competitions were again open to prints only in three sections Colour, Mono and Nature. The full results were to see the SPF finish 5th in the Colour Print SecΘ on, 9th in the Nature and and an excellent 2nd in the Mono Print Section.

7.4 SPF PORTFOLIOS – John noted that for these competitions went ahead in the pre-covid format Colour Print, Mono Print and Projected Digital. The print sections being Judged as prints, and not as digital copies as we had done during covid. There was a total of 1047 prints and PDIs received from 27 clubs. Print entries were down on what we would expect, but still a good entry as clubs get back to normal. Best Mono Club was Carluke; Best Colour Club was Dumfries; Best Digital Club was jointly won by Carluke, Dumfries, Kirkcaldy and Paisley Colour.

7.5 SPF PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP – Libby noted that this had been run as a non-audience event as the SPF had been unable to find a suitable affordable venue. The judging was still held in person and saw Dumfries CC as overall winners as well as Best Colour Club, and Best Mono Club. Paper Spectrum supported us by giving a prize of paper and mount board for the event.

7.6 SPF DIGITAL CHAMPIONSHIP – This was our first audience event post-covid, at our new venue at Dunblane. We were all getting to grips with a new venue, and SPF and Clubs with new forms and processing. The event didn't quite go smoothly, and overran considerably, however we tweaked the process for 2024 following comments and how the day went. Bowie Trophy winners were Kilmaurs PC. Plate Trophy winners were Livingston CC.

7.7 PAGB AWARDS – We had a number of successes in 2023 and in 2024. At the end of 2023 we ran workshops with an aim of getting people interested in the awards when we host the PAGB Adjudication in April 2025. We were too overly successful as most who attended the workshop have already been successful so we are running more workshops to encourage others to go for April 2025. We are running a FREE zoom presentation event on Monday 4th at 7pm which is open to any Club member to attend. This will cover the process of the PAGB Awards and give examples of all of the different levels. Just contact Libby for the link if you're not on her PAGB Awards mailing list. Mark Woodfin, Mearns asked if the link sent to Clubs would work if forwarded on to members. Libby said yes it should, or supply the Meeting ID and Passcode. Sandra Taylor, Livingston; as Monday is our Club night are you going to record the meeting. Libby replied, no, it has been proven that the recording doesn't come across well. If it proves popular we will do another one on a different night.

7.8 PAGB REPORT – Libby highlighted the forthcoming Masters of Print deadline and

encouraged all to enter. The SPF have a track record of being the best Federation, and our Scottish entrants have done very well not just being successful in the Exhibition but also with winning Sponsor's prizes.

7.8 FIAP LIAISON OFFICER REPORT – Libby noted a change to the Scottish annual closing date for applications. They now require to be submitted to the SPF between 1st March and 15th May

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS & ORDINARY MEMBERS - It is customary at this point for a sitting President to step down. This is Gordon's second year so the President elect George Taylor thanked Gordon for his service on behalf of the SPF Executive. He said that it had been a learning experience for all of the executive members as we transitioned into our new venue, and the challenges we faced were all part of Gordon's tenure in office.

Libby Smith took the chair and formally proposed George Taylor Snr Vice President be elected as President in line with the SPF Constitution. Seconded Eddie Telford. With no one against that was carried and George took the chair. Full details for the remaining posts were as follows below -

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	George Taylor	Libby Smith	Eddie Telford
Snr. Vice President	Ian Sturrock	George Taylor	Cathy Davies
Jnr. Vice President	Wanda Mackie	Libby Smith	Cathy Davies
Secretary	Neil Smith	Cathy Davies	Gordon McMann
Treasurer	Libby Smith	Gordon McMann	Gordon Rae
Hon. Vice President	Libby Smith	No election required	
Imm. Past President	Gordon McMann	No election required	
Member 1	John McVie	Libby Smith	Dave Ferguson
Member 2	Maybeth Jamieson	Rod Wheelans	John McVie
Member 3	Rod Wheelans	Cathy Davies	Dave Ferguson
Member 4	Joe Prior	Dave Ferguson	Wanda Mackie
Member 5	Terry Railley	Dave Ferguson	Maybeth Jamieson
Member 6	Cathy Davis	Wanda Mackie	Libby Smith
Member 7	Gordon Rae	Ken Goodfellow	Dave Ferguson
Member 8	Tom Doherty	Libby Smith	Dave Ferguson
Member 9	Ken Dow	Ken Goodfellow	Ian Sturrock
Member 10	Dave Ferguson	Wanda Mackie	Cathy Davies
Member 11	Ken Goodfellow	Wanda Mackie	Ian Sturrock
Auditor	TBC		

Libby asked that anyone interested in joining the Executive should get in touch with her.

9. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS - Rod wished to add his thoughts on Clive Turner. Rod returned to Scotland in the late 80's and Clive was the 1st photographic friend he made, after joining Glasgow Telecom Club. Clive went to the GDPU to get involved, I went to the SPF, and in a very short space of time we were both very important in these organisations. I became the SPF President in '91 and recruited Clive as my SPF Vice President. Together we brought the SPF into the 20th century. It didn't do too much prior to then. We introduced the charge per member rather than per club. Clive did an amazing amount to change the nature of what the SPF did. And, he went on for many decades after that in all sorts of roles.

Mark Woodfin, Mearns - Can the committee consider larger print sizes for Panorama format, even if as two panels. Libby responded that it wouldn't be practical for us to capture larger prints for viewing on the day, and it wouldn't fit the area of illumination on our lightboxes. Larger than 500mm risks the prints being damaged during transportation and handling with piles of prints. We couldn't handle or transport a bigger print box as we struggle to transport all that we require at the moment. We can look at whether or not it would be practical for our Digital competitions.

George thanked all for attending and closed the AGM.

Neil Smith, SPF General Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It does not seem a year ago that I stepped into the role, it has been an enjoyable if occasionally challenging year. I have been fortunate knowing when I stand in front of an audience I have a great team supporting me and all work hard to ensure we deliver successful competitions, amongst other things, that all affiliates to the SPF can enjoy.

In addition to our normal annual events it was our pleasure to host a very successful PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit (APM) Adjudication in Dunblane, over the weekend of 26/27 April 2025 and the success of the event was due to the hard work and commitment of all of the executive members and helpers who contributed to make the event a resounding success. It was notable that Scotland achieved a high rate of success and I offer my congratulations to all the successful candidates. I look forward to seeing new applicants coming forward to join the ranks of those who have embarked on and hopefully continue through the awards journey.

During the year I managed to attend the Master of Print exhibition at Dumfries, the standard of work on display was breathtaking and if you did not manage to make the journey to Dumfries I would encourage you to make the journey to see what is surely one of the premier exhibitions in UK. I also attended the Highland Challenge hosted by Inverness Camera Club. Clubs from the Highland region, Orkney and Shetland participated and we viewed some superb examples of work.

Our events at Dunblane were well supported as was the Annual Portfolios and I would like to thank all those who supported these events either with entries or attending the judging and if you have not entered any of the championships I would encourage your club to participate.

We know clubs are facing challenges, falling memberships and people not willing to join committees, sadly some clubs have ceased to be, but we have seen new clubs join the federation so it is not all doom and gloom and I am sure we will see a resurgence soon as people at some point will realise there is more to photography than filling a mobile phone with images. It is interesting to note that there has been a resurgence in use of film in some quarters which perhaps indicates people are perhaps frustrated with technology and the way it is going. Like clubs the SPF faces challenges and despite all of the success we enjoyed we still need people to come and join us on the executive, we need fresh faces, younger faces stepping up to ensure the SPF can continue to deliver the service you expect. Remember the SPF is there to provide support and guidance to clubs, it only functions because you the clubs join the federation, the Executive are like you; members of various clubs it is not the WE the executives SPF - it is you the clubs who are the SPF, we merely look after the entity that is the SPF in order to ensure you can reap the benefits of being part of the Federation family. You may not have noticed but too many people on the executive are doubling up on roles. This is not something we should encourage or indeed to expect, of people. We need a Treasurer, we need people to take on the role of Judges Liaison Officer, Competitions Secretary, PAGB Interfed Competition as well as Area Representatives some of which have been vacant for years. We need volunteers, to help us deliver that expected level of service to all member clubs. We all enjoy the meetings and of course the events and we get a sense of pride when we have another successful event. So please let us know if you are willing to work as part of the SPF team.

I should also take time to mention one or two people who have contributed to the SPF. Firstly I would like to take the opportunity to remember the late Jim Pollock, a great character, keen photographer and gardener and a long time member of the SPF and Carlisle Camera Club who worked cheerfully in the backroom. I had the privilege of spending a lot of time with Jim and he was a great help to me and I miss him in the backroom. I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of John McVie, past President, Competition Secretary and man of many talents. He is standing down after many years of service and I would like on behalf of the executive and membership to thank him for his hard work and commitment to the SPF - he has helped many an event whether open, or in camera, to be a great success and he will be missed. Thank you John, for your commitment over many years it is appreciated and we will hopefully see you at events in future. In closing I would also like to thank the SPF team for their hard work they undertake to ensure events run smoothly.

George Taylor, SPF President

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

For 2024, we finally managed to hold our two championships with an audience. Victoria Hall, Dunblane, has proved to be an ideal venue, now that we've gotten to grips with the heating! And, it has proved invaluable in us being able to keep our venue and event costs manageable. In addition to our own SPF events, externally, Scottish authors and Clubs continue to do very well in the PAGB and International arenas some details of which has been covered within the various reports within this Annual Report

A trend of losing SPF Member Clubs was to continue from 2023 into early 2024, with Carnoustie CC folding, and Deveron CC, The Levern CC and Visions PC not rejoining. Gradually we saw a turn in fortunes as some Clubs secured new venues or members, and one or two new Clubs were formed. We saw Orkney CC rejoin us for the start of 2024, and throughout the year Deveron CC and Isleburgh PC also rejoined, along with new Clubs Alba PS, Scone 50+ PG and Clyde CC. Clydesdale CC sadly folded in late 2024, and for 2025 Irvine CC deciding not to rejoin us, but Hamilton CC, and newly formed Cullen CC and West Fife CC joining throughout 2025, to give us 87 Clubs to date.

The Edinburgh International Print Exhibition ran again in 2024 and again in 2025, with the 4th Edinburgh Digital just about to close as I write this report.

During 2025, we co-opted Margaret Lothian from Mid Calder CC on to our SPF Executive after she answered our plea for assistance at one of our Championships. She has already helped many of our FIAP Distinctions applicants this year.

Sadly, John McVie, Dumfries, a Past SPF President and long term SPF Portfolio Secretary and PAGB Inter-Fed Competitions Secretary has decided that this AGM is the time to retire from the SPF Executive. John has been a tireless worker at almost every SPF event for many years, as well as many other events run by the PAGB. We owe John a huge debt of gratitude for all he has done for Club photography over the years.

We have again lost some more stalwarts of Scottish Photography, they have included Sandy Cleland, just at the time of last year's AGM, a member of Edinburgh PS, and the SPF Roll of Honour, and a long-term SPF Judge and Lecturer. Suddenly in December 2024 we lost Jim Pollock, one of our long standing SPF Executive members who ran the SPF Slide Championship and SPF Annual Portfolios for many years, as well as always working tirelessly behind the scenes at all of our SPF events, including as a member of the Scottish Salon Committee. Over the summer we lost another longstanding SPF Judge and Speaker of over 30 years, Dr Donald Stewart who was an honorary member of Dundee PS.

Although our SPF Directory-Handbook and the PAGB CMS website are available for Clubs to access for Judges and Lecturers, we require to act if we are going to continue to have Judge and Speakers available to visit our Clubs in the coming years. Many of our long term Judges and Lecturers are now beginning to retire from our lists, quicker than we can bring new people on. We need everyone's help in encouraging more people to volunteer to take on these roles if all Clubs are to continue to have Judges and Lecturers available to them. We therefore urge all SPF Clubs, Judges and Lecturers to have a word with anyone you think might be able or willing to take on one of these roles.

We are continuing to run our campaign to make everyone aware of the need to act now. I urge you to visit the SPF website homepage where you will find the article 'Does Your Club Need Judges or Speakers?'

Thank you to all of the SPF Club contacts we have dealt with over the past year. All of our organisations rely on their volunteers, and sadly volunteers are always undervalued, so if you can help in any way keep your Club running why not consider volunteering for your committee. I'm sure they could do with the help, and it may just save the future of your Club!

Thank you also to all of the members of the SPF Executive Committee for your invaluable input over the past year once again.

Neil Smith, SPF General Secretary

PAGB INTER-FED COMPETITIONS

In 2024 the PAGB Inter-Federation Competition Judging was open again to Prints only with three sections being judged - Colour, Mono and Nature where up to 30 prints per section could be submitted by each Federation, with the top scoring 15 counting to the overall Federation placing. The SPF made up this year's entry by making a selection from prints entered into this year's SPF Print Championship, and we are very grateful to the Clubs and Individual Photographers who gave us their work to use from the Championship, together with those who gave us additional prints if our selected print wasn't available. We entered 30 Colour Prints, 29 Mono Prints and 28 Nature Prints.

The Judges for this event are Jane Lines (L&CPU), Mike Sharples (MCPF) and David Gibbins (NEMPF). The Judging took place on the 15th and 16th June 2024 at Smethwick Clubrooms. This year's results were as follows.

In the Mono print section SPF finished 4th with 184pts, and took two of the Individual awards with PAGB Ribbons going to Grasping Look by Eion Johnston, Edinburgh PS and You Looking at Me by Rod Wheelans, Dumfries CC, with a total of 5 Mono prints accepted into the Exhibition.

Monochrome Print Acceptances

Grasping Look	Eion Johnston	Edinburgh Photographic Society
You Looking at Me	Rod Wheelans	Dumfries Camera Club
Entwined	Eion Johnston	Edinburgh Photographic Society
On Target	Wanda Mackie	Kirkcaldy Photographic Society
Mean Streets	Libby Smith	Carlisle Camera Club

In the Colour print section SPF again finished 4th with 183pts. We had no Individual awards but a total of 4 Colour prints were accepted into the Exhibition.

Colour Print Acceptances

Alyssa and Ted	Michelle Campbell	Ayr Photographic Society
Car Parts Tbilisi	Anne Greiner	Dumfries Camera Club
Heading Home	Wanda Mackie	Kirkcaldy Photographic Society
Lockdown	Alastair Swan	Ayr Photographic Society

The Lancashire and Cheshire Photographic Union were awarded the Alexander Keighley Trophy as the winner in the Mono Section and also the Stirling Trophy in the Colour Section.

In the Nature print section SPF finished in 8th equal place with 184 pts. This was an extremely high scoring section for the winning Federation L&CPU who had a final score of 213 pts, an average of 14.2 per print! We had no Individual awards in this section but had 4 of our Nature prints accepted into the Exhibition.

Nature Print Acceptances

Growling Pine Marten	Ian Mitchell	Bon Accord Camera Club
Lapwing Landing	James Moir	Edinburgh Photographic Society
Secretary Blennie in Brain Coral	Ken Gillies	Edinburgh Photographic Society
Cuckoo Straw Display	A Mcfarlane	Eastwood Photographic Society

Congratulations to all who had work accepted and especially to our two award winners this year, but also a big thanks to everybody who entered work that contributed to our overall positions. We continue to need your work so that we can compete and even if an image is not accepted it is still likely to count towards our overall positions in each section.

John McVie,
PAGB InterFed Secretary

SPF PRINT & PDI ANNUAL PORTFOLIOS

The 2024 SPF Annual Portfolios went ahead in their format of three sections - a Colour Print section, Mono Print section and a Projected Digital Section.

The competitions were judged on the 10th August in Holywood Hall near Dumfries by Keith Snell (NCPF), John Tillotson (NCPF) and Stephen Fowler (NCPF).

A total of 1700 Prints and Projected Images were received; made up of 771 PDI, 552 Colour Print PDIs and 377 Mono Prints PDIs. There were an increased number of print entries this year. All sections were scored out of a maximum of 15, and minimum of 6. The Judges then selected their Individual Awards from the higher scoring photos in each section.

The Judge's combined scores were also used to calculate the final Club placings whose results came as normal from the total combined scores of the Club's selections in each category.

Overall club results were as follows:

Best Monochrome Club - The Salon Trophy – Brechin Camera Club and Paisley Photographic Society

Best Colour Club(s) - The Henry Coates Trophy – Queen's Park Camera Club

Best Digital (PDI) Club - The McLachlan Shield – Carluke CC, and Stirling & District Camera Club

SPF COLOUR PRINT PORTFOLIO CLUB RESULTS 2024

CLUB	TOTAL	PLACING
Queens Park Camera Club	55	1st
Carluke Camera Club	54	2nd
Kirkcaldy Photographic Society	53	3rd
Cowal Camera Club	52	4th =
Bon Accord Camera Club	52	4th =
Milngavie and Bearsden Camera Club	52	4th=

SPF MONOCHROME PRINT PORTFOLIO CLUB RESULTS 2024

CLUB	TOTAL	PLACING
Brechin Camera Club	51	1st=
Paisley Photographic Society	51	1st=
Dundee Photographic Society	50	3rd=
Kirkcaldy Photographic Society	50	3rd=
Livingston Camera Club	50	3rd=
Edinburgh Photographic Society	50	3rd=
Eastwood Photographic Society	50	3rd=

SPF PDI PORTFOLIO CLUB RESULTS 2024

CLUB	TOTAL	PLACING
Carluke Camera Club	80	1st=
Stirling and District Camera Club	80	1st=
Paisley Colour Photographic Club	78	3rd
Ayr Photographic Society	76	4th=
Kirkcaldy Photographic Society	76	4th=
Eastwood Photographic Society	75	6th

SPF PRINT & PDI ANNUAL PORTFOLIOS

The following INDIVIDUAL AWARDS were also awarded by the Judges -

Best Overall Colour Print (Gold Medal)	Isabella Hillhouse	Physallis, Chinese Lantern Cowal Camera Club
Best Overall Mono Print (Gold Medal)	Wallace Galbraith	Bridge to Nowhere Perthshire Photographic Society
Best Creative Print (Silver Medal)	Ken Gillies	Cloudy Lighthouse Edinburgh Photographic Society
Best Nature Print (Silver Medal)	Keith Thorburn	Seeing What's Going On Edinburgh Photographic Society
Best Portrait Print (Silver Medal)	Anne May	Contemplation Brechtin Photographic Society
Best Landscape Print (Silver Medal)	David Halliburton	Sunrise on Blackmount Milngavie & Bearsden Camera Club
Stephen Fowler's Judge's Choice Colour Print (Bronze Medal)	Jim Hill	Horse Guard Carlisle Camera Club
Keith Snell's Judge's Choice Colour Print (Bronze Medal)	Ian Mitchell	Alert Short Eared Owl Bon Accord Camera Club
John Tillotson's Judge's Choice Colour Print (Bronze Medal)	John Boyd	Morning Calm Perthshire Photographic Society
Stephen Fowler's Judge's Choice Mono Print (Bronze Medal)	Graeme Hilditch	Forelorn Eastwood Photographic Society
Keith Snell's Judge's Choice Mono Print (Bronze Medal)	Dave Reid	Big Bump But Only Bruises Edinburgh Photographic Society
John Tillotson's Judge's Choice Mono Print (Bronze Medal)	Iain McFadyen	Natural History Museum Paisley Photographic Society
Best Overall Projected Digital (Gold Medal)	Fiona Bryden	Moving with the Waves Milngavie & Bearsden Camera Club
Best Creative Projected Digital (Silver Medal)	Morag Forbes	Roman Timescape Auchterarder Camera Club
Best Landscape Projected Digital (Silver Medal)	David Cation	Molten Queen's Park Camera Club
Best Nature Projected Digital (Silver Medal)	Mike Cruise	Diving Kingfisher Paisley Colour Photographic Club
Best Portrait Projected Digital (Silver Medal)	Kenneth MacDonald	Snow Leopard Queen's Park Camera Club
Stephen Fowler's Judge's Choice Digital (Bronze Medal)	Libby Smith	Mean Streets Carlisle Camera Club
Keith Snell's Judge's Choice Digital (Bronze Medal)	John Robson	Leopard Seal on Ice Dumfries Camera Club
John Tillotson's Judge's Choice Digital (Bronze Medal)	Alan Gray	Coastal Contours Stirling and District Camera Club

All Club Placings and Individual scores for the photographs entered have previously been emailed directly to the Club Competition Secretary who completed their Club's entry and full details about the Portfolios are also available on the SPF website.

John McVie,
SPF Portfolio Secretary

SPF CLUB PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2024 Print Championship Judging took place on Sunday 18th February 2024 at Victoria Hall, Dunblane in front of a good sized audience. The Judges for the event were Leigh Preston MPAGB EFIAP FIPF APAGB from Gloucester (MCPF), Gary Langley DPAGB from Nottingham (N&EMPF) and Nick Hilton EFIAP DPAGB BPE5 from South Ribble (L&CPU).

Some 1325 prints had been entered from 33 Clubs, just 50 prints less than in 2020, which is excellent news given that many Clubs had seen a reduction in prints due to the pandemic. It was heartening also to see several Clubs new to the event participating.

While the prints were being Judged they were photographed and simultaneously projected onto a big 8' screen to improve the audience viewing. Once again the scoring was the normal range of each Judge scoring a Max of 5; Min 2 to achieve a Maximum of 15; minimum of 6. These scores were then used to calculate the Club Results. Full results are available from the SPF website.

The Individual Awards selected by our three Judges came from the prints scoring 14 or 15 from the Mono and Colour sections. All Individual and Club Results were announced at the Judging. A gallery of all of the Individual Awards for this year is shown on an SPF web gallery.

Once again the event main sponsor was Paper Spectrum, who had a stand at the event. You can find out more about Paper Spectrum's products by visiting their website. Paper Spectrum - Photographic Fine Art and Graphic Papers Our thanks to Beth Perkins for attending and their support. We are grateful to the SPF members who donated to our Raffle and to our additional raffle sponsors who supported this event. Please visit their websites for more about their products.

CLUB RESULTS

Best Overall Club – John Logan Trophy – Carluke Camera Club (267 points)

2nd Edinburgh Photographic Society (261 points)

3rd Dumfries Camera Club (258 points)

4th Bon Accord Camera Club (255 points)

Best Monochrome Club (SPF Gold Medal) - Carluke Camera Club

Best Colour Club (SPF Gold Medal) - Carluke CC, Dumfries CC and Edinburgh PS

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Best Overall Print (Esme Smythe Trophy) - Team Work by David Scott, Dunfermline PA

Best Colour Print (SPF Gold Medal) - Car Parts, Tbilisi by Anne Greiner, Dumfries CC

Best Mono Print (SPF Gold Medal) - Poppy Record by Stan Farrow, Dundee PS

Best Landscape Print (Campbell McNair Trophy & SPF Silver Medal) - December Mist by Gavin Forrest, Carluke CC

Best Portrait Print (SPF Silver Medal) - Grasping Look by Eion Johnston, Edinburgh PS

Best Nature Print (SPF Silver Medal) - Growling Pine Marten by Ian Mitchell, Bon Accord CC

Best Creative Print (SPF Silver Medal) - Lockdown by Alistair Swan, Ayr PS

Judge's Choices (SPF Bronze Medal) were awarded as follows -

Leigh Preston's – Salford Museum Angles by Libby Smith, Carluke CC

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Gary Langley's – On the Attack by Alan Graham, Ayr PS

Nick Hilton's – Home by Wanda Mackie, Kirkcaldy PS

The following were awarded **Highly Commended** –

- 1 Upstairs Downstairs by David Kent, Cromarty Camera Club
- 2 On Target by Wanda Mackie, Kirkcaldy Photographic Society
- 3 Le Carte Postale by Rikki O'Neill, Dundee Photographic Society
- 4 Alone by Richard Dibley, Kinross Camera Club
- 5 Museum of Liverpool by David Moyes, Dumfries Camera Club
- 6 As One by David Scott, Dunfermline Photographic Association
- 7 Pink Anemone Fish, Philippines by Rosemary Gillies, Edinburgh Photographic Society
- 8 Marie Antionette waiting on King Louis by Peter Lawson, Livingston Camera Club
- 9 Through the Glass by David Moyes, Dumfries Camera Club
- 10 Something to Shout About by Cameron Scott, Carluke Camera Club
- 11 Against the Elements by Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries Camera Club
- 12 Two on One by Simon Wootton, Midlothian Camera Club
- 13 Elbow Down Bike Racer by John Stewart, Bon Accord Camera Club
- 14 Blocks Recline by Eion Johnston, Edinburgh Photographic Society
- 15 Mean Streets by Libby Smith, Carluke Camera Club

The following were awarded **Commended** -

- 1 The Master Printer by Libby Smith, Carluke Camera Club
- 2 High Catch by Robert Hendry, Carluke Camera Club
- 3 Design Museum, London by Mark Janes, Dingwall Camera Club
- 4 Anemone Fish by Ken Gillies, Edinburgh Photographic Society
- 5 He's Behind You by Clare Harte, Livingston Camera Club
- 6 Mind Blowing by Rikki O'Neill, Dundee Photographic Society
- 7 Do you have to? By Vicky Macnamara, Perthshire Photographic Society
- 8 The Starling Gang by Jan Jerome, Edinburgh Photographic Society
- 9 Flaps Up by Chris Reekie, St Andrews Photographic Society
- 10 Male Bearded Tit in Habitat by Lesley Simpson, Edinburgh Photographic Society
- 11 Autumn Time by Stan Farrow, Dundee Photographic Society
- 12 Cosmos Trio by Gaille Gray, Carluke Camera Club
- 13 Sheep Judging by Cameron Scott, Carluke Camera Club
- 14 When Fairy Godmother Doesn't Show Up by Brian Cathie, Queen's Park CC
- 15 One Wilder Walk by Richard Dibley, Kinross Camera Club

SPF DIGITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Our 2024 SPF Digital Championship went ahead on Sunday 17th November 2024 at the Victoria Hall, Dunblane to which we had an excellent attendance from Club members from all over Scotland, together with an excellent support of our raffle. The day went well although a little cold. 34 Clubs competed on the day, 24 in the Plate and 10 in the Bowie.

Our Judges for these Championship Competitions were - Jeremy Malley-Smith DPAGB EFIAP LRPS BPE3* from Keswick (NCPF), Robert Millin DPAGB MFIAP EFIAP/d3 FBPE MPSA from Wigan 10 (LCPU), and Steve Proctor EPAGB BPE5* PPSA from Chorley (LCPU).

The event format was amended slightly to make a shorter more interesting day following last year's feedback, which seems to have been favourably received. The addition of tick-sheets for the Final Round selects helped both processors, title readers and Clubs alike.

The final results were to show new winners in both competitions from 2023, who were all delighted with their wins. Details of all of the Club and Individual Awards are available for download from our SPF website, including all of the Scores for Round 1 and the Final for both the Plate Trophy and Bowie Trophy. All of the Award Winning Images are shown in galleries on our website.

Our thanks to everyone who support our raffle, whether by donation of prizes or by purchasing tickets, it does help us run these events. A special thanks to Paper Spectrum for supporting this event through raffle prizes. In return, please support them - visit their website.

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THE IAN BOWIE TROPHY

Winner - Ian Bowie Memorial Trophy, & SPF Gold Medal - Ayr PS and Dumfries CC

3rd Place - SPF Bronze Medal – Edinburgh PS

THE PLATE TROPHY

Winner – The Kirkintilloch Plate Trophy & SPF Gold Medal - Queen's Park CC and Stirling & District CC

3rd= Place - SPF Bronze Medal – Dunfermline PA and Strathaven CC

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Best Overall Image - SPF Gold Medal – Fur Seal on Ice by John Robson, Dumfries CC

Best Bowie Image - SPF Gold Medal – On Target by Wanda Mackie, Kirkcaldy PS

Best Plate Image - SPF Gold Medal – King Charles Puppies by Gillian Temple, Dunfermline PA

Best Nature - SPF Silver Medal – Mating Blue-tailed Damselflies by Ken Dow, Paisley Colour PC

Best Landscape - SPF Silver Medal – Lights in the Fjord by Alastair Swan, Ayr PS

Best Creative - SPF Silver Medal – Gerbera Hearts Entwined by Gaille Gray, Carluke CC

Best Portrait - SPF Silver Medal – The Acolyte by Jim Hill, Carluke CC

Robert Judge's Choice Bowie - SPF Bronze Medal – Louvre Light by Morag Forbes, Dundee PS

Robert Judge's Choice Plate - SPF Bronze Medal – Stairing Back by Ryan Hutton, Mearns CC

Steve Judge's Choice Bowie - SPF Bronze Medal – Preaching to Lost Souls by Libby Smith, Carluke CC

Steve Judge's Choice Plate - SPF Bronze Medal – Tackled by Gary Bradley, Clyde CC

Jeremy Judge's Choice Bowie - SPF Bronze Medal – Bar-tailed Godwit Dispute by Stephanie Wilkie, Dundee PS

Jeremy Judge's Choice Plate - SPF Bronze Medal – Pistol Pete by Brian Cathie, Queen's Park CC

PAGB AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT

2024 was another busy year for the PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit (APM) Adjudications as they returned to normal, with PAGB Adjudication events in April 2024 and Nov 2024.

The SPF also ran several workshop events throughout the year, to encourage interest for when the SPF host a PAGB Adjudication in April 2025 at Dunblane. All were very well attended, and resulted in several individuals applying for a space on a 2024 Adjudication and a number working towards April 2025.

The April 2024 PAGB Adjudication was held in Basingstoke, and hosted by SCPF and Nov 2024 was hosted by the PAGB in Winsford, Cheshire after the WPF had to withdraw from hosting.

The following were the successful Scottish Candidates from the 2024 Adjudications who can now place BPAGB, CPAGB, DPAGB, EPAGB or MPAGB after their names.

At the 2024 adjudications there were 12 successful SPF Candidates.

They were -

Robert Nairn	Ayr PS	Apr 2024	CPAGB
John Thom	Aberdeen CC	Apr 2024	CPAGB
Lynne Watson	Kirkintilloch CC	Apr 2024	CPAGB
Kevin Flanagan	Bon Accord CC	Apr 2024	DPAGB
Rosemary Gillies	Edinburgh PS	Apr 2024	DPAGB
Bruce Harley	Livingston CC	Apr 2024	DPAGB
Jim Hill	Carluke CC	Apr 2024	DPAGB
Alastair Swan	Ayr PS	Apr 2024	DPAGB
Sandra Taylor	Livingston CC	Nov 2024	CPAGB
Alan Cairns	Bon Accord CC	Nov 2024	CPAGB
Iain McFadyen	Paisley PS	Nov 2024	CPAGB
Debra Duncan	Falkirk CC	Nov 2024	CPAGB

All of the successful work submitted by these Applicants in 2024, as well as in previous years, can be viewed in their own respective galleries on the SPF Website, or visit the results page of our website -

<https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/pagb-awards-results>

To find out more about the PAGB Awards scheme, and how to apply visit the following SPF webpage -

<https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/pagb-awards-applying>

Libby Smith, SPF's PAGB Awards Officer

PAGB REPORT

PAGB 94th AGM ran on its usual April timetable and was held as a physical meeting with PAGB EC and attendees in Smethwick Clubrooms on 13th April 2024. Others were able to stream the AGM but were unable to contribute. All voting was done in advance. The event was not well attended by anyone other than the PAGB EC.

The elections of OB's saw the re-election of President as Daphne Hanson (EAF); Vice President David Gibbins (N&EMPF); Adrian Lines (LCPU) Honorary Secretary and Peter Young (WPF) as Treasurer.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: AGM 2024: With the return to normal, and increased costs of running in-person events this had generated the proposed rate of £39.00 per club for 2025, an increase of £3.00 pr Club on the 2024 amount. This was agreed unanimously

The Executive Committee held all meetings in person during 2024, in Feb, April and October all were held in facilities at Warwick University campus.

RECORDED LECTURE SERVICE with instant download proved extremely popular again in 2024, with new lectures continuing to be added. This service is available to all SPF Clubs (see SPF website for details of how to access this).

INSURANCE: Insurances were provided for 2024 via PAGB broker, Hive Insurance Services had made an arrangement with the PAGB, with underwriters AXA. PLI insurance, and MLI were arranged at very competitive prices, however it transpired that All Risks was somewhat more expensive. But, Hive Insurance Services have reviewed this with the insurer, and also set up a new website giving more flexibility for amounts insured, to keep costs as low as possible for Clubs.

GB CUP & TROPHY 2024: The PAGB GB Cup and Trophy were Judged at end of January 2024 in Smethwick Clubrooms. We had two Scottish Judges on the panel, Rod Wheelans and Neil Smith, who was joined by David Smith from Surrey PA.

The results were as follows -

GB Cup Open – Top SPF clubs were Dumfries CC 4th 158, Kirkcaldy PS 5th= 157 and Paisley Colour PC and Edinburgh PS tied in 25th= 147. Best Overall Image went to Car Parts, Tbilisi by Anne Greiner, Dumfries CC. An HC went to Duo at the Door by Eion Johnston, Edinburgh PS.

GB Cup Nature – No SPF Clubs in top 20; PCPC, Dumfries and Edinburgh tied in 21st= 146 and Bon Accord was 27th= 145. HC's were awarded to Sea Gooseberry by Moira Gardener, Kirkcaldy PS and Landing Gear Down by Jim Biscoe, Dingwall CC.

GB Cup LE – only 10 clubs entered – CKPS was 6th= 125. There were no individual awards in this section.

GB Trophy Open (print) – 21 Clubs entered. Top SPF Club was 3rd= Dumfries CC 165, next was CKPS in 13th=. HC went to Car Parts, Tbilisi by Anne Greiner, Dumfries.

GB Trophy Nature (print) – 16 Clubs entered. Only one SPF Club entered and finished 16th CKPS (Not a complete entry). There were no Individual Awards.

INTER-CLUB PDI CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 event was held at a new venue in Warwick Myton School on 21st July. Three Scottish Clubs made the trip to represent the SPF; Dumfries CC who made last year's final, along with Bon Accord CC and Kilmaurs PC who qualified in November's SPF PDI Championship.

This year's Judges were Tillman Kleinhans (L&CPU), Libby Smith (SPF) and Howard Tate (YPU). The 37 Clubs entered this year's competition, from the PAGB Federations, and competed in the first and second rounds for a place in the final. The competition was keenly fought with 10 Clubs qualifying for the final.

PAGB REPORT

At the end of the first two rounds, Dumfries had qualified for the Final, while Bon Accord CC and Kilmaurs PC competed for the Plate trophy. The final results was to see Dumfries finish in 8th place with 244 points. In the plate Kilmaurs finished on 94 points, and Bon Accord CC finished on 99 points in 8th= place. No Individual Awards went to Scottish authors this time.

INTER-CLUB PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 event was held again at Westholme School, Blackburn on Saturday 19th October. Two Scottish Clubs made the trip to represent the SPF; Carluke CC and Edinburgh PS.

The Judges were Ray Brammall (YPU), Helen Hanafin (IPF) and Richard Speirs (NCPF). 37 Clubs competed in the first round for a place in the final. Nine Clubs ended up qualifying for the final, which was again a close fought battle with only one point between making it into the Final and the Plate competition. Unfortunately no SPF clubs made it into the final.

The Plate result was to see Edinburgh finishing 11th= on 103 pts and Carluke finishing 5th on 106 pts, with the Plate winners finishing on 113 pts. One Individual Award went to a Scottish author, The Sweep by Robert Hendry of Carluke CC was awarded a Silver Medal for a Judge's Choice.

MASTERS OF PRINT: The 8th Masters of Print closed for entries on 1st Dec 2024, and once again Scottish authors did extremely well. The event was Judged in early December and followed by an Exhibition back at Birmingham in St Martin's Church in the Bullring with the opening and awards presentation day being held on Saturday 8th Feb 2025 to which many successful authors were able to attend. Sponsors again presented their own prizes to their chosen prints.

The Judges were Sue O'Connell (WCPF), Tillman Kleinhans (L&CPU) and Michael O'Sullivan (IPF) As only 60 prints from 60 authors are accepted, it is always a very tightly fought event, with 853 prints from 192 entrants. In addition to the Individual Entry, there was also a Club competition. Once again Scottish Photographers did extremely well in the 8th Masters of Print. Of the final 60 works exhibited 11 were from Scottish authors.

Congratulations go to the following successful Scottish authors who gained acceptances – Michele Campbell, Brian Cathie, Margaret Elliot, Gaille Gray, Maybeth Jamieson, Ken Lindsay, Ian Mitchell, David Moyes, Rikki O'Neill, Cameron Scott and Keith Thorburn. Keith's photo One-Legged Meadow Pipit was also awarded a PAGB Silver Medal for Michael O'Sullivan's Judge's Choice. One SPF photographer managed to make it 8 Masters of Print out of 8, a great achievement, so well done to Maybeth Jamieson of Dumfries!(one of only 3 photographers to do so).

We, as a Federation, did extremely well coming 2nd with 173 pts to L&CPU's 182 pts. We were represented by 9 Clubs and 41 authors who entered a total of 173 prints. In the Club results Dumfries ended up as top Scottish club in both the Diamond and Gold Club awards, finishing 5th and 3rd respectively. Scottish Circle finished 9th in the Diamond Club and Dundee PS finished 8th in the Gold Club award. Next placed were Edinburgh 12th in the Diamond Club, and Kirkcaldy PS 11th in the Gold Club Award.

APPOINTMENTS: Rod Wheelans (PAGB Hon-Life Vice President) continues as a member of the APAGB, J.S. Lancaster, Judges', Print Championship, and Standards and Governance sub-committees. He is also Chairman of the Awards for Photographic Merit, Masters of Print, and PAGB e-news editor. I was re-elected as the member of the PAGB. I am a member of sub-committees - Print & Digital Championships, GB Cup and GB Trophy , APM's, Masters of Print, Strategy, JS Lancaster and Technical (Competition Management System, CMS).

Libby Smith, SPF's Member on PAGB Executive

TREASURER'S COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT

My report last year pointed out the concern for the drop in Clubs rejoining which again continued to be a trend at the start of 2023 when we saw our Club numbers drop to 81, and a membership of 2719, well down on the 3453 pre-covid number and 86 Clubs. However, as the 2024 report was written I was pleased to report an upturn in the number of Clubs with 5 joining us throughout the year, and a total individual members of 2812. This meant that when we renewed PAGB membership for 2025, we were the only Federation not to see a decrease in the number of it's member Clubs, with 86 Clubs and 2826 members.

We did lose North Berwick sadly in April as they struggled to obtain new Officebearers, but Cullen Camera Collective joined us in March, and just recent West Fife Camera Collective have joined us taking us to 87 Clubs.

This Annual Report for end of 2024 shows a small deficit on year of £868.88, however due to an oversight where the PAGB payed a workshop payment into our personal account instead of the SPF's, this was omitted from 2024 and will be shown transferred in 2025. This amount was £881.64 so the year effectively breaks even.

2024 saw our three SPF main events return to normal. Of note for these three main events is that the figures on this Balance Sheet don't show all three events accurately as the balance sheet includes figures for two of these events that ran over from 2023, as reported last year. Additionally the 2024 Digital Championship figures have run over into 2025. All Income/Expenses will appear in the respective year's accounts.

But, to give an accurate picture of the 2024 events all Income/expenses for 2024 events only are included in the surplus/deficit summary given on the following page.

SPF Print Championship Feb 2024 - Was run as an audience in-person event. SPF Annual Portfolios Aug 2024 - Ran as our normal non-audience event with in-person Judging. 2023 entry was down on previous years. For 2024 entry has gone back up again. SPF Digital Championship Nov 2024 - Was run as an audience in-person event. We have maintained holding the SPF Executive Meetings in person when we require to collect or return prints, and running the rest of the time via zoom, in order to keep travelling expenses costs down.

The figures so far for 2025 are better than expected, despite holding a large PAGB Awards 2-day workshops in Jan, and hosting the PAGB Awards Adjudication in April, which incurred additional travel and accommodation costs for the SPF. We will however have a significant Trophy engraving cost to come in the remainder of 2025/2026 as we catch up on the previous 5 years.

We have managed to get our Online Banking partially up and running to accept BACS payments to our main account, and this option will be available for payments going forward. We were also asked by one Club to simplify our Annual Subscription paperwork to reduce duplication of information requiring to be completed by Clubs. This has also been done, and will allow the Clubs to submit the forms by email and pay electronically or by cheque.

Of note when considering this year's combined SPF/PAGB Subscription Rate is that the PAGB once again increased it's rate for the coming year by £2 per Club to £41.00.

Our current combined SPF/PAGB rate is £4.10 per member. Given the situation in many clubs where Club membership is still depleted making the impact of increased costs of travel/venue/accommodation/insurance being incurred even greater. I am therefore of a mind to continue to keep any increase to a minimum, to cover this

TREASURER'S COMMENTS CONT'D

PAGB increase only, and try to hold on to the Clubs we still have while minimise the risk of a deficit.

Taking all of this into account the SPF Executive Committee therefore proposes to increase the subscriptions rate for 2026 only by the minimum required to cover the PAGB's £3 subscription increase, therefore 10p per member to £4.20 per member payable by 31st December 2025. We think this is the best way forward to maintain as many member Clubs as possible.

Summary of items usually mentioned is given below -

COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

Club Annual Portfolios 2024	+£361.76	surplus
Print Championship 2024	-£36.56	deficit
Digital Championship 2024	-£13.83	surplus

Note on events - The 2024 Balance Sheet only shows Income/Expenses within the 2024 year. The balance sheet includes two events who's Income/Expenses ran over from 2023, and omits some Income/Expenses for the 2024 Digital Championship that ran over into 2025. So, to give an accurate picture of the three 2024 events all Income/expenses for the 2024 events are indicated in the surplus/deficit above, but will appear in the respective year's accounts.

Over the 3 events we had a surplus of £310.86, although Tea/Coffee catering costs are not included in the Expenses against these events. Some one-of costs for Flasks etc are included in the 2024 total, and supplies also covered all meetings and other workshops.

Total Funds available to the
Federation and Salon at 31st December 2024

£53,047.99

Libby Smith, Treasurer
Scottish Photographic Federation
30th August 2025

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Surplus (Deficit)

SPF Income 2024	£17,578.90	
SPF Expenses 2024	£18,447.78	<u>surplus / (deficit) (£868.88)</u>

Account Transfers

Treasurer's a/c 2023	£26,479.15	
Surplus/(Deficit on year)	(£813.58)	<u>Treasurer's account £25,665.57</u>

Salon /PayPal Bank Account 2023	£1,974.51	
Surplus/(Deficit on year)	(£55.30)	<u>Salon/Paypal Account £1,919.21</u>
Made up of		PayPal £1650.99
		Salon PayPal A/C £268.22

General Fund a/c 2023	£25,163.49	
Interest from General Fund	£299.72	
		<u>General Account £25,463.21</u>

NET WORTH OF FEDERATION FUNDS = £53,047.99

ACCOUNTS BALANCE SHEET

Brought forward from 2023

Carried forward to 2025

Treasurer's a/c (Salon/Paypal)	1,974.51	Treasurer's a/c (Salon/Paypal)	1,919.21
Treasurer's a/c SPF	26,479.15	Treasurer's a/c SPF	25,665.57
General Fund a/c	25,163.49	General Fund a/c	25,463.21
Income from SPF 2024	17,578.90	Expenditure from SPF 2024	18,447.78
Income from General A/C	299.72	Transfer from General A/C	0.00
<u>Total amounts</u>	<u>£71,495.77</u>	<u>Total amounts</u>	<u>£71,495.77</u>

Libby Smith, SPF Treasurer

Signed*Libby Smith*.....

SPF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT...

SPF INCOME

Competitions	Club Annual Portfolios & Viewing Fees	1418.16
	Digital Championship	1,894.12
	Print Championship	2,158.90

Custodians Income	Sale of Medals	608.50
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FIAP	Distinctions	811.44
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Subscriptions	Joint SPF/PAGB Membership Fees	10,687.78
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<u>Total Income</u>	<u>£17,578.90</u>
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SPF EXPENDITURE

Administration	Executive Meetings - Zoom and Travel	902.45
	Stationary and Software Updates	894.55
	e-flash, e-mailing and website	245.21
	Equipment	123.78
	Custodian	1,004.90
	SPF PAGB Awards Workshop	2,194.49
	Storage Unit	1008.00
Competition	Club Annual Portfolios	1,329.85
	Digital Championship	2,838.69
	Print Championship	2,195.46
	Catering Supplies	767.25
Fees	FIAP Membership Fees & Distinctions	1,171.10
	PAGB Membership Fees	2,952.00
	Public Liability, All Risks and MLI Insurance	820.05

Total Expenditure **£18,447.78**

SCOTTISH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

ACCUMULATED FUNDS	2023	2024
General fund account	25,163.49	25,463.21
Treasurer's cheque account SPF	26,479.15	25,665.57
Treasurer's cheque account SPF Salon/PayPal	1,974.51	1,919.21

REPRESENTED BY

Premier account SPF (****721)	25,163.49	25,463.21
Treasurer's account SPF (****644)	26,479.15	25,665.57
Treasurer's account Salon/PayPal (*****977)	641.89	268.22
PayPal Account on Year	1332.62	1650.99

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

to the Members of the Scottish Photographic Federation

We have examined the Financial Statement of the

Scottish Photographic Federation

in Accordance with section 2 (4) of the Constitution and Bye Laws In our opinion,

the Financial Statements

give a true and fair view of the state of the Federation affairs

at 31st December 2024

Name

Address

Signed

Dated

AGM PROPOSALS 2025

SUBSCRIPTIONS PROPOSAL FOR 2026

The 'per member' Annual Subscription proposed by us (*the SPF*) annually is a joint SPF & PAGB membership fee. Although things are beginning to get back to normal, the SPF and many of our member Clubs are still seeing the effects of Covid, particularly with reduced memberships. We are also aware that costs are going up, and now that we are back holding physical events, we are affected by the same increases as our Clubs.

These increased costs have also affected the PAGB and their AGM have agreed their Subscription for 2026, which shows an increase of £2 per Club to the rate of **£41.00** per Club.

This has led the SPF to this proposed small Annual Subscription rate for 2026.

As we currently have 86 Clubs this increase equates to a cost of £172 to find (6p per member). Our current rate is £4.00 per member. Given the situation in many clubs where Club membership is still depleted making the impact of increased costs of travel/venue/accommodation/insurance being incurred even greater. It is difficult to know what impact any increases we may make, will affect the loss of more Clubs at our SPF renewal. We are therefore of a mind to keep the increase to a minimum and try to hold on to the smaller Clubs we still have while minimise the risk of a deficit.

We are therefore proposing an increase of 10p per member to cover this PAGB increase only.

The SPF Executive Committee propose that the subscriptions rate for 2026 be increased by 10p to **£4.20 per member payable by 31st December 2025.**

Although we do not propose a late payment levy for 2026 Clubs should be aware that if their Subscription is not paid by the 1st week in January they may be ineligible for PAGB Services, CMS Website Access to Judges and Lecturers Lists, Competitions and more importantly Insurances as we now require to supply a list of eligible Clubs to the PAGB and Insurance Brokers in early January.

We propose that the Fee threshold for large clubs remains at 120 members

These proposals also require the completion of the SPF Annual Subscription Membership Declaration Form together with Main Club Contact Details etc. to be completed by 31st December.

REMINDER - SPF MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY CHANGE FOR 2025 ON

Please Note that the temporary conditions agreed for Clubs to be able to run 'virtual - only' was removed by the PAGB in 2024, and subsequently the SPF, so that our SPF Member Club's membership complies with that of the PAGB, and subsequently that of their Insurers. Full details are given on the following page.

Please note this does not mean that Clubs cannot hold virtual meetings, only that they must comply with the minimum in-person meeting requirements as well.

Any Club who cannot comply with the details laid out in this updated Membership Declaration Form can apply to the SPF and PAGB direct for membership. They should do so as soon as possible and not wait for the renewal date.

SPF CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

The joint Annual Subscription for 2026 to the SPF (and PAGB) will be at (a rate as agreed at the AGM) per member payable to the 'SPF' by 31st December 2025 (or at time of joining), and on completion and submission of our **SPF Annual Subscription and Declaration Form 2026**

Please Note that the additional latitudes given during the covid period, for Clubs not having to meet in person, have been removed from this Declaration. For the avoidance of doubt, the below does not mean that Member Clubs cannot have 'virtual' meetings, but they must also meet the minimum requirements of meeting in-person in a physical location, to be in line with our SPF Constitution and that of the PAGB.

Since 2016, it is now a condition of Membership that all Clubs require to complete a Declaration annually, at renewal of membership. This is to show that Clubs fulfil the following requirements outlined in our SPF Constitution and PAGB definitions as follows:

FROM THE SPF CONSTITUTION - "1.2 A Society may be affiliated to the SPF only if it is a camera club, photographic society, photographic club or photographic group with a published constitution and published programme of events, united by a common interest in photography, meeting in person for mutual co-operation, education, entertainment or competition solely from a physical location within Scotland."

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE OF GREAT BRITAIN DEFINES A CLUB AS: "A camera club, photographic society, photographic club or photographic group with a published constitution and programme of events, united by a common interest in photography, meeting in person for mutual co-operation, education, entertainment or competition solely from one or more physical locations within the Geographical Limits of the PAGB. (Constitution, section 9). The Geographical Limits include The United Kingdom, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands and only Clubs falling within this definition are qualified to enter PAGB Competitions.

Clubs are expected to meet regularly, meaning at least twelve times each year, usually during a prescribed season, and in-person, meaning at an actual physical location with members present - not an online meeting."

"Exceptions: Historically the PAGB has affiliated a number of National and Specialist Clubs. The Federations where they are affiliated to the Alliance may ask to have such Clubs accepted into PAGB Competitions, but each must be specifically agreed by the PAGB Executive Committee."

Only Clubs who fall within these definitions can be insured, under the PAGB agreed policies, and only such Clubs will be able to be members of, or compete in SPF or PAGB Competitions.

If this causes a problem for your Club please contact the SPF Treasurer, Libby Smith to discuss as soon as practical please don't wait for renewal time.

libbyneilsmith@virginmedia.com or libby.neilsmith@btinternet.com or 01555 750737

FIAP LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

FIAP Distinction Awards - The following applications for FIAP Distinctions were successful in 2024. Our congratulations go to :

	Name	Club	Distinction
1	Noel Fenech	Carlisle CC	AFIAP
2	Morag Forbes	Auchterarder CC	AFIAP
3	Margaret Lothian	Mid Calder CC	AFIAP
4	Alexander McNaughton	Beith CC	AFIAP
5	Lorna Hayton	Ayr PS	EFIAP
6	Ruth Hayton	Ayr PS	EFIAP
7	Marion McMurdo	Dundee PS	EFIAP
8	David Moyes	Dumfries CC	EFIAP
9	David Halliburton	Milngavie & Bearsden CC	EFIAP/b
10	Jim Stevenson	Kilmaurs PC	EFIAP/b
11	Bruce Harley	Livingston CC	EFIAP/s
12	Alexandra McOrist	Edinburgh PS	EFIAP/g

Changes to FIAP Distinctions came into effect 1st Jan 2024 - As some relaxations to rules had been made re print requirements etc during the covid period the re-instatement of pre-covid rules re print requirements at AFIAP and EFIAP was re-introduced with effect from 1st Jan 2024.

Please Note for 2026 there are major changes to the FIAP Distinctions. Please wait for the new paperwork to appear late 2025, early 2026 as soon as available from FIAP.

Our Scottish annual closing date for applications to the SPF, to maintain FIAP certificate date requirements, remains by 15th May.

All applications will require to be submitted to the SPF between 1st March and 15th May. The deadline is the 15th May, not the 1st Mar. If you try and apply too early, your FIAP Salon file will not be up to date enough which will make extra work for everyone. You require paperwork dated for 2026 before applying. FIAP tend to change paperwork and conditions late Dec/early January.

Anyone interested in applying, please let us know, and we will add you to our emailing list and keep you updated on when we expect the new paperwork to be available. Also anyone who has any questions should see the dedicated FIAP Distinctions pages on the SPF webpage for details **or email - SPFflo1@gmail.com**

Our dedicated webpages can be found at -

<https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/fiap-distinctions-applying>

For all details about making an application and

<https://www.scottish-photographic-federation.org/fiap-distinctions-results>

For all details and links to galleries of successful Scottish applications

FIAP Patronage - Two successful applications for FIAP Patronage for the return of the 160th Edinburgh International Exhibition 2024 for prints, and the 3rd Edinburgh International Digital Salon 2024 later in the year.

Libby Smith, FIAP Liaison Officer

PAGB'S INSURANCE BROKERS
STB INSURANCE BROKERS IN ASSOCIATION
WITH HIVE INSURANCE SERVICES



SPF ROLL OF HONOUR

All holders are entitled to use the letters HonSPF to indicate this service award

Gracie L Allison, Hon FRPS, APAGB	William Anderson, APAGB
Alex (Sandy) Cleland, FRPS, AFIAP	Dr David F Clark, OBE, ARPS, BPE2
Peter Connolly, AFIAP	Prof Richard Cormack, EFIAP, DPAGB
John Coyle	George Cruickshank, EFIAP, APAGB
Dr Robert L C Cumming, ARPS	John Davidson
Fred Duncan, ARPS	William Doig
Alec G Eunson	Malcolm S Gillies, APAGB
David W Hay	Bob Hunter, APAGB
James Joyce, FRPS, FIPF, APAGB	Bob Collins AFIAP
Charles Lawson, APAGB	John S Logan, ARPS, APAGB
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Duncan McIntyre, APAGB	Campbell M McNair
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Libby Smith MPAGB EFIAP	Neil Smith DPAGB
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SPF WEBSITE

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