Scottish Photographic Federation



2026

ANNUAL REPORT

Notice is hereby given that the

124TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the

SCOTTISH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION

will be held on

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2026 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 or libby.neilsmith@googlemail.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 29th Oct** to give time for the Zoom meeting details to be sent out by Friday 30th Oct to all wishing to attend.

Anyone not receiving the Zoom link by 30th Oct should contact us no later than Sat 31st Oct to ensure time to resend details prior to the meeting. Please check your spam folder for any missing meeting details.

If you require further details before confirming Zoom attendance please email or phone 01555 750737

You can alternatively send the above details by post to the SPF General Secretary but please ensure any written email address is correct.

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 libby.neilsmith@btinternet.com or libby.neilsmith@googlemail.com or 34 Braemar Crescent, Carluke ML8 4BH

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AGM AGENDA 2026

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7. The following are contained in this years Report, and are distributed to all clubs prior to the AGM. see pages 9 to 20, 27 to 29

   Only matters arising from these or on this Agenda will be discussed.

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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			

SCOTTISH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION 123RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Held via 'Zoom' on Sunday 2nd November 2025 at 2.00 pm

IN ATTENDANCE: (25 Attended from 15 Clubs) *George Taylor (President); Neil Smith (Secretary); Libby Smith (Treasurer); Cameron Scott, Carluke CC; Cathy Davies, Kirkcaldy PS; Eddie Telford, Ayr PS; Alasdair Joyce, Forres CC; Gordon Rae, Dumfries CC; Iain Pollock, Carluke CC; Helen and Ian Mitchell, Bon Accord CC; Ian Sturrock, Dundee PS; Joe Prior, Queen's Park CC: Ken Dow, Paisley Colour PC; Ken Goodfellow, Dunfermline PA; Margaret Dewar, Motherwell PS: Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries CC; Rod Wheelans, Dumfries CC; Wanda Mackie, Kirkcaldy PS; George Glover, Paisley PS; Mike Farrance, Hamilton CC; Lorna and Ruth Hayton, Ayr PS; Carol MacLaren, Cupar CC; Dave Ferguson, Falkirk CC.*

1. PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS – George welcomed everyone. He also reminded those attending that only registered affiliated society delegates may vote.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Terry Railley, Edinburgh PS

3. MINUTES OF THE 2024 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 Dow, seconded Gordon McMann*.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2024 MINUTES – there were no matters arising.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT ON 2024 (*pages 21 – 26 of pre-supplied Annual Report*) – Treasurer, Libby highlighted aspects of the Treasurer's Report. My previous report 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. However the number of individual members is also important given that the SPF charge a per member rate. 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 in the annual report, to give an accurate picture of whether or not these events are breaking event. Rather than trying to achieve this per event, we are trying to achieve this collectively as the audience events are more expensive to run than the Portfolios. On a positive note, the figures so far for 2025 are better than expected. 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. 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. One thing that we were asked to look at was the duplication of information between our three Annual Renewal Forms. Two forms (Subscriptions and Declaration) were amalgamated into one, and the Club Updates Form will only require to be submitted if there is a change to the Club night, venue, website or two main contacts.

6. Proposals - Subscription Proposals for 2026 (*page 27 of the pre-supplied Annual Report*) - 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 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 £2 subscription increase, therefore 10p per member to £4.20 per member payable by 31st December 2025. We propose that the Fee threshold for large clubs remains at 120 members. We think this is the best way forward to maintain as many member Clubs as possible. Proposed by Libby on behalf of the SPF, Seconded by Cathy Davies. Carried unanimously.

7. Annual Reports President, George Taylor 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 10 to 20 & 27 to 29).*

7.1 President's Report – George wished to draw attention to the risk that the SPF was running with having a shortage of people on our Exeuctive, with some individuals doubling up on roles. This is not something that we should encourage or expect of people. We need a Treasurer, although Libby is doing a sterling job, she has many other roles. We need a Judges Liaison Officer, PAGB Competition Secretary, and Area Representatives to name just a few roles, and also additional people on our EC to help out at events, to allow us to continue to deliver a good level of service. We cannot expect a small number of people to bear that burden continuously, and I would beextremely pleased if we could look at next year and see that we have been able to fill some of these roles. I know there are meetings, and events, but we do enjoy the events and have a sense of satisfaction and priod when they have gone well, so come along and join us, let us know if you are willing to work as part of the SPF team because you are needed.

7.2 General Secretary – Neil read through is Report. 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 they think might be able or willing to take on one of these roles. He also highlighted that 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 main years, as well as many other events run by the PAGB. We owe John a huge dept of gratitude for all he has done for Club photography over the years. George echoed these sentiments agreeing that he would be very greatly missed from our events.

7.3 PAGB Inter-Fed – 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 Club Competition Secretaries 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.

7.4 SPF Portfolios – No comment on the report other than that the Awards Presentations for this year will be made at the Dgital Championship.

7.5 SPF Print Championship – Once again the event main sponsor was Paper Spectrum, who had a stand at the event and gave us a preferential rate. Thanks to Eddie Telford for organising.

7.6 SPF Digital Championship – This year's event is on the 16th Nov.

7.7 PAGB Awards – The SPF have spent a fair amount of time and money over the past

18 months, held several free workshop events to encourage interest and applications for when the SPF hosted the PAGB Awards Adjudication in April 2025 at Dunblane. We are one of the few federations that run these workshops for free but we feel it benefits both Club and Scottish photography as a whole. This program of events illicited a huge number of applicants for April 2025 and a very high percentage were successful, 24 in total. All certificates will be presented at the Digital Championship in Nov. Libby expressed her personal thanks for those workshop assessors present who had helped make it possible for extra workshops to be held. Lorna Hayton added how transformative the PAGB Awards workshops in Scotland and adjudication process had been to her photography, and the work that is put in by everyone to help us is tremendously appreciated. Rod added that there are 15 Federations and out of that only 4000 people have achieved an Award, and Scotland has approx 10% of them, so we are definately kicking above our weight.

7.8 PAGB Report – Libby highlighted that the PAGB Recorded Lecture Service is very underused by SPF Clubs. You have access via the PAGB CMS website, you can login pay a very small amount and download there and then, so extremely useful if you have a cancellation. You can book speaker's presentations with voiceover, PAGB competitions, or PAGB Awards presentations, as well as booking the touring prints of past Masters of Print or GB Trophy competitions. Rod added that the touring prints of the MoP and GB Trophy were free, cost of postage only.

A note also to remind everyone of the forthcoming Masters of Print deadline end of Nov and encouraged all to enter. The SPF have a track record of being one of the best Federations, and our Scottish entrants have done very well not just being successful in the Exhibition but also with winning Sponsor's prizes. George added that he had been able to attend the MoP exhibition opening at Dumfries, the standard of work was outstanding, and he encouraged anyone who hadn't been to make a point of going next year. We will have the MoP prints from last year at our SPF Digital Championship.

7.8 FIAP Liaison Officer Report – Libby noted that we had 12 successful applicants in 2024, and more since then in 2025. The successes from 2025 will have their certificates presented at our Digital championship. She also noted major changes were being introduced to FIAP Distinctions from Jan 1st 2026, including in the way they are calculated as well as a change in the form requirements. New forms will appear on our SPF website as soon as this is supplied to us by FIAP. This will be followed up by our own paperwork requirements in time for applying in 2026. Applications now require to be submitted by 15th May. FIAP are also introducing new Portfolio awards. Libby recorded her thanks to Margaret Lothian who had been co-opted on to the SPF EC March 2025, and has helped check and process the FIAP Distinctions applications which was invaluable.

8. Election of Office Bearers & Ordinary Members - It is customary at this point for a sitting President to step down.

Libby Smith took the chair and on behalf of the SPF Executive formally proposed George Taylor President be re-elected as President for his second year, having done a sterling job so far. This was in line with the SPF Consititution. Seconded Helen Mitchell. With no one against that was carried and George took the chair.

He thanked all of the members of the SPF Executive Committee for their help and support during his first year, it made his job thta much easier knowing he had a good team not just front of house but back of house as well. I appreciate all of your efforts and would like to record my thankyou to one and all, and that includes all of the volunteers that have helped at our events.

George then went on to the elections of the remaining posts which were as follows -

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	George Taylor	Libby Smith	Helen Mitchell
Snr. Vice President	Ian Sturrock	George Taylor	Carol MacLaren

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

Libby asked that anyone interested in being auditor should get in touch with her.

9. Any Other Competent Business - With no matters were raised, George thanked all for attending and closed the AGM.

Neil Smith, SPF General Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well that was a fast two years - looking back I wonder where the time went. Whilst there were challenges it has been extremely rewarding.

It has been rewarding in so many ways, I managed to visit Dumfries to view the PAGB Masters of Print Exhibition in 2025. This is one exhibition that you should go and view - the standard and quality of the prints is exceptional and the team and sponsors who work to produce this exhibition are to be commended. I attended the Highland Challenge, our Honorary President Libby was due to judge the event but she sustained a serious limb fracture and I substituted and read her critique to an enthusiastic audience. SPF also hosted the PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit and it was humbling to see how much the award meant to the successful candidates and demonstrated how much effort went into achieving the award Of course the event could only take place because of the hard work and dedication of the SPF Executive and committee who in conjunction with PAGB representatives worked extremely hard over the two days to achieve the resounding success that did the team and Scotland proud.

We also welcomed FIAP to Scotland for a 2 day visit to Edinburgh, firstly for the FIAP World Cup for Clubs Awards Presentation in Scotland on 30th of May 2026, which I attended. This was a well attended event with 5 from Ireland, 10 from Italy, 1 representative from Rolls Royce Derby (the winning Club) with around 40 people in total including a number from EPS as well as FIAP representatives. The 31st was attended by Libby as FIAP Liaison Officer for the FAIP Presentation to Scottish Photographers assisted by EPS members who arranged the/ coffee and AV equipment. The presentations provided an overview of FIAP and its structure, with a Q and A session as well as receiving feedback on some of their decisions such as proposing to drop prints in salons. It was pleasing to note that the FIAP group seemed to be enjoying the interaction and were in no hurry to leave. As a side note FIAP presented four Excellence of Service awards the recipients being Libby Smith; SPF Honorary President, Fiona Spence President of EPS and Murial Binnie EPS Immediate Past President and myself. It was

a very successful visit and on behalf of the SPF I would like to thank Edinburgh Photographic Society for hosting the 2 day event.

On a more serious note we know clubs face challenges; not only membership numbers but also finding volunteers to step up and participate in management of the club or indeed the Federation. This modern phenomena of not volunteering is concerning. The short but simple truth is if there are no volunteers taking on roles on committees, judging, as speakers then many clubs and ultimately the federation will not exist. It is perhaps incumbent upon all present to spread the word stressing the importance of volunteering whether as a committee member, a Judge, a Speaker; we know that the rewards are not financial but highly beneficial in other ways - such as pride and pleasure in seeing a well run club; judging images and giving guidance to help people improve their skills and knowledge, delivering presentations to clubs in person or via Zoom that helps people improve their photographic experience and provide a challenge for individuals to work towards - worth more than fifty pieces of gold. So we spread a message but what is the message? Perhaps we need to look at ourselves and ask what we offer, primarily what does your club do that can make someone's day better, what can we do to improve both potential and existing members experience. If we are not looking at what the club has to offer then we may be missing out on opportunities, opportunities to improve the clubs services, opportunities to attract people and more importantly, keep them, opportunities to engage with people and stimulate imagination, creativity and skills. We need to have a positive message to inform people that being part of a club, your club is rewarding in so many ways; including the volunteering part to assist in the running of the club, they are giving something back to photography, an activity that we all find enjoyable and good for not only physical well being but also mental health.

Speaking of Service and volunteering it was my pleasure on behalf of the SPF to recognise someone who has given loyal and committed service over many years. In February 2026 Elspeth Fear of Strathaven Camera Club was presented with her certificate confirming her name had been added to the SPF Roll of Honour. Elspeth was nominated to receive this accolade as she has been a member of Strathaven CC since 1989 and served in a number of roles including that of Secretary, Vice President, President, GDPU representative, member of Image Selection Committee, long time Syllabus Secretary as well as being instrumental in keeping the club going by stepping into vacant roles when the club was struggling to find committee members and by her efforts ensured the survival of the club during a difficult and challenging phase of the clubs existence. She is considered by fellow club members to be the prominent force who provided the functional discipline to enable the continuing operation and success of the club. In addition, she also visited many clubs as an SPF Judge and attended numerous SPF events thereby supporting the art of photography. The SPF were delighted to approve this nomination for someone who has been on their Club's committee for such an exceptionally long time, as well as a past SPF Judge. Elspeth is a deserving recipient of the honour and I am sure that there are a few members of clubs throughout Scotland who also deserve such recognition.

I am acutely aware that the SPF is an entity that works on behalf of the clubs, the SPF committee are working on your behalf to deliver value to all member clubs. We know we are not just the SPF executive and committee; we are also individual club members who have a vested interest in our clubs but that interest has to be set aside to ensure you have access to the facilities such as speakers, judges and guidance to assist in the smooth running of a camera club in order to make decisions for the common good, this also encompasses running SPF events including judging assessment days, championships and mentoring sessions for PAGB awards and guidance for entry to FIAP salons and the many other things that we as photographers may wish to, and do use.

It is heartening to see how well supported our events are, yes there is the challenge of the journey to Dunblane, but then again that exists regardless of where we are going to congregate. The events are important as they ensure we can meet old friends, make new acquaintances and view the work of those who enter into the Championships whether in digital or print format. It takes effort to stage these events and it is perhaps not always appreciated how much time and effort it takes to plan, prepare, run and then at the end

PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONT'D

when the audience has departed; return the venue to the state in which we found it. The SPF committee strive to ensure that the audience has a enjoyable day out, it takes not only the visible front of house team to ensure the equipment is showing the images as they deserve to be shown, the scorers and the technical team who ensure the equipment is functioning as it should; it is also the hidden figures - those in the back room who work extremely hard especially during print competitions by checking and double checking that prints are in the correct boxes to ensure you receive all of your prints back - it is for various reasons challenging and always with the end of day deadline looming faster than they would sometimes like.

As I step back from the Presidents role I remember those who worked hard for the SPF and their clubs who are not with us today, they are missed and more importantly remembered. It was with pleasure we saw a new trophy being presented in memory of a SPF stalwart, namely Hunter Kennedy whose family provided a superb glass trophy titled the Hunter Kennedy Landscape Award to commemorate his involvement with the SPF and further afield and his infectious enthusiasm and abiding passion for photography especially landscapes The trophy is a fitting tribute to Hunter's memory and was presented for the first time at the Digital Championship, to Stewart Daniels, Strathaven CC for his winning image Dawn at the Swimmer's Rock

In closing I would like to thank the Executive and committee for their hard work, their diligence, their patience and for being there when you were needed. We are also fortunate to have volunteers who are not part of the committee who help regardless - especially three individuals who have consistently ensured that those who attend events have a cup of tea and a biscuit or a fancy cake at breaks as well as ensuring the workers are also provided with refreshment, namely Ian and Helen Mitchell and my wife Maureen. The SPF Executive, committee and volunteers deserve a special vote of thanks for their selfless dedication in their efforts to ensure everyone can have a cup of tea/coffee and chat with fellow enthusiasts. The SPF team made my life easier when I stood in front of an audience:- to one and all I express my gratitude and I call upon all present to express their thanks to this exceptional team.

It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as President and I wish my successor well as I hand an enthusiastic, hard working and committed team to your care.

George Taylor, SPF President

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

For 2025, our two championships continued to be well attended at Victoria Hall, Dunblane, which has proved to be an ideal venue, enabling us to keep our event costs manageable. We introduced new SPF Ribbons to the awards on offer in our competitions from Nov 2025, and Nov 2026 will see the first of our new SPF Medals being presented.

Externally, SPF photographers have done extremely well this year. We played host to the PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit Adjudication in April 2025 at Dunblane. It was great to see huge interest in the PAGB Awards scheme from SPF members, and fantastic to report the successes of 24 SPF photographers across the five levels from 15 different Clubs in April 2025, all of whom were presented with their certificates at our Digital Championship in November. The interest in the PAGB Awards has continued into 2026 with another 17 SPF applicants successful in April 2026.

In July 2025, Ayr PS finished an excellent 3rd at the PAGB Digital Championship at Warwick; and the SPF finished joint 1st in the Mono PAGB Inter-Fed Competition, 2nd in the Nature section and joint 4th in the Colour section with a total of four Individual awards and 17 accepted prints, a fantastic result given that only 60 prints

in total could be submitted.

Ending the year with the 9th Masters of Print in December, 12 Scottish photographers were selected out of the total 60, including 3 Scottish photographers gaining Awards, a great achievement! And the success continued in the Club awards with Dumfries CC winning both the Diamond Club Award and Gold Club Awards with Kirkcaldy PS finishing 3rd and Dundee PS finishing 5th in the Gold Club Award, a fantastic result for Scottish Clubs!

The Edinburgh International Print Exhibition ran again in 2025 as did the 4th Edinburgh Digital International, and again Scottish authors continued to do well.

Following the issuing of a Code of Conduct document by the PAGB in early 2025, the SPF adopted both its own SPF Code of Conduct and SPF Breach of Rules in Aug 2025. This was introduced largely because of the obnoxious comments we have seen more regularly on social media and because of personal comments at an event towards organisers or Judges. The purpose of this policy is to provide a safe and supportive environment for all volunteers working for the SPF and for all those attending SPF events or taking part in SPF organised activities. The policy applies to all volunteers and to all individuals associated with the SPF, as well as to those Federation and Club members whom we serve. It covers all interactions, whether in person, online, or during organisational activities. Where interactions are directly with the SPF or by implication involve SPF activities, individuals whether on their own account or acting as representatives are expected to act with respect for others.

We again make the plea for individuals to consider becoming Judges or Lecturers, we need to act if we are going to continue to have Judges and Speakers available to visit our Clubs in the coming years. A number of long-term Judges and Lecturers have retired from our lists, faster than we can bring new people on. The SPF are looking at one or two options to help speed up the process, but we really 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. I urge you to visit the SPF website homepage where you will find the article 'Does Your Club Need Judges or Speakers?'

Sadly, we have lost more Clubs over the past year, largely due to a lack of volunteers to take on committee roles. Libby's Treasurer's report will cover more as regards the Clubs who have left us. All of our organisations rely on their volunteers, and sadly volunteers are always undervalued, so if you can help in any way to 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! Just a thought, does the need for us to now have a Code of Conduct correlate to a shortage of Club volunteers or Judges and Lecturers? The strong criticisms levelled at our volunteers in their various roles can't help in the quest for replacements. Just a reminder that none of us are paid, we are all Club members volunteering.

Finally, thank you to all of the SPF Club contacts we have dealt with over the past year, and also to all of the members of the SPF Executive Committee and others who have volunteered at our events for your invaluable input in helping us over the past year once again.

Neil Smith, SPF General Secretary

SPF PRINT & PDI ANNUAL PORTFOLIOS

The 2025 SPF Annual Portfolios went ahead in their format of three sections - a Colour Print section, Mono Print section and a Projected Digital Section.

This year's Judges were Steve Proctor MPAGB BPE5 PPSA (L&CPU), James Hardy CPAGB LRPS AFIAP HonLCPU (L&CPU) and Jeremy Malley-Smith DPAGB LRPS EFIAP BPE3* (NCPF) who all travelled to Holywood in Dumfriesshire for the Judging on the 26th July 2025. Thank you to our Judges for taking on this task.

A total of 1591 Prints and Projected Images were received from 32 Clubs; made up of 766 PDI, 493 Colour Prints and 331 Mono Prints. This was just over 100 images and prints less than in 2024, but still up on our 2019 total. 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.

After Judging, the highest scoring entries (Approx. 30% of the total entry) forms the Annual Portfolio Shows of accepted Prints and Projected Images for the year which are available to view during the 2025-26 season as MP4 shows supplied from November.

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 Colour Club - The Henry Coates Trophy - Paisley Colour Photographic Club
Best Monochrome Club - The Salon Trophy - Kirkcaldy Photographic Society
Best Digital (PDI) Club - The McLachlan Shield - Ayr Photographic Society

A very big thankyou to John McVie who organised the Judging of this event for many years. He completed this 2025 event before retiring from the SPF Executive.

SPF COLOUR PRINT PORTFOLIO CLUB RESULTS 2025

Paisley Colour Photographic Club	**57**	**1st**
Bon Accord Camera Club	55	2nd=
Carluke Camera Club	55	2nd=
Ayr Photographic Society	54	4th=
Edinburgh Photographic Society	54	4th=

SPF MONOCHROME PRINT PORTFOLIO CLUB RESULTS 2025

Kirkcaldy Photographic Society	**57**	**1st**
Paisley Colour Photographic Club	54	2nd
Queens Park Camera Club	53	3rd
Paisley Photographic Society	51	4th

SPF PDI PORTFOLIO CLUB RESULTS 2025

Ayr Photographic Society	**82**	**1st**
Carluke Camera Club	80	2nd=
Paisley Colour Photographic Club	80	2nd=
Dumfries Camera Club	78	4th=
Dundee Photographic Society	78	4th=

The following **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS** were also awarded by the Judges -

Best Overall Colour Print – Gold Medal Buzzard Plucking Pheasant
Ian Mitchell Bon Accord CC
Best Overall Mono Print – Gold Medal Three Amigos

SPF PRINT & PDI ANNUAL PORTFOLIOS CONT'D

David Scott Dunfermline PA
Best Creative Print – Silver Medal Dries Hydrangea Serrata
Margaret Elliot Dumfries CC
Best Landscape Print – Silver Medal As the Sun Rises
Ken Lindsay Eastwood PS
Best Nature Print – Silver Medal Porcelain Crab feeding in Current
Rosemary Gillies Edinburgh PS
Best Portrait Print – Silver Medal Little Matchstick Boy
Michele Campbell Ayr PS
Judge's Choice Colour (Print)– Bronze Medal – Into the Unknown
David Scott Dunfermline PA
Judge's Choice Colour (Print) - Bronze Medal – The Garden
Rikki O'Neill Dundee PS
Judge's Choice Colour (Print) - Bronze Medal – Damselfly Emerging
Sandy Gilmour Queen's Park CC
Judge's Choice Mono (Print) - Bronze Medal - Frankie The Barras
Charles Hamilton Paisley Colour PC
Judge's Choice Mono (Print) - Bronze Medal – Well-timed Duck
Wanda Mackie Kirkcaldy PS
Judge's Choice Mono (Print) - Bronze Medal - Tree
Alan Givens Kirkcaldy PS
Best Overall Projected Digital – Gold Medal Taking It on the Chin
Bob McLachlan Strathaven CC
Best Creative Projected Digital – Silver Medal The Acolyte
Jim Hill Carluke CC
Best Landscape Projected Digital – Silver Medal Quiver Tree Forest
Maybeth Jamieson Dumfries CC
Best Nature Projected Digital – Silver Medal Bald Eagle Flight in Blizzard
Richard Bennett Paisley Colour PC
Best Portrait Projected Digital – Silver Medal Amii and her Three Ducks
Michele Campbell Ayr PS
Judge's Choice Digital - Bronze Medal - Every Raindrop Tells a Story
John McNairn Dundee PS
Judge's Choice Digital - Bronze Medal - In Full Flight
Maybeth Jamieson Dumfries CC
Judge's Choice Digital - Bronze Medal - Male Zebra Finch
Keith Barnes Dingwall PS

PAGB INTER-FED COMPETITIONS

In 2025 the PAGB Inter-Federation Competition Judging was open again to Prints only with three Sections being Judged Colour, Mono and Nature where up to 20 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 20 prints in each of the three categories.

The Judges for this event were Adrian Lines (L&CPU), Sue Sibley (SCPF) and David Smith (SPA). The Judging took place on the 21st June and was hosted by the Southern Counties PF.

The 2025 results were as follows -

In the Colour Print section the SPF finished 4th= with 175 pts (average of 11.667 pts). We had no Individual awards but a total of 2 Colour prints were accepted into the Exhibition.

PAGB INTER-FED COMPETITIONS CONT'D

Hemispheric by David Moyes, Dumfries CC
The Garden by Rikki O'neill, Dundee PS

In the Nature Print section the SPF finished in an excellent 2nd place with 183 pts (average of 12.200 pts). The winning Federation SCPF had a final score of 186 pts, an average of 12.4 per print! We had two Individual awards in this section with PAGB Ribbons going to Ian Michell, Bon Accord for Juvenile Pine Marten, and Mum's Taxi by Malcolm Martin, Eastwood PS. We also had 6 of our Nature prints accepted into the Exhibition.

Male Stonechat in Dunes by Guy Phillips, Paisley Colour PC
Juvenile Pine Marten by Ian Michell, Bon Accord CC
Green Sea Turtle by Colin McClatchie, Eastwood PS
Buzzard Pluicking Pheasant by Ian Michell, Bon Accord CC
Mum's Taxi by Malcolm Martin, Eastwood PS
Spotted Cleaner Shrimp by Ken Gillies, Edinburgh PS

In the Mono Print section the SPF finished an excellent 1st= with L&CPU with 178 pts (average of 11.867 pts), and took two of the Individual awards with a Judge's Medal going to Memories of Summer by Ken Lindsay, Eastwood PS, and a PAGB Ribbon going to Ken Gillies, Edinburgh PS for Wreck Diver. We had a total of 9 Mono prints accepted into the Exhibition.

Wreck Diver by Ken Gillies, Edinburgh PS
Girl Squad by Michele Campbell, Ayr PS
The Convict by Peter De Marco, Eastwood PS
Dustbowl by Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries CC
The Mechanic by Anne Greiner, Dumfries CC
Your Move by Anne Greiner, Dumfries CC
Stuart, Paisley by Charles Hamilton, Paisley Colour PC
Memories of Summer by Ken Lindsay, Eastwood PS
Wall Street and the Pearl by David Moyes, Dumfries CC

Congratulations to all who had work accepted and especially to our 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 in this event. A big thank you also to John McVie who was the SPF's PAGB Inter Fed Secretary for many years, and who retired from the SPF Executive shortly after completing this entry.

SPF CLUB PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2025 SPF Print Championship was held at Victoria Hall, Dunblane on Sunday 16th February 2025 in front of a good sized audience. The Judges were Jane Lines MPAGB and Adrian Lines MPAGB FBPE EFIAP from Chorley PS (L&CPU), and Roger Evans MPAGB FBPE EFIAP/p from Wrekin Arts PS (MCPF).

Some 1080 prints had been entered from 25 Clubs, down on last year's entry, however some Clubs who didn't compete have already said they plan to next year. 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. The Individual Awards selected by our three Judges came from the prints scoring 14 or 15 from the Mono and Colour sections. The event main sponsor was Paper Spectrum, who was unable to attend, but instead gave us a special discount code for this event. An additional Individual Award was also presented by the main event sponsors Paper Spectrum won by Young Bulls Aggression by Gavin Forrest, Carluke CC.

Individual Awards and top Club results follow. For full details visit the SPF Website -

SPF CLUB PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

CLUB RESULTS

Best Overall Club – John Logan Trophy **– Dumfries Camera Club (284 points)**
2nd Eastwood Photographic Society (275 points)
3rd Ayr Photographic Society (271 points)
4th Edinburgh Photographic Society (269 points)

Best Monochrome Club (SPF Gold Medal) **- Dumfries Camera Club**

Best Colour Club (SPF Gold Medal) **- Eastwood Photographic Society**

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Best Overall Print - (Esme Smythe Trophy & SPF Gold Medal)
Twist of Tate by Ryan Hutton, Mearns Camera Club

Best Mono Print - (SPF Gold Medal)
The Sweep by Robert Hendry, Carluke Camera Club

Best Colour Print - (SPF Gold Medal)
Light In The Tunnel By Eion Johnston, Edinburgh Photographic Society

Best Landscape Print - (Campbell Mcnair Trophy & SPF Silver Medal)
Storm Bound By Alastair Swan, Ayr Photographic Society
Best Portrait Print – (SPF Silver Medal)
Portrait Of A Whippet By Louise Walker, Paisley Colour Photographic Club
Best Nature Print - (SPF Silver Medal)
Juvenile Pine Marten By Ian Mitchell, Bon Accord Camera Club
Best Creative Print – (SPF Silver Medal)
The Garden By Rikki O'neill, Dundee Photographic Society

Jane Lines' Judge's Choice - (SPF Bronze Medal)
Dustbowl by Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries Camera Club
Adrian Lines' Judge's Choice – (SPF Bronze Medal)
Wall Street and Pearl by David Moyes, Dumfries Camera Club
Roger Evans' Judge's Choice – (SPF Bronze Medal)
In Full Flight by Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries Camera Club

The following were awarded **Highly Commended** –

1 Green Sea Turtle by Colin McLatchie, Eastwood Photographic Society
2 Out in the Woods three by Eion Johnston, Edinburgh Photographic Society
3 Lone Tree by Lorna Hayton, Ayr Photographic Society
4 Black Church by Lorna Hayton, Ayr Photographic Society
5 Big Ben by David Moyes, Dumfries Camera Club
6 Elephant Hawk Moth Roosting by Lesley Simpson, Edinburgh Photographic Society
7 Zebra Reflection by Iain McFadyen, Paisley Photographic Society
8 Well-Timed Duck by Wanda Mackie, Kirkcaldy Photographic Society
9 Wet Kings by Wanda Mackie, Kirkcaldy Photographic Society
10 Diamond in Sunset Glow by Manoj Mohan, Eastwood Photographic Society
11 Redshanks Fighting by Stephanie Cowie, Dundee Photographic Society
12 Kingfisher with Web by Ruth Hayton, Ayr Photographic Society
13 In the Caucasus by John McVie, Dumfries Camera Club
14 Your Move by Anne Greiner, Dumfries Camera Club
15 Diver with Jelly Fish by Robert Smith, Cowal Camera Club

The following were awarded **Commended** -

1 Winter Tree by John McMillan, Edinburgh Photographic Society
2 Mum's Taxi by Malcolm Martin, Eastwood Photographic Society
3 Running Forehand by Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries Camera Club
4 The Queen Elizabeth University Hospital by Graeme Hilditch, Eastwood PS
5 Hemispheric by David Moyes, Dumfries Camera Club
6 Mating Common Blues by Ken Dow, Paisley Colour Photographic Club
7 Arctic Fox Pair by Shelley Knight, Bon Accord Camera Club

8 Alone on the Hillside by Martin Watt, Kirkcaldy Photographic Society
9 The Convict by Peter De Marco, Eastwood Photographic Society
10 Naked Christmas by Bernard Ormrod, Cowal Camera Club
11 The Black Night by Colin McLatchie, Eastwood Photographic Society
12 Babushka by Anne Greiner, Dumfries Camera Club
13 The Mechanic by Anne Greiner, Dumfries Camera Club
14 The Line Out Battle by Campbell Skinner, Greenock Camera Club
15 Stuart, Paisley by Charles Hamilton, Paisley Colour Photographic Club

SPF DIGITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

This was once again run as two separate competitions, The Bowie Trophy and The Plate Trophy. 36 Clubs competed, two more than last year. These were judged as an audience event on Sunday 16th Nov 2025 at Victoria Hall, Dunblane. Our Judges were Nick Hilton (L&CPU), Jack Bamford (NCPF) and Dave Butler (L&CPU), who did a tremendous job, and had no less than 32 15's from which to select their Individual Awards from.

The event format was the same as last year where all Clubs pre-selected a First Round entry, which were all Judged in the morning. Over lunchtime Clubs made a selection for their Final round from their bank of images, for scoring to achieve their final placings. Our thanks to everyone who support our raffle, whether by donation of prizes or by purchasing tickets. A special thanks to Paper Spectrum for supporting this event once again through raffle prizes and with a special discount code

The results in the Bowie and Plate competitions saw a number of joint placings so results were quite tight. A slight glitch with the Plate results on the day resulted in incorrect placings being announced before the error was discovered. A total of 19 Individual Awards were presented this year, with 6 NEW SPF Ribbon Awards and a NEW glass Hunter Kennedy Landscape Award. The abridged Club Results are available below along with all of the Individual awards. –

THE IAN BOWIE TROPHY

Winner Ian Bowie Memorial Trophy, & SPF Gold Medal - Ayr Photographic Society
2nd Place Dumfries Camera Club
3rd = Place - SPF Bronze Medal – Carluke Camera Club & Edinburgh Photographic Society

THE PLATE TROPHY

Winners Kirkintilloch Plate Trophy & SPF Gold Medal - Queen's Park CC & Strathaven CC
3rd= Place - SPF Bronze Medal – Perth CSC (Photo) and Dunfermline PA

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Best Overall Image – Red Barn by Peter Paterson, Edinburgh PS
Best Bowie Image – Soap Suds and a Trunk Full of Fun by Michele Campbell, Carluke CC
Best Plate Image – Taking it on the Chin by Bob McLachlan, Strathaven CC
Best Creative – Muscari by Stan Farrow, Dundee PS
Best Portrait – Raging Bull by Cathy Davies, Kirkcaldy PS
Best Nature – Osprey wins by a Nose by Bob McLachlan, Strathaven CC
Best Landscape 'Hunter Kennedy Award' – Dawn at the Swimmer's Rock by Stewart Daniels, Strathaven CC
Nick's Judge's Choice Bowie – Under Scrutiny by Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries CC
Nick's Judge's Choice Plate – Silent and Deadly by Graham Mackinnon, Queen's Park CC
Dave's Judge's Choice Bowie – Superbiker in Flight by David Reid, Edinburgh PS
Dave's Judge's Choice Plate – Lighting the Way by Brian Cathie, Queens Park CC
Jack's Judge's Choice Plate – Eyes on the Racing Line by Graham Griese, Mearns CC
Jack's Judge's Choice Bowie – Out of the Mist by Wanda Mackie, Kirkcaldy PS
Nick's NEW Ribbon Award Bowie – Just One More by Lorna Hayton, Ayr PS
Nick's NEW Ribbon Award Plate – Playing the Shot by Campbell Skinner, Greenock CC
Dave's NEW Ribbon Award Bowie – The Black Spot by Stan Farrow, Dundee PS
Dave's NEW Ribbon Award Plate – Hard Punch by Robert Young, Strathaven
Jack's NEW Ribbon Award Bowie – Capturing the Moon by Al Buntin, Dundee PS
Jack's NEW Ribbon Award Plate – A Well-earned Snack by Sam Hanlon, Mid Calder CC

PAGB AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC MERIT

2025 was another busy year. The SPF were delighted to host the PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit Adjudication on Sat and Sun26th & 27th April 2025 at our now regular venue of Victoria Hall, Dunblane. This event was open to any Club member to attend as well as all of the entrants who had applied from throughout the UK. Photographers attended the event from Scotland, England, Northern Ireland and Wales, and the atmosphere was tense but good. The last time we held this event was in 2016.

We had 30 Scottish photographers in for this adjudication, with applications at all five levels, BPAGB, CPAGB, DPAGB, EPAGB and MPAGB. This was largely due to the numerous SPF workshops and zoom presentations we have held over the past 18 months. Out of the 67 successful applicants over the two days just over a third of those came from Scottish entrants with 24 successful SPF photographers, and most of them made it along on the day - A tremendous achievement! There were successes at all five levels, and all in the Print sections - 3 BPAGB - 9 CPAGB - 8 DPAGB - 2 EPAGB and 2 MPAGB. **The 24 Successful SPF Photographers were -**

Alan Campbell	BPAGB	Ayr Photographic Society
George Glover	BPAGB	Paisley Photographic Society
Alan Wallace	BPAGB	Ayr Photographic Society
Phil Barbary	CPAGB	Eastwood Photographic Society
Robert Collie	CPAGB	Ayr Photographic Society
Caroline Lawrie	CPAGB	Mid Calder Camera Club
Margaret Lothian	CPAGB	Mid Calder Camera Club
John Love	CPAGB	Mid Calder Camera Club
Ian Monk	CPAGB	Dunfermline Photographic Assoc.
Peter Ormsby	CPAGB	Eastwood Photographic Society
David Spinks	CPAGB	Alba Photographic Society
Russell Walker	CPAGB	Mid Calder Camera Club
Alan Belton	DPAGB	Mearns Camera Club
Michele Campbell	DPAGB	Ayr Photographic Society
Cathy Davies	DPAGB	Kirkcaldy Photographic Society
Robert Hendry	DPAGB	Carluke Camera Club
Iain McFadyen	DPAGB	Paisley Photographic Society
Alex McNaughton	DPAGB	Beith Camera Club
Jim Stevenson	DPAGB	Kilmaurs Photographic Club
John Stewart	DPAGB	Bon Accord Camera Club
Maybeth Jamieson	EPAGB	Dumfries Camera Club
Wanda Mackie	EPAGB	Kirkcaldy Photographic Society
Ken Gillies	MPAGB	Edinburgh Photographic Society
Sandy Gilmour	MPAGB	Queen's Park Camera Club

The PAGB Nov 2025 Adjudication did not run. All of the successful work submitted by these Applicants, 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 95th AGM ran on it's usual April timetable and was held as a zoom meeting with PAGB EC and attendees on Thursday 10th April 2025. George Taylor, Ian Sturrock, Rod Wheelans, Neil and Libby Smith attended on behalf of the SPF. The elections of Office Bearers saw the election of the President as David Gibbins (N&EMPF); Vice President Peter Young (WPF); Adrian Lines (LCPU) Honorary Secretary and Gordon Jenkins (LCPU) as Treasurer.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: AGM 2025: With the continued increased costs of running in-person events, and decline in the number of member Clubs this had generated the proposed rate of £41.00 per club for 2026, an increase of £2.00 per Club on the 2025 amount. This was agreed unanimously

The Executive Committee held all meetings in person during 2025, 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 2025, with new lectures continuing to be added. This service is available to all SPF Clubs via the PAGB CMS website (see SPF website for details of how to access this PAGB site).

INSURANCE: Insurances were provided for 2025 via PAGB broker, Hive Insurance Services had made an arrangement with the PAGB, with underwriters AXA. PLI insurance, and MLI were arranged at very competetive prices, exclusive to PAGB affiliated Clubs (i.e. all SPF member Clubs). Hive Insurance Services also set up their website to give more flexibility for amounts insured, and payment methods to keep costs as low as possible for Clubs.

GB CUP & TROPHY 2025: The PAGB GB Cup and Trophy were Judged at end of March 2025 in Smethwick Clubrooms. We had one Scottish Judge on the panel, Neil Smith, who was joined by David Gibbins from NEMPF and Daphne Hanson from EAF.

The results were as follows -
GB Cup Open – Results between Clubs was very tight with a number of joint placings. Top SPF clubs were Dumfries CC and Edinburgh PS who tied in 9th= 152pts, Paisley Colour PC was in 21st 145pts, Kirkcaldy 25th= 141pts and Milngavie and Bearsden in 29th 140pts. A Judge's Silver Medal went to Under Scrutiny by Maybeth Jamieson, Dumfries CC.

GB Cup Nature – Results between Clubs was very tight with a number of joint placings. Dumfries CC finished in 9th= 151pts, Edinburgh PS finished 18th= 149pts and Paisley Colour PC 28th= with 145pts. A Judge's Silver Medal went to It was Cold by Jean Robson, Dumfries CC.

GB Cup LE – There were no SPF entries to this compeition.

GB Trophy Open (print) – 15 Clubs entered. Top SPF Club was 7th= Dumfries CC 154 pts.

GB Trophy Nature (print) – There were no SPF entries to this compeition.

INTER-CLUB PDI CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 event was again held at it's new venue in Warwick Myton School on 6th July. Three Scottish Clubs made the trip to represent the SPF; Dumfries CC who made last year's final, along with Ayr PS and Edinburgh PS who qualified in November's SPF Digital Championship. This year's Judges were Paul Stanley (IPF), Paul Radden (EAF) and Barbara Jenkin (WCPF).

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 8 Clubs qualifying for the final. At the end of the first two rounds, Ayr had qualified for the Final, while Dumfries and Edinburgh competed for the Plate trophy.

The final Plate results were to see the scores incredibly close with multiple equal placings. Edinburgh PS finish in 8th place with 96 pts and Dumfries CC finished in 13th= place on 94 pts. In the Final Ayr PS were to finish in a fantastic 3rd place on 247 pts behind joint winners Rolls Royce Derby and Chorley PS on 256 pts. A huge contingent of supporters from Ayr PS

had made the long trip down to the event and were there to see Competition Secretary Roy Smith presented with the Club's 3rd placed medal. More details on SPF website.

INTER-CLUB PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 event was held again at Westholme School, Blackburn on Saturday 18th October. Two Scottish Clubs made the trip to represent the SPF; Dumfries CC and Eastwood PS. The Judges were Ralph Duckett (MCPF), Howard Tate (YPU) and Gary Langley (NEMPF).

36 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 Dumfries and Eastwood finishing 2nd= on 107 pts, with the Plate winners Ipswich and District finishing on 108 pts. No Individual awards were awarded to SPF photographers.

MASTERS OF PRINT: The 9th Masters of Print closed for entries on 24th Nov 2025, 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 7th Feb 2026 to which many successful authors were able to attend. Sponsors again presented their own prizes to their chosen prints.

The Judges were Leigh Preston (MCPF), Colin Trow-Poole (L&CPU) and Helen Hanafin (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 supported this year's MoP competition and exhibition and did extremely well once again, allowing SPF to finish top Federation! 12 prints by 12 Scottish photographers were selected out of the total 60, including 3 Scottish photographers gaining Awards, a great achievement!

Congratulations go to the following successful Scottish authors who gained acceptances – Rikki O'Neill, Frank Roscoe, David Moyes, Phil Cooke, Margaret Elliot, sandy Gilmour, Maybeth Jamieson, Iain McFadyen, Ian Mitchell, Teresa Mitchell, Robert Nairn, Martin Watt. Three Individual Awards also went to SPF authors - The first a Gold Medal to Rikki O'Neill, Dundee for Nature's Grace, Best Colour Print; and two Judge's Choices (Silver Medals) went to Frank Roscoe for Independent Pedlar and David Moyes for Hyatt Steps, both Dumfries.

One SPF photographer managed to make it 9 Masters of Print out of 9, a great achievement, so well done to Maybeth Jamieson of Dumfries!(one of only 3 photographers to do so).

In the Club results Dumfries CC who have won both the Diamond Club Award and the Gold Club Award this year! and Kirkcaldy PS finished 3rd and Dundee PS finished 5th in the Gold Club Award, a fantastic result for Scottish Clubs! as if that wasn't enough sponsor's awards also went to Scottish photographers including to Frank Roscoe, Dumfries who won the Epson printer.

The Exhibition also travelled to Gracefield Galleries Dumfries where George Taylor attended on behalf of the SPF. We were also able to show a previous year's MoP Exhibition during the 2025 SPF Digital Championship.

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 and Technical (Competition Management System, CMS).

Libby Smith, SPF's Member on PAGB Executive

TREASURER'S COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT

My report last year started by highlighting the concern for the drop in Clubs rejoining which started in 2023 when we saw our Club numbers drop to 81, and a membership of 2719. However, in 2024 we reported an upturn with 5 joining us throughout the year, so for the start of 2025, we had 86 Clubs. During the year North Berwick folded, and Speyside PC and Scottish Circle decided not to rejoin but Cullen Camera Collective joined us in March, followed late in 2025 by West Fife Camera Collective. With new Club Cullen Centre Camera Club joining us in early 2026, this saw us with 85 Clubs and 2707 members. Sadly throughout 2026 we have lost Auchterarder CC and Perth CSC Photo Section, both of which were small clubs struggling for Office Bearers, or struggling financially to continue.

This Annual Report for end of 2025 shows a surplus on year of £4,981.83, however there are a few expenses to come in 2026 for events and Executive travel. Our medal stock is virtually nil so this will require to be done in 2026. We have not yet addressed the significant Trophy engraving cost as we catch up on the previous 6 years.

2025 saw our usual three SPF main events continue to be well supported.

SPF Print Championship Feb 2025 - Was run as an audience in-person event and shows a small deficit, partly due to entries being down from the previous 1325 to 1080.

SPF Annual Portfolios Aug 2025 - Ran as our normal non-audience event with in-person Judging, although we had to go slightly further afield for Judges but we had a good sized entry. Unfortunately due to breaking my arm just as the evnt had been completed, cheques gathered from the print boxes were not banked before they went out of date. This amounted to an income of £984.14, the remainder of income being paid by BACS or PayPal. This £984.14 was not collected in 2025 so has not been included in the surplus for 2025, and will show in 2026, as it is recovered. The 2025 event therefore shows a significant deficit, however the recovery of these monies should show all three events having a small surplus.

We hosted additional events in 2025 with a large PAGB Awards two-day workshop in Jan, and hosted the two-day PAGB Awards Adjudication in April, both of which incurred additional travel and accommodation costs for the SPF. However, cost for all of these events was just over £1,000 thanks to the admission fee for non-entrants to the Adjudication and the support of the raffle.

We have continued to hold the SPF Executive Meetings in person when we require to collect or return prints, and have run the rest of the time via zoom, in order to keep travelling expenses costs down.

Our Online Banking set up to accept BACS payments to our main account, has proved popular for subscriptions but not so popular for competitions. As it is becoming very difficult and expensive to bank cheques, we need to encourage more clubs to pay by BACS for competition entries.

Of note when considering this year's combined SPF/PAGB Subscription Rate is the increase from 1st April of the agreed PAGB mileage rate for Judges and lecturers from 45p to 55p. However the PAGB have held their per Club rate without increase for 2027 at £41.00 per Club.

We are however aware that other costs continue to rise at an alarming rate, and in this regard the SPF are affected by the same increases as our Clubs, and the reduced memberships of many clubs affects both the Clubs and the SPF alike given the SPF charge a per member rate. Taking all these things in to consideration, we are of a

mind to keep the rate as low as possible to try to hold on to as many Clubs as possible while still minimising the risk of a deficit, this has led the SPF's proposed rate for 2027. We are therefore proposing no increase for 2027, however if costs spiral during 2027, we may visit the admission costs to our events or entry fees to offset some of the increased costs if we feel it prudent to do so.

The SPF Executive Committee therefore proposes that the joint PAGB/SPF Annual Subscription rate for 2027 remain at the £4.20 per member payable by 31st December 2026. 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 2025	-£742.59	deficit
Print Championship 2025	-£101.79	deficit
Digital Championship 2025	+£117.60	surplus

Note on events above - The 2025 Balance Sheet figures only show Income/Expenses within the 2025 year. the above gives the picture on the three main events in line with the comments in my Treasurer's Report.

Total Funds available to the
Federation at 31st December 2025

£67,253.20

this includes £9,020.98 of 2026 Subscriptions paid BACS in 2025

Libby Smith, Treasurer
Scottish Photographic Federation
30th September 2026

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Surplus (Deficit)			
SPF Income 2025	£22,924.26		
SPF Expenses 2025	£17,942.43	surplus / (deficit)	£4,981.83
Account Transfers			
Treasurer's a/c 2024	£25,665.57		
Surplus/(Deficit on year)	£4,401.50		
SPF Income (2026 subs BACS)	£9,020.98	Treasurer's account	£36,237.05
		Cash In Hand	£2,851.00
Salon /PayPal Bank Account 2024	£1,919.11		
Surplus/(Deficit on year)	£580.33	Salon/Paypal Account	£2,499.44
	Made up of	*PayPal*	*£2,273.72*
		Salon PayPal A/C	*£225.72*
General Fund a/c 2024	£25,463.21		
Interest from General Fund	£202.50		
		General Account	£25,665.71

NET WORTH OF FEDERATION FUNDS = £67,253.20

ACCOUNTS BALANCE SHEET

Brought forward from 2024		Carried forward to 2026	
Treasurer's a/c (Salon/Paypal)	1,919.11	Treasurer's a/c (Salon/Paypal)	2,499.44
Treasurer's a/c SPF	25,665.57	Treasurer's a/c SPF	36,237.05
General Fund a/c	25,463.21	General Fund a/c	25,665.71
		Cash in Hand	2,851.00
Income from SPF 2025	22,924.26	Expenditure from SPF 2025	17,942.43
Income from SPF (2026)	9,020.98		
Income from General A/C	202.50	Transfer from General A/C	0.00
Total amounts	£85,195.63	Total amounts	£85,195.63

Libby Smith, SPF Treasurer

Signed .....Libby Smith.....

SPF INCOME

Competitions	Club Annual Portfolios & Viewing Fees	377.78
	Club Annual Portfolios Out of Date Cheques	984.14
	Digital Championship	3,369.24
	Print Championship	2,025.60
Custodians Income	Sale of Medals	853.00
FIAP	Distinctions	725.21
PAGB Awards	Distinctions Events	3,211.80
Subscriptions	Joint SPF/PAGB Membership Fees (2025)	11,200.29
	Joint SPF/PAGB Membership Fees (2026)	9,020.98
Insurance	PLI Refund	48.20
Control	Uncashed SPF Cheque 2024 012135	129.00

Total Income £31,945.24

(2025 Total Income £22,924.26, remainder 2026 Subs £9,020.98)

SPF EXPENDITURE

Administration	Executive Meetings - Travel	288.15
	Statonery, e-flash, e-mailing and website	1,109.27
	Equipment	287.51
	Custodian	221.93
	SPF PAGB Awards Workshop	3,225.14
	Storage Unit	1140.00
Competition	Club Annual Portfolios	1,120.37
	Digital Championship	1,987.08
	Print Championship	2,127.39
	Catering Supplies	152.56
Fees	FIAP Membership Fees & Distinctions	1,042.94
	PAGB Membership Fees	3,315.00
	Public Liability, All Risks and MLI Insurance	883.55
Control	Subs Cheque Returned Unpaid	57.40
	Club Annual Portfolios Out of Date Cheques	984.14

Total Expenditure	£17,942.43

SCOTTISH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION
BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

ACCUMULATED FUNDS	2024	2025
General fund account	25,463.21	25,665.71
Treasurer's Online account SPF	25,665.57	36,237.05
Treasurer's account SPF Salon/PayPal	1,919.21	2,499.44
Cash in Hand at 31st Dec 2025	0.00	2,851.00

REPRESENTED BY		
Premier account SPF (*****721)	25,463.21	25,665.71
Treasurer's Online account SPF (*****644)	25,665.57	36,237.05
Treasurer's account Salon/PayPal (*****977)	268.22	225.72
PayPal Account on Year	1,650.99	2,273.72
Cash in Hand at 31st Dec 2025	0.00	2,851.00

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 2025

Name .....

Address .....

Signed .....

Dated .....

AGM PROPOSALS 2026

SUBSCRIPTIONS PROPOSAL FOR 2027

The 'per member' Annual Subscription proposed by us (*the SPF*) annually is a joint SPF & PAGB membership fee. Although things are back to running as 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 continue to rise at an alarming rate, and in this regard we are affected by the same increases as our Clubs.

These increased costs have also affected the PAGB although they have worked hard to reduce their overheads, this allowed their AGM to agree that heir Subscription for 2027 remains at the 2026 rate of **£41.00** per Club. This has led the SPF's proposed rate for 2027.

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 rate as low as possible 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 no increase for 2027, however if costs spiral during 2027, we may visit the admission costs to our events or entry fees to offset some of the increased costs if we feel it necessary.

The SPF Executive Committee propose that the subscriptions rate for 2027 remain at **£4.20** per member payable by 31st December 2026.

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 within the first week of January.

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

These proposals also require the completition of the SPF Annual Subscription Membership Declaration Form together with changes to the Main Club Contact Details notified to the SPF Treasurer by 31st December.

REMINDER - SPF MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY FROM 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 2027 to the SPF (and PAGB) will be at (a rate as agreed at the AGM) per member payable to the 'SPF' by 31st December 2026 (or at time of joining), and on completion and submission of our **SPF Annual Subscription and Declaration Form 2027**

Please Note that the additional latitudes given during the covid period, for Clubs not having to meet in person, haS 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.

libby.neilsmith@googlemail.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 2025. Our congratulations go to :

	Name	Club	Distinction
1	Michele Campbell	Ayr PS	AFIAP
2	Sandy Gilmour	Queen's Park CC	AFIAP
3	David Reid	Edinburgh PS	AFIAP
4	George Robertson	Milngavie & Bearsden CC	AFIAP
5	Margaret Lothian	Mid Calder CC	EFIAP
6	Alex McNaughton	Beith CC	EFIAP
7	David Greer	Edinburgh PS	EFIAP/b
8	Lorna Hayton	Ayr PS	EFIAP/b
9	Ruth Hayton	Ayr PS	EFIAP/b
10	Jim Stevenson	Kilmaurs PC	EFIAP/s

Mid way through the year we were notified that as of 1st Jan 2026 there were going to be major changes to the FIAP Distinctions. This new process should benefit some levels of award while making others more difficult to achieve. FIAP also introduced more levels at the diamond stage. Also Introduced for 2026 are new Portfolio Distinctions which can be entered directly via the FIAP new portal from 1st Jan. Full details are available on the weblink below.

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

All applications will require to submitted to the SPF between 1st March and 15th May. To clarify, 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.

To apply in 2027, you require to wait for paperwork dated for 2027 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 161st Edinburgh International Exhibition 2025 for prints, and the 4th Edinburgh International Digital Salon 2025 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

Alex (Sandy) Cleland, FRPS, AFIAP

Peter Connolly, AFIAP

John Coyle

Dr Robert L C Cumming, ARPS

Fred Duncan, ARPS

Alec G Eunson

David W Hay

James Joyce, FRPS, FIPF, APAGB

Charles Lawson, APAGB

William McCance, FPSA, Hon EFIAP, APAGB

Duncan McIntyre, APAGB

Robert S Murray, APAGB, FTDS

David Ogden

Roy B Robertson, FRPS

Stuart Russell

Libby Smith MPAGB EFIAP

Robert D Smith

Gordon L Stevenson, APAGB

Clive D Turner ARPS, EFIAP, DPAGB, APAGB

Eric T Watt, APAGB

Rod Wheelans FRPS, EFIAP, MPAGB, APAGB

William Anderson, APAGB

Dr David F Clark, OBE, ARPS, BPE2

Prof Richard Cormack, EFIAP, DPAGB

George Cruickshank, EFIAP, APAGB

John Davidson

William Doig

Malcolm S Gillies, APAGB

Bob Hunter, APAGB

Bob Collins AFIAP

John S Logan, ARPS, APAGB

Duncan I McEwan

Campbell M McNair

Rikki O'Neill, FRPS, MPAGB

Alastair Paterson

Willie Robertson

Douglas Shirran, APAGB

Neil Smith DPAGB

Roy M Smith

Joe B Thomson

Heather Urquhart, ARPS

Andrew West

Jack H Yule, APAGB

SPF WEBSITE

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