

## Competition Steward Report – 2014

As your recently appointed Competition Steward, I would like to firstly thank Sonya O'Bryan for her great work in running as Steward for most of the year. Secondly, I thank the Committee for appointing me as replacement Steward - and hopefully will continue in this role through 2015. And lastly, I thank Cossette & Theo in cleaning up the club PC into an organised operating environment to manage competitions going forward.

This last year has been a productive period with many new members submitting some great images. Digital images still far out way the prints. Remember you can actually submit up to 6 images -Three digital & three prints.

Recapping the club scoring system:

- Each image submitted -10 Points
- Highly Commended –40 Points
- Third – 60 Points
- Second - 80 Points
- First - 100 points

So even if you think your images wont stack up, there is an easy an easy 60 points if submit 3 of each.

The end of the year we tally up scores & fantastic prizes will be awarded to the highest scorers.

As for our judges this year, feedback was that some were good & some were bad. You can find improvements in all images – and in the end, it's just an opinion. So listen to what the judges have to say, as in some cases, upon reflection, you will find they are giving constructive criticism and will guide you in producing better images.

A quick snapshot of judging results this year of submitted images.

**15** Novice Members submitted images

**25** Standard Members submitted images

Images submitted so far which have been given a **Highly Commended** score.

**138** Novice Digitals - 14 HC

**257** Standard Digitals - 30 HC

**68** Novice Prints - 9 HC

**156** Standard Prints – 19 HC

This highlights that there is good level of competition and ability in the club which will hopefully encourage confidence in more members to submit images.

The Open, Monochrome & Scapes were the most popular themes and will remain in next year's selection of themes. I have recommended some new themes for next year. And I also look forward to ensuring we have interesting and popular judges for us again next year.

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