

## **Winter 2023 Inter-club Print Competition**

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The Winter 2023 Interclub Print Competition was held on Wednesday, January 18 at the Merrimack Valley Camera Club in North Andover, Massachusetts. Although the level of club participation is up a bit from that of the 2021-2022 season, the decline over the last three years indicates that Covid is still having an impact on clubs around New England. Few are holding conventional "live" meetings, some having gone over to "Zoom only", and others are running a mix of Zoom and in-person meetings. Some have found that their former venue is no longer available. Many clubs have members that are, for good reason, uncomfortable with idea of meeting in a large group. The downturn in the number of in-person meetings has made it difficult for some clubs to collect prints for entering into NECCC competitions. Ten clubs out of the fourteen registered for competition this season submitted entries... one less than for the fall competition. It is hoped that this situation will moderate over time and the number of participating clubs can approach pre-Covid levels.

The judges for the Winter 2023 print competition were Joe Drapeau of Bedford, New Hampshire, Maureen Mathieson, MNEC of Hudson Massachusetts, , and Carl Russo.

Joe Drapeau, a long time member of the Manchester (New Hampshire) Camera Club, has served as a judge at a number of camera clubs around New England, as well as for the NECCC. His images have appeared in a number of local and regional publications around southern New Hampshire. An avid competitor in image and print competitions, his work often appears (more often than not), in the group of award winning entries.

Maureen Mathieson, MNEC, is a Past President of the Assabet Valley Camera Club in Hudson, Massachusetts. She had served for a number of years as a Special Service (Membership) co-Vice-President of the NECCC, as well as a member of the NECCC Conference Photo Ops Committee. An accomplished award winning photographer, she has served as a judge for photography competitions at various New England camera clubs, as well as for NECCC and PSA.

Carl Russo, a well-known sports and event photographer, is a former member of the Lawrence Camera Club. After working for several years as a photographer for The Andover Townsman he became a staff photographer at the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune, where he has remained for over thirty years. He has won numerous photographic awards while working there and is presently serving as their night news photographer. He has judged competitions for the Merrimack Valley Camera Club and the NECCC, and when asked, is always willing to jump at another judging opportunity.

Ten clubs participated in the Winter 2023 print competition, submitting a total of 80 prints... 28 in class "A" B&W, 12 in class "B" B&W, and 40 in the color division. Seven clubs competed in class "A", three in class "B", and all ten clubs in color. A total of 19 prints received awards... 6 class "A", 2 class "B" and 11 in Color. Clubs that entered less than their full allotment of four color and four B&W prints, or that missed the winter competition entirely, are encouraged to submit make-up prints along with their regular submissions for the spring competition, to be hosted by the Boston Camera Club in Brookline, Massachusetts on March 21, 2023.

Results of the Winter 2023 competition are:

### **B&W Class A**

Club	Fall 2022 Pts. Pl.	Winter 2023 Pts. Pl.	Spring 2023 Pts. Place	Total Pts.	Final Place
Flagpole Photographers	93 3rd	102 1st		195	
Cape Cod Viewfinders	97 1st	97		194	
Boston CC	93 3rd	97		190	
Greater Lynn P.A	92	96		188	
Nashoba Valley PC	88	92		180	
Merrimack Valley CC	93 3rd	85		178	
Stony Brook CC	72 ...3x	98 2nd		170	
Photog. Society. of RI	97 1st	---		97	
Eastern Maine CC	88	---		88	
3x = 3 prints					

### **B&W Class B**

Club	Fall 2022 Pts. Pl.	Winter 2023 Pts. Pl.	Spring 2023 Pts. Place	Total Pts.	Final Place
Quiet Corner CC	94 1st	88		182	
Springfield Phot. Soc.	82	89 1st		171	
Whaling City CC	---	88		88	

### **Color**

Club	Fall 2022 Pts. Pl.	Winter 2023 Pts. Pl.	Spring 2023 Pts. Place	Total Pts.	Final Place
Flagpole Photographers	97 2nd	105 1st		202	
Greater Lynn P.A.	97 2nd	101 2nd		198	
Cape Cod Viewfinders	93	100 3rd		193	
Merrimack Valley CC	94	97		191	
Nashoba Valley PC	90	96		186	
Quiet Corner CC	96	90		186	
Boston CC	90	91		181	
Springfield Phot. Soc.	84	90		174	
Stony Brook CC	73 ...3x	97		170	
Photog. Society of RI	99 1st	xx		99	
Whaling City CC	---	97		97	
Eastern Maine CC	91	---		91	

### Individual Winners:

All 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winning prints are eligible for submission into the 2022-2023 NECCC Print of the Year Competition to be held at the Merrimack Valley Camera Club on May 17, 2023.

### **B&W Class A**

PL.	Pts.	Club	Maker	Title
1st	29	Flagpole Photographers	Katie Slawitschek	Bald Eagle
2nd	26	Cape Cod Viewfinders	Jon Rolf	Costa Rica Nectar Eating Bat
2nd	26	Cape Cod Viewfinders	Bob Slott	Leopard Taking Antelope Down
2nd	26	Flagpole Photographers	Toni Earnshaw	Portrait of a Leopard
2nd	26	Greater Lynn P.A.	Frank Forward	Vestrahorn Tide
2nd	26	Stony Brook CC	Debra Boucher	Beautiful Wolf
Scoring range: 19-29 pts.				

### **B&W Class B**

PL.	Pts.	Club	Maker	Title
1st	24	Quiet Corner CC	Drew Hyatt	Black Sand Beach, Iceland
1st	24	Springfield Phot. Soc.	Rosemary Polletta	August Moon
3rd	23	Springfield Phot. Soc.	Richard Harper	Coyote in Longmeadow, MA
3rd	23	Whaling City CC	Don Corriveau	Lets Face It
Scoring range: 20-24 pts.				

### **Color**

PL.	Pts.	Club	Maker	Title
1st	28	Stony Brook CC	Debra Boucher	Scarlet Macaw
2nd	27	Cape Cod Viewfinders	Susan Karchmer	Window-lit Dancers
2nd	27	Flagpole Photographers	Chane Cullens	Are You Dinner?
2nd	27	Flagpole Photographers	Darrell Harrington	Watching Over Her City
2nd	27	Merrimack Valley CC	Jamie Doucett	Race Point Light
HM	26	Flagpole Photographers	David Ober	Dunes at Sunrise
HM	26	Greater Lynn P.A.	Frank Forward	Thrush in a Red Berry Bush
HM	26	Greater Lynn P.A.	Kevin Tang	Highway to Nowhere
HM	26	Merrimack Valley CC	Chuck Haaser	Car Wash
HM	26	Nashoba Valley PC	Jim Coutre	Riv. Tiber Historic Bridge, St. Peters Baslica
HM	26	Whaling City CC	Joan-Marie Proulx	Rainy Day Ride
Scoring range: 20-28 pts.				