

**NECCC**  
**Inter-club Print of the Year Competition**  
**May 18, 2016**  
**Arthur Vaughan, MNEC**

The NECCC Interclub Print of the Year competition for the 2015-2016 season was held on the evening of May 18th at the Merrimack Valley Camera Club, 72 Church St, North Andover, MA. Of a total of 49 prints eligible for entry into the competition, 41 were submitted by their makers, a turnout of 84%. This is the third consecutive year that a level of better than 80% of print returns has been reached. Judges for this competition were Mary Boucher, MNEC, past president of the Merrimack Valley Camera Club, Guy Lessard, former member and past president of the Manchester (NH) Artists Association, and Maureen Mathieson, MNEC, past president of the Assabet Valley Camera Club. Assisting the print chairman in running this competition were Susan Hall... print handler and print label score recorder, Gerry Charest and David Jones... score keepers. At the conclusion of the competition all prints were displayed on tables for the attendees to inspect and enjoy.

Unlike with the fall, winter, and spring interclub print competitions, class "A" and "B" monochrome were judged separately. Scoring was done using a three to five points per judge scale, (9-15 total points possible), with the final results doubled to arrive at the equivalent of having used a scoring range of 18 to 30 points. Each division's prints were previewed completely before judging began. As is usual in a competition where the prints submitted were already winners during the season, in selecting the "best of the best", the judges had to make some really tough decisions. There were no ties, either for Print of the Year, or for the runner-up position (2nd place) in each division.

**Print of the Year 2015-2016:**

B&W class A, 26 pts: "In Thought", by Michael Karchmer, Cape Cod Viewfinders

B&W class B, 26 pts: "The Sole Maker", by Paula Xavier, Whaling City Camera Club

Color, 30 pts: "Eagles Fighting Over Salmon", by Jon Rolf, Cape Cod Viewfinders

**Runner-up class A:**

2nd place, 24 pts: "Misty Morning", by Rick Tyrseck, Flagpole Photographers

**Runner-up class B:**

2nd place, 24 pts: "Texture of an Elephant", by Richard Kunsch, Milford Camera Club

**Runner-up Color:**

2nd place, 28 pts: "Bubbly Aquatic Portrait", by Erik Landegren, Flagpole Photographers

The Print of the Year in each division will become part of the "Best of the NECCC Print Program" for the 2016-2017 season, and will be displayed in the print room at the NECCC conference along with the winning prints from the Conference Print Competition. Awards for Print of the year will be presented at the conference awards ceremony to be held on Sunday morning, July 17, at 11:30 in the Campus Center, room 917.

Clubs that have not requested return shipping of their Print of the Year entries may have a member pick them up in the print room at the NECCC conference from 10:00AM Friday July 15, to 10:00AM on Sunday July 17.