



NEW ENGLAND CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL, INCORPORATED

## 2017-2018 Electronic Photograph Interclub Competitions

NECCC has had eleven successful seasons for the Pictorial and ten successful seasons for the Nature categories of the Electronic Photograph Interclub Competition. For the 2017-2018 there are several changes to the rules which are detailed below.

- **Because of requirements for the web based entry system it is mandatory to register by Sept. 15, 2017, so that the internal tables can be updated before the site is opened for Fall competition entries.** (See rule number 5 in the competition rules document for details about the information needed.)
- Last season we had an increased number of cases where we received two entries for an individual who belongs to more than one club in one of the categories in violation of rule #4. Several years ago we added an addition to that rule that an individual must select one club for the entire season. We are dropping that requirement because we could not enforce it, it did not help fix the problem, and it introduced other problems. This season we will check each category to be sure an individual is not entered twice in a category for each competition. If that happens we will attempt to determine which club has the individuals permission to use his/her entries and disqualify the other entry. Each club rep has the responsibility to check with his/her members to be sure that only a single club is using their entries for each competition.

It is also the club rep's responsibility to determine the titles of images that may have been entered for an individual from another club. When we check titles for possible previous use it doesn't matter which club entered it previously. It is understood that this may be a daunting task, and may be difficult to verify every image, every time. However if duplicates are received, the Co-Directors have no choice but to disqualify this duplication. We do this in order to maintain an even playing field for all competing clubs.

Note, we have also had problems with different images being entered, but with the same title as previous entries. In that case we attempt to determine if the images are in fact different before disqualifying the new one. Please emphasize to your members the importance of using unique titles for all their images.

- We have amended rule #12 to add an ethics statement. Please read that statement and discuss it with your members. We count on all clubs being ethical when participating in these competitions.
- We have amended rule #17 to add a statement allowing the use of plug-ins such as those by NIK or Topaz. We also clarify that any textures must have been taken by the photographer.
- We have added a statement to the instructions for the Host Clubs on the importance of returning our score spreadsheets with **no changes** except to add the scores. We have had clubs that sent score sheets they designed themselves or used programs such as Mac Numbers. When that happens we have to copy the scores to our spreadsheets so that they will work within the rest of our system. Your cooperation will be appreciated.
- Class assignments are the same as the 2016-2017 season except for the Cape Cod Art Association which moves from class B to class A in pictorial and Housatonic Camera Club which moves from class B to class A in nature. These were the winning clubs in class B for the 2016-2017 season.
  1. The following documents with all the competition details can be found on the NECCC web site at <http://www.neccc.org/p/interclub-competition.html>.
  2. *2017-2018 Electronic Photographic Interclub Competitions* (this document)
  3. *Electronic Photograph Interclub Competition Rules*
  4. *Electronic Photograph Interclub Competition Instructions for Host Clubs*
  5. *Electronic Photograph Interclub Competition Information for Judges*

6. *Instructions for Using the Web-based Image Upload System for the Electronic Interclub Competition*

The upload site is located at <http://cgburke.com/neccc/>.

7. An alignment image to be used to check that your projector is showing the complete image. This image is exactly 1024 x 768 pixels in size and has a one pixel wide stroke around the entire image. If that stroke is **not visible on all four sides** your projector needs adjustment which can easily be performed through the projector's menu system. This is supplied primarily for host clubs to check their projectors before their competition night, but it is also available to any club that wants to be sure it's projector is adjusted properly.

## **Competitions for 2017-2018**

Participating clubs will receive a reminder e-mail in plenty of time to submit entries for each competition assuming they meet the September 15, 2017, registration date.

The dates and host clubs for each competition of the 2017-2018 season are as follows:

**Fall Competition:** The first NECCC Electronic Photograph Interclub Competition of the 2017-2018 season will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, hosted by The Camera Club of Oxford Greens. The location will be The Ridge Club, 97 Country Club Drive, Oxford, CT 06478 (<https://cameraclubofoxfordgreens.shutterfly.com/directions/3>) The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. **The closing date for receipt of entries is Tuesday, October 17, 2017.**

**Winter Competition:** The second NECCC Electronic Photograph Interclub Competition of the 2017-2018 season will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018, hosted by the Whaling City Camera Club. The location will be at the First Congregational Church, 34 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. [From 195 East or West, take Exit 18 (240 South). At the second set of lights take a right onto Rt. 6. Go through one set of lights and take a left onto Washington Street. Follow Washington Street through two stop signs. Take the second left after the Green Street stop sign onto William Street. The Church is located on the corner of Center and William Streets in the Center Area of Fairhaven. On-street parking only.] The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. **The closing date for receipt of entries is Friday, January 19, 2018.**

**Spring Competition:** The third NECCC Electronic Photograph Interclub Competition of the 2017-2018 season will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, hosted by The Assabet Valley Camera Club. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. The location will be Hudson MA Senior Center, 29 Church St., Hudson, MA (<http://assabetvalleycc.com/directions-page.html>) **The closing date for receipt of entries is Monday, March 19, 2018.**

No entry form is required to enter individual competitions. Simply enter your images at the web site before the closing date. The information collected by the web site forms substitutes for a paper entry form. Results will be returned to the club's contact person(s) by e-mail as soon as possible after the competition has been judged. Remember that **no make ups are permitted** so be sure to send your entries well before each closing date so that if there are any problems they can be resolved in a timely fashion.

Each entry will be automatically acknowledged by return e-mail after it has been received and checked by the web site software. Watch for the return e-mail and inquire if the receipt isn't received within a reasonable time. It is important to monitor your entries to be sure they were received and are correct.

If you have any problems with the entry system notify us and we will help. If you make a mistake in the entry let us know so we can fix the files on our end.

## **Additional Information**

If you have any questions, please contact the NECCC Electronic Photograph Competition Co-directors (e-mail preferred):

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