



NEW ENGLAND CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL, INCORPORATED

2022-2023 Projected Image Interclub Competitions

NECCC has had sixteen successful seasons for the Pictorial and fifteen successful seasons for the Nature categories of the Projected Image Interclub Competition. The 2022-2023 season, the seventeenth, will be the last one for Bill; Chane Cullens will be taking over the competition for the 2023-2024 season. There may be a number of changes in rules and procedures as Chane thinks through the process and, possibly, implements some new software to streamline the procedures. Stay tuned.

There will be few if any changes for this next season. One exception is the way Annual Dues and Club Services fees are paid; all **Dues and Fees may now be paid online** with a credit card or PayPal account at: <u>w.neccc.org/cart/</u> Checks made payable to "NECCC" may also be sent to: NECCC c/o Rick Cloran, 802 Humphrey Street, Swampscott, MA 01907. You may pay your \$10 fee for this competition in one check along with your Annual Dues and Print Competition Fees too.

Club reps are strongly encouraged to read the competition rules and the instructions for the web-based entry system. Doing so will avoid a number of errors that create extra work for the co-directors.

- Because of requirements for the web-based entry system each club must register by Sept. 15, 2022, so that the internal tables can be updated before the site is opened for Fall competition entries. (See rule number 5 in the <u>competition rules document</u> for details about the information needed.)
- Last year we continued to have cases where we received two entries for one individual in a single category who belongs to more than one club or two entries for an individual from a single club. Please check with your members to be sure this does not happen. We also had several cases where images entered previously were entered a second time. We do not like to disqualify entries received in violation of the rules, but must do it, if necessary, in fairness to all.
- 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 encourage the use of slightly longer titles to minimize this problem.
- It is important that the host clubs return 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 with the rest of our system. Your cooperation will be appreciated.
- Class assignments are the same as the 2021-2022 season **except** that Upper Cape will now compete in Pictorial Class A and Hockomock will compete in Nature Class A. They were the winning clubs in class B for the 2021-2022 season.
 - 1. The following documents with all the competition details will be available on the NECCC web site at http://www.neccc.org/p/interclub-competition.html.
 - 2. 2022-2023 Projected Image Interclub Competitions (this document)
 - 3. <u>Projected Image Interclub Competition Rules</u> (See #5 to register) Note that a central payment system will be used next season for dues payment and payment for interclub competitions. Stay tuned for details.
 - 4. Projected Image Interclub Competition Instructions for Host Clubs
 - 5. <u>Projected Image Interclub Competition Information for Judges</u>

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- 6. <u>Instructions for Using the Web-based Image Upload System for the Projected Image Interclub Competition</u> The upload site is located at <u>http://cgburke.com/neccc/</u>.
- 7. An alignment image to be used to check that your projector is showing the complete image. This image is exactly 1400 x 1050 pixels in size and has a one-pixel wide yellow 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 its projector is adjusted properly.

Competitions for 2022-2023

Participating clubs will receive a reminder e-mail in plenty of time to submit entries for each competition assuming they meet the September 15, 2022, registration date.

The dates and host clubs for each competition of the 2022-2023 season are as follows. Keep in mind that **this information is subject to change depending on covid-19 conditions**.

Fall Competition: The first NECCC Projected Image Interclub Competition of the 2022-2023 season will be hosted by the Greater Bridgeport Camera Club. The competition will be judged virtually. The results will be shown to the membership of the club on Wednesday, November 2, 2022. **The closing date for receipt of entries is Wednesday, October 12, 2022.**

Winter Competition: The second NECCC Projected Image Interclub Competition of the 2022-2023 season, hosted by the Greater Lynn Photographic Association, is scheduled for February 27, 2023. They plan to hold the competition in person at the Greater Lynn Photographic Association, 564 Boston Street, Lynn, MA. (Directions to the clubs meeting place can be found at <u>https://www.greaterlynnphoto.org/directions.php</u>) **The closing date for receipt of entries is Monday, February 6, 2023.**

Spring Competition: The third NECCC Projected Image Interclub Competition of the 2022-2023 season hosted by the Flagpole Photographers Camera Club will be judged virtually. The results will be shown to the membership of the club on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, beginning at 7:30 p.m. **The closing date for receipt of entries is Thursday, March 24, 2023.**

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 substitute 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 Projected Image Interclub Competition Co-directors:

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