

Winter 2016 Inter-club Print Competition

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The winter 2016 inter-club print competition, hosted by the Fall River Camera Club, was held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at the Swansea Senior Center, in Swansea, MA. Dennis Lawson served as the event organizer and coordinator.

The judges for this competition were: A. Cemal Ekin, MNEC, Mary Doo, and Ken Wiedemann, MNEC. A. Cemal Ekin has been involved in photography for 6 decades. He's an instructor in a wide variety of photographic topics, offering programs, seminars, and tutorials to camera clubs around New England. Mary Doo is a past-president of the Photographic Society of Rhode Island (2006-2008), and is an accomplished nature and wildlife photographer, having won numerous awards in local, regional, and international competitions. Ken Wiedemann began his photography while in his early teens. His photographs have been published worldwide in numerous magazines including Down East, Forbes, New England Living, Vermont Life, and others. He has served extensively as a judge throughout the New England area.

Volunteers serving on the "competition committee" for this event were Lorraine Anderson and Alison Valcourt... scorekeepers, plus Paul Ferland, Dennis Lawson, and Brian Valcourt... print handlers. Many thanks go to the Fall River Camera Club, the judges, and competition support staff for making this event possible.

A few points are worth mentioning. In this competition three prints needed "repair work" and several arrived with no backing. This is the second consecutive competition where this has happened. From the NECCC Guidelines for Print Submission: "The print must be backed completely by whatever mount medium is used. A solid sheet of mat board or foam-core provides the best support and protection for your print. Any kind of opening in your print supporting material renders your entry vulnerable to physical damage. Great care is taken to ensure that prints are returned to their makers in the condition they were submitted, but accidents can, and do happen." In addition to serving as protection for the print, full backing makes print handling much easier. Every member club receives these guidelines as part of the club services packet distributed in September. Going forward, host club print coordinators will be directed to provide information regarding non-conforming prints... and prints needing repair work, to the print competition chairman. This information will be passed on to the club(s) responsible for submitting these prints. Clubs volunteering to host a competition have a right to expect that everything will be done to make the task as easy as possible. Lumping extra work on them such as having to make repairs for shifting/lifting prints due to questionable mounting, and having unbacked prints that require much more than the usual degree of care in handling... must be avoided.

For the winter competition a total of 160 prints were submitted... 48 class "A" B&W, 28 class "B" B&W, and 84 Color. Participating were 21 clubs... 12 in class "A", 8 in class "B", and 21 in Color. A total of 24 prints received awards... 9 class "A", 5 class "B" and 10 in Color. Clubs that submitted 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 New Haven Camera Club on Tuesday, March 22, 2016.

Results of the Winter 2016 competition, sorted by total points, are:

B&W Class A

Club	Fall 2015 Pts. Pl.	Winter 2016 Pts. Pl.	Spring 2016 Pts. Place	Total Pts.	Final Place
Flagpole Photog.	96 2 nd	94 1 st		190	
Photog. Soc. of RI	97 1 st	89		186	
Charter Oak Phot. Soc.	96 2 nd	88		184	
Great. Lynn Phot. Assoc.	92	92 2 nd		184	
Manchester CC	89	92 2 nd		181	
Cape Cod Viewfinders	87	88		175	
Stony Brook CC	86	87		173	
Boston CC	89	83		172	
Merrimack Valley CC	89	83		172	
CC of Oxford Greens	89	80		169	
Brattleboro CC	86	77		163	
Eastern Maine CC	91	76		167	
Candlewood CC	93	--		93	

B&W Class B

Club	Fall 2015 Pts. Pl.	Winter 2016 Pts. Pl.	Spring 2016 Pts. Place	Total Pts.	Final Place
Fall River CC	84	93 1 st		177	
Greater Bridgeport CC	86 2 nd	84 2 nd		170	
Quiet Corner CC	86 2 nd	81 3 rd		167	
Milford CC	86*	80		166	
Whaling City CC	86 2 nd	75		161	
Monadnock CC	88 1 st	72		160	
Springfield Photog. Soc.	67... 3x	50... 2x		117	
Pine Meadow Photog.	--	32... 2x		32	
3x = three prints, 2x = 2 prints, * = includes make-up					

Color

Club	Fall 2015 Pts. Pl.	Winter 2016 Pts. Pl.	Spring 2016 Pts. Place	Total Pts.	Final Place
Charter Oak Phot. Soc.	99 2 nd	92 3 rd		191	
Eastern Maine CC	97	93 1 st		190	
Flagpole Photog.	101 1 st	87		188	
Merrimack Valley CC	93	92 3 rd		185	
Stony Brook CC	92	93 1 st		185	
Fall River CC	94	90		184	
Great. Lynn Phot. Assoc.	97	87		184	
Greater Bridgeport CC	96	87		183	
Manchester CC	98 3 rd	85		183	
CC of Oxford Greens	92	90		182	
Cape Cod Viewfinders	92	89		181	
Boston CC	93	88		181	
Whaling City CC	92	87		179	
New Haven CC	98 3 rd	80		178	
Milford CC	91	85		176	
Springfield Photog. Soc.	89*	85		174	
Photog. Society of RI	86	82		168	
Quiet Corner CC	87	81		168	
Monadnock CC	80	76		156	
Pine Meadow Photog.	65... 3x	74		139	
Candlewood CC	93	--		93	
Brattleboro CC	--	80		88	
3x = three prints * = includes make-up					

Individual Winners:

B&W Class A

PL.	Pts.	Club	Maker	Title
1 st	26	Flagpole Photographers	Sandy Schill	Forks
1 st	26	Greater Lynn P.A.	Karen Choi	Senate Reading Room
3 rd	25	Cape Cod Viewfinders	Judith Gardner	Tanzanian School Girls
3 rd	25	Charter Oak Phot. Soc.	Martin Krucinski	Meg in Triangle Pose
HM	24	CC of Oxford Greens	Chuck Fleischman	What Was This?
HM	24	Flagpole Photographers	Erik Landegren	7 Seconds at the Gate
HM	24	Greater Lynn P.A.	Jack Holmes	Sandy
HM	24	Manchester CC	Tom Murray	White Bengal Tigers
HM	24	Stony Brook CC	Maureen Begin	Motif #1
Scoring range: 17-26 pts.				

B&W Class B

PL.	Pts.	Club	Maker	Title
1 st	28	Springfield Phot. Soc.	Ron Belovitz	C+O Streamliner
2 nd	26	Fall River CC	Andy Wilson	Resting Minuteman
3 rd	25	Fall River CC	Cal Ellinwood	End of Season
3 rd	25	Milford CC	Richard Kunsch	Texture of an Elephant
3 rd	25	Quiet Corner CC	Bob Haas	NYC at Night
Scoring range: 15-28 pts.				

Color

PL.	Pts.	Club	Maker	Title
1 st	28	Stony Brook CC	Denise Duhamel	Light Show
2 nd	27	CC of Oxford Greens	Alice Liang	Crow With Fruit Bowl
2 nd	27	Charter Oak Phot. Soc.	Cindy Gosselin	In The Attic
2 nd	27	Eastern Maine CC	Thomas Rajan	Pan Shot-Leopard
HM	26	Flagpole Photographers	Mark Ashbolt	Crush on the 61
HM	25	Fall River CC	Cal Ellinwood	Mergansers in Flight
HM	25	Greater Lynn P.A.	Janice Koskey	Father & Son, Kerala, India
HM	25	Merrimack Valley CC	Pat Lucas	Joy Can Be Infectious
Scoring range: 16-28 pts.				