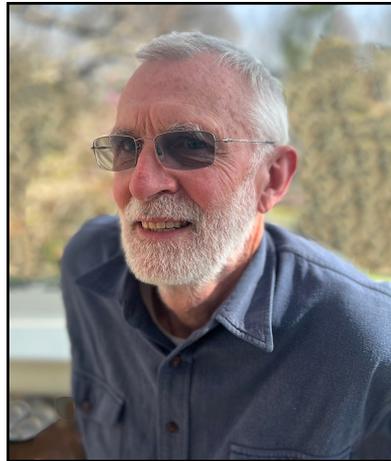


HOW WAS IT FOR YOU?

Pedro and the Punters, that is!!



Back to normal? Hopefully!

Well done to Pedro Landers (above), who has taken over this role from Ralph Snook. We all thought he would be a hard act to follow, but Pedro did an excellent job! True to the Executive members, everyone rallied around, especially Ralph, and Steve, who hosts the Exhibition Software we use, ensuring as smooth a transfer as possible.

Normally, I am able to attend this day but a problem with my driving licence meant I couldn't be there. I like to include photographs of your judges so you can see who selected your work - but on a very busy day, and with a few absentee AESs, this bit was not possible! However, Christine Widdall has kindly allowed me to use her photograph! Bob and Sue Moore, the two other judges have proved elusive!



Christine, photo by John Widdall Sept 2019

A chat with Pedro, after things calmed down, to see how things went, revealed that probably the most challenging bit was motivating members in the Federation to get printing again, and entering the long postponed Exhibition.

Thanks to Ralph's excellent hand-over notes, and spreadsheets, things were made much easier.

Nature prints were a little worrying to begin with - but happily the entry improved, and there were sufficient numbers to give the judges an excellent selection of images to make their choices from, and a good presentation will be available for you to come and see from the 1st of May at the Bovey Travey Golf Club, near Newton Abbot, TQ13 9NF. There's nothing to compare with seeing excellent printing and images, so come and see for yourselves!

What really helped to make the selection event run as on oiled wheels was the team of AESs, including John and Di Tilsley, all of whom are well versed in their roles, especially John and Di, who for years, have ensured the smooth running of the Selection Day.

Pedro has been able to source printers in Tavistock, who were able to handle printing the Certificates - and similarly, a trophy engraver, right opposite the printers, has created badges to adhere to the medals.

Medals are all provided by the PAGB - and this is where one glitch did occur! Midland Counties received our medals, and the WCPF received theirs! But all was happily resolved by a phone call - so no need to "bother" the PAGB!

A bit of a headache has been locating and retrieving the trophies from those who last won them! With a two year hiatus, and all the shenanigans brought about by the Pandemic - people moving and so on - there were a few worrying moments. Happily, all has been sorted - so relax if you have been awarded a trophy this year!!

As and when the Virtual Trophy Cabinet is created, and posted to the WCPF website, this annual headache will be removed!

A major potential problem arose ten days before the Selection Day!

Ralph was prepared to be the backup - but as Pedro seemed to be handling everything so efficiently, Ralph rearranged a judging commitment for the Saturday of the selections!

This was turned upside down when Pedro's wife, Morag contracted Covid, ten days before Selection Day, and Pedro himself succumbed to it shortly afterwards!

In an attempt to ensure everything carried on as normal, Morag was hastily coached in his computer duties, and although not within her interest - she bravely stepped up, and prepared to undertake his duties on the day!

Thank you both - who luckily both tested clear in time for the day!

While these events seem to run so smoothly with the Executive calmly running things - we're like a gaggle of swans, swimming serenely along. Take a look below the water line however, and you'll see a different story, with legs frantically paddling!!

Thank you to everyone who submitted prints this year! Without you, we would not be able to offer you an Exhibition of quality images to come and see at Bovey Tracey from 1st May until the 15th!

More good news! Our good friends from Fotospeed will be there with their usual stand of papers, inks and helpful advice from Tim!

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