

## Knights Hayes Trophy Competition 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Bovey Tracey Golf Club

We had an entry of 96 Prints on the subject of “Decisive Moment” chosen by WCPF President Helen Jones.

We try to make entry to this competition as simple as possible, so it is free to WCPF Club Members, and only the mounted prints are required, and no digital images. We listed the prints and labelled them on the front with only the title; they were then couriered to Helen and Stephen Jones so that they could judge them with the photographer remaining anonymous. The short-listed prints were then photographed so that the digital images could be posted on the WCPF website and Facebook pages.

On the day we thought that with 96 entries we would try to exhibit them all around the audience and we managed to achieve this with ten print stands. Pedro had taken some of the stands to DPIC and the Print Competition, a lot of heavy lifting, and now these stands were returned for the Exhibition. A great team of the Execs saw the stands erected by 9.15 am, so that Helen and Stephen could put the prints up in their special way so that none of the audience could guess which the Winners were. By 9.30 the members started to arrive and by the start of the Council Meeting we had almost 60 Members and execs seated and ready.



The Meeting closed just before 11.30 am and within a few minutes Helen and Stephen started Judging, initially selecting and discussing a number of prints of interest that had not quite made the final cut. They then gave a detailed critique of the 19 prints going through the commended, highly commended and the third, second and the worthy Trophy Winner. All the comments were well received along with the extraordinary range of images submitted. Helen closed the judging by announcing the 2024 Subject would be “**WATER**”.

After everyone enjoyed a well earned lunch, Tim Jones of Fotospeed gave an excellent detailed talk on the difficult question of choosing the right paper. Now that we are starting to print again the talk reminded us of the many complex issues in selecting the right paper for your print, and helped us to hopefully make the right choices.

**Eddy and Pam Lane**

