ST IVES

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

Annual Report

2023 / 2024

Committee Members 2023/2024

Role	Name
President	Brian Sibley
Vice President	Graham Shirra
Honorary Treasurer	Peter Wills
Honorary Secretary	Steve Laws
Programme Secretary	Steve Eeley
Internal Competition Secretary	Louisa Christie
External Competition Secretary	Nicky Cope
Competition Assistant	Paul Dobson
Equipment Officer	Jonathan Sayer
Membership Secretary	Debbie Hall
Communications Officer	Angela Lucas

President’s Report 2023/2024

As I come to the end of my three-year term as President, I'd like to thank those who have supported and assisted me during this time.

As many of you know, I was very reluctant three years ago to accept the position of President, but I promised that I would do my best for the club. It has been a challenging experience in many ways. Taking over the presidency from Steve Laws during a global pandemic was definitely a baptism of fire! But with the dedication and support of the committee I think we came out a stronger club when many clubs failed to survive.

The negative impact of changes post pandemic have been felt by the club, with fewer speakers or judges prepared to attend "in-person" meetings, and businesses no longer able to justify sponsoring our Interprint event - removing a large source of income to the club, that had traditionally enabled us to keep subscription fees low - we will discuss this later.

On the positive side, we have become more community focused as a club, working with local organisations such as Magpas, Cambridge Lavender, Liquid Skillz and Houghton & Wyton Cricket Club to provide photographs while also adding to our own portfolios.

Following last year's focus on printing, I'm very pleased to see so many more members now enjoying producing prints and entering print competitions; this can only help our External Competition performance going forward with more prints to select from.

I’m pleased to report that this year we have seen a rise in membership from 53 members last year to 60 this year.

The committee has met in-person six times over the season up until the end of March and continues to work in the background for the club. Attendance at these meetings has been high and I thank the committee for their dedication and commitment.

Finally I'd like to thank the following committee members stepping down tonight:

- **Angela Lucas** for looking after the club Social Media and producing the Newsletter as Communications Officer this last year
- **Debbie Hall** for all her help as Membership Secretary, as well as support and assistance with exhibitions, social events and summer outings over the last 6 years
- **Peter Wills** for his dedication to the club as Treasurer over the past 8 years - always first to arrive and last to leave
- **Steve Laws** for all his support and contributions to the club over the past 8 years as Secretary, President, Programme Secretary, Vice-President and so much more

Thank you all for your support, and I look forward to the summer events.

Brian Sibley

April 2024

Treasurer’s Report from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

Major Expenditure:

Rent :£1,030.40
Speakers and Judges : £663.00
External competition and Exhibition : £583.13

Major Income:

Subscriptions : £2003.00
Interest on savings account £337.64
Interprint : £303.26

We have gained and lost a few members and current numbers are 60.

We made a loss of £314.39 and we will discuss the fees for next year at the AGM.

We have a good summer program to keep your interest throughout the year and I look forward to seeing you all over the summer.

Peter Wills

April 2024

Account Balances for 2023/2024

2022/2023		2023/2024
1970.86	Cash in Current Account	1477.27
0.00	Cash in Deposit Account	0.00
13838.29	Cash in Cambridge Building Society	14175.93
365.54	Cash in Hand	207.10
0.00	Provisions for Outstanding Debtors	0.00
1305.60	Less Cheques Unpresented	
16174.69	**TOTAL CLUB ASSETS**	**15860.30**
	PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR YEAR	-314.39

I have examined the accounts of St Ives Photographic Club for the year ended 31st March 2024 and find them in accordance with the books, statements and other documents produced.

Marc Human - Independent Examiner **Peter Wills - Treasurer**

Account Summary for 2023/2024

Code	Income Description	2022/2023	2023/2024
101	Subscriptions	1789.00	2003.00
102	Visitor Fees	41.00	52.00
103	Refreshments	0.00	5.00
104	Raffles	0.00	86.00
105	Donations	61.00	33.00
106	Exhibitions	35.00	0.00
107	Club Equipment Hire	60.00	195.00
108	Annual Dinner	546.00	509.00
110	Interest from Savings Account	88.33	337.64
111	Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00
112	Unpresented Cheques	0.00	0.00
113	Awards for All Grant	0.00	0.00
114	Tookeys Prints	0.00	0.00
116	Summer Outings	0.00	0.00
117	Members Print Orders	0.00	0.00
118	James Bunn Lecture Ticket Sales	0.00	0.00
	Interprint Surplus	132.54	303.26
120	Income from prior year Interprint	0.00	0.00
	Total Income	**2762.87**	**3523.90**

Code	Expenditure Description		
201	Premises Rent	1142.60	1030.40
202	Speakers and Judges	671.00	573.00
203	Refreshments	0.00	18.40
204	Raffles	0.00	0.00
205	Trophies	296.50	283.30
206	External Competition/Exhibition	178.00	583.13
207	Club Equipment Maintenance	175.67	0.00
208	Annual Dinner	452.00	492.00
209	Equipment Purchases	308.06	0.00
210	Post and Stationery	0.00	38.80
211	Miscellaneous	82.96	63.12
212	EAF and Insurance	186.00	235.50
213	Social Events	192.47	0.00
214	Tookeys Prints	0.00	26.53
215	Internet, Zoom, Mailchimp	453.82	494.11
216	Summer Outings	0.00	0.00
217	Members Print Orders	0.00	0.00
218	James Bunn Lecture	90.00	0.00
	Total Expenditure	**4229.08**	**3838.29**
	Income Over Expenditure	**-1466.21**	**-314.39**

Interprint Summary for 2023/2024

Income		2022/2023	2023/2024
Code	**Description**		
301	Club Entry Fees	500.00	525.00
302	Programme Sales	180.00	444.60
303	Raffle	260.00	202.91
304	Visitors Donations	0.00	13.80
305	Return Postage	0.00	0.00
306	Advertisments	60.00	0.00
307	Refreshment Sales	247.10	0.00
308	Voucher Donation	0.00	0.00
309	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
	Total Income	**1247.10**	**1186.31**

Expenditure			
Code	**Description**		
401	Premises Hire	403.00	476.00
402	Van Hire	120.00	140.00
403	Judges Fee and Expenses	237.94	193.00
404	Trophies	35.00	0.00
405	PAGB Ribbons	49.50	49.50
406	Printing	0.00	0.00
407	Refreshment Costs	165.32	24.55
408	Voucher Presented	0.00	0.00
409	Miscellaneous	53.80	0.00
411	Post/Stationery/Phone Calls	0.00	0.00
412	Web/domain name	0.00	0.00
413	Raffle / food float	50.00	0.00
	Total Expenditure	**1114.56**	**883.05**
	Income Over Expenditure	**132.54**	**303.26**

Competition Secretary's Report 2022/2023

Internal Competitions

This is my second season as internal competition secretary. I'm sure there are still things to learn, but I now feel confident in using both PhotoEntry & FFPX to ensure the smooth running competitions!

Once again I've had great support from my team Paul & Johnathan who have provided invaluable assistance on competition nights. Nicky again provides wonderful backup behind the scenes hopping in on many an occasion assisting with admin & getting all those print labels ready for competition nights!

It's been lovely to see Alice back reading those titles, especially the Latin ones, so thank you all.

We've had another full 6 months of face-to-face monthly competitions this season which was a great achievement. The number of DPI's this Season has been exceptional with the culling of entries being deployed in all but one month. It has been great to see newer members taking part in competitions & yet again the leader board closed in very tightly at the end of the season.

The monthly DPI was won by Nicky Cope on 220 points with some amazing wildlife images, many of them taken locally on the river. Gary Dean finished in 2nd with 219 points & Alice Kendrick taking 3rd spot with 215 points. Interesting that these three members all specialise in Wildlife.

The monthly Print competition was won this year by Gary Dean on 223 points, with yet again amazing wildlife images, some shot in some fantastic locations around the world. Tom Lane finished 2nd with 221 points & Myself in 3rd with 218. The genres in top three here, all very different from Wildlife, ecliptic Monochrome & Creative.

Entries this Season across the monthly DPI & Print has been fantastic - DPI 22/23 saw 266 entries, this year it was up to 296 & as I mentioned earlier it would have been much higher without culling. Prints saw a huge increase with 68 in 22/23 & a whopping 266 entries this Season. It was great to see the print stands full again.

Our stand-alone competitions have been well subscribed to this season, with 56 PDIs for the President's Challenge. The subject on 'Motion' brought a good selection of images. The George Dellar had 52 DPI entries, up on last year. Expanding the area to include a larger radius paid off. The George Dellar was won by Nicky Cope. The President's Trophy was also won by Nicky Cope.

The Quartet, we had 13 print entrants and 52 PDI entrants, both up from last year. The digital section was won Nicky Cope whilst Ise Berridge took first place in the print section.

The Annual PDI competition was another good event this year with 80 images across six genres. The overall winning image was Steve Laws in the night section. Steve Laws also had the best overall cumulative score on the evening.

The last competition of the year is the Annual print competition with 42 images across six genres, the winning overall image was Steve Laws in the architecture section. Steve Laws also had the best overall cumulative score on the evening, so a double in the annual, well done.

On the same evening we had the battle for the Monochrome Trophy, with a great show of prints & a good selection of DPI. The overall winning image was by Tony Cole.

None of the above would be possible without you as members entering & the judges. Whilst we must thank them for giving up time to come & award scores & hopefully offer constructive comments on the images we display I have noticed over the season that the scoring covers a very narrow band considering they can use 1 to 20. So I decided to run a little experiment on monthly DPI to see how points 1-20 were distributed. It made for interesting reading.

So out of 296 DPI in monthly only:

Under 13 points	0%
13	1.35%
14	8.78%
15	17.23%
16	18.58%
17	23.65%
18	12.16%
19	9.8%
20	8.78%

So 1-10 made up zero %, so why do we score 1-20? If you go up to 15 it makes up 27.36%. The two highest point numbers are 16 & 17 which make up 42.23% of all the points which is a large percentage.

Do we need this scoring system or should we look at changing it.

Louisa Christie

April 2024

External Competitions

My thanks to Louisa in particular for her help with External competitions, particularly with computer input for the Swavesey Friendly and Four Way Competition. Thank you also to the selection committee – Louisa Christie, Steve Laws, Tom Lane and Alice Kendrick. I would also like to thank Graham Shirra for attending the EAF External Competitions. Thank you to everyone who allowed their images to be taken forward to external competition.

Results for the Season

Swavesey / St Ives friendly at St Ives on 17.10.23

DPI – St Ives 200, Swavesey 198

Prints – St Ives 192, Swavesey 191

4 Way Competition – St Ives, St Neots, Ely and Swavesey 14.11.23

DPI – St Neots 149, Ely – 149, Swavesey 148, St Ives 143

Print – St Ives 145, Ely 142, St Neots 142, Swavesey 140

Overall, 4-Way Result – St Neots and Ely 291, St Ives and Swavesey 288. The win was given to St Neots as they had more 20's than Ely. A very close result – and an enjoyable evening.

Cambridge Digital Competition - 20.1.24

Out of 28 clubs, St Ives finished 5th with 90 points. Ist place went to PICO on 96, With Wayland in 2nd on 94. In joint 3rd were Biggleswade, Bury St Edmunds and Swavesey on 93, and in joint 4th on 91 were Cambridge, North Norfolk and Wymondham. Thank you to Tom Lane, Lynne Cole, Steve Laws, Gary Dean and Nicky Cope for allowing us to enter their entries and congratulations on a great result.

EAF PDI 11.2.24.

28 clubs competed in the EAF digital competition, with 11 going through to the second round. The

competition was won by PICO, with 308 points. Beyond Group came 2nd with 302 points and Norwich was 3rd on 295. Unfortunately, St Ives did not make the 2nd round, and finished joint 21st.

EAF Print 10.3.24

19 Clubs competed in the EAF Print competition and the winner was PICO on a countback from Beyond Group – both with 192 points. Norwich was 3rd with 179 points. St Ives finished in 16th place with 164. Thank you to everyone who's images were included and a huge congratulations to Gary Dean for achieving the top score of 15 for his Kingfisher, and to Steve Laws for achieving a 14 for Osea Beach Huts.

4.4.24 A45 – PDI Competition - Bury St Edmunds

9 Clubs competed with St Ives finishing a credible 3rd with 125 points. Cambridge won on 134 points with Ely 2nd on 131. Congratulations to Stuart Turnbull, Alice Kendrick and Nicky Cope for a score of 19 for each of their images.

SIPC Interprint 25.2.24

We held another successful Interprint Competition and Exhibition with 23 clubs entering this year, and excellent judging by Erica Oram CPAGP AFIAP BPE3*

1st Place with 110 Points was Ipswich & District PS, closely followed by PICO on 109 and Stevenage PS with 108 points. SIPC scored 91.

Nicky Cope

April 2024

St Ives Photographic Club Awards 2023/2024

Position	Monthly Projected Image (Ken Elkin Cup)	Monthly Print (Joe Strickson Memorial Cup)
1	Nicky Cope	Gary Dean
2	Gary Dean	Tom Lane
3	Alice Kendrick	Louisa Christie
	Quartet Projected Image (Quartet Slide Shield)	**Quartet Print (Quartet Print Award)**
1	Nicky Cope – *Starlings in Flight*	Ise Berridge – *The Village Life*
2	David Cole – *Grumpy Women*	Gary Dean –*Flying Hummingbirds from the Tropics*
3	Steve Laws – *Padley Gorge*	Tony Cole – *Inside a Brewery*
	Annual Projected Image (Cross & Herbert Cup)	**Annual Print (Crocker Cup)**
1	Steve Laws	Steve Laws
2	Nicky Cope	Gary Dean
3	Ise Berridge, Ian Montgomery, Gary Dean, Alice Kendrick	Ivan Barrett
	Best Annual Projected Image (SIPC Annual Slide Cup)	**Best Annual Print (SIPC Shield)**
	Steve Laws - *Cromer Pavilion Theatre*	Steve Laws - *Wet Day in Valencia*
	Monochrome Award Print and Projected (Dave Nelson Memorial Trophy)	
	Tony Cole - *Fan Vaulting and Octagon*	
	President's Challenge Trophy	
1	Nicky Cope – *Splashing about*	
2	Steve Eeley, Tom Lane, David Cole, Stuart Turnbull, Ise Berridge, Paul Dobson	
3	Stephen Hardy, Steve Laws, Gary Dean, Tony Cole	
	George Dellar Memorial Trophy	
1	Nicky Cope – *Gateway to the Fens – Earith*	
2	Tony Cole, Louisa Christie, David Cole, Ivan Barrett	
3	Richard Berridge, David King, Stan Mace, Steve Laws, Stephen Attwood	
	Annual Exhibition – Public choice (Best in Annual Exhibition Trophy)	
	Nicky Cope - *The Cygnet*	
	Club Member of the Year (Peter West Trophy)	**Best Newcomer (Mark Pink Cup)**
	Debbie Hall	Sue Warren

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