

Croydon CC Newsletter – 27 September 2020

Chairman's Viewpoint

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Michael Hope ARPS, aged 92. He was one of our life members who had been with our club for a great many years. Amongst the positions he held, he was President for a period which included our Centenary season in 1990. More recently, he had been managing the club's trophies. Michael regularly attended meetings until a year or so ago when he moved to Oxfordshire to be closer to his family. The funeral is on 1st October and will be a small family affair.

This photo was taken recently during a holiday in France.



Last week we held our annual Centenary Trophy inter-club competition which had been delayed from March. Usually each club's panel consists of four prints and four DPIs but this time entries had to be all DPIs. Halfway through at the break, Carshalton CC were comfortably ahead but in a nail-biting finish there was a late flurry of high marks. It resulted in the top four clubs finishing within a mark of each other. I regret to record that we were not amongst them and ended up in 5th place a further mark and a half behind. There was some consolation for our club as my shot "Misty Morning on Sark" was one of four which achieved the maximum mark of 10.

The full result was:

1 st	Beckenham PS	68
2 nd	Carshalton CC	67½
3 rd =	Old Coulsdon CC	67
3 rd =	Tandridge PS	67
5 th	Croydon CC	65½
6 th	South London PS	65
7 th	West Wickham PS	64
8 th	Bromley CC	61½

We saw some excellent work and, with such a close contest, it could have gone any number of ways. Inevitably all the clubs would have submitted images which have scored highly in other competitions but did not fare so well on this occasion and vice versa. As an indication of how fortunes can change, last year's winners, West Wickham, were 7th. Congratulations to Beckenham on their success.

Finally, a reminder that we are running the forthcoming Bamber Trophy as a print competition. If this experiment is successful, we plan to run further print competitions later in the season. Such a competition puts extra demands on Emmanuel, our new Competition Secretary, as the prints have to be collected, taken to the judge for assessment and, at a later date, taken back from the judge in a return visit. We owe our gratitude to Emmanuel for being willing to undertake this effort.

The prints are to be handed in at Shirley Methodist Church on Saturday 10 October between 12:00 – 13:00. The PhotoEntry closing date is midnight, 9 October. The competition is on 21 October and the judge will be Roger Mendham LRPS.

Club Matters

The Art and Craft of Long Exposure Photography – 30 September 2020

A presentation by John Miskelly who will be Zooming in from Northern Ireland. If the images on his website are anything to go by, we are in for a superb evening of photography.

<https://www.johnmiskelly.co.uk/>

Wratten lecture – 7 October 2020

This is the second of our events from March which we had planned to mark our 130th anniversary but had to be postponed. We are fortunate to have a presentation from top UK landscape photographer, Mark Bauer, who will talk about photographing from dawn through to dusk. In a break from our normal custom, the event will be free to all current members of our club.

<https://markbauerphotography.com/>

Links for PhotoEntry and Instructions

<https://compent.photoentry.uk/compent/>

<http://croydoncameraclub.org.uk/WebSiteArchive/PhotoEntryGuidance.pdf>

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