



MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the March newsletter and also to our new website.

NEW WEBSITE

This can be found at dunfermlinepa.wixsite.com ; Ian Monk and his team have worked hard to create the new website and transfer the archive material.

We will continue to develop the site and are considering adding new features. Please take time to look at the site and mark it as a favourite. Important club information will be located on the site under the Members Only section. To see this section you will have to visit the website to create your personal access information. Once you have created your access details a message will be sent to the site administrator for checking. When approved, you will be sent an e-mail stating that you have been granted access and you will be able to log-in to the members area.

A Members Gallery has been created where each member can display up to 10 images in the standard 1400px by 1050px jpg format. Images should be sent to Ian Monk at iangmonk@gmail.com.

At present the number of images a member can display has been restricted to a maximum of 10. Members will be able to have their images updated in the future.

ANNUAL COMPETITION

Please note that entries for the Annual Competition have to be submitted by **16/03/2021** to Mike Dunn at mike@mjdunn.uk and that the normal rules for DPs will apply.

One award is for the best Natural History photograph .To be eligible for the natural history award, entries will have to comply with the SPF guidelines

and marked with an “N” after your membership/competition number along with either an “M” for mono or a “C” for colour.

Remember there is also an award for the best overall image in the competition.

SPF PRINT COMPETITION

Anyone wishing to enter the SPF Print Competition should contact David Bolton at david_bolton@hotmail.com and let him know of your intention to enter. Mike Dunn has previously circulated full details. Entries have to be handed in to the SPF by **30/04/2021** (David will need to have them by **23/04/2021**).

Details for the collection of prints will be forwarded to members who wish to enter.

SPF PRINT AND DPI PORTFOLIOS

Details for entries to the SPF Portfolios have yet to be decided by the SPF Committee and will be forwarded as soon as they are available.

MONTHLY COMPETITIONS

The three monthly competitions have now taken place and the winning images and marks are available on the new website (the marks are in the members only section and the top 5 images in each section are in the gallery).

The complete list of all competition winners will be announced later in the season. In view of the changes to the competitions this season, no cups will be awarded but certificates will be provided to all winners.

WINTER SAFARI

The closing date to enter the Winter Safari is **22/03/2021** and it is fast approaching, so it is time for the teams to start sorting their images. The judging night will be held on similar lines to the Lockdown Safari, and at great expense we have secured the services of an international judge.

2021/2022 SEASON

Linda Cooper has been working hard to prepare the 2021/22 syllabus and once again we will be sharing Zoom talks with Kirkcaldy PS and Dunfermline CC. We do not know when we will be able to meet in person or when we will

have access to the Dell Farquharson Community Centre. We have therefore prepared the 2021/22 syllabus on the basis that we will not have access to the DFCC before January 2022.

A wide variety of talks are already arranged for next season and we will continue to record each talk when granted permission. These will continue to be available on our YouTube platform along with the current season's talks.

MONTHLY AND ANNUAL COMPETITIONS 2021/22

The make up for the 2021/22 competitions has not yet been decided but it is hoped that it will be possible to have a prints section in the Annual Competition. The monthly competitions are likely to be run on a similar basis to this season.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This important meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday 6th April. An agenda will be sent out later this month but if you wish to have an item discussed, please e-mail details to the club secretary, David Bolton at david_bolton@hotmail.com.

In addition to reviewing the year and dealing with necessary business, DPA office bearers and Members of Council are elected. We know that a replacement Competition Secretary will be required; please let David Bolton or myself know if you are interested.

SUMMER SAFARI

I am intending to prepare a summer safari in the hope that we will be allowed to venture out over the summer months, hopefully as teams. I hope that we will, once again, be able to enjoy bacon butties and cups of coffee whilst sheltering from the traditional summer weather.

The Summer Safari is likely to be based in Fife and Clackmannanshire and may also include photographs which can be taken in one's home/garden.

Enjoy the rest of the season, get vaccinated when your turn comes and above all, keep safe.

Ken Goodfellow, LRPS CPAGB
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