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Hello Everyone,

This 2008/9 year is proving to be an outstanding one for the Club. For the first time ever, our membership has reached 40 and I would like to give a warm welcome to you all and in particular to those members who have joined our club for the first time. I hope you all find it a rewarding experience. We have got off to a cracking start with a good attendance at meetings and unprecedented numbers entering our competitions. I can only say well done and keep it up.

An enlarged membership brings its own constraints e.g. meetings can become crowded, the time for viewing and judging the competition entries and the coffee break can become extended. We are watching the situation and considering whether to hire additional hall space, which we will do, if it becomes necessary. Also with the increased numbers we need to start on time at 8.00. So far this has worked out all right, but, if you can, please come to the meetings by 7.45 and help with getting the equipment out. It also means you will get the seat of your choice!

In the meantime keep taking your photographs.

Peter Odds, Chairman.

The PAGB Great British Cup digital image competition

Earlier I had circulated everyone with a request for images to support a Club entry for this competition. The PAGB deadline for entries was very close to the beginning of our 'photographic year' and I think this may have affected those offering their work for consideration. The numbers were not high and I have decided to abandon our entry. My thanks to all those who did offer support. Let us put this behind us and keep the idea of entering the 2010 GBC competition in mind as we go through the year.

WEBCC Web Site

If you have not done so yet, do have a look at our web site. It is full of information and you can have it translated into all sorts of languages. Also, I am pleased to say there is a growing number of our photographs. Why not have your own personal gallery of pictures? Simply send them through to Paul Hampton, our web site manager. Also, in preparation for our now defunct GBC entry, Paul, has now included a private members' page which is also full of useful information.

Digital Tuition Evenings

The third of these is on the 6th November with the fourth and last one on the 20th November. I understand that they have been very well attended and as you can pay at the door (£5 per evening) you can attend the last of them if you wish. However, at this stage you would need to have some basic understanding of Adobe Photoshop techniques to get the most out of the tuition.

13th November 'People' Competition Prints and Slides

Those new to the club might ask what is a 'People' competition? It simply means that your entries must be on the theme 'People' in all of their activities. The theme is important, so have a care that a land- or seascape with some people in it, might not be interpreted as a 'people' picture but as a land- or seascape. Judging will be by three members using the numbers system that you have probably seen before.

27th November Meeting

Part 1: Marwell Zoo Summer Outing

Digitally projected images judged by members. This is a fun competition not related to anything else and images can be re-used in other competitions. The usual conditions apply i.e. up to three images per person with an indication of one to be dropped if the overall numbers are too large, and all images to be prepared as per the WEBCC digital projected image instructions previously circulated. If you cannot find them have a look at our web site where there is a PDF file you can download.

Part 2: Be your own Judge

Depending upon how the time goes, we will have a short session of putting you, the members, in the judges' position. You will be asked to assess and give comments and marks on a series of prints.

Southern Photographic Federation Competition 27th November WEBCC versus Yateley versus Alton

This is the first of the interclub competitions and takes place at Alton. The usual process is for each club to be represented by one or more of its members who are responsible for the entries and handling the score sheets. Usually the club has been represented by Pam Loft, but, on this occasion she is unable to be there and we need a volunteer/s to represent us. If you can help, please make yourself known to Pam or I.

11th December Christmas Social

Please note that the date in the Membership Cards of the 13th December is wrong. Our evening is on the 11th which is our usual 2nd Thursday in the month.

On this evening we will start with an interesting presentation by Ron Pearce on his time with the National Press Agency which will include photographs and anecdotes of celebrities and some pretty stark pictures of the then current events. After this we will have some drinks and snacks. This is a social evening, so, please bring your partners - we will be pleased to see them. In answer to the question, should we eat before we come? The answer is yes, have your usual meal but, leave some room for a few snacks later. Because we will be offering wine and an enhanced raffle we have put the evening charge up to £2 per person.

Southern Fed's Last Slide Competition

With the change from slide to digital projection next year, the SPF is running the last ever Southern Fed. Slide Competition. It will be held sometime during February. As this is a significant change, WEBCC, as long time members of the Federation has decided to enter the competition. Each club has to enter 20 slides. None of the current restrictions will apply - therefore we can use any of our old work using as few or as many as we wish from each member and as many natural history ones as we like. So everyone who has a slide that scored well in the past, dig it out, blow off the dust and contact Pam Loft who will be making the arrangements for us.