

POTY 2019-2020

Cork Camera Group held its postponed Photographer of the Year (POTY) Competition on November 3rd. Like all camera clubs across the country, we were forced to move our activities online last March because of the current Covid 19 situation. We were able to complete almost all of our scheduled meetings and competitions, with the exception of the POTY.

POTY in Cork Camera Group has traditionally been a Print competition. Members are asked to submit 6 Prints. These prints are judged, with the best 5 scores counting towards your final position.

It was decided to keep the competition as a print comp this year, and with this in mind, we needed the help of two Judges to make it work. We reached out to Viv Buckley and Bill Power. Without hesitation they both agreed to do what they could to make the competition a success.

17 members entered images, giving us a total of 102 prints. Charlie O'Donovan delivered the prints to Viv. Viv judged the prints and shipped them to Bill. Once Bill completed the judging we were ready to broadcast Judges Comments and Results.

On Tuesday Nov 3rd Both Viv and Bill gave a fantastic and detailed commentary of the prints. It was a hugely constructive and helpful analysis. Tim Murphy, as usual ran the Zoom meeting seamlessly.

When the results were tabulated, the following were the Winners and Runners up in the various grades.....

Grade 1 Winner Charlie O'Donovan

Grade 1 Runner up Hugh O'Connor

Grade 2 Winner Maire Sweeny

Grade 2 Runner Up Tim Murphy

Grade 3 Winner Catherine O'Keeffe

Grade 3 Runner Up Bryan O'Shea

Best Color Print Charlie O'Donovan

Best Mono Print Charlie O'Donovan

We were one of the only Camera Groups/Clubs in the country to have a Print POTY this year. I think that it was worthwhile doing it this way. I would like to thank both Bill Power and Viv Buckley for their help with this venture. I also want to thank the members who entered prints this year. Covid has affected us all in various ways, but I feel it is important to continue our activities both inside the club and outside the club as best we can, as long as we all stay within the Public Health Guidelines.

It's difficult to predict where we will be in the months ahead. At the time of writing, the news of a Covid Vaccine is looking promising. In the short term, we will continue our activities online. If and when the situation improves, and I have no doubt it will, we will once again be in a position to meet up as before, take a few photos, but more importantly have some fun.

Take Care

Paul Flynn

