



## **Chairman's Report 2023**

The year saw a positive change with our competition structure, moving to six critique nights (spread throughout the year) followed in the next month by a competition and saw the benefits of these nights being critiqued by a judge.

In March we lost the Cheadle Alliance trophy (after holding the trophy for several years) – let's try and win this back in 2024.

Following a 'what can we do for you' evening where concerns were raised from the clubs' members on how the club was being run, resulted in an EGM being called and a restructuring of the committee. I would like to thank the outgoing committee members for their efforts and dedication shown over the previous year, but in the end, we are a club that is run by a committee for the benefit of its members.

Unfortunately, the excellent 'Bird people' (who had previously visited us when we were at the Cricket Club) could not attend due to vehicle issues (and will be rearranged) but the programme to date has been varied with model, practical, guest speaker and fun competition nights to encourage members to venture in a different style of photography than what they are usually comfortable doing. This is how SPC will grow stronger, by its members participating in every genre of photography, learning for presenters and fellow members.

The remainder of the planned calendar year is varied with practical, competition and presentations, but we are looking for ideas for 2024.

As we all know a club is only as strong as its membership participation and I realise that not all the topics (in the calendar) will interest everyone all the time, therefore the committee require help, to work with the members to provide a varied and interesting calendar, creating greater interest and participation.

Therefore, 'going forward' to achieve this goal we need to make continuous improvements in what we do, when we do it and how we do it to attract additional members to the club.

Thank you for your participation this year.

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