

Mersea Island Challenge Trophy 2021 – 6 ROUNDS HELD TO DATE

This week saw 3 more rounds of the of the challenge completed and Colchester have a commanding lead over Tonbridge & Wakefield. The wide range of marks given by the various judges however means there is still everything to play for

Results Main Comp	CAM	COL	DIN	EAS	IVY	MER	MOR	ROC	TON	VAL	WAK	XRR
Colchester - Barbie Lindsay	81	87	81	79	71	72	73	80	81	91	81	73
Tonbridge – Paul Parkinson	87	95	88	82	79	78	85	85	86	81	85	80
Wakefield – Monty Trent	84	99	84	84	84	77	90	81	82	88	89	84
East Ipswich – Sue Dobson	81	95	75	80	75	69	81	80	81	76	84	74
Mersea – Harold Mousley	90	93	92	91	83	88	90	97	94	91	88	89
Morton – John McVie	87	94	88	84	75	84	88	81	89	80	84	84
Dingwall												
Ivybridge												
XRR												
Rochdale												
Cambourne & Redruth												
Vale												
Totals	510	563	508	500	467	468	507	504	513	507	511	484
Placing after 6 rounds	4	1	5	9	12	11	6	8	2	6	3	10

The judges marks vary considerably across the UK and having joined a number of clubs via zoon the comments and thoughts of the judges also vary widely.

Geoff Jackson reports on Sue Dobson’s judging from East Ipswich:

1. Faded elegance - Score 19.
Was not certain as to whether the dress should have been a little pinker and wondered whether the strength of the fireplace should be taken down a little.
2. Golden Eagle – Score 20
3. Bubble Netting Whales – Score 17
Comments showed a lack of knowledge about the group participation of many whales acting in unison so thought the image had too many whales and was confusing. Felt the image was in the centre area.
4. Osea View – Score 19
Wasn’t confident that the author had not coloured the beach huts to make them different from each other and was not keen on the fanned-out sky effect.
5. Similarities – Score 20
Commented on the detail just showing in the open door that left her wondering what it was.

Geoff’s Coming and Going, our tie-break image – Score 20
Commented tidying up the people on the edge of the image

and Geoff’s tie break image was the only one to score 20

Chrissie Hart reports on John McVie’s judging at Morton on Thursday evening:

1. Faded elegance - Score 17.
Enjoyed the limited colour palette and commented on the importance of the vase of flowers.
2. Golden Eagle – Score 20
Wonderful shot with just the right amount of room around the bird showing its sheer power.
3. Bubble Netting Whales – Score 17
A dramatic but confusing image. Perhaps too much in the scene with nothing to really home in on!
4. Osea View – Score 20
Extremely striking image that the judge really enjoyed. Excellent and different.
5. Similarities – Score 20
Well seen and well photographed. Enjoyed the fact that the photographer had taken the contrast out of the background. Loved the expressions. Excellent.

Geoff's Coming and Going, our tie-break image – Score 17

Commented that it is a very graphic image and enjoyed the Lowryesque figures.

Image	Scores											
	CAM	COL	DIN	EAS	IVY	MER	MOR	ROC	TON	VAL	WAK	XRR
Faded Elegance – Chrissie Hart		15		19		16	17		20		19	
Golden Eagle – Marny Macdonald		19		20		19	20		19		20	
Humpback Whales Bubble-net feeding – Derek Howes		15		17		20	17		19		20	
Osea View – Chris Aldred		20		19		18	20		19		20	
Similarities – Roy Essery		18		20		20	20		18		20	
Coming & Going (Tie Break) – Geoff Felton		17		20		18	17		15		17	

Sue Dobson and John McVie both gave a total of six 10's; Harold Mousley was far more generous handing full marks to 15 images on the night.

Next week there are another 4 rounds being judged: Dingwall, Ivybridge, Rochdale & XRR. I will update the report next weekend.

Chrissie Hart

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