

Mersea Island Challenge Trophy 2021 – FINAL ROUND HELD

This week saw the 12th and final round of the Mersea Island Challenge Trophy and the judge Vince Penticost AWPf commented on the high standard of images in the competition. Colchester claimed a joint win with Rochdale but with only a 3-point spread in the first 6 clubs. The scores from judges have varied from 13 to 20 for the same image, showing us that they are looking at images from different viewpoints and that art is always subjective. After 12 rounds of judging Colchester emerged victorious and I congratulate all those whose images were used this year.

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 – Marilyn Steward	83	88	81	79	74	78	76	87	83	80	88	78
Ivybridge – Brian Northmore	80	83	76	74	76	74	79	80	81	77	76	78
XRR – Chris Palmer	85	93	80	83	75	73	79	84	82	79	79	78
Rochdale - Keith Barber	91	89	89	86	76	89	83	93	82	85	85	78
Cambourne Redruth – Bill Hall	85	97	81	83	78	78	78	85	83	85	79	81
Vale – Vince Penticost	90	93	90	86	83	82	83	93	90	90	86	86
Totals	1024	1106	1005	991	929	942	985	1026	1014	1003	1004	963
Placing after 12 rounds (Final)	3	1	5	8	12	11	9	2	4	7	6	10

MIPS Challenge Round 12 hosted by Vale – Judges' comments

Faded Elegance – Chrissie Hart: 19

The left hand side is slightly at an angle, the rest of the of the image has a good subtle feel with soft shadows.

Golden Eagle – Marny Macdonald: 20

Cracking image, with the rain in the air and the bird at work on its dinner.

Humpback Wales Bubble-net feeding – Derek Howes: 17

Lots of action taking place here making the shot quite busy. Good detail in the animals with the background looking like the shape of the whales.

Osea View – Chris Aldred: 20

The cabins being slightly different shades of white work very well with the softness of the water.

Similarities – Roy Essery: 17

The burn out in the dogs coat is quite a lot, showing up due to the dark area of the doorway. A well taken shot with a tale to tell lots of detail overall.

Coming and Going - Geoff Felton: 18 (tie-break image)

A well taken shot which I think would be better with a key-line as there are bits of areas of black on the edges when shown on a black background looks a little jagged. Great in mono well done.

Vince awarded a 20 to 10 images this time: well done to Marny & Chris for being 2 of them.

Colchester Final Scores:

Image	Scores											
	CAM	COL	DIN	EAS	IVY	MER	MOR	ROC	TON	VAL	WAK	XRR
Faded Elegance – Chrissie Hart	18	15	17	19	15	16	17	17	20	19	19	17
Golden Eagle – Marny Macdonald	19	19	17	20	20	19	20	20	19	20	20	20
Humpback Whales Bubble-net feeding – Derek Howes	20	15	19	17	15	20	17	16	19	17	20	19
Osea View – Chris Aldred	20	20	18	19	16	18	20	18	19	20	20	19
Similarities – Roy Essery	20	18	17	20	17	20	20	18	18	17	20	18
Coming & Going (Tie Break) – Geoff Felton	17	17	19	20	13	18	17	16	15	18	17	17

My congratulations to Colchester for bringing home another trophy but also to the other 11 clubs who entered a varied and interesting selection of cracking images for the 12 judges to muse over.

My special thanks to Dick Waylen of Mersea Island Photographic Society for putting this competition together, keeping track of the scores and allowing us to share images countrywide. The use of zoom allowed many of the clubs to share the judging of the images live on the night which added an extra dimension to the competition this year and I am sure this practice will continue once we return to meeting in person.

Chrissie Hart

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