



GDPU 2011 News Updates

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Image by GDPU club member

School Hat & Coat

Committee Nominations

As we start the run up to a busy period in many clubs, the GDPU committee is turning its thoughts to the April AGM and the preparatory work involved.

As advised in the New Year newsletter sent to all clubs, we have now completed setting up the nomination form for election to GDPU committee.

All clubs will shortly be receiving this form and we would hope that clubs and their members will seriously consider the importance of serving on the GDPU committee.

Nomination forms may be completed by clubs or individuals within a club.

All nomination forms should be returned on or before the March Delegates meeting. (9th March 2011)

All clubs should return their form even if they

have no nominations. That way, we can gauge the support from the clubs.

This is the first time that a nomination form has been used as it was felt that this would allow a more democratic process and is in line with many other group voting systems.

Using the nomination form process empowers not only clubs but ordinary member to consider coming onto the committee.

The actual election of the committee will not change in that all delegates at the AGM will still vote on the nominations received.

The form is straightforward and is designed to allow a speedy voting at the AGM.

The committee recognise that for the GDPU to continue to develop and provide the services it currently does, it requires new committee members to become involved in all its activities. So if you feel that you have some skill or can help in some way, why not put your name forward?

GDPU Committee

Image League Draw

The image league draw has now been made and can be found on the GDPU web site;

www.gdpu-uk.org

For those that may not have access to the web, the draw is as follows:

Group A

Lanark CC
Strathaven CC
Beith CC
Queens Park CC

Group B

Hamilton CC
East Kilbride CC
Alba PS
Gryffe CC

Group C

Paisley PS
Airdrie & Coatbridge CC
Helensburgh PC
Clydebank CC

Group D

Livingston CC
Clydesdale CC
Armada CC
Kilmaurs PC

Group E

Motherwell PS
Penilee CC
Greenock CC

Group F

Eastwood PS
Carluke CC
Drumchapel CC

Good luck to all clubs in 2011 / 2012 session.

CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING FEATURE ITEMS:

- COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS 2011
- IMAGE LEAGUE DRAW 2011 / 2012
- RADIO MICROPHONE USAGE IN CLUBS



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GDPU 2011 News Update



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GDPU Digital Exhibition

Entries for the 2011 GDPU Digital Exhibition are now starting to arrive so club members should be starting to look out some of their best work.

This expanding national exhibition attracts some of the top photographers in the UK and giving the selectors a difficult task in making their selections.

The selection will take place on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th May 2011 in the rooms of QPCC. Anyone is welcome to attend free of charge, the selection process where you will see how the exhibition is run.

Full entry details for this year, including an entry form and rules, last years award winners and acceptance lists can be viewed on the dedicated website;

http://www.gdpu-uk.org/Digital_Exhibition/index.html

Next Delegates Meeting:

The next delegates meeting will now take place on;

Wednesday 9th March 2011.

John Duffy prints will be handed back to clubs at this meeting.

Radio Microphones for Clubs

Many clubs use radio microphones for speakers or judges or even on their own member nights.

Generally they are used to overcome difficult acoustics or to help those at the back of a large hall.

However, most clubs do not realise that they may have required a license to operate these.

As of January 2011, the rules regarding radio microphones changed and clubs now face the possibility of their microphones being unlawful or at best subject to a license fee of around £200. A lucky few will find they do not require a license or fall foul of the law.

So how can a club tell what they should do.

Well the following simple guide will show if you are OK or not.

Any radio microphone system that operates in the UK and covers the following bands is exempt from any fee and is quite legal:

VHF 173.7 to 175.1 MHz

UHF 863.0 to 865.0 MHz

For all others, the opposite!

If you have a system that operates on the UHF band between 854.0 and 858.7 Mhz, this is now illegal and you will be faced with having to purchase a new set up.

If your system operates in the 606.0 to 614.0 MHz range (Band 38), then you can still use the system but will require a license.

If you would like to delve deeper into the new regulations, then try www.jfmg.co.uk where a more comprehensive review of the new legislation can be found.

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Reminders of the past

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