

## Dundalk Win Rose Bowl Again!

Ireland's leading clubs and societies came together in Mullingar on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May to compete for the accolade of Ireland's Top Club and the famous Rose Bowl trophy. Some hardy members of the club journeyed early to have the Black and White panel on display for 08:30 in the atrium of the Mullingar County Buildings on Saturday morning. The atrium had to be vacated by 09:30 to allow the judges to assess 26 club panels each with 10 images.



The black and white panel contains a selection of photographs by Gabriel O'Shaughnessy, Tony McDonnell, Eithne NiAnluain, Damien O'Malley, Colm Kane and Dave Martin.

This year's judges were from the UK and the event coordinator was Darragh Sherwin from Tallaght Photographic Society.

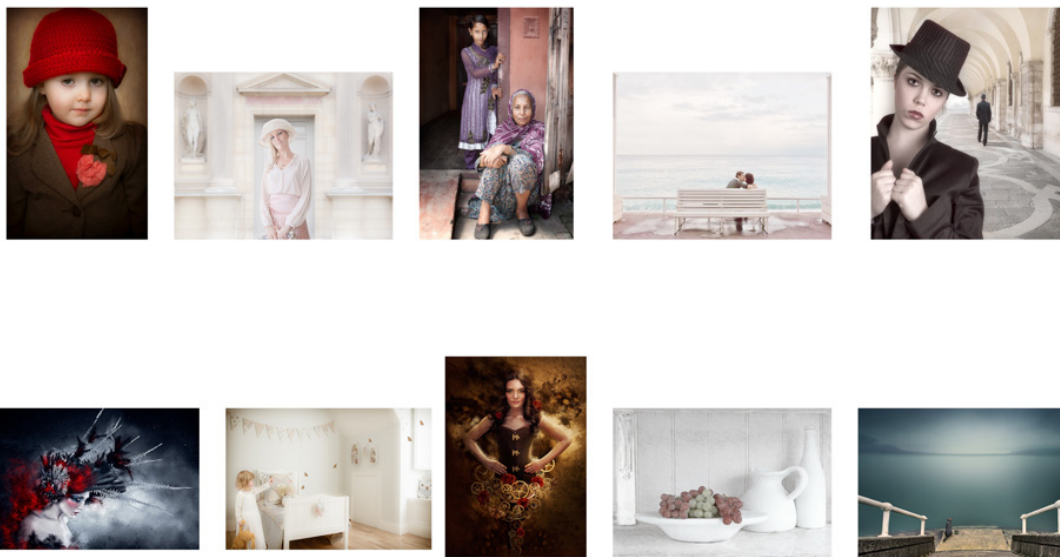
- Dianne Owen FRPS of Chosley Photographic Society
- Richard Speirs APAGB DPAGB BPE2 of Morton Photographic Society
- Barry Mead FRPS EFIAP/p MPAGB of Bristol Photographic Society

During the morning and afternoon, the IPF held their distinction sitting with numerous photographers from all around Ireland putting forward 10 images for a Licentiate'ship, 15 images for an Associateship or 20 images for a Fellowship. There were many entrants in each category and a nine person strong jury of Irish judges, including our own Gabriel O'Shaughnessy, voted on each panel.

All aspiring photographers should witness such an event to see the diverse range of images and hear comments on each panel from some of Ireland's leading photographers. It is a great learning experience!

In the afternoon, the IPF released a new DVD of Distinction Holders' Images. This is intended as a way to bring the work of these photographers to a wider audience in each club or society.

Another early start on Sunday had the colour panel on display by 09:00



The colour panel contains a selection of photographs by Freddie McArdle, Gabriel O'Shaughnessy, Tony McDonnell, Eithne NiAnluain, Damien O'Malley, Colm Kane and Ciaran DeBhal.

While waiting for the judges to view all of the colour panels, the IPF Annual General Meeting was held in Aras an Mhuillin, Mount Street, Mullingar at 10am. Following this, at 12:00, Seamus Costelloe presented his work while providing great insight in how to best light a photographic scene. Seamus promised more details would be available on his web site [www.photographyatseamuscostelloe.ie](http://www.photographyatseamuscostelloe.ie)

After lunch, tension built as the judges began to pass comment on each of the panels which, not surprisingly, took over an hour. In the end, Dundalk were awarded the top prize in both monochrome and colour, which gave us the overall prize - the much coveted Rose Bowl.



Gabriel and Maureen O'Shaughnessy receive the Rose Bowl trophy.



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See the Irish Photo web site for a full list of winners and honorable mentions for Ciaran DeBhal for his image titled "Lilac Ladies" and for Eithne NiAnluain for her image titled "Valkyrie".

<http://irishphoto.ie/index.php/2014/05/unstoppable-dundalk-win-once-again/>

It was another great display of images from The Wee County as Mid-Louth Camera Club took second prize for their Colour Panel and second place overall and Drogheda Photographic Club took second prize for their Monochrome panel.

All in all, it was a great weekend for Irish photography and much thanks is expressed to all who helped prepare and run this event.

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