

NIPA CONTACT SHEET

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President's Welcome

Greetings All, My 17th Issue of the NIPA Contact Sheet features the Inter Regional Wildlife Competition between NIPA and the Irish Photographic Federation (IPF) Nature Group. Thanks to our judges Mark Sedgewick and Ross McKelvey. A day of phenomenal images and insightful commentary. Grateful thanks to Vittorio Silvestri and Suzanne Behan, Chair of the IPF Nature Group, for organising the event. This year it was the turn of the NIPA to host this event. It was held in Hillsborough Presbyterian Church which was a super venue with great parking and facilities. Read on for the back story on Alan's top image.



The NIPA Novice competition entries close on 8th April, please consider entering. Judges comments will be presented on Friday 26th April at The Fountain Centre in Bangor.

Online we have our next **Lunch and Learn** on 12th April from 12.50 to 1.30pm.

Come along to any of our get togethers in person or online! *Anita*



CLOSING DATE
8th April



NIPA NOVICE

Hosted by Bangor & North Down Camera Club
Friday 26th April 2024
Fountain Centre, Bangor

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Bangor & North Down Camera Club

Closing date for entries: 8th April

All information for entering is here:

<https://www.nipphoto.co.uk/nipa-novice-competition-2024>

Judges comments: 7.30pm - Friday 26th April at
The Fountain Centre, Bangor

Join in to our Lunch and Learn sessions on
Fridays. All speakers have been recorded and are
available on YouTube.

April 12th, 2024 at 12:50pm

**The Zoom link has been emailed to your Club
Secretary and is the SAME every week.**

Friday's
12:50pm - 1.30pm



Join in for a chat from
12:50pm

Speaker at 1:00-1:10pm

Zoom link has been emailed to all Club Secretaries
Same link each week

Lunch and Learn

All correspondence through NIPA.secretary@gmail.com please

Inter Regional Wildlife Competition 17th February 2024



NIPA President Anita Kirkpatrick introducing the day.



Rule of 3s: 3 minutes, 3 questions, 3 people to talk to!



Sincere thanks to judges Mark Sedgewick and Ross McKelvey pictured here with NIPA President Anita Kirkpatrick.



NIPA President Anita Kirkpatrick congratulates Alan Hillen on his Commended image.

Congratulation to Jack Malins for his Commended and Highly Commended images



Congratulation to Allistair Gordon on his Commended image



Congratulations to
Suzanne Behan
for her
Commended
and two
Highly Commended
images



Congratulations to
Vittorio Silvestri
for his
Highly Commended
image

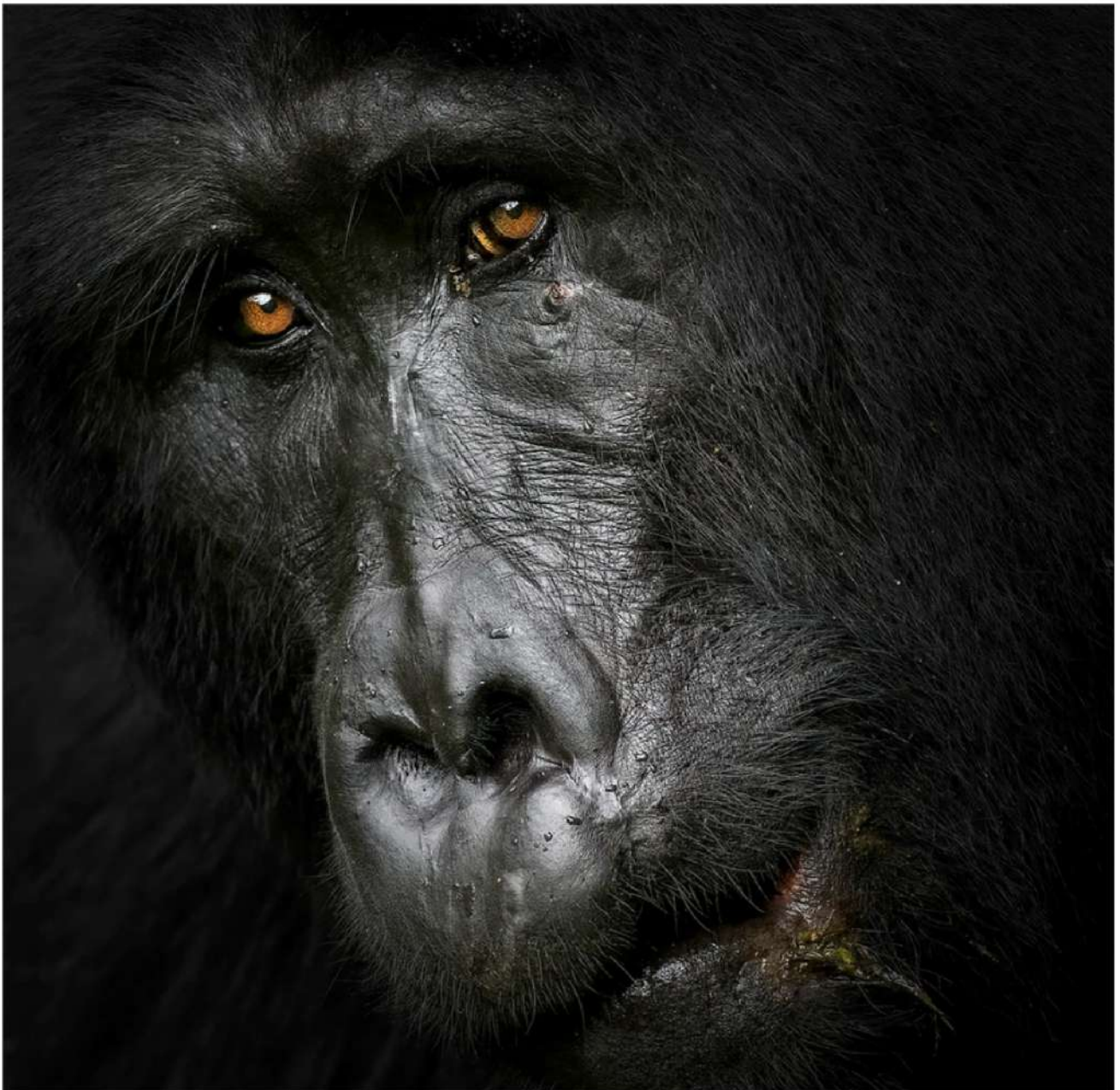


Congratulations to
Ann Irvine
and
Terry Hanna
who won the
£20
Wex vouchers!





NIPA President
Anita Kirkpatrick
congratulates
Alan Hillen on his
1st Place image
of
Portrait of a
Mountain Gorilla



Gallery of all photos can be viewed here
<https://www.niphoto.co.uk/inter-regional-wildlife-competition-23>

How Alan got this top placed photograph...

My photo was taken in Bwindi Impenetrable Rainforest, Uganda. That particular day started with a meet up with our guides at silly o'clock in the morning.

After a briefing of what you can expect and more importantly what you must not do, we headed off in search of the mountain gorillas. We drove as far as possible on what I would not class as a road and when we could go no further we began our trek on foot.

They are not called mountain gorilla for nothing. We did quite a bit of fitness training in the lead up to this adventure and did we need it. Trecking through rainforest on the slopes of mountains is not for the faint hearted and took every ounce of effort to make it. After what seemed like hours of clambering (There are no paths in the rainforest) we eventually made contact with a gorilla family.

Each gorilla family can only be visited once a day for a maximum of 1 hour and the clock starts as soon as the first one is spotted. Unfortunately for us the gorilla family were still on the move at this time and we spent at least half of this time trying to keep up with them. After painstakingly climbing 1 mountain side we had no choice but to slide down the opposite side to keep up. In doing so one of the cameras I had with me had the lens ripped out of the mount and I was left with only a full frame body with a 300mm prime lens.

Most of my photos not by choice are portraits due to this fact and to cut a long story short I ended up sitting 15ft from the big silverback and had to be on my bestest submissive behaviour. I did however manage quite a few shots of the younger gorilla playing and showing off like children in a park and have the first ever photos of a mother with what was at the time, the worlds newest 10 day old baby. (no. 1072)

Well done Alan!


CONGRATULATIONS

Success at British International Amateur Film Festival (BIAFF) for NIPA Club Members!

CONGRATULATIONS to Brendan Gillan who got 4-Stars and Mark Allen who got two 3-Stars at BIAFF. There were 235 entries from around the world. 62 productions were selected for the 3-day live screening event.

<https://www.facebook.com/BIAFF.Festival> - check out the Facebook page.

Join the BIAFF for a week of cinematic magic, both online and live in the heart of Birmingham. From April 8th to 14th, immerse yourself in a world where film and creativity collide. Get tickets on eventbrite via the FB page.



*** DATE CHANGE ***

TOP PRINT & PDI

Hosted by CPA
Monday 29th April 2024 (was 1st May)
Morton Community Centre, Lorne Street, Belfast