

The 2015 AAPE Single Frame Team Competition Results

Taking over the Coordinator's job, from Tony Dewey, for the Annual Single Frame Team Competition was, to say the least, challenging for me which I will explain later. It all started off great. For the 2015 competition I made some minor changes to the existing rules allowing 10 points to be earned for each different category of exhibit including traditional and postal history which were excluded in the past; upped the points earned for Grand award from 10 to 20 and from 5 to 10 for the Reserve Grand award.

We had the following 10 teams (possibly a new record) compete for the coveted 1st place with the bragging rights of having their names engraved on the large trophy that is on permanent display at the APS building in Bellefonte, PA.

	Type	New	Youth	Novice		Type	New	Youth	Novice
Collectors Club of San Francisco - Blue					India Study Circle - Green				
Vesma Grinfelds (Team Captain)	TR	No	No	No	Sandeep Jaiswal (Team Captain)	PS	Yes	No	No
Bill Barlow	TR	No	No	No	Paul Allen	PH	Yes	No	No
Edward Jarvis	PH	Yes	No	No	Deepak Jaiswal	RE	Yes	No	No
George Krieger	PH	Yes	No	No	Meenakshi Jaiswal	DI	Yes	No	Yes
Roy Teiveira	PH	No	No	No	Dan Walker	TR	Yes	No	No
Collectors Club of San Francisco - Red					India Study Circle - Orange				
Behruz Nassre-Esfahani (Team Captain)	PS	Yes	No	No	Steven Zwillinger (Team Captain)	RE	Yes	No	No
Ed Laveroni	PH	Yes	No	No	Mike Ley	TR	Yes	No	No
Bill Lenarz	PP	Yes	No	No	Richard Hanchett	PH	Yes	No	Yes
Daryl Reiber	TR	Yes	No	No	Robert Manley	PH	Yes	No	No
Bill Tatham	PH	Yes	No	Yes	Maulik Thakkar	TH	Yes	No	No
Geezers with Tweezers					Oldies but Goldies				
Lester C. Lanphear III (Team Captain)	PS	No	No	No	Rich Drews (Team Captain)	RE	Yes	No	No
Fran Adams	TH	No	No	No	Tim Bartshe	TR	Yes	No	No
Don Brent	TR	Yes	No	No	Liz Hisey	PH	Yes	No	No
Don Chafetz	PH	No	No	No	Kathy Johnson	DI	Yes	No	No
Howard Green	PH	No	No	No	Ron Leshar	CI	Yes	No	No
Girls Just Wanna Have Fun					Peru Philatelic Circle				
Alexandra Fillion (Team Captain)	TH	No	Yes	No	Chuck Wooster (Team Captain)	PH	Yes	No	No
Annika Fillion	PH	No	Yes	No	James Hunt	TR	No	No	No
Mia Fillion	TH	No	Yes	No	Bill Llosa	PH	Yes	No	No
Sydney Jaiswal	TH	Yes	Yes	Yes	Roger Van Lafer	TH	Yes	No	No
Geneva Varga	DI	Yes	Yes	No	John Wynns	TR	No	No	No
Helium Heads					Unhinged				
Cheryl Ganz (Team Captain)	TR	No	No	No	Tony Dewey (Team Captain)	PH	Yes	No	No
Jim Grane	AE	Yes	No	No	Larry Fillion	TR	Yes	No	No
Jim Hill	AE	Yes	No	Yes	Paul Goodwin	CI	Yes	No	No
Mike Peter	PH	Yes	No	No	David Kent	PP	Yes	No	No
Lan Quing Zhang	PH	Yes	No	No	Jeffrey Shapiro	PH	Yes	No	No
TR= Traditional	RE = Revenue	TH = Thematic	AE = Aerophilately	DI = Display	CI = Cinderella				
IM = Illustrated Mail	PP = Picture Postcard	PS = Postal Stationery	PH = Postal History	AS = Astrophilately					

Sadness surrounded the competition when we learned that Bob Manley, a member of the *India Study Circle - Orange* team, had unexpectedly passed away. He was planning on driving his exhibit from Portland to Riverside. Bob had been a part of the AAPE Team Competition for the previous three years and was on the 2012 Team that took first place.

Rather than penalizing the entire team for such an unfortunate situation, I recommended, at the Board Meeting on Friday, that we consider allotting 85 points to a missing exhibit provided the reason for such absence was clearly unforeseen and unavoidable. This was approved by the board and Bob's exhibit brought in 85 points for his team.

I am happy to report that, of the 50 exhibitors that took part in the competition, 37 created brand new exhibits that had not been previously shown at the National or International level. The competition also attracted 5 novice exhibitors!!! For the first time in team competition history, there was an all youth girls team competing against the nine adult teams and the young girls almost pulled off what would have been a historic moment. To make matters even more complicated, I was just informed (days after the competition had taken place) that one of the girl's exhibits was accidentally allotted & judged at the incorrect age group of 17 instead of 12. Makes one wonder how close the girls really came to pulling off a huge shocker.

Saturday morning, after the medal levels were posted on the frames it was my job to tabulate and report the current team standings at the AAPE General meeting that was held that afternoon. Pending the Society awards, Special awards and the Grand & Reserve Grand awards which were to be awarded during the banquet that evening, the standings were as follows:

	Points
Collectors Club of San Francisco - Red	570
India Study Circle - Green	570
Oldies but Goldies	570
India Study Circle - Orange	565
Helium Heads	540
Girls Just Wanna Have Fun	530
Unhinged	520
Geezers with Tweezers	510
Collectors Club of San Francisco - Blue	500
Peru Philatelic Circle	440

This was perhaps the most competitive year when it came to the Team Competition. Three teams going into the evening were tied for first place and only 5 points separated the next one. We all knew this was going to be a very close race coming down to the wire and that it did.

At the end of the night after all the awards had been handed out and the points were tabulated team *Collectors Club of San Francisco - Red* and team *Oldies but Goldies* were both tied with 590 points. Stephen Reinhard asked me to determine the winner of the competition and yours truly made a blunder. Having analyzed that the number of Gold, Vermeil & Silver medals allotted to both teams were identical in count I declared the competition a tie for first place.

It was not until the following morning that I was made aware of the tie-breaker rules that have always been in place. AAPE website clearly states *"Ties will be broken by 1) the number of new exhibits, 2) the number of different types 3) the number of Gold awards, 4) the number of Vermeil, 5) the number of Silver, 6) the number of Silver-Bronze, 7) the number of Bronze, and 8) the number of special awards."* Based on the existing tie-breaker rules the winner of the 2015 AAPE Team Competition was team *Oldies but Goldies* who won because they had 5 different types (categories) of exhibits versus team *Collectors Club of San Francisco - Red* who had 4. What a royal screw-up on my part!!! My sincere apologies to both teams as I should have been aware of the tie-breaker rules before the start of the competition.

Rank	Team	Type	New	Youth	Novice	Medal	Special	Points
1 st	Oldies but Goldies	50	50	0	0	470	20	590
2 nd	Collectors Club of San Francisco - Red	40	50	0	10	470	20	590
3 rd	India Study Circle - Green	50	50	0	10	460	10	580
4 th	Helium Heads	30	30	0	10	470	40	580
5 th	India Study Circle - Orange	40	50	0	10	465	10	575
6 th	Girls Just Wanna Have Fun	30	20	50	10	420	40	570
7 th	Unhinged	40	50	0	0	430	10	530
8 th	Geezers with Tweezers	40	10	0	0	460	20	530
9 th	Collectors Club of San Francisco - Blue	20	20	0	0	460	0	500
10 th	Peru Philatelic Circle	30	30	0	0	380	10	450

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