

## Quality, Composition, and Impact

As a club, we have decided to try a review and continuous feedback using three categories. These are Quality, Composition, and Impact. To help us understand what those words meant for us, we ran a workshop-style event on 15 September 2009; the results are in the table below. And yes, there is some overlap!

We discovered there is a w-i-d-e range of interpretations for each category. And a wide range of views about the same image – some were underwhelmed others wow'd; some impressed by techniques which others thought a gimmick. Each of us analyses an image in a different way. There is no single right or wrong for an image – except that we did recognize the difference between a snapshot and a photograph.

Hopefully, this helps us to give the feedback, and helps the volunteers who are presenting the critiques.

Quality	Composition	Impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarity</li> <li>• Definition</li> <li>• Focus</li> <li>• Contrast</li> <li>• Light/Use of light</li> <li>• Sharpness</li> <li>• Colour realism/cast</li> <li>• Resolution</li> <li>• Differential focus</li> <li>• Detail</li> <li>• Strength of colour</li> <li>• Contrast</li> <li>• Sharpness/Blur</li> <li>• Focus (lens)</li> <li>• Colour balance/cast</li> <li>• Print quality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Position of subject in frame</li> <li>• Geometry (eg Rule of thirds, symmetry, etc)</li> <li>• Draw in the eye?</li> <li>• Interesting</li> <li>• Focal point</li> <li>• Use of colour</li> <li>• Cropping</li> <li>• Orientation (portrait/landscape)</li> <li>• Use of space</li> <li>• Texture</li> <li>• Lead lines</li> <li>• Balance</li> <li>• Elements working together</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passion felt</li> <li>• Interest of subject</li> <li>• Contrast of colour</li> <li>• Memorability</li> <li>• Change of Tone</li> <li>• Drama</li> <li>• Contrast</li> <li>• Pattern</li> <li>• Simplicity</li> <li>• Movement (or lack of)</li> <li>• Realism</li> <li>• Lighting</li> <li>• Perspective</li> <li>• Size (as in cm or inches)</li> <li>• Presentation</li> <li>• Story</li> </ul>

