



# GEORGIA PRESS ASSOCIATION PHOTO CLIP CONTEST RULES

May 2002 - April 2003

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## Eligibility

This monthly contest is open to all members of the Georgia Press Association, including GPA interns and Georgia College Press Association members.

## Categories

The six categories of competition include:

**Spot News** - Coverage of events for which no advanced planning was possible. Examples include, but are not limited to, accidents, fires, natural disasters and spot police action.

**General News** - Coverage of events for which advanced planning was possible. Examples include, but are not limited to: courtroom events, funerals, news conferences, mock exercises and campaigns. Spot news that develops during the course of planned events should be entered in Spot News.

**Sports** - Sports action and sports feature in one or more photos.

**Feature/Single Picture** - Events and subjects (other than Spot News, General News, Sports or Illustration) depicted in one photo.

**Feature/Multiple Pictures** - Events and subjects (other than Spot News, General News, Sports or Illustration) depicted in more than one photo, including photo stories, essays, sequences or series.

**Illustration** - Preconceived concepts in one or more photos. Illustration entries are submitted on a monthly basis but are judged quarterly. The Photo Clip Chair is responsible for changing an entry to its appropriate category if necessary.

## Deadlines

All entries must reach the Clip Chair by the **seventh** of the month following the month of publication. Illustration entries will be separated from other categories each month and reserved for quarterly judging. This will take place with the regular judging of March, June, September and December clips.

## Entries

Only published photos are eligible. Publication is defined as hard copy printed or electronically reproduced in an edited presentation. Neither the name of the photographer nor the publication may appear on the front of the entry. No tearsheets. Printed photos must be cut out of the newspaper and the information listed on the reverse side. All entries must have a caption which may be the original published caption or a freshly produced caption that clearly explains what the picture shows.

### **The following information must be on the back of each entry:**

- Contest category
- Photographer's name
- Publication's name and mailing address
- Date of publication (in the case of electronic entries, the first date it appeared online)
- Contact information to include: work, home and fax telephone number and email address

The Clip Chair may disqualify an entry if information is incorrect, illegible or missing. For hard copy publications, entries must be unmounted clippings or tearsheets. For electronically published photos, entries must be in the form of a hard copy print (traditional or electronically-generated) and posted to your website.

### **Entry Limitations**

A maximum of nine (9) entries may be made each month in any combination of the six categories. The Clip Chair may disqualify all of the contestant's entries for the month if the limit is exceeded. Layouts and related picture groups are considered a single entry. Weak pictures may be eliminated from these entries. A series of related pictures published in more than one month may be entered as a single entry for the month concluding the series. The same picture may be entered as often as it is published unless it has previously won in the contest. However, the same picture cannot be entered in more than one contest category for the same month, nor may a picture entered singly appear as part of a multiple-picture entry for the same month. If the same picture appears in more than one entry for the month, the Clip Chair may disqualify both entries. Each entry must be the work of an individual photographer.

### **Point System**

Each photographer entering the contest receives two points per month entered. First place receives 50 points, second place receives 40 points and third place receives 30 points. No ties or honorable mentions will be awarded. **These points are NOT associated with the annual Better Newspaper Contest.**

### **Photographer of the Year**

The photographer who accumulates the most points during the contest year will be named Photographer of the Year, provided the photographer has shown versatility by winning in at least two of five contest categories during the year. In the case of a tie, both photographers will share the title. The Photographer of the Year award will be announced and presented at the annual GPA convention.

### **Contest Agreements**

It is understood that any copyright of an entry remains the property of the photographer or employer of the photographer. However, all participants agree that by entering the contest, they give permission to GPA to reproduce winning entries, either through hard copy or electronically. All available precautions will be taken to ensure the security of electronic reproduction. Winners must produce a print, high resolution digital file, tearsheet or transparency of their winning photograph to GPA. If the photographer fails to provide a usable form of the winning photograph, the Clip Chair may void the points for that entry.

**Entries will NOT be returned.**

## **Send photo entries to:**

Photo Clip Chair  
c/o Woody Marshall  
The Macon Telegraph  
PO Box 4167  
Macon GA 31208-4167

*All entries must be received on or before the seventh of each month  
and must have been published the month prior to entry.*