

## BridgeCon 2017 Awards Determination

As mentioned previously on our website the success of our first contest in ten years has resulted in unexpected success. Our entries were over whelming in numbers (300%).

The contest was well received as long time attendees of previous contest were glad to see its return and to meet former competitors as well as new ones. It's the place where we all come to see what fellow modelers are building and what techniques they are using to achieve their results. Junior modelers and general modelers can show, discuss, and teach each other skills and tips that they have come across throughout the years in the hobby. This contest was judged in the open system which lets entrant's compete with themselves. This will let the contestant know as to what skill level of modeling they have achieved as determined by our judging team. Since the level of skill was very well matched in all categories the judging took a lot longer than we expected it to, even with using a computer to aid us in tabulating the scores.

Even with preplanning and budgeting to develop our inventory of awards to handout, the demand out stripped the supply that was planned. This caused us to reevaluate the method to which we gave out awards.

Since the purpose of the entries is to assess your skill level, the quality of work at this contest consistently showed the judging team that the entrants achieved a consistent level of skill overall per entry. That is, the results were coming into the same range of points whether bronze, silver or gold. What it told us was whether you had one entry or 20 entries the scoring stayed consistent. With this in mind, and to ensure everyone who scored well received a medal that acknowledges the achieved skill level, we decided to award a medal for the combined entries/contestant.

**Essentially, for multiple entries the medal levels were averaged and one medal was awarded per contestant based on the average placing of all their models. As noted above the medal scoring was very consistent so there was very little variation and this gives you a good indicator of your skill level while still allowing us to award medals to every contestant.**

Those contestants who received a plaque/trophy award signified the "best of the best" in recognition of the skills and work that went into the winning models.

**NOTE: Contestants that won a plaque/trophy did not receive a medal as the award signifies an elevated level of skill above and beyond the basic Gold/Silver/Bronze ranking.**

This contest promotes education, visualization, and inspiration through socialization and interaction at these contests so **GET BUILDING FOR THE NEXT CONTEST.**