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Thank you to all who responded to the 2000 competition for best article and photograph. There were a total of 209 responses to best article and 176 to best photograph.

ARTICLE

 **TOOTH BY TOOTH** - Alfred Hauser-Gubser

 **HURRICANE LOTHAR** - Beat Feller

 **AN EVENING AT ERSTFELD** - David Adams

No surprises about the winner. I was delighted to see Beat's article come in as runner up. Great pictures and written from the front line. Beat (with the help of Alan Snowdon) certainly told it like it is. I am visiting the MOB in May and shall definitely look out for him. Watch out also for Alan Snowdon's video of Beat at work which is reviewed and advertised elsewhere in this issue. Third was David Adams' article on Erstfeld. I was not sure of the reaction to this as it was very much a feast for number crunchers. Despite this, for I am definitely not a number cruncher, I really enjoyed it. Something different and with some great pictures. In fact David's pictures will feature regularly in the future being sharp, properly exposed and well composed. Check the SRS calendar for May-August. Well done to all the winners but especially to former SRS President, Alfred Hauser-Gubser. A fine series of exhaustively researched articles, still to be completed, and to which we are all looking forward.

PHOTOGRAPHS

 **SCHILLER ON VIERWALDSTÄTTERSEE** - Michael Farr: June issue, p30

 **Equal** - **DAVOS IN SNOW** - Geoff Turner: June issue, p35

 **- SCHÖLLENEN GORGE** - Steve Horobin: Sept. issue, p40

 **JUNE 2000 COVER PAGE** - Colin Jarman

Until the last day nothing separated the winner and two equal seconds. Finally, on the cut off day, one vote for Michael's picture arrived and he took 1st place. The third placed photo was also quite close. Interestingly June's issue attracted 14 out of the 22 nominations, and 12 of these 14 were colour pictures. Does this say something? I'm not so sure as Steve Horobin's was printed black and white and very nearly won. It seems to me that a good photo is a good photo whether colour or black and white but a good colour picture does not necessarily make a good black and white and vice versa. Well done to the winners.

FUTURE ISSUES

This was a real surprise. I have always been led to believe, both by comment and correspondence, that travelogues were not the most popular item. It seems you may think differently. Out of 304 responses the following requests were made:

News - 136; **Travelogues** - 122; **Historic** - 91; **Technical** - 76; **Modelling** - 74; **Roughly the same** - 63

News can be problematic. I rely on Nick Freezer's excellent Notepad and also local correspondents such as my good friend George Hoekstra. Remember, if you go, watch, make a note, bring it back and send it in. Watch the papers, websites, cultivate your contacts. However trivial it may seem to you send it in; too much is always better than too little. Of the more specific requests articles on walking and lake steamers stood out.

We try to run these questionnaires every three or four years or so, they help us to keep abreast of what you, the members want from *Swiss Express*. Obviously we don't take any notice, we just like to know what you want! Only joking. I don't want to labour the point but I cannot publish articles I have not received. Put it down, send it in with some pictures and you never know.

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to members for taking the time to comment. Last but definitely not least thanks to Dave Howsam who compiled the results and thus enabled me to write the article.