

When reducing pixels considerably the image will loose definition and (apparent) sharpness. The default reduction mode in Photoshop is **'Bicubic (best for smooth gradients)'** which is not the recommended reduction setting.

To reduce for sharp image from big files click Image - Image Size click on arrow at bottom drop down menu and choose **Bicubic sharper (best for reduction)**.

Choose the pixel size for image to be reduced to (I chose 1022 pixels on width to add a 1 pixel border all round later which will take image to 1024pixels wide).

Make sure your pixel size does fall within the required salon specifications. Click **OK**. Resize image to 100% and press **'F'** twice and evaluate image, press **'F'** again to return to Photoshop platform.

Should image still need slight sharpening go to Filter - Sharpen - Smart Sharpen.

Choose % amount, never go higher than 30% at this size.

Radius always at 0.1 for this size, tick More Accurate and OK. Re-evaluate, sharpness my now be to much.

Make decision and enter at 1. club, 2. salon or for 3. honours. Do realise that judging dynamics for these three groups differ considerably.

