



Snapshot

Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society
December 2015

President's report

As the year comes to an end it's time for each of us to take stock and evaluate our photographic journey over the past year.



We all travel at our own pace and for our own pleasure. So the question to ask is: "Am I happy with the results?" We may need a new challenge or the opportunity to develop our skills, or both.

Hopefully our programme for next year will provide appropriate challenges and opportunities for our members.

The year plan for 2016 as well as the set subject schedule are all available on the website. Please have a look and make use of them.

I would like to wish all our members a joyful festive season and a prosperous and happy new year. Please take care, enjoy the time with friends and family, and to those planning to travel, may you have a safe journey.

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Interclub 2015

It was a much better Western Cape Interclub Competition for Hermanus Photographic Society than in recent years.

We came sixth out of ten clubs, compared to our usual last place of late, and one of our members, Luke Horsten, got the third highest score in the Projected Digital Images (PDI) category.



Luke Horsten's third highest scoring image among 120 PDI entries for Interclub 2015

Our club's combined score was 1 041 out of a possible 1 440, or 72,3%. In comparison the winning Tygerberg club scored 1 085 or 75.3%. The lowest scoring club got 826 or 57,4%.

We were only 44 points below the top score, but a safe 215 above the bottom score.

Luke scored 49 out of 60, or 81,7%, for his digital image titled "I feel safe

here", placing the image third among 120 entries in the category.

Scores of participating clubs

Club	Prints	PDI	Total
Tygerberg	554	531	1085
Tafelberg	552	526	1078
Paarl	541	516	1057
Cape Town	526	529	1055
Fishhoek	533	520	1053
Hermanus	521	520	1041
Helderberg	511	527	1038
Creative	509	476	985
Durbanville	488	413	901
Swartland	368	458	826

Individual scores in the tables below are out of 60.

Projected digital images – Hermanus		
Photographer	Title	Score
Luke Horsten	I feel safe here	49
Thea Erasmus	Nuuskierig	46
Janet Maree	Flower Cave	45
Faith Botha	Overberg Dawn Scene	45
Thea Erasmus	Well Prepared	45
Luke Horsten	He ain't heavy	43
Kosie Smit	Fury of the Storm	42
Gerhard Vosloo	Heron with its meal	42
Treurnicht du Toit	Peinsend	42
Kosie Smit	Still Smiling	42
Elizma Fourie	Wildshores	40
Treurnicht du Toit	Dissiplinering	39
		520

Prints – Hermanus		
Photographer	Title	Score
Faith Botha	Bluebird of Happiness	48
Gerhard Vosloo	Another attempt	48
Elizma Fourie	Water Crisis	47
Estelle Neethling	Perseverance	47
Chris Neethling	Spikes	43
Charles Naudé	Deep in thought	43
Chris Neethling	When the Saints	42
Linda Kotzenberg	Solar Mirror	42
René Dewar	Carefree	42
Estelle Neethling	Balance to Bush	41
John Cheeseborough	Playing the Blues	41
Thomas Niemeyer	Cape Gooseberry	37
		521

The event was hosted by the Swartland Photographic Club. It was presented in the auditorium at Sanlam head office in Bellville on Friday 6 November. Four members of the Hermanus Photographic Society attended.

More achievements

Another month, another dozen and a half acceptances at various salons for Club members.

And another Certificate of Merit (COM) for Treurnicht du Toit; this time at the PCA Exhibition in Serbia for his image titled "Advance into Action".

Treurnicht got a total of 15 acceptances from three salons, and Linda Kotzenberg three from two salons.



"Advance into Action"



"Disciplinering"

Treurnicht also got recognition for his previously awarded image "Disciplinering" by winning first prize in a Wildlife Photo competition sponsored by Pangolin Photo Safaris. The prize is a weekend for two at a private game reserve in KwaZulu Natal.

This month's meeting

Audio-visual competition

Deon Kuhn's audio-visual entry (AV) was a good example of carefully selected complementary images and sound combined and synchronised, so that the end result grabs and holds the attention of the audience.

That, in a nutshell, was why nationally accredited judge dr. Friso Woudstra chose Deon's AV as the winner among seven entries for the Club AV competition.

All entries complied with the Photographic Society of South Africa requirement that "the original image and all elements therein must have been taken by the photographer, whatever photographic medium is used" and that "no images or parts of images downloaded from the internet or copied from any source whatsoever, may be used in work entered in any PSSA event".

And then along came Ronny Hazell with an AV on the tragedy of Syria that he could not enter because he had used images from the internet. He had put those, plus a variety of music, sound effects and a poem, together so skillfully and creatively that he had the audience almost speechless.

A plea for whales

Phil Heading, one of the "swallow" members, who flies to England for the northern summer every year, got the opportunity to show some of his images and an AV of the whales of Walker Bay.

He argued that these are such special creatures and the people of Hermanus are so privileged to have them around that Club judges should neither disregard whale images nor be biased against them.

Photowalkers

Leanne Dryburgh of thephotowalkers.com told the audience about the learning opportunities they offer by "coupling frustrated camera owners with hands-on professional photographic instruction and the superb photographic destination of South Africa".

They are now located in Hermanus, in one of the market sheds above the Old Harbour called Photo Shed, and there are plans for them to be involved in activities of the Hermanus Photographic Society.

They can also be contacted through their website, <http://thephotowalkers.com>



Caught in action

René Dewar, Committee member responsible for arranging photo outings, in action at an impromptu photo opportunity. Kite surfers were performing at the Klein River mouth last month in beautiful late-afternoon light but bad weather.

René has a plastic bag wrapped around her camera for protection. She was caught in action by Kosie Smit.

Next meeting

The last meeting of the Club year and first meeting of the new calendar year will be the AGM and annual party on Wednesday 3 February 2016.

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