



# SNAPSHOT

Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society  
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## President's report



### Inter-club 2016

The Western Cape Inter-club competition takes place on Friday 28 October at the Sanlam Head Office in Bellville.

This annual competition is the showcase for all the clubs in the Western Cape, and once again Hermanus Photographic Society will be participating.

Unfortunately, for the last couple of years our images have been at the event but the members, except for two or three loyal ones, have been absent.

This does absolutely nothing for the image of our club even if we perform reasonably well.

This event is the perfect opportunity for members to compare their work to that of other photographers in the Cape.

What are the new trends? What is the standard of photography at other clubs? These are the questions we should be asking.

The benefits of attending inter-club far outweigh the effort it takes to get there. I sincerely hope that this year Hermanus members will not be conspicuous by their absence.

**Thea Erasmus**

## Travel photography winner

Taking a good photograph can be tough – especially in Mongolia, where climate and weather conditions can be much harsher than in the Western Cape.

That is where the winning photograph in National Geographic's Travel Photographer of the Year Contest 2016 was taken. The results of the competition were announced recently.

"The winter in Inner Mongolia is very unforgiving," said Anthony Lau, winner of the contest with his image "Winter Horseman".



*The winning image, "Winter Horseman" by Anthony Lau. From National Geographic's website.*

"At a freezing temperatures of minus 20 and lower, with a constant breeze of snow from all directions, it was pretty hard to convince myself to get out of the car and take photos.

"I saw horsemen showing off their skills and commanding the steed from a distance. I quickly grabbed my telephoto lens and captured the moment when one of the horsemen charged out from the morning mist."

## Soup, wine, and a lively discussion

The highlight of this month's Society meeting, from a photography point of view, was a lively, informal discussion of images, with the theme "Local is lekker".

Members could submit up to three images each, and had the opportunity to explain what they tried to achieve. There was no formal evaluation. The atmosphere was relaxed, and there was general participation in the discussion.

That was followed by the culinary highlight of the evening – two delicious soups and wine.

### Inter-club competition

Hermanus Photographic Society will again take part in the annual Western Cape Inter-club Photographic Competition, hosted by the Creative Camera Club of Cape Town.

The results will be announced at the presentation ceremony in the CR Louw Auditorium of the Sanlam Head Office, 2 Strand Street, Bellville, on Friday evening 28 October.

### New Committee members

Society President Thea Erasmus invited members to nominate candidates or to volunteer to be elected to the Committee for 2017 at the annual general meeting early next year. Some long-serving members will retire from the Committee at the end of the current year.

### New two-star photographer

The latest promotion of a Society member, announced at the September meeting, was that of Christopher Waite, from one-star to two-star.

For that he needed 20 points and a minimum of five gold awards from the regular monthly evaluation of images. To be promoted to the next level, that of three-star photographer, he will need 40 points and at least 10 gold awards.

### Audio-visual workshop in Kleinmond

Members wishing to attend the audio-visual workshop in Kleinmond, presented by the Kleinmond Kiekie Klub, should contact Deon Kuhn or Thea Erasmus. The dates are 19, 22 and 26 September, and 3 October. All sessions start at 18:00. Those attending should be able to make a basic AV by the end of the workshop.

### Normal evaluation in October

Members may submit up to three images of their choice for evaluation for the next monthly meeting, and one image for the set subject of "New Life".

The meeting, in the Dutch Reformed Church Hall on Wednesday 5 October, begins at 19:00.

## Do we really need expensive cameras?

"The iPhone is like a pen in our hands. Good or bad, the pen itself will never write poems, but the poets will," writes Rachel Lowry on the results of the ninth annual iPhone Photography Awards on the *Time* magazine website.



*The winning photograph, "Man and the eagle".*

The overall winner was Siyuan Niu of Xinjiang, China.

Niu was photographing the snowy landscape of his home province when a man came towards him on horse with an eagle on his right arm.

"The eagle must have noticed me, as it started flapping its wings and screeching, very agitated and vigilant," Niu said. "The old man used his hand and his voice to calm it down. They were touching face-to-face when I took the shot."

"Photography could never have been more simple," he said. He shot with no other lenses or

gadgets, and post-processed on Snapseed after applying a VSCO filter.

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