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Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society
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All systems go for Interclub

Our club focuses on double role as host and participant

The big event of the year will happen in about a month and a half from the time of publishing this newsletter – the Western Cape Interclub Photographic Competition of 2019, to be hosted by our club.

At this stage seven of the 11 Western Cape clubs have indicated that they will be participating. Two will not, and two still have to reply.

The highlight of the competition, the awards ceremony, will be in the CR Louw Auditorium at the Sanlam Head Office in Bellville, as usual, on Friday 25 October.

Apart from hosting the event our club is also preparing to participate. We have started to put together our entry of 12 prints and 12 digital images for the two main sections of the competition, Prints and Digital.

Last year we did particularly well in the third section, Audio-visual.

All club members are requested to offer help in pulling off this big event.



"Touch of Magic" by Diane Steenkamp, our club's highest scoring image in the Digital Section of last year's Interclub.

Salon participation gaining steam

Two more club members have joined the ranks of active salon participation. In addition to veteran Treurnicht du Toit, experienced Hestie das Neves and relative newby Elizma Fourie, Deon Steenkamp and Charles Naudé have had some success during August.

And more members have indicated an interest in entering salons.

Deon started off with a bang by achieving a Certificate of Excellence for his image "Content with Life" in the Western Cape Junior and Youth Competition, and having another six images accepted for exhibition.

As usual, Treurnicht more or less swept the board with a Salon Award, three

Certificates of Merit and 43 international acceptances in the Great British Super Circuit.



"Care About" by Treurnicht du Toit, which won a Salon Award at the Great British Super Circuit.



"Frightened" by Treurnicht du Toit, which was awarded a Certificate of Merit by On the Rocks.

Elizma was awarded a Certificate of Merit in the PSSA (Photographic Society of South Africa) National Audio-visual Salon for "A Smile to Remember".

In the On the Rocks Salon, Treurnicht was awarded a Certificate of Merit and two acceptances. Elizma and Charles also had two images each accepted for exhibition.

Finally, the Vereeniging Salon accepted six of Treurnicht's images and four of Charles's.

Gaining ground after slow start

Our club made a rather slow start in both the Senior and Junior Club Competitions organized by the PSSA (Photographic Society of South Africa). But our scores in the second month, August, were higher than in July.

From a regional perspective it looks better. Cape Town, a strong club in the Western Cape, has come on board, and made its presence felt immediately. After two months it is in the top four of about 50 competitors in the senior competition (for four-star photographers and higher).

It took the lead among the eight Western Cape clubs, with Paarl second, Swartland third, and Hermanus joint fourth with Fishhoek.

In the junior competition (three-star and lower), Fishhoek is in the top 11 overall, and first in the Western Cape, followed by Paarl, Cape Town and Tafelberg. Hermanus, the star of the previous competition, is second last.



Our club's senior entry, "Kaokoland Looming Storm" (above) by Treurnicht du Toit, got 34/45 in August, and our junior entry, "Cutty Sark Bow Wave" by David Wilson, 32/45.



Our club's September entries, "Intricate Rigging" (senior, left) by Treurnicht du Toit, and "Checking it Out" (junior) by David Wilson.

‘Loss’ of juniors through promotion

The good news is that another two of our members have been promoted to a higher star level – Deon Steenkamp from three- to four-star, and Taylum Meyer from one- to two-star.

The “bad” news is that we are running out of skilful junior photographers. Deon was the third three-star photographer to be promoted to the senior rankings since the beginning of this year. The other two were Diane Steenkamp and Cathy Bruce. All three happen to be committee members.



"Sisters" by Deon Steenkamp, one of two monthly winners in our club's success in the previous junior competition organized by the PSSA. Our other monthly winner was "Die Denker" by Ansie du Toit.

Those three contributed to our success in the previous Junior Club Competition organized by the PSSA, which ran from July last year to June this year. We ended in the overall top ten despite missing a monthly entry.

But, of course, the promotion of photographers can never be bad news. In this case it just means that the remaining junior photographers face the challenge to work harder at their creativity and skills, and that our club needs to recruit more junior members.

Deon needed 100 points and 25 Gold Awards for his promotion to four-star level. To be promoted to five-star level he will need 120 points, 30 Golds and 20 salon points, if he should continue after his successful start in salon participation. If not, he will need 200 points and 60 Golds.

Taylum needed 20 points and 5 Golds for her promotion to two-star level. She will need 40 points and 10 Golds to reach the next level.

Forthcoming events

The October meeting will be in the Dutch Reformed Church Hall, as usual, on Wednesday the 2nd at 19:00. Members may enter up to three images of their choice, and one image on the Set Subject, “Human resemblances in

nature" / "Menslike gelykenisse in die natuur", all for evaluation. All scores will count for promotion.

The set-subject image of the month will be decided by voting. The photographer of the chosen image may speak briefly on it, while the lead judge may comment on some of the set-subject images.

Photo opportunities:

Whales and Wheels Classic Car Show,
Hermanus Primary School grounds, Saturday
21 September

Sheepdog Trials, Renostervlei near Witsand,
26-29 September

Whale Festival, Hermanus, 27-29 September

Tough Mudder, Elgin, 19 October



An example of a human resemblance in nature, found on the internet.

The Audio-visual Interest Group will meet at the Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church Hall at 19:00 on Thursday 10 October. The challenge is "Soundtrack" / "Klankbaan". Four soundtracks will be supplied to use as you wish.

Forthcoming Salons, with closing dates (details on the PSSA website):

Swartland PDI & Prints Salon 28 September

SAVAS PDI Salon 12 October

International Circuit Camera Obscura Edenvale PDI Salon 16 October

Cross Continental Circuit PDI Salon 21 October

Vanderbijlpark PDI & Prints Salon 26 October

PSSA National Congress at Sabie, 22 – 27 September. More information on the PSSA website.

The Western Cape Interclub Photographic Competition, hosted by our club, in Bellville on Friday 25 October

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