

Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society
March 2021

David is our triple-gold new chairman

But Elizma's two-year stint will be a tough act to follow

David Wilson was chosen to be our new club chairman for 2021 by the new committee elected at our annual general meeting on Wednesday 3 March.

The new committee takes over from the team led with flying colours by Elizma Fourie through two challenging years.

Members attending the virtual meeting tried in vain to persuade Elizma to continue for another year.

When it became

clear that she needed a break, popular support was switched to David.

The new committee of six, including newcomers Phil Sturgess and Carina de Klerk, was elected unanimously. In addition to Elizma, Cathy Bruce-Wright and Hestie das Neves stepped down.

David took over with the rare distinction of having been awarded three gold medals for the same image by two international salons during one month – February 2021.



Triple gold for David Wilson's image "Kalon Ensemble Bukhara" - Winter Photo Festival Gold in Kolkata, PhotoVivo Salon Gold and Image House Salon Gold, both in Sandven Circuit, Singapore.

He and his committee could be faced by a third possible wave of the Covid pandemic, but with the prospect that vaccination and some herd immunity may bring relief.

The pandemic, which has severely disrupted the whole world for the past year, was the biggest challenge facing Elizma and her committee. But after only one missed meeting due to the initial severe lockdown, they managed remarkably to pick up our club activities, and kept them going throughout.

A different challenge was to organize and host the Western Cape Interclub Photographic Competition the previous year, 2019. Again Elizma and her committee planned and worked tirelessly, with no fuss, to create and present a memorable event.

A real globetrotter, settled in Hermanus

David Wilson, our new club chairman, was born in London in January 1948. But as a chartered surveyor specialising in international property valuation, he has lived and worked most of his life away from the UK, in Canada, the USA, China, and Spain.



David Wilson, our new club chairman

Now he has “retired” to live in Hermanus with his partner, Margot, and their two dogs and a cat.

He is a member of the Royal Photographic Society, and also belongs to both the Hermanus Photographic Society and the Romney Marsh Photographic Society in Kent, England.

He specialises in travel and street photography, and photojournalism.

His work has been featured in a number of photographic exhibitions, most recently at the Glasgow Gallery of International Photography, Sauchiehall Street, with his print of “Sun Voyager,

Reykjavik”. Four other printed works are now being exhibited at a photographic gallery at Copeland Park, Peckham, in London.

Over the last 12 months his images have gained four golds, two silver and four bronze medals as well as other awards at international photo salons organised by PSA, FIAP, IAAP, GPU, and UPI.

Elizma's last AGM chair report

Despite the challenges of the Covid pandemic, our club's past year was marked by positive developments, Elizma Fourie said in her last report from the chair at our annual general meeting on Wednesday 3 March.

"Our club's visibility was boosted by several club and individual activities and achievements," she said. And the virtual monthly meetings we were forced to have, actually enabled us to invite judges from far away.

Our best achievement as a club was to be joint runner-up in the 2020 Western Cape Interclub Photographic Competition (after years of being stuck between fifth and seventh place).

On a lighter note we won an international challenge against the United Kingdom club Romney Marsh.

Our individual achievements in salons and other competitions featured regularly on the website of the PSSA (Photographic Society of South Africa).

Of the virtual meetings we resorted to when Covid regulations discouraged real meetings, Elizma said: "Virtual meetings proved to have an upside. We could now more easily invite outside judges." That was not only to evaluate and comment on our images, but also "to give us a short presentation (based on) their fields of specialisation".

Another upside of a virtual meeting was that it enabled us to invite members of the public to virtually attend our training sessions and other activities, while it enabled us to be invited to and virtually attend presentations and meetings arranged by other clubs.

Elizma appealed to photographers to join our club, especially those with less experience, who could learn from our more experienced members, and could boost our participation in competitions for junior members.

She ended by thanking the committee members, and all club members lending a hand and participating in activities during the year.



Elizma Fourie, pictured at our last real monthly meeting, in December last year, with our club certificate for joint runner-up in the 2020 Interclub.

Slowly but surely gaining ground

Our club is still gaining ground in all three monthly club competitions organized by the PSSA (Photographic Society of South Africa). This is after eight months, or two-thirds through the competition.

In the senior competition, for Four-star members and higher, we are still first in the Western Cape, and have moved up from sixth to fifth nationally.

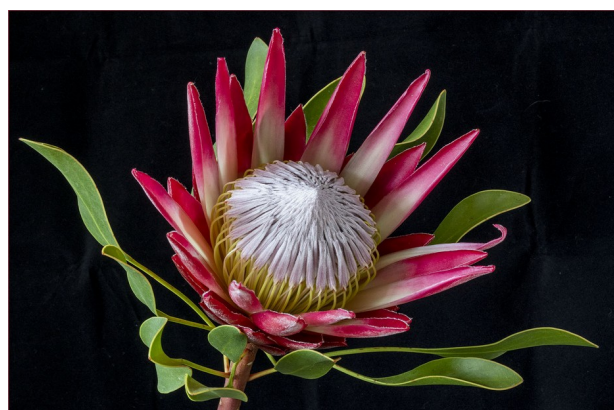
Our juniors, three-star and lower, have improved from joint third provincially to third, and from 21st to 19th nationally.

And in the competition for individual PSSA members, our Elizma Fourie remains the leader in the province, and has moved from third to second overall.

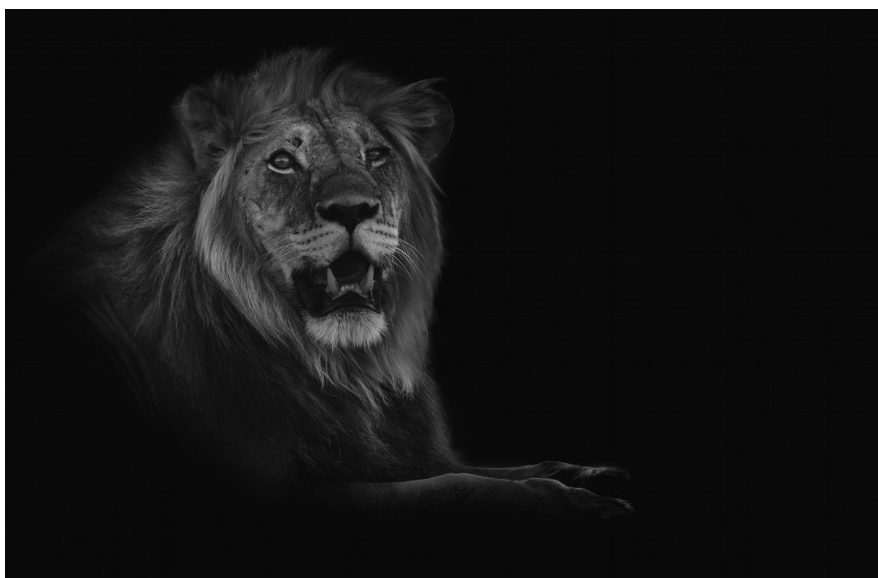
These competitions end on 30 June.

Seniors after eight months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Hermanus	274	1	5
Creative	253	2	8
Cape Town	236	3	19
Swartland	199	5	31
Tafelberg	214	4	22
Fish Hoek	177	8	43
Helderberg	196	6	32
Paarl	196	6	32
Witzenberg	167	9	47
Tygerberg	32	10	59

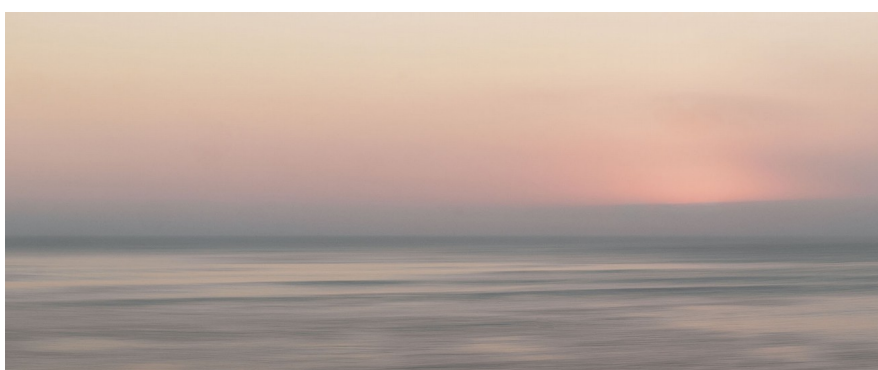
Juniors after eight months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Creative	261	1	4
Cape Town	232	2	15
Hermanus	218	3	19
Swartland	186	6	32
Paarl	204	4	24
Tafelberg	199	5	28
Fish Hoek	165	7	37
Witzenberg	156	8	43
Malmesbury	150	9	45
Tygerberg	40	10	53



Our club's entries for February. Above left is our senior entry, "Mom I am Going to Be Like You" by Carina de Klerk, which got a score of 38/45, and on the right our junior entry, "National Pride" by Sheron Pretorius (32/45).



Our club's entries for March. Above left is our senior entry, "The King" by Elizma Fourie, and below left our junior entry, "De Kelders Sunset" by Sheron Pretorius.



Salon medals, merits and acceptances

Bloemfontein Salon

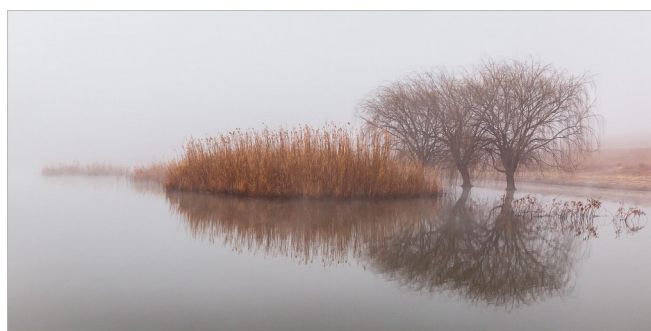
Carina de Klerk – 1 Merit and 5 acceptances

Phil Sturgess – 4 acceptances

Charles Naudé – 3 acceptances

Elizma Fourie – 2 acceptances

David Wilson – 1 acceptance



"Revealing the Rich Tones of Winter" - Bloemfontein Certificate of Merit for Carina de Klerk

International salons

David Wilson – 3 Gold Medals, 1 Bronze, 2 Ribbons and 109 acceptances

Forthcoming events

Our April monthly meeting will be on Wednesday the 7th at 19:00. Details will be emailed. Members may enter up to three images of their choice, and one image on the Set Subject, "Silhouettes" / "Silhoeëtte", all for evaluation. All submissions must be via Photo Vault Online, and all scores will count for promotion.

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

The next First Friday Art Walk will be on 2 April. Our club print exhibition which forms part of this will be at FotoFirst.

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

PSSA Up and Coming 20 March

PSSA National 27 March

Kosmos National 3 April

Creative National 10 April

Hibiscus National 17 April

Klerksdorp National 24 April

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