



SNAPSHOT

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Not one, not two, but three Honours

Hermanus club sparkles in Western Cape shower of awards



Phil Sturgess

Three of our club members, Phil Sturgess, Elizma Fourie and Carina de Klerk, were awarded PSSA Honours in the latest round of judging, which usually takes place in February/March

Phil was awarded the APSSA (Associateship of the Photographic Society of South Africa) for a panel of 15 monochrome images. This is the PSSA's second level honours.

Elizma and Carina received the LPSSA (Licentiate'ship) for a panel of 10 colour images each. This is the entry level honours.

A total of 13 honours awards went to members of clubs in the Western Cape, the only region with more than ten recipients. The club that did best was Tafelberg, with four awards.



Elizma Fourie



Carina de Klerk

These honours awards, on four levels, are announced twice a year. The third level is Fellowship of the PSSA (FPSSA), and the highest is Master of the PSSA (MPSSA).

One of the honours judges in this round was Kim Stevens, who also did the evaluation of members' entries in our club's April virtual meeting. She was invited after being awarded the FPSSA last year.

The PSSA director responsible for the Honours Division, Jill Sneesby, said the Honours Judging Panel usually consists of 12 wise men and women, who must all be currently active, accomplished photographers, who have an FPSSA Honour themselves. For the latest round only eight judges were available.

The judging takes place over a weekend – from Friday evening to Sunday lunch time – and judges view the submitted panel as a whole to see how the images, colours, content, etc. flow together.

They then view each digital image twice individually to decide whether it meets the standards to be accepted.

More information can be found on the PSSA website.



Kim Stevens, newly invited PSSA Honours judge, from Cape Town, who also evaluated our club's April images.

Our seniors and juniors ‘byt vas’

Our club’s seniors and juniors still hold their ground (“byt vas”) as we enter the last quarter (three months) of the monthly club competitions organized by the PSSA (Photographic Society of South Africa).

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

Our juniors, Three-star and lower, are sticking to their third place provincially, and improved their position from 19th to 17th nationally.

Unfortunately, in the competition for individual PSSA members, our Elizma Fourie dropped from second to ninth overall by not entering in March.

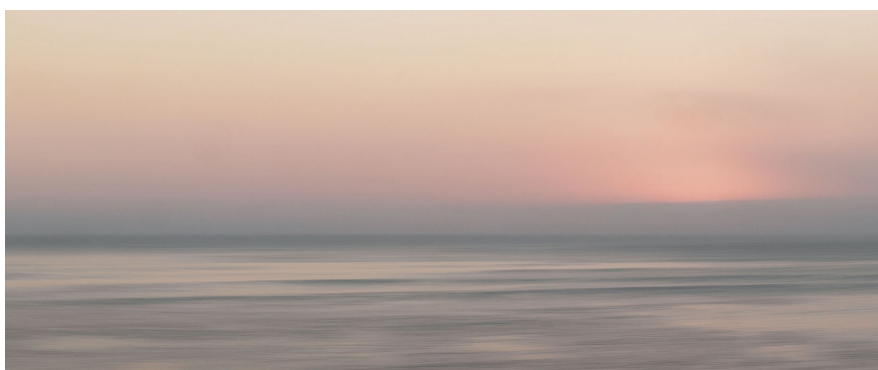
These competitions end on 30 June.

| Seniors after nine months | | | |
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| Club | Score | W Cape | National |
| Hermanus | 309 | 1 | 4 |
| Creative | 287 | 2 | 8 |
| Cape Town | 270 | 3 | 17 |
| Tafelberg | 246 | 4 | 22 |
| Paarl | 229 | 5 | 31 |
| Helderberg | 228 | 6 | 34 |
| Fish Hoek | 214 | 7 | 38 |
| Swartland | 199 | 8 | 43 |
| Witzenberg | 199 | 8 | 43 |
| Tygerberg | 71 | 10 | 53 |

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| Tafelberg | 233 | 5 | 26 |
| Fish Hoek | 200 | 6 | 35 |
| Swartland | 186 | 7 | 41 |
| Witzenberg | 186 | 7 | 41 |
| Malmesbury | 152 | 9 | 47 |
| Tygerberg | 75 | 10 | 53 |



Our club's entries for March. Above left is our senior entry, "The King" by Elizma Fourie, which got a score of 35/45, and below left our junior entry, "De Kelders Sunset" by Sheron Pretorius (30/45).



Our club's entries for April. Above is our senior entry, "Misty Poplar Spires" by Phil Sturgess, and on the right our junior entry, "Hare's Tail in Silhouette" by Sheron Pretorius.

Salon medals, merits and acceptances

Western Cape Photographic Forum International Salon

Phil Sturgess – 1 Merit and 12 acceptances

Carina de Klerk – 6 acceptances

Elizma Fourie – 4 acceptances

Charles Naudé – 3 acceptances

David Wilson – 3 acceptances



"Winter Tree Zigzag - Merit for Phil Sturgess"

Other international salons

David Wilson – 3 Merits, 4 Honourable Mentions and 75 acceptances



Sher Dor Madrasah Samarkand - Merit for David Wilson

Forthcoming events

Our live May monthly meeting (Covid permitting) will be in the Dutch Reformed Church Hall on Wednesday the 5th at 19:00. Members may enter up to three images of their choice, and one image on the Set Subject, "Weather" / "Weer", 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 7 May. Our club print exhibition which forms part of this will be at FotoFirst.

“Photographic Arts” will be the theme of Hermanus Art in the Park at the Country Market venue next to the cricket ground on Sunday 2 May, starting at 09:00. Local photographers wishing to take part, contact the club president at 064 745 3552 or info@hermanusphoto.co.za.

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

Hibiscus National 17 April

Klerksdorp National 24 April

Jurassic Coast International AV 30 April

Tygerberg National 1 May

Durban 100 Years National 8 May

Vanderbijlpark National 15 May

Sasol Highveld National 22 May

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