



SNAPSHOT

Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society
July 2021

It rained Merit awards in July 2021

Club's new year began as the old ended – on a high note

The new photographic year started off on a high note for our club, and so too ended the previous one.

At our monthly meeting on Wednesday 7 July – the first of the new year – our members' entries for evaluation were awarded what must be an all-time record number of Merits.

The total of Merits and Golds on Senior level was 27, which is high, but not that unusual. In fact, we equalled that total twice during the previous year, in February and March.

But the number of Merits only on Senior level was 15, compared to a highest of 10 during the previous year. Of those 15, four images were given a score of 29/30. One of the four images was the top entry for the Set Subject, Cityscapes (above).



"Salzburg Cityscape" by Phil Sturgess, winner of our club's Set Subject for July with a score of 29/30 and a Merit award.

The minimum score for a Merit on Senior level is 27, while the minimum score for a Gold is 24. Senior level is Four-star and higher.

The previous year ended on a high note last month with a Western Cape win for our club in the



"Dusty Kgalagadi Sunrise" by Marie Botes, runner-up in the PSSA's monthly Junior competition in June with a score of 41/45.

monthly Senior competition organized by the PSSA. We were 4th overall.

In the Junior competition we ended 2nd in the Western Cape, and improved our overall place from 15th to 13th thanks to the high score of our club's entry, by Marie Botes, which was judged runner-up (above).



"Windy Traverse on Elbrus" by Phil Sturgess, which got a score of 36/45 in the monthly Senior competition in June.

Another runner-up, by Charles Naudé, boosted his position in the PSSA competition for individual members from 5th to 4th in the Western Cape, and from 7th to 5th nationally. Elizma Fourie ended 6th in the Western Cape and 9th nationally

Nicol du Toit, PSSA regional director of the Western Cape, and member of the Cape Town club, reclaimed his position and ended in the lead nationally and in the Western Cape. Our province really dominated the competition, with six of the top ten places.

Individuals after twelve months				
Photographer	Club	Score	W Cape	National
Nicol du Toit	Cape Town	395	1	1
Michele-Ann Nel	Creative	394	2	2
Evelyn Gibson	Cape Town	383	3	4
Charles Naudé	Hermanus	382	4	5
Louise de Lange	Witzenberg	379	5	7
Elizma Fourie	Hermanus	370	6	9
Theo Potgieter	Cape Town	361	7	11
Phillip de Lange	Witzenberg	343	8	16
Bennie Vivier	Tygerberg	235	9	29
David Wilson	Hermanus	190	10	35

Seniors after twelve months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Hermanus	407	1	4
Creative	388	2	8
Tafelberg	341	3	23
Cape Town	340	4	24
Paarl	327	5	32
Witzenberg	297	6	38
Swartland	296	7	39
Helderberg	293	8	40
Fish Hoek	284	9	42
Tygerberg	175	10	53

Juniors after twelve months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Creative	398	1	5
Hermanus	352	2	13
Cape Town	339	3	17
Paarl	334	4	23
Tafelberg	323	5	27
Swartland	279	6	36
Witzenberg	272	7	37
Fish Hoek	267	8	40
Malmesbury	203	9	50
Tygerberg	179	10	51

Just over a hundred clubs are affiliated to the PSSA, and are entitled to take part in these competitions.



"African Bliss" by Hestie das Neves, our July entry for the new Senior competition.



"Looking in" by Sheron Pretorius, our July entry for the new Junior competition.

Our club's July entry for the new monthly Senior competition, which runs until June 2022 (above left), is another one that was awarded a Merit with a score of 29/30. The other two are "Twilight at the Waterfront" by Carina de Klerk and "Family Stroll" by Phil Sturgess.

Our July entry for the Junior competition (above right) was awarded a Merit on Three-star level with a score of 25/30.

Then there were 11 more Merits on Senior level (27/30 or 28/3) for images by Gary Scholtz (2), Carina de Klerk (2), Phil Sturgess (2), Treurnicht du Toit, Hestie das Neves, Elizma Fourie, Luke Horsten and Charles Naudé.

Also see the Gallery on our website at hermanusphoto.co.za.

Royal distinction for our president

Our club president, David Wilson, may write the letters LRPS after his name, having been granted the distinction of Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society (RPS) of the United Kingdom.

It is the first of three levels of distinction offered by the RPS. The other two are Associate and Fellowship.

As part of his application David had to submit a portfolio of 10 images which reflect his ability as a photographer. He was granted the LRPS on 24 June.

Salon acceptances, merits and medals

Sasol Highveld Salon

Phil Sturgess – 1 Merit and 12 more acceptances

Treurnicht du Toit – 1 Merit and 6 acceptances

Elizma Fourie – 1 Merit and 2 acceptances

Hestie das Neves – 5 acceptances

Carina de Klerk – 5 acceptances

Charles Naudé – 5 acceptances

David Wilson – 1 acceptance



"Family Stroll" - Merit award for Phil Sturgess

International

Treurnicht du Toit – 6 Gold Medals, 2 Silver, 2 Bronze and 13 more awards in various salons

David Wilson – 2 Silver Medals, 7 more awards and 89 acceptances in various salons



"London Eye View" - Gold Medal for Treurnicht du Toit in Aureus Circuit, India

Forthcoming events

Our August monthly meeting will be in the Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church Hall (Covid permitting) or on Zoom on Wednesday the 4th at 19:00. Members may enter up to three images of their choice, and one image on the Set Subject, "Lines and geometry" / "Lyne en geometrie", all for evaluation. All submissions must be via Photo Vault Online, and all scores will count for promotion.

Members are encouraged to read up on the set subject on the internet to prepare themselves.

The set subjects for the rest of the year are

September – Triptych / Triptiek

Oktober – Bokeh

November – Moving waters / Bewegende water

Desember – An old image revived / 'n Ou foto kry nuwe lewe

The PSSA's National Congress will be at Nieu-Bethesda from 26 September to 2 October. Details and how to enter can be found on the PSSA website (pssa.co.za).

The First Friday Art Walk has been cancelled until further notice due to Covid. Our club print exhibition which forms part of this would normally be at Hermanus FotoFirst.

Art in the Park at the Hermanus Country Market venue has been cancelled until further notice due to Covid.

Kalfiefee – Our club will join the Hermanus Kalfiefee in conjunction with the First Friday Art Walk on 6 August, Covid permitting.

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

PSSA Youth National 17 July

TAF National 31 July

Sandton National 14 August

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