



SNAPSHOT

Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society
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Four of us in Western Cape top ten

Hermanus punches above weight in Impala competition

As a region, Western Cape did not exactly shoot the lights out in the Impala Trophy competition, but within the region, our club participants did particularly well.

One of our members, Phil Sturgess, ended first in the Western Cape, while another three ended the year in the top ten in the region. They are Carina de Klerk, Elizma Fourie and Charles Naudé.

Entrant	Club	Points	W Cape	National
Phil Sturgess	Hermanus	262	1	16
Karyn Parisi	Fish Hoek	248	2	17
Dante Parisi	Fish Hoek	228	3	22
Christo Giliomee	Tafelberg	184	4	32
Bennie Vivier	Tygerberg	141	5	54
Carina De Klerk	Hermanus	139	6	56
Elizma Fourie	Hermanus	128	7	61
Kim Stevens	Cape Town	127	8	62
Dieter Butow	Cape Town	114	9	69
Charles Naudé	Hermanus	98	10	81

The latest competition ran from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. It is for individual members of the PSSA (Photographic Society of South Africa) taking part in salons under the umbrella of the society during the twelve months.

The highest award is the Impala Trophy, which goes to the winner of each of three categories – digitally projected images (by far the biggest), prints and audio-visuals. There are various other smaller awards.

All Impala awards are based on points earned through salon acceptances and awards. If an image is accepted for exhibition, for instance, that would earn the entrant one point. A salon Certificate of Merit would be worth two points.

Only five members of our club entered salons consistently throughout the year, and four of them ended in the Western Cape top ten. Phil, who was placed first in the region, was 16th overall out of 544 entrants.

Our club was third out of 15 in the Western Cape, behind Tygerberg and Cape Town. The Western Cape was fourth out of 13 regions, behind Mpumalanga, Northern Gauteng and Southern Gauteng.

Lists of winners and scores, and more information on the Impala Trophy competition, can be found on the PSSA website (pssa.co.za).

From top set subject to Junior entry

Our monthly Set Subject is on a roll. Since the beginning of this calendar year, we haven't had a month without a Merit award for a set subject entry.

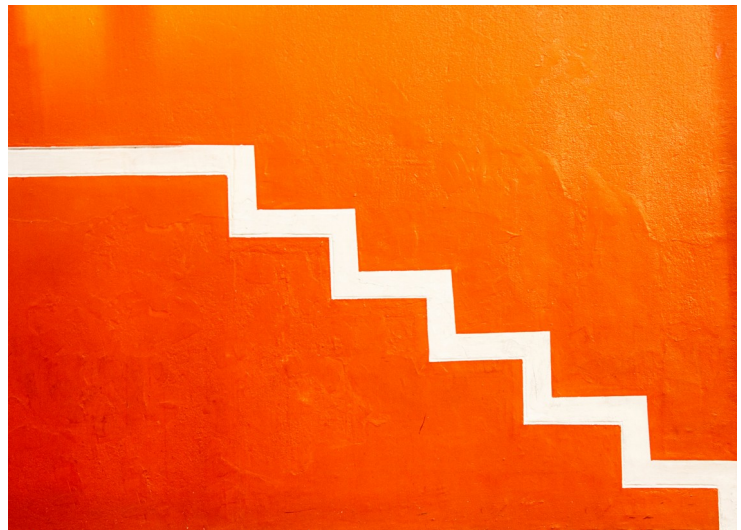
At our August meeting on Wednesday the 4th, surprise surprise, the highest scoring entry came from an endangered species in our club – a junior photographer (three-star or lower).

And the score of 27/30 was good enough to have been a Merit award on senior level (four-star or higher).

So Mari Botes's "Bo-Kaap Lines" was an easy choice as our club entry for the monthly Junior competition organized by the Photographic Society of South Africa (PSSA).

It took a few years for our monthly Set Subject to consistently attract entries of Gold or even Merit quality. This problem seems to have been overcome.

But we still have the problem of too few junior members. We had a handful a few years ago, but most of them have been promoted to a higher level.



"Bo-Kaap Lines" by Mari Botes, our August entry for the Junior competition.



"Dead Vlei Sculptures" by Phil Sturgess, our August entry for the Senior competition.



"African Bliss" by Hestie das Neves, our July entry for the Senior competition, which was given a score of 32/45.



"Looking in" by Sheron Pretorius, our July entry for the Junior competition organized by the PSSA, which was awarded a score of 30/45

Our entries for the monthly Senior and Junior competitions (images above) made a relatively modest start. They are respectively in fifth and eighth position among Western Cape clubs, and 30th and 39th nationally.

Double good start for individuals

Two more club members have entered the monthly competition for individual members of the PSSA. They are Hestie das Neves and Carina de Klerk.

They join the three who have been taking part for the last two years – Elizma Fourie, David Wilson and Charles Naudé.

And guess what? All five are in the Western Cape top ten after the first month.

That doesn't mean too much at this stage, because a lot can still

happen during the rest of the year before the competition ends in June 2022.

One of the biggest challenges for all competitors has always been to enter every month, and not skip one.

But at least we have made a good start, and we have a stronger representation than previously.

Individuals after first month in 2021-'22				
Photographer	Club	Score	W Cape	National
Charles Naudé	Hermanus	39	1	2
Elizma Fourie	Hermanus	37	2	4
Bennie Vivier	Tygerberg	35	3	11
Theo Potgieter	Cape Town	35	3	11
Mariana Visser	Tafelberg	34	5	17
Carina de Klerk	Hermanus	33	6	19
David Barns	Tygerberg	33	6	19
Evelyn Gibson	Cape Town	33	6	19
Crighton Klassen	Creative	32	9	27
David Wilson	Hermanus	32	9	27
Hestie das Neves	Hermanus	32	9	27

Salon acceptances, merits and medals

Witzenberg Salon

Phil Sturgess – 1 Merit and 8 more acceptances

Charles Naudé – 1 Merit and 2 acceptances

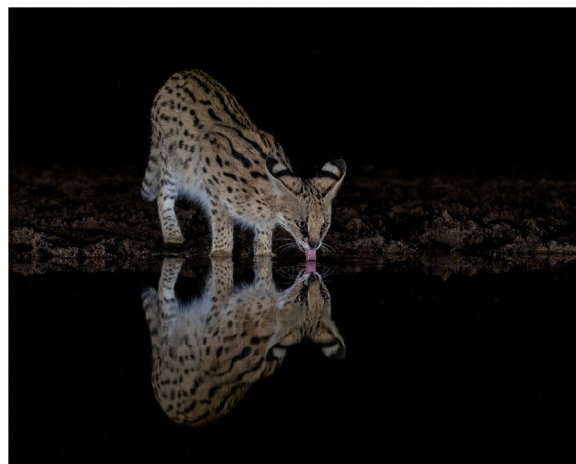
Treurnicht du Toit – 7 acceptances

Elizma Fourie – 5 acceptances

Carina de Klerk – 5 acceptances

Hestie das Neves – 3 acceptances

David Wilson – 2 acceptances



"Tierboskat" - Merit award for Charles Naudé.

International

Treurnicht du Toit – 4 Gold Medals, 4 Silver, 1 Bronze, 22 other awards and 199 more acceptances in various salons

David Wilson – 2 honourable mentions and 110 more acceptances in various salons



"Satiating" - Gold Medal for Treurnicht du Toit in Triumph Circuit (India, Germany, Hong Kong and USA).

Forthcoming events

Our September monthly meeting will be in the Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church Hall (Covid permitting) or on Zoom on Wednesday the 1st at 19:00. Members may enter up to three images of their choice, and one image on the Set Subject, "Triptych" / "Triptiek" (which is a story in three photos), 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 next six months are

Oktober – Bokeh

November – Moving waters / Bewegende water

December – Your old image revived / Gee jou ou foto nuwe lewe

February – Decisive moments / Deurslaggewende oomblikke

March – Moods / Gemoedstemmings

April – Abandoned structures / Verlate strukture

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 on the first Sunday of every month has been resumed under strict Covid rules.

Kalfieees – Our club will join the Hermanus Kalfieees in conjunction with the First Friday Art Walk, Covid permitting.

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

Sandton National 14 August

Krugersdorp 21 August

AFO 11 September

Lowveld National 18 September

PSSA Up and Coming 25 September

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