



SNAPSHOT

Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society
October 2021

Two winners in one salon for our Phil

We still stand strong in Impala Trophy competition

It was a good month for our club, and especially for our member Phil Sturgess.

Firstly, Phil won two of the six categories in the AFO digital salon. For each he received a Silver Medal.

This exceptional achievement launched him to the top Western Cape position in the Impala



"Fighting Hard" by Phil Sturgess, winner of the Wildlife category in the AFO national digital salon.

Trophy competition for participants in salons approved by the Photographic Society of South Africa (PSSA).

Secondly, Phil was granted his second Associateship of the PSSA (APSSA). This time it was for colour digital images. Previously it was for monochrome.

The APSSA is the second of three levels of honours for which PSSA members may apply by submitting a panel of images.

Including Phil's leading position in the Impala



"Sossus Trek" by Phil Sturgess, winner of the Scapes category in the AFO national digital salon.

Trophy competition, our club has four members in the Western Cape top ten. The other three are Elizma Fourie, Carina de Klerk and Charles Naudé.

All four are in the top hundred overall. Almost 600 photo-graphers take part in the competition, which has just entered its fourth month.

Western Cape Impala Trophy top scores July – September '21

Entrant	Club	Points	W Cape	National
Phil Sturgess	Hermanus	51	1	17
Kim Stevens	Cape Town	45	2	22
Christo Giliomee	Paarl	33	3	46
Dante Parisi	Fish Hoek	32	4	49
David Barnes	Tygerberg	32	4	49
Elizma Fourie	Hermanus	25	6	74
Philip de Lange	Witzenberg	24	7	82
Carina De Klerk	Hermanus	22	8	87
Charles Naudé	Hermanus	22	8	87
Lynne Kruger-Haye	Tygerberg	22	8	87

AFO Salon results

Phil Sturgess – 2 Silver Medals and 5 more acceptances

Elizma Fourie – 1 Merit and 3 more acceptances

Carina de Klerk – 1 Merit 2 more acceptances

Hestie das Neves – 6 acceptances

Charles Naudé – 5 acceptances

International salons

David Wilson – 1 Merit and 99 more acceptances

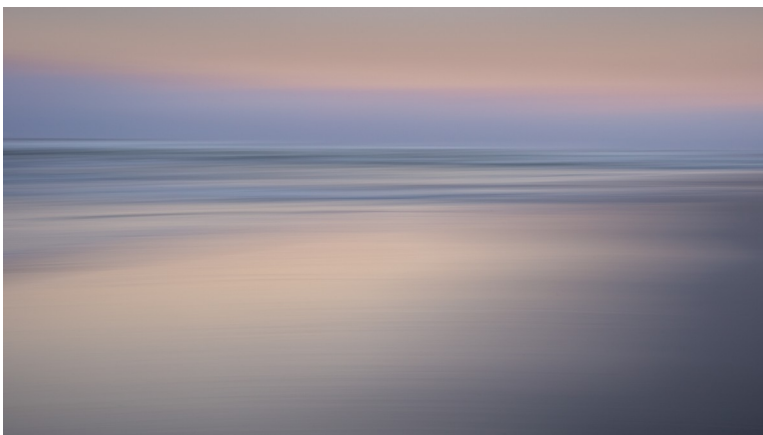
Holding our own in monthly competitions



"Stormy Waters" by Elizma Fourie, our October entry for the Senior competition organized by the Photographic Society of South Africa



"The Other Side" by Sheron Pretorius, our Entry for the Junior competition



"Iridescence" by Carina de Klerk, our September entry for the PSSA's Senior Competition, which received a score of 38/45



"Starry Starry Nite" by Sheron Pretorius, our September Junior entry (36/45)

Our club is more or less holding its own in the three monthly competitions organized by the Photographic Society of South Africa (PSSA).

After the third month, we are in the Western Cape top five in the Senior (4 Star or higher) and the Junior competition (3 Star and lower), and leading the competition for individual PSSA members.

Overall we have moved up from 23rd to 17th place (Senior) and from 24th to 22nd (Junior) during the last month.



"Tierboskat" by Charles Naudé, runner-up in September in the monthly competition for individual PSSA members

The competition is quite tight. Only 4 points separate the Western Cape Senior leader, Tygerberg (on 110), from the 5th placed Tafelberg (106). The first placed Junior leader, Fish Hoek (on 113) is 13 points ahead of the fifth placed Hermanus (100).

In the competition for individuals we have four members in the Western Cape top ten – David Wilson, Carina de Klerk, Elizma Fourie and Charles Naudé.

The latter two are also in the overall top ten. Charles moved from second into first place overall when his September entry was judged runner-up for the month.

Seniors after three months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Tygerberg	110	1	13
Cape Town	108	2	14
Helderberg	107	3	17
Hermanus	107	3	17
Tafelberg	106	5	21
Paarl	105	6	22
Creative	101	7	32
Fish Hoek	100	8	34
Witzenberg	99	9	35
Swartland	69	10	45

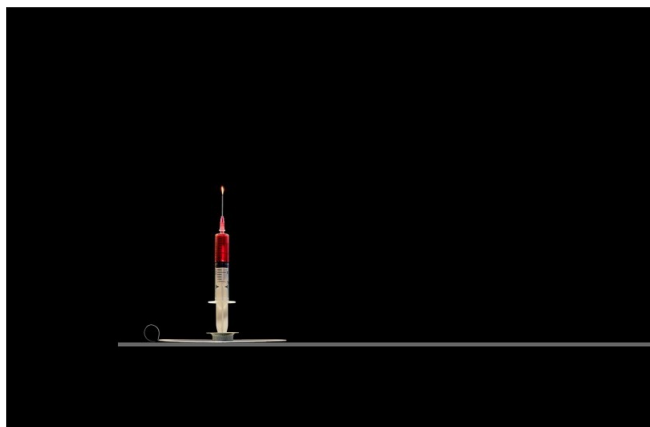
Juniors after three months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Fish Hoek	113	1	2
Tafelberg	103	2	13
Paarl	103	2	13
Creative	101	4	18
Hermanus	100	5	22
Cape Town	96	6	28
Tygerberg	96	6	28
Witzenberg	93	8	33
Swartland	68	9	39
C Hofmeyr	63	10	46

Individuals after three months				
Photographer	Club	Score	W Cape	National
Charles Naudé	Hermanus	114	1	1
Bennie Vivier	Tygerberg	109	2	4
Elizma Fourie	Hermanus	108	3	6
David Barns	Tygerberg	106	4	9
Theo Potgieter	Cape Town	103	5	13
Crighton Klassen	Creative	99	6	18
Mariana Visser	Tafelberg	99	6	18
Evelyn Gibson	Cape Town	99	6	18
Carina de Klerk	Hermanus	69	9	31
David Wilson	Hermanus	66	10	34

Highlights of PSSA Congress 2021

One of the highlights of this year's PSSA Congress, at the quaint Village of Nieu Bethesda in the Eastern Cape, was the handing over of the Marike Bruwer Award for Visual Art.

The winner, from the Western Cape, was Rob Minter of Tygerberg Photographic Society for his Remembrance and Hope (top right).



"Very effective, poignant and symbolic interpretation of what people all over the world are feeling right now – the lighting of a candle in memory of all who passed because of Covid while keeping our hopes up the vaccine will spare the rest of us," judge Diane Skinner commented on Rob's image.

Another Western Cape club member was a big winner on the awards evening: Hestie das Neves of our club.



She won three of the prizes for the best images taken during congress week. She came first with her image of the Glamour shoot (centre right), second in portraits and she was also the runner-up in the competition where delegates had to shoot one object to portray space, shape, shadow, texture and colour.

Nicol du Toit was awarded a PSSA Bronze Medal for his four years' service as Western Cape Regional Director. The PSSA Service medals are awarded by the board to



members who have performed above average service to photography and to the PSSA in particular.

Nicol is pictured here with Elizma Fourie and Hestie das Neves of Hermanus.

Forthcoming events

Our November monthly meeting will be in the Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church Hall on Wednesday the 3rd at 19:00. Members may enter up to three images of their choice, and one image on the Set Subject, "Moving waters" / "Bewegende water", 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 to prepare themselves.

The set subjects for the next six months are

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

February – Decisive moments / Deurslaggewende oomblikke

March – Moods / Gemoedstemmings

April – Abandoned structures / Verlate strukture

May – H is for ??? / H staan vir ???

June – Painting with light / Verf met lig

The First Friday Art Walk from 17:00 to 20:00 has been resumed under Covid protocols. Our club print exhibition which forms part of this is at Hermanus FotoFirst. Next event 5 November.

Art in the Park at the Hermanus Country Market venue on the first Sunday of every month has been resumed under strict Covid rules.

CWM Rhondda will be a photographic battle among some 25 clubs. They are from the UK, Ireland, Isle of Man, Malta, South Africa, USA and Canada. Our club has been invited to participate by submitting four images by different photographers. Entries close by 24 October, and the battle takes place on 13 November. The host is Rhondda Camera Club in Wales, and the judge is the experienced and well qualified Leo Rich.

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

Swartland National 16 October

Paarl National 30 October

Benoni National 6 November

OTRCC National 13 November

Cross Continental Circuit 20 November

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