



SNAPSHOT

Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society
December 2021

2021 ends with a shower of Gold

Not a single participating member misses out

While another dark Covid cloud is hanging over our country, and most of the rest of the world, for our club the year is ending with a shower of Gold.

Of the 38 images entered for evaluation at our last monthly meeting of the year, no fewer than 21 were awarded Gold. And another 9 received the even higher Merit award.

In fact, every single one of the 11 club members who had entered images, received at least one Gold award. Two entrants received a combination of 4 Merits and Golds each - Gary Scholtz and new member Peter Jaquire.

One of Gary's images was chosen as Image of the Month by a senior member (with a rating of 4 Star or higher), and one of Peter's by a junior member (3 Star or lower).



"Waiting . . ." by Gary Scholtz, Image of the Month for December by a senior photographer.

These two images will represent our club in the monthly national Senior and Junior club competitions organized by the PSSA (Photographic Society of South Africa).



"Canola Winter Scene" by Peter Jaquire, Image of the Month for December by a junior photographer.

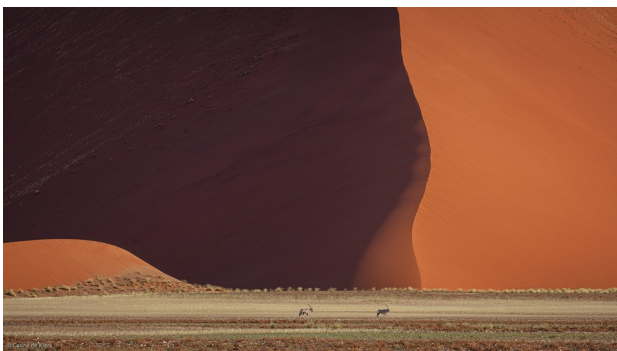
The list of our club's

awards is published under "Our Club", and a gallery of the Gold and the Merit images under "Monthly Gallery" on our club website at

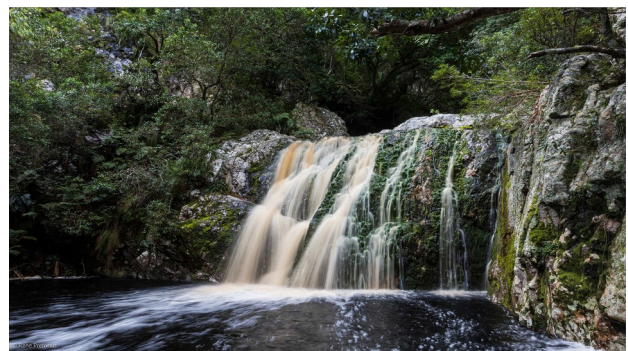
<https://hermanusphoto.co.za/>.

The evaluation results, together with a motivation for each image, were announced at our virtual meeting on Wednesday 1 December.

Standing our ground among the clubs



"Dwarfed by the Dune" by Carina de Klerk, our November entry for the Senior competition, which was given a score of 36/45.



"Leopards' Kloof Waterfall" by René Pretorius, our club's entry for the Junior competition. It was given 29/45.

After the shower of Gold at our December meeting, how does our standard of photography compare with that of other clubs in our pier group?

One possible measure of that is the results of the monthly national club competitions organized by the PSSA (Photographic Society of South Africa).

The latest results – and the last to be announced in 2021 – are those for November, which is the fifth of twelve months of the competition.

The December results will be announced early next year.

So, the November results indicate that we are still hanging in there.

In the senior competition, for club members rated 4 Star and higher, we are in 4th place out of 10 in the Western Cape region, and 14th out of about 50 clubs from all over the country participating regularly.

The top scores are still grouped together closely. Only 5 points separate us from the regional leader, Tygerberg.

In the junior competition, for members up to 3 Star, we are sticking to 6th place out of 10 regionally, and 23rd out of about 50 nationally. In this case we are 22 points behind the regional leader, Fish Hoek. They are doing exceptionally well, being 2nd nationally.

In fact, the Western Cape has two more clubs, Tafelberg and Creative, for a total of 3 in the top 10 nationally in the Junior competition, and only one in the Senior competition.

In the competition for individual PSSA members, three of our club photographers are in the Western Cape top 10 (Carina de Klerk, Elizma Fourie and Charles Naudé), and a fourth (Hestie das Neves) is 11th in the region.

So, the monthly competitions seem to indicate that the quality of our club's photography is above average, to put it modestly.

Seniors after five months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Tygerberg	182	1	7
Tafelberg	179	2	12
Cape Town	178	3	13
Hermanus	177	4	14
Fish Hoek	169	5	22
Witzenberg	168	6	23
Creative	166	7	27
Helderberg	149	8	31
Swartland	137	9	38
Paarl	136	10	39

Juniors after five months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Fish Hoek	181	1	2
Tafelberg	177	2	7
Creative	175	3	9
Tygerberg	169	4	14
Cape Town	163	5	19
Hermanus	159	6	23
Witzenberg	158	7	26
Paarl	136	8	33
Swartland	136	8	33
C Hofmeyer	121	10	40

Individuals after five months				
Photographer	Club	Score	W Cape	National
Charles Naudé	Hermanus	183	1	2
Elizma Fourie	Hermanus	174	2	7
Theo Potgieter	Cape Town	174	2	7
Crighton Klassen	Creative	163	4	14
Mariana Visser	Tafelberg	163	4	14
Louise de Lange	Witzenberg	162	6	16
Philip de Lange	Witzenberg	161	7	17
David Barns	Tygerberg	142	8	20
Carina de Klerk	Hermanus	140	9	22
Evelyn Gibson	Cape Town	137	10	23
Hestie das Neves	Hermanus	134	11	26

Salon awards as a quality indication

Another indication of our club's photographic quality is the results of the mainly national salons recognized by the PSSA (Photographic Society of South Africa).

Close to 600 mainly South African photographers take part in these salons

spread over the photographic year from July to June. There are about 25 of them open to digital photographers of all ages and star ratings.

The results of the first nine salons have been processed by the PSSA. They show that four of our club members are among the top 11 participants from Western Cape clubs. These eleven are also among the overall top 100, in other words, in the top 17% of all participants.

Of the other Western Cape clubs represented in the top 11, besides our four members, Tygerberg has three, and Cape Town, Fish Hoek, Tafelberg and Witzenberg one each.

The latest salon results are:

Paarl national salon

Crighton Klassen – 2 Merits and 3 more acceptances

David Wilson – 1 Merit and 5 more acceptances

Phil Sturgess – 1 Merit and 4 more acceptances

Elizma Fourie – 1 Merit and 3 more acceptances

Carina de Klerk – 6 acceptances

Charles Naudé – 1 acceptance

Top Western Cape national salon scores 1 st 5 months				
Photographer	Club	Points	W Cape	National
Phil Sturgess	Hermanus	75	1	23
Kim Stevens	Cape Town	74	2	24
Dante Parisi	Fish Hoek	60	3	40
Christo Giliomee	Tafelberg	57	4	46
Elizma Fourie	Hermanus	68	5	45
David Barnes	Tygerberg	41	6	74
Lynne Kruger-Haye	Tygerberg	39	7	81
Carina De Klerk	Hermanus	36	8	87
Charles Naudé	Hermanus	35	9	88
Philip de Lange	Witzenberg	34	10	96
Pieter Swart	Tygerberg	34	10	96



"The Fisherman" by Crighton Klassen - Merit award in Paarl salon.

Benoni national salon

Phil Sturgess – 1 Merit and 3 more acceptances

Charles Naudé – 8 acceptances

Crighton Klassen – 7 acceptances

Elizma Fourie – 4 acceptances

Carina de Klerk – 3 acceptances

David Wilson – 2 acceptances



"Fighting Hard" by Phil Sturgess - Merit award in Benoni salon.

On the Rocks national salon

Charles Naudé – 6 acceptances

Phil Sturgess – 5 acceptances

Elizma Fourie – 4 acceptances

Crighton Klassen – 3 acceptances

Carina de Klerk – 2 acceptances

David Wilson – 1 acceptance

Too little on the international scene

We have one lone regular participant in international salons left, and we took part in one international "battle" – too little for real comparison.

In various international salons David Wilson, our chairman, received 1 Bronze Medal, 3 honourable mentions, a chairman's choice, a diploma and 64 more acceptances.

In the international Cwm Rhondda Battle, organized by the camera club of the Rhondda valley in Wales, our entry of four images finished 21st out of those of 26 participating clubs.



"Walvis Bay Shipping" by David Wilson - Chairman's choice in Lucida international salon.

Forthcoming events

Our February monthly meeting will be in the Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church Hall (Covid permitting) or on Zoom on Wednesday the 2nd at 19:00. Members may enter up to three images of their choice, and one on the Set Subject, "Decisive moment" / "Deurslaggewende oomblik", 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 following six months are

March – Moods / Gemoedstemmings

April – Abandoned structures / Verlate strukture

May – H is for ??? / H staan vir ???

June – Photographing light / Fotografeer lig

July – The number 3 / Die syfer 3

August – Sport action / Sport-aksie

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.

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

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

Edenvale Miroc international 9 January

Bethal national 22 January

Boksburg national 29 January

Holland international 30 January

PE international audio-visual 2 February

Eden national 12 February

Cape Town national 19 February

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Editor’s final words: Best wishes for the festive season and the new year to all. May we have less Covid concerns, more social contact, many opportunities to enjoy and improve our photography, and lots of fun.

Fluit-fluit, my storie is uit.