



SNAPSHOT

Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society
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Confronted with the naked truth

Medal-winning images by our experienced new member

No member of our club had been awarded a medal in a local competition since October last year.

But the four months long medal drought has ended.

All of a sudden we have two, both awarded to our relatively new but experienced member Crighton Klassen – and both in the national salon of the Cape Town Photographic Society.

One was entitled “Go4Gold”. It did not quite achieve that this time, but received Bronze in the Human Portraits category, while the other image, “The Pointer”, was awarded Bronze in Open Monochrome.

Crighton’s recipe for success seems to be that he plays open cards. He hides nothing. There is no cover-up. He simply presents the naked truth.



“Go4Gold”, Bronze medal winner in the Cape Town salon by Crighton Klassen

“Dictionary.com” defines “naked truth” as plain unadorned facts, without concealment or embellishment. For example, What I've told you is the naked truth.

This expression supposedly alludes to a fable from the late 1500s in which Truth and Falsehood went bathing. Falsehood then dressed in Truth's clothes, and Truth, refusing to take another's clothes, went naked.

Our club's previous medal winner in a local competition was “Darter and Squeaker” by Phil Sturgess, which was awarded Silver in the Lowveld national salon in October 2021.

■ See the next story about Crighton's third recent success with the naked truth.



"The Pointer", Crighton Klassen's second Bronze medal winner

“Vasbyt” for the final three months



Our club's March entries for the National Monthly Club Competitions. Left is our Senior entry, “The Tower” by Crighton Klassen, which was awarded 35/45, and above our Junior entry, “Just Another Franskraal Sunset” by René Pretorius (34/45).

Our club's senior entry in the National Monthly Club Competitions for March, another example of the naked truth by Crighton Klassen, did well enough to enable us to stay in the lead in the Western Cape region.

In the Junior competition, however, we slipped back by 2 points from joint second to third place in the region.

As a region the Western Cape is still doing well, with three clubs in the national top ten – Hermanus, Cape Town and Creation. Especially in the senior competition these three are too close together for comfort.

Seniors after nine months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Hermanus	314	1	4
Cape Town	310	2	5
Creative	304	3	9
Tafelberg	288	4	16
Tygerberg	287	5	17
Paarl	275	6	22
Witzenberg	274	7	23
Swartland	272	8	26
Helderberg	258	9	31
Fish Hoek	236	10	38

Juniors after nine months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Creative	311	1	2
Cape Town	292	2	7
Hermanus	290	3	8
Tafelberg	281	4	11
Tygerberg	272	5	17
Swartland	270	6	18
Fish Hoek	256	7	25
Witzenberg	254	8	26
C Hofmeyr	251	9	27
Paarl	235	10	33



"Sunset Table Mountain" by Crighton Klassen - our club's April entry for the National Senior Club Competition organized by the PSSA



"Ready for Retirement" by Marie Botes - our April entry for the National Junior Club Competition

In the monthly competition for individual members of the PSSA, our club is still doing well, having four members in both the Western Cape top ten and the national top twenty.

Individuals after nine months				
Photographer	Club	Score	W Cape	National
Charles Naudé	Hermanus	290	1	2
Michele-Ann Nel	Creative	280	2	3
Theo Potgieter	Cape Town	277	3	6
Elizma Fourie	Hermanus	271	4	8
Mariana Visser	Tafelberg	268	5	10
Philip de Lange	Witzenberg	254	6	12
Carina de Klerk	Hermanus	245	7	15
Evelyn Gibson	Cape Town	237	8	17
Crighton Klassen	Hermanus	232	9	18
Louise de Lange	Witzenberg	222	10	21

Salon medals, merits and acceptances

Boksburg national salon

Carina de Klerk – 6 acceptances

Phil Sturgess – 5 acceptances

David Wilson – 4 acceptances

Crighton Klassen – 2 acceptances

Elizma Fourie – 2 acceptances

Charles Naudé – 2 acceptances

Cape Town national salon

Crighton Klassen – 2 Bronze medals
and 3 more acceptances

Carina de Klerk – 2 Merits and 2 more
acceptances

Elizma Fourie – 1 Merit and 6 more
acceptances

Phil Sturgess – 6 acceptances

David Wilson – 2 acceptances

Charles Naudé – 2 acceptances

Rustenburg national salon

Phil Sturgess – 1 Merit and 7 more acceptances

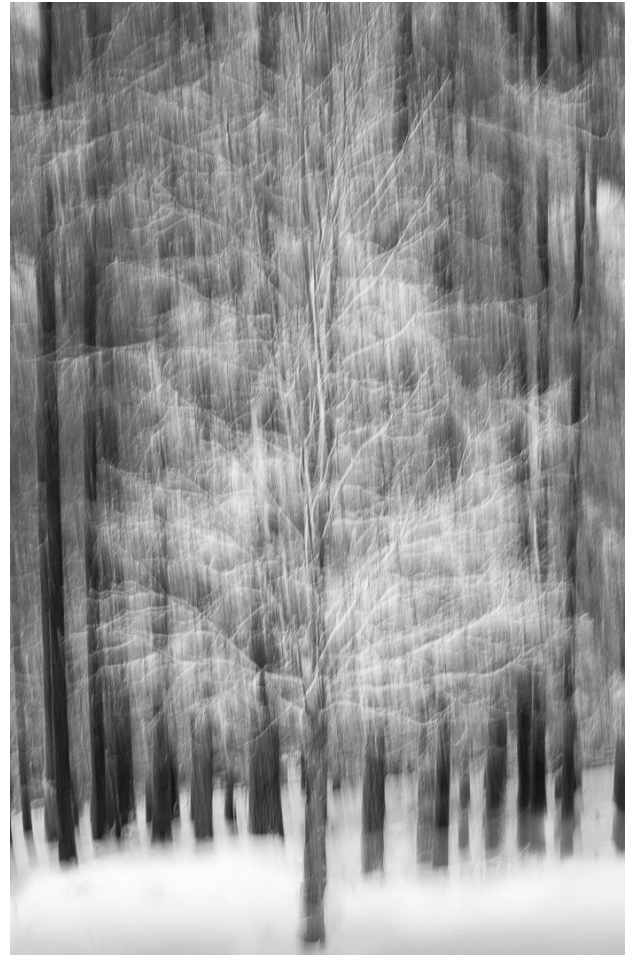
Carina de Klerk – 1 Merit and 2 more acceptances

Crighton Klassen – 6 acceptances

Elizma Fourie – 3 acceptances

Charles Naudé – 2 acceptances

David Wilson – 1 acceptance



*"Winter Tree" by Carina de Klerk - Merit award in
Cape Town salon*



"Nyhavn Copenhagen" by David Wilson - Merit award in Nepal salon

International salons

David Wilson – 1 Merit, 3 honourable mentions, a ribbon and 84 more acceptances, including a 50% acceptance ratio in the Nepal salon and a star certificate for a 100% acceptance in Nature at the Chile salon.

Forthcoming events

Our May monthly meeting will be in the Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church Hall (Covid permitting) on Wednesday the 4th at 19:00. Members may enter up to three images of their choice, and one on the Set Subject, "H is for . . . / H staan vir . . .", 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

June – Photographing light / Fotografeer lig

July – The number 3 / Die syfer 3

August – Sport action / Sport-aksie

September – On the theme of / Op die tema van J Alfred Prufrock (TS Elliot)

October – Portrait of a pet / Portret van 'n troeteldier

November – Shadows / Skaduwees

FynArts festival – Our club, in its 25th anniversary, will take part in FynArts, which is in its 10th year. Our special venue for this special occasion will be the Checkers Hermanus Station Mall. Our exhibition of printed images by our members will be on the last four days of the festival, from Thursday 16 to Sunday 19 June.

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

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

Edenvale national 23 April

PSSA international 30 April

Randburg national 14 May

NPC national AV 18 May

Magalies Foto Fun 28 May



Our club stall at the monthly Art in the Park

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