



# SNAPSHOT

Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society  
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## Our print show back with a bang

### Visitors involved to choose most popular images

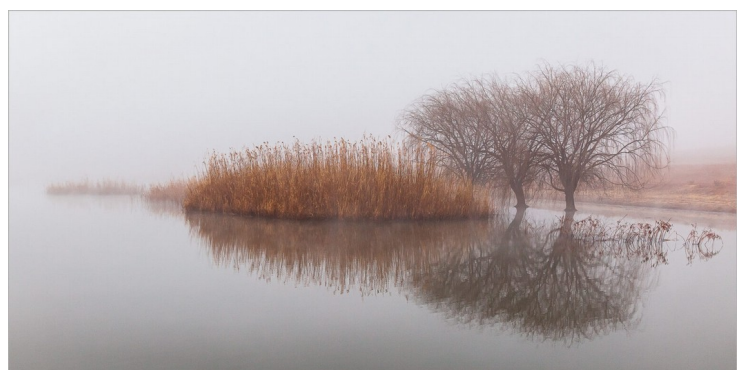
Our club came back in full force with our print exhibition as part of the annual Hermanus FynArts festival.

It was a celebration of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary; of the 10<sup>th</sup> year since FynArts had been started; and of the tenacity with which our community overcame the two year Covid lull.

The opening of the exhibition of 46 images from 17 club members was well attended. Among the guests were Dinkie Marais, who founded our club in April 1997, and his wife, Lettie, and Nicol and Trudie du Toit, representing the Photographic Society of South Africa and the Western Cape Photographic Forum.



*Most popular image of our print exhibition: "Colourful curves" by Phil Sturgess, with 41 visitors' votes*



*Second most popular: "Revealing the rich tones of winter" by Carina de Klerk (32 votes)*

More than 450 visitors popped into the pop-up gallery over four days. Many voted for their favourite three images, while others left highly supportive comments in the guest book.

A total of 489 votes were counted, apparently more than the previous record of 346 in 2019, our last pre-Covid exhibition.

But comparisons would be difficult, if not impossible, because visitors had three votes each this year, and the exhibition was open for only half of FynArts.

During the first four years of our participation in FynArts, since 2016, visitors had one vote each, and our exhibition lasted for the duration of the festival.

Overall, scenic and contemporary images attracted the most attention this year, while viewers generally found colour images more appealing than monochrome.

A number of visitors said they found it difficult to choose only three favourites.

The most popular image by a clear margin was "Colourful curves", a contemporary portrayal of Walker Bay waves, by Phil Sturgess. In close competition for second place were "Revealing the rich tones of winter" by Carina de Klerk and "Daily catch" by Hestie das Neves.

All the images can be seen on our website under "Gallery".



*Third most popular: "Daily catch" by Hestie das Neves (30 votes)*



*Fourth most popular: "Taking a nap" by René Dewar (23 votes)*



*Fifth most popular: "Morning has broken" by Phil Sturgess (22 votes)*



# Our seniors break their national record

We did it. We ended in the top three of about 100 clubs in the PSSA Senior Club Competition.

We were also first in the Western Cape, but that had happened previously.

We achieved that in our first participation in the year 2018/'19, but then we were 13<sup>th</sup> nationally.

At that stage many of the Western Cape clubs did not seem to take the competition seriously.

Most of them ended among the bottom half of the participants.

The next year (2019/'20) something seemed to have ignited many of the clubs in our region. Was it our initial success?

Cape Town shot up to first place regionally and 5<sup>th</sup> nationally, followed by us in 8<sup>th</sup> place, and another three Western Cape clubs in the top 21.

Last year (2020/'21) we regained our regional first place, and improved nationally to 4<sup>th</sup>, followed by Creative, Tafelberg and Cape Town.



*"Heading to the Elbrus summit" by Phil Sturgess, our final monthly entry for the PSSA Senior Club Competition of 2021/'22, which was awarded a score of 32/45*



*"Feast for a falcon" by Marie Botes, our final monthly entry for the junior competition (28/45)*

Seniors after twelve months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Hermanus	423	1	3
Cape Town	414	2	6
Creative	400	3	11
Tygerberg	393	4	13
Paarl	373	5	18
Witzenberg	372	6	19
Swartland	364	7	22
Helderberg	354	8	25
Fish Hoek	349	9	26
Tafelberg	324	10	35

Juniors after twelve months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Creative	407	1	3
Cape Town	395	2	6
Hermanus	377	3	11
Tygerberg	376	4	12
Swartland	365	5	15
Fish Hoek	351	6	20
Witzenberg	351	6	20
C Hofmeyr	346	8	22
Paarl	339	9	25
Tafelberg	315	10	36

In the junior competition, we did quite well, moving from 2<sup>nd</sup> regionally and 13<sup>th</sup> nationally to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> respectively.

Finally, we did well in the third competition, which is for individual members of the PSSA.

We have five club members among the top 12 from the

Western Cape. Charles Naudé ended first nationally and in the region, while Carina de Klerk, Elizma Fourie, Crighton Klassen and David Wilson are among the national top 25. It was also a good year for the Western Cape, with nine of its club members ending in the national top 20.

The competitions run over 12 months from July to June the following year. The junior competition is for 3 Star photographers and lower, and the senior for 4 Star and higher.

Individual PSSA members after twelve months				
Photographer	Club	Score	W Cape	National
Charles Naudé	Hermanus	400	1	1
Michele-Ann Nel	Creative	382	2	3
Theo Potgieter	Cape Town	345	3	5
Philip de Lange	Witzenberg	316	4	9
Evelyn Gibson	Cape Town	306	5	11
Louise de Lange	Witzenberg	310	6	14
Mariana Visser	Tafelberg	304	7	15
David Barnes	Tygerberg	299	8	16
Carina de Klerk	Hermanus	279	9	19
Elizma Fourie	Hermanus	271	10	22
Crighton Klassen	Hermanus	269	11	23
David Wilson	Hermanus	257	12	25

## New year begins with two sets of threes

The new photographic year signals the beginning of new competitions. So at our club monthly meeting on Wednesday 6 July we selected our first entries for the PSSA Senior and Junior Club Competitions.

For the first time both these, as highest scoring senior and junior images during the monthly evaluation, came from the set subject, "The number 3". Our senior entry (top right) is Luke Horsten's "Three plus three", and our junior entry (bottom right) is "Lean on me" by Sheron Pretorius.



# One last step to Impala Trophy results

The results of one last salon is still required before the Impala Trophy results can be finalised.

These results, together with some others of competitions organized by the Photographic Society of South Africa, such as the National Interclub Competition, will be announced at the PSSA Congress at Greyton in the Western Cape from 21 to 25 August.

Western Cape Impala Trophy top scores July '21 – June '22				
Entrant	Club	Points	W Cape	National
Phil Sturgess	Hermanus	216	1	18
Dante Parisi	Fish Hoek	163	2	34
Christo Giliomee	Paarl	158	3	35
Kim Stevens	Cape Town	154	4	38
Carina De Klerk	Hermanus	136	5	54
Dieter Butow	Cape Town	128	6	59
Charles Naudé	Hermanus	91	7	82
Crighton Klassen	Hermanus	83	8	88
Neels Beyers	Cape Town	81	9	92
Elizma Fourie	Hermanus	76	10	97
Pieter Swart	Tygerberg	76	10	97

The Impala Trophy competition is based on achievements in salons. There were 24 open salons for digital images during the past year, from July 2021 to June 2022. The last one was the SANParks Honorary Rangers: Boland Region Nature Only digital salon, for which entries closed only end June.

Based on the results of the other 23 salons, the top-scoring participant from the Western Cape is our Phil Sturgess. He is in 18<sup>th</sup> position among the 972 competitors from all over the country.

The Western Cape has 11 club members among the national top 100, and five of them are from our club.

The latests salon results:

## **Randburg national salon**

Phil Sturgess – 8 acceptances

Carina de Klerk – 6 acceptances

Charles Naudé – 2 acceptances

Crighton Klassen – 1 acceptance

David Wilson – 1 acceptance



### **Magalies national salon**

Phil Sturgess – 2 Merits and 8 more acceptances

Carina de Klerk – 5 acceptances

Charles Naudé – 4 acceptances



### **Vereeniging national salon**

Phil Sturgess – 3 Merits and 5 more acceptances

Carina de Klerk – 6 acceptances

Charles Naudé – 2 acceptances

David Wilson – 1 acceptance

*"Puff passion" by Phil Sturgess - Merit award by Magalies and Vereeniging salon*

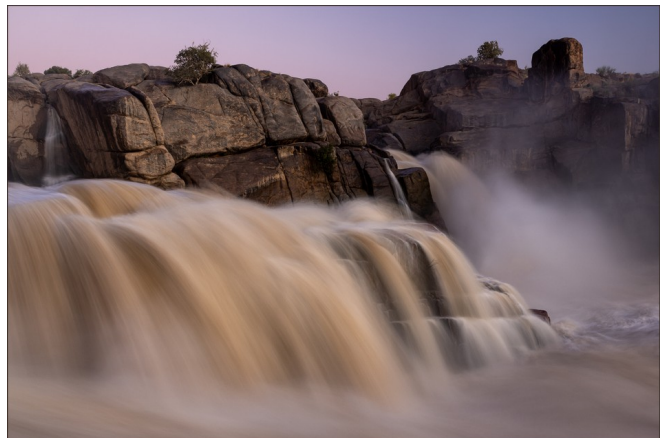
### **Southern Suburbs national salon**

Phil Sturgess – 1 Merit and 10 more acceptances

Carina de Klerk – 1 Merit and 7 more acceptances

Charles Naudé – 4 acceptances

David Wilson – 3 acceptances



*"Misty falls" by Phil Sturgess - Merit award by Magalies and Vereeniging salons*

### **International salons**

David Wilson – 1 Silver medal, 3 Bronze medals, 1 FIAP Blue ribbon, 1 Merit, 1 Chairman's choice and numerous more acceptances in various international salons



*"Shah I Zinda" by David Wilson - two Bronze medals in the three salon Torneka International Circuit*

## Forthcoming events

**Our August monthly meeting** will be in the Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church Hall (Covid permitting) on Wednesday the 3rd at 19:00. Members may enter up to three images of their choice, and one on the Set Subject, "Sport action / Sport-aksie", 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.

**The set subjects for the following six months** are

September – Spirals in nature / Spirale in die natuur

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

November – Shadows / Skaduwees

December – Food and drink / Kos en drank

February – Bicycles / Fietse

March – Trees and leaves / Bome en blare

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

Kosmos national 16 July

Bloemfontein national 30 July

Pretoria national 13 August

Bosveld national 27 August

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