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Western Cape photography on fire?

The strange ups and downs of clubs' membership

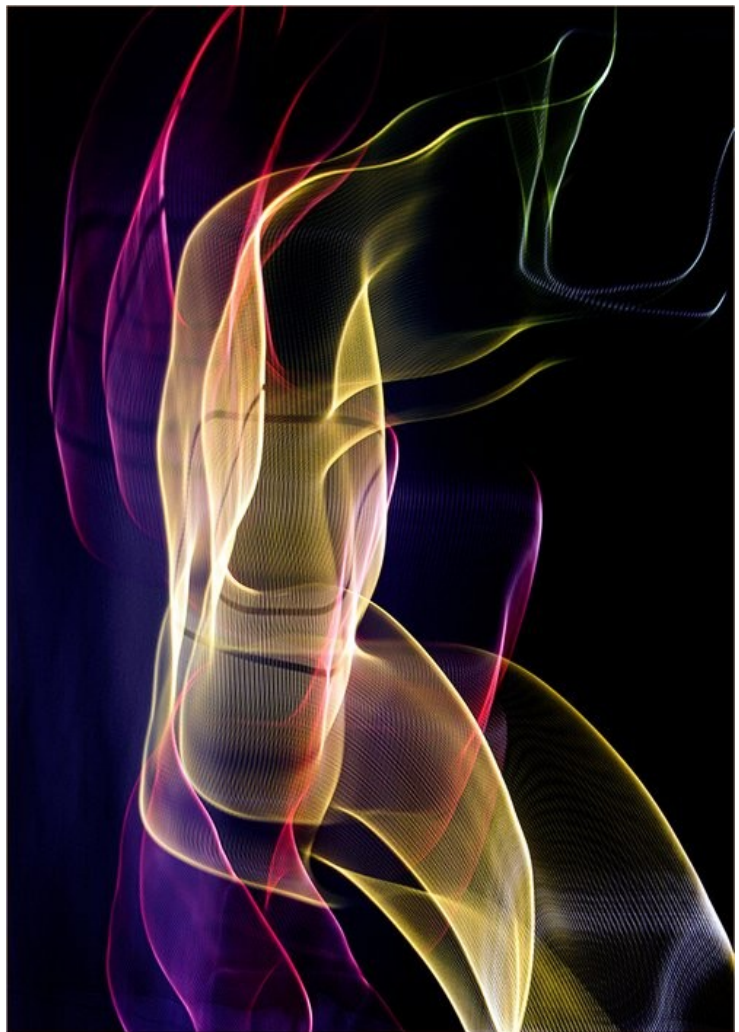
Something strange is happening to Western Cape club photography.

You can see it in the numbers.

On the one hand, the total number of club members seems to have recovered after Covid, and an energetic new club, Ignite, is lightening up the photography scene.

On the other hand, four major clubs have lost about a third of their combined membership.

Nicol du Toit, Western Cape regional director of the Photographic Society of South Africa (PSSA), points out in his latest newsletter that the negative trend of the previous two years in clubs' membership was reversed this year.



"The Lion King" by Gary Scholtz, treasurer of the new club Ignite, whose members strive to take their photography to the next level.

In fact, “the increase of 60 members during the last year more than made up for the 40 members lost during the previous two years”, he says.

The table on the right shows that the Cape Town club, by far the biggest in the Western Cape, has had a net increase in membership since 2019. So has Kleinmond and Hermanus.

But Tygerberg, Tafelberg, Helderberg and

Creation have lost 81 of their combined membership of 247 – almost a third.

All this has enabled Kleinmond to move up from fourth to second biggest club, and Hermanus from seventh to fifth.

But the most dramatic development was that the new kid on the block, Ignite, has suddenly emerged among the top six.

“Ignite, which is a virtual club, attracted a lot of members from other clubs, and the decrease in the Tygerberg numbers can probably be partly ascribed to that,” says Nicol.

The club is led by Lynne Kruger-Haye, past chairperson of the Tygerberg club. “The idea originated from the Artsy Fartsy group that Lynne ran from home for about four years,” commented Nicol after the group’s first exhibition in the beginning of this year.

“Photographers keen to explore creative photography, which was not popular in mainstream camera clubs at the time, met regularly and enthusiastically to share ideas and their work.”

As a virtual club, Ignite drew members from Tygerberg and various other clubs from near and far.

Club membership in the Western Cape					
Clubs	2019	2020	2021	2022	Change
Cape Town	128	123	127	139	11
Kleinmond	60	60	63	76	16
Tygerberg	80	70	64	53	-27
Helderberg	67	63	52	49	-18
Hermanus	45	46	38	49	4
Ignite				48	
Tafelberg	54	46	32	33	-21
Creative	46	39	37	31	-15
Fish Hoek	30	35	28	31	1
Witzenberg		21	38	22	
Swartland	25	15	17	20	-5
Durbanville	15	11	13	19	4
Paarl	9	13	19	19	10
West Coast	28	24	26	19	-9
Gansbaai	24	24	19	15	-9
Swellendam				10	
Worcester	11	16	9	9	-2
Total	622	606	582	642	20



Lynne Kruger-Haye, chairperson of the new virtual club Ignite

Club competitions into fourth month

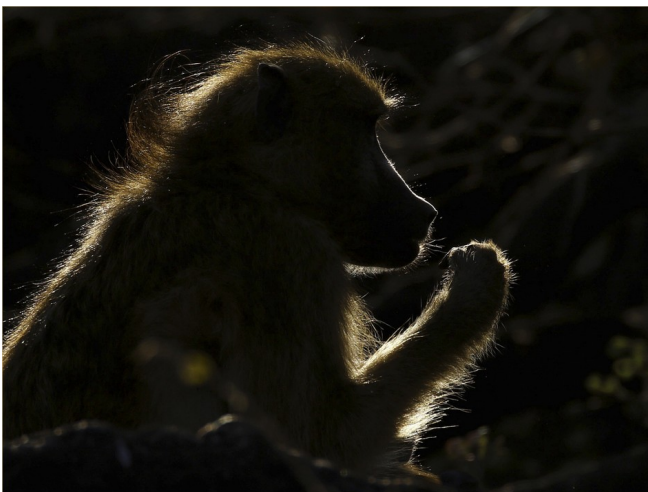


Left: "Blue headed Agama with attitude" by René Dewar, our entry for the October PSSA senior competition.

Above: "Down the hatch" by Ingrid Grundlingh, our junior entry

The PSSA's monthly club competitions entered their fourth month with the selection and submission of entries for October. The results will be announced at the end of the month.

After the first three months, the top entries are still closely bundled together, and the competition is wide open.



Above: "Pensive moment" by Ingrid Grundlingh, our junior entry for September, which was scored 33/45.

Right: "Cleanup after the burn" by Daniel Reddie, our senior entry, which was also given 33/45.



In the senior competition, for 4-Star members and upwards, only 12 points separate the the Western Cape club in 7th position (Swartland) from the one at the top (Creative).

In the junior competition, for 1-Star to 3-Star, the gap between the regional club in 6th position (Creative) and the leader (Cape Town) is 14 points.

Our club is 5th among the seniors, just 7 points behind Creative, and 2nd among the juniors, 4 points behind Cape Town.

Seniors after three months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Creative	108	1	10
Cape Town	105	2	18
Tygerberg	104	3	19
Fish Hoek	102	4	24
Hermanus	101	5	27
Helderberg	99	6	31
Swartland	96	7	34
Paarl	66	8	47
Witzenberg	65	9	48
Tafelberg	33	10	54

Juniors after three months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Cape Town	102	1	7
Hermanus	98	2	20
Tygerberg	97	3	21
Fish Hoek	94	4	27
Swartland	93	5	31
Creative	88	6	33
Witzenberg	65	7	36
Paarl	64	8	41
C Hofmeyr	61	9	47
Tafelberg	37	10	51

International distinction for Crighton

The international photographic distinction Artist of the FIAP has been awarded to Crighton Klassen, member of our club.

FIAP is the abbreviation for the Federation

Internationale de l'Art Photographique (or International Federation of



"Shipwreck", one of the images Crighton submitted as part of his successful application for the AFIAP distinction

Photographic Art). It is the largest body representing photographic art in the world today, and is made up of photographic federations and associations on five continents.

More than 85 national associations, including the PSSA, are members, comprising nearly one million individual photographers.

To be considered for the distinction Artist of the FIAP (AFIAP) a photographer has to have a minimum of 40 images accepted for exhibition by international salons recognised by the FIAP, in at least 8 different countries.

Salon results

Three months into the new salon year, still only two members of our club have started to participate. Last year we had six regular participants and another two or three entering a few times.

The following results were announced last month.

Bloemfontein club national salon

Charles Naudé – 4 images accepted for exhibition

David Wilson – 2 acceptances

Pretoria club national salon

Charles Naudé – 7 acceptances

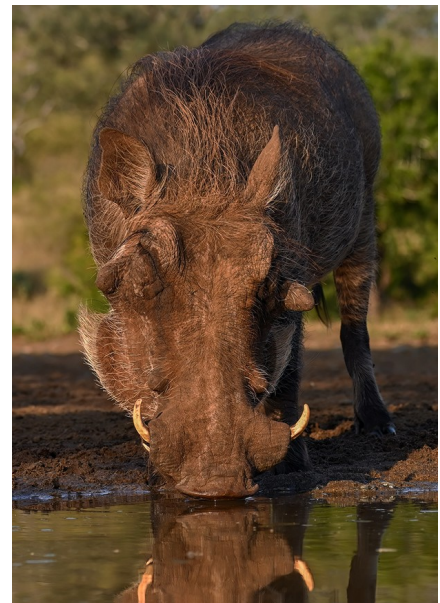
David Wilson – 2 acceptances

Krugersdorp club national salon

David Wilson – 2 acceptances

International exhibitions

David Wilson – 1 honourable mention and several acceptances



*"Warthog at drink" by David Wilson
- honourable mention at Bon
Voyage international salon*

Forthcoming events

Our November monthly meeting will be in the Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church Hall on Wednesday the 2nd at 19:00. Members may enter up to three images of their choice, and one on the Set Subject, "Shadows" / "Skaduwees", 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

December – Food and drink / Kos en drank

February – Bicycles / Fietse

March – A printable local image / 'n Drukbare plaaslike foto

April – Trees and leaves / Bome en blare

May – Planes, trains and automobiles / Vliegtuie, treine en motorkarre

June – Creative shutter speed / Kreatiewe sluiterspoed

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

PSSA Up and Coming 22 October

International "Glass" theme 29 October

Tygerberg national 5 November

Centurion national 12 November

Sanparks Free State nature only 19 November

CWN Rhondha – 19 November. We have again been invited to submit four images (one per photographer) to this competition comprising 26 clubs from around the world.

The First Friday Art Walk from 17:00 to 20:00 on the first Friday of the month has been resumed after the winter. Our club print exhibition which forms part of this, is at Hermanus FotoFirst.

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