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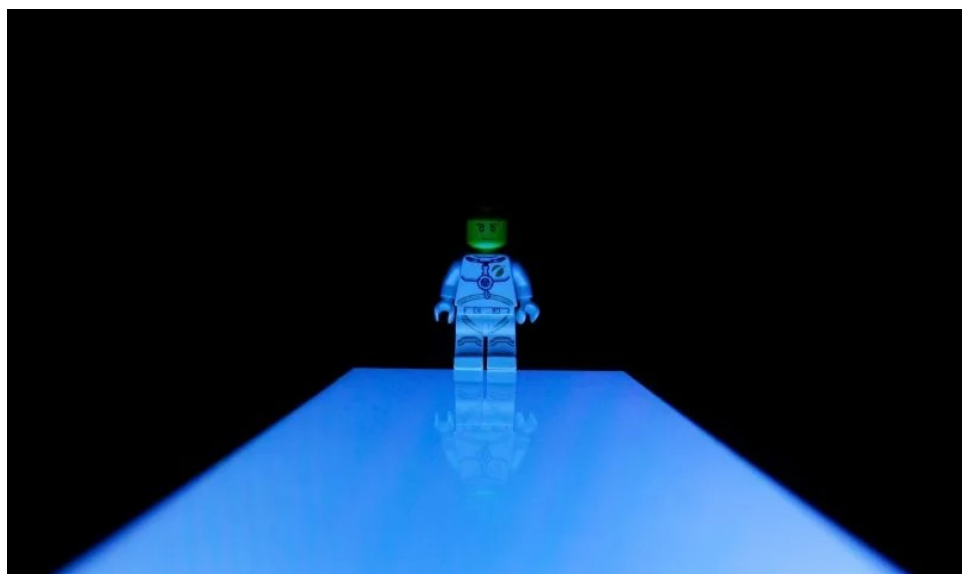
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A flash at end of the tunnel

Hermanus youth shines in national initiative

A young photographer from Hermanus High School is the latest winner of the relatively new Youth Division of the PSSA Monthly Website Competition.

Daniël van den Heever, in grade 12, used a DSLR camera to take the winning photo, entitled "Head-space", during an Eskom blackout. It is of a Lego space man on the edge of Daniël's lit cellphone screen, which provides the only light in the room.



"Head-space" by Daniël van den Heever of Hermanus, youth division winner of the February PSSA competition for individual members.

Daniël's success is not the first sign of a rising interest in organized photography by schoolchildren. It is just a local manifestation of this long awaited trend that could open up and encourage a stream of new photographic talent.

The so-called “Website” competition is for individual PSSA members, and its youth division is for photographers under 19. During its first year, 2021, it was dominated by photographers from Hoërskool Charlie Hofmeyr in Ceres.

That year a number of youth clubs also began to participate in the PSSA monthly junior club competition – not in a “youth” division, but in open competition with the more than 100 clubs affiliated to the PSSA. Among the youth clubs were those of Charlie Hofmeyr, Hoërskool Malmesbury and the Western Cape Youth Photographers.

Seniors after eight months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Creative	284	1	3
Cape Town	275	2	5
Hermanus	273	3	6
Fish Hoek	271	4	8
Swartland	271	4	8
Tygerberg	244	6	22
Helderberg	194	7	36
Tafelberg	174	8	40
Paarl	165	9	46
Witzenberg	159	10	48
Ignite	139	11	50
C Hofmeyr	129	12	52
WC Photog	128	13	53

Charlie Hofmeyr in particular has done so well that within three years it is in seventh position in the Western Cape, ahead of established clubs such as Tafelberg, Witzenberg and Paarl.

Then in November came a significant breakthrough when members of both Charlie Hofmeyr and Western Cape Youth had advanced to a level that enabled the clubs to enter the PSSA monthly senior competition.

The junior competition is for club members up to 3-Star level, and the senior competition for 4-Star and above.

Watch this space ...

Meanwhile a group of the Hermies photographic club attended our March monthly meeting as visitors,

contributing to a lively atmosphere, and creating the possibility for constructive future contact.

Juniors after eight months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Cape Town	274	1	3
Fish Hoek	268	2	5
Hermanus	265	3	6
Swartland	264	4	7
Creative	255	5	10
Tygerberg	216	6	24
C Hofmeyr	193	7	30
Tafelberg	180	8	34
Witzenberg	166	9	39
Paarl	160	10	42
WC Photog	157	11	47
Malmesbury	112	12	52

■ The latest results of the PSSA’s senior and junior competitions have confirmed the healthy state of amateur photography in the Western Cape. At this stage, two-thirds through the photographic year (from July 2022 to June 2023), five of the top ten clubs in both competitions are from the Western Cape.

Our club is in third position in the Western Cape, and sixth nationally, in both competitions.



"Last light at Kwaaiwater" by Phil Sturgess, our club's March entry for the senior competition.



"I love Hermanus" by Ingrid Grundlingh, our club's March entry for the PSSA junior competition.



"Wet wet wet" by Charles Naudé, our February senior entry, awarded 32/45.



"Home stretch" by René Pretorius, our February junior entry, which was awarded a score of 37/45.

Our senior and junior top 7 for 2022

Our club's Senior Photographer of the Year for 2022 is Carina de Klerk, recently elected club president. The Junior Photographer is Robyn Simmons. The runners up are Phil Sturgess and Crighton Klassen (senior), and Peter Jaquire and Ingrid Grundling (junior). Below are the top-seven tables.

Senior	Score	Position
Carina de Klerk	148	1
Phil Sturgess	138	2
Crighton Klassen	119	3
David Wilson	116	4
Luke Horsten	113	5
Charles Naudé	101	6
Daniel Reddie	98	7

Junior	Score	Position
Robyn Simmons	84	1
Peter Jaquire	70	2
Ingrid Grundlingh	52	3
Jules Armstrong	50	4
Sheron Pretorius	46	5
Mari Botes	45	6
René Pretorius	39	7

Reaching for the stars

Three club members have advanced to a higher star level during February. This was announced at our monthly meeting on Wednesday 1 March.

Two of them, Mari Botes and Sheron Pretorius, moved from the junior to the senior group – from 3-Star to 4-Star. The third, René Pretorius, rose from 1-Star to 2-Star.



Mari Botes 3-Star to 4-Star



Sheron Pretorius 3-Star to 4-Star



René Pretorius 1-Star to 2-Star

Images accepted for exhibition

AFO club national salon

Charles Naudé – 3 images accepted for exhibition

David Wilson – 1 acceptance

Bethal club national salon

David Wilson – 4 images accepted for exhibition

Charles Naudé – 1 acceptance

International salons

David Wilson – 9 awards from two salons

Forthcoming events

Our April monthly meeting will be in the Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church Hall on Wednesday the 5th at 19:00. Members may enter up to three images of their choice, and one on the Set Subject, "Trees and leaves" / "Bome en blare", all for evaluation. All submissions must be via Photo Vault Online, and all scores will count for promotion.

The judge will be Evelyn Gibson from Cape Town, Ignite and Pretoria photographic clubs.

The set subjects and judges for the following six months are

May – Planes, trains, automobiles and boats/ Vliegtuie, voertuie, treine en vaartuie (judge David Barnes of Tygerberg club)

June – Creative shutter speed / Kreatiewe sluiterspoed (Cathy Bruce of Cape Town club)

July – Still life / Stillewe (judge to be announced)

August – Your favourite book, film, poem or music as a photo / Jou gunsteling-boek, -rolprent, -gedig of -musiek as 'n foto (Nicol and Trudi du Toit of Cape Town club)

September – Any photo to be taken in July only / Enige foto wat net in Julie geneem mag word (Anne Hrabar of Knysna club)

October– A photo taken in the rain / 'n Foto in die reën geneem (Frank Heitmuller of Sandton)

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

PSSA Up and coming (free and open to all junior photographers) 25 March

PSSA national 8 April

Hibiscus Coast 15 April

Paarl 29 April

FynArts print exhibition – from 9 to 18 June at a venue to be confirmed in Hermanus.

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

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