

Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society
July 2023

Just call us consistent

Among the top two for four years in a row

We are not quite in the habit of winning formal prizes in the monthly club competitions of the Photographic Society of South Africa (PSSA).

But for the last four years our club's total score in the senior competition was either highest or second highest in the Western Cape – and among the top ten nationally.

In the junior competition we have been among the top three in the Western Cape for the last three years.

These achievements confirm that as a



The image that gave us the final push into regional second place in the senior competition – "Vulture passion" by Phil Sturgess, our June entry, which was awarded a score of 39/45, our highest of the year. The rest of our senior "team" whose images were entered were Carina de Klerk, Luke Horsten, Daniel Reddie, René Dewar and Charles Naudé.

club we have maintained an exceptionally high standard of photography over those years.

We have been measured against about 60 of the more than 100 clubs affiliated to the PSSA that took part in the competition. And in the Western Cape region we are one of about a dozen participating clubs.

In the senior competition, for photographers on 4 Star level and higher, we ended the year (from July 2022 to June 2023) on a total of 416 points, which puts us in second place regionally, behind Creative club on 420, and in fourth place nationally.

In 2019-'20, we were second in the region and eighth nationally; the following year first and fourth respectively; and last year first and third.



The image that gave us the final push into regional third place in the junior competition - "Working on fire" by Victor Korsten, also our June entry. Its score was 35/45, our third highest of the year. The rest of our junior "team" were Ingrid Grundlingh, Marié Botes, Sheron Pretorius, René Pretorius, Fielies de Kock and Glynnis Schutte.

Top ten Seniors after twelve months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Creative	420	1	2
Hermanus	416	2	4
Cape Town	412	3	5
Fish Hoek	411	4	6
Swartland	408	5	8
Tygerberg	385	6	17
Paarl	313	7	38
Tafelberg	313	7	38
Witzenberg	222	9	47
Ignite	209	10	49

Top ten Juniors after twelve months			
Club	Score	W Cape	National
Cape Town	417	1	2
Fish Hoek	407	2	4
Hermanus	397	3	6
Swartland	397	3	6
Creative	391	5	9
Tygerberg	342	6	20
Tafelberg	319	7	28
Paarl	294	8	37
C Hofmeyr	257	9	44
Witzenberg	231	10	46

In the junior competition (3 Star and lower) we ended the past year joint 3rd in the region and joint 6th nationally. In 2019-'20 we were 5th and 25th; the next year 2nd and 13th; and last year 3rd and 11th.

The official prizes of the competitions focus more on the individual winner and two runners-up – monthly and even more particularly annually.

The photographer of the Senior Club Competition – Image of the Year, the Junior Club Competition – Image of the Year, and the Website Winner – Image of the Year each wins a PSSA Silver medal engraved with the name of the competition, the year, the title and the winner's name. The runners-up receive a certificate.

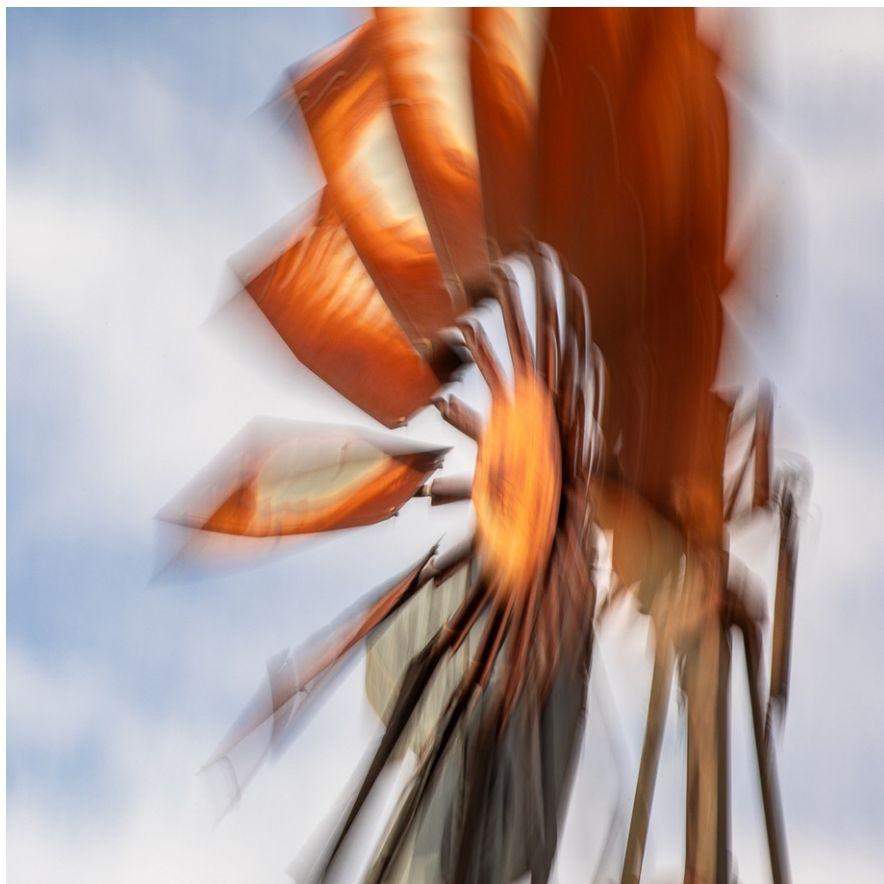
In the so-called website competition, for individual members of the PSSA, we had only one regular participant this year – David Wilson, who finished 17th nationally.

Our club has always found substantial value in regarding the two club competitions as team efforts. This

year, for instance, we are happy to have entered the work of six members for the senior competition, and seven for the junior competition.

Isn't it time for the PSSA to recognize club excellence in its club competitions?

Charles Naudé



Our first entry for the new senior monthly club competition, which runs from July 2023 to June 2024: "Windflower" by Carina de Klerk.



Our first entry for the new junior competition, "Found in my oupas trunk" by Judy Armstrong.

Our membership still just keeps growing

Our membership has grown again – for the fifth time in five months.

This month we have one brand new member, Natasha Louw, and two returnees, Gary Scholtz, who is also a member of the Ignite club, and Jane McMorran.

Forthcoming events

Our August 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, “Your favourite book, film, poem or music as a photo” / “Jou gunsteling-boek, -rolprent, -gedig of -musiek as ‘n foto”, all for evaluation. All submissions must be via Photo Vault Online, and all scores will count for promotion.

The guest judges will be Nicol and Trudi du Toit of the Cape Town club and the PSSA management.

The set subjects and judges for the next three months are

September – A photo taken in July 2023 / ‘n Foto wat in Julie 2023 geneem is (Anne Hrabar from Knysna)

October – A photo taken in the rain / ‘n Foto wat in die reën geneem is (Frank Heitmuller from Sandton)

November - Urban regeneration or decay / Stedelike ontwikkeling of verval (Erwin Kruger-Haye of Ignite and Tygerberg club)

More information can be found on the club website under Club Notices.

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

Honorary Rangers Free State 15 July

Witzenberg club (digital and print) 29 July

Sandton club 12 August

Midlens club 26 August

The First Friday Art Walk is 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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