

Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society
November 2023

Looking at Interclub scores

It was tough, but both our teams actually did well

At first glance our club did not shoot the lights out at this year's PSSA Interclub competition.

But if you take a closer look at all the scores, it turns out that we actually did well.

In the senior category, for images by photographers above 3-Star level, we ended only 13th out of 44 clubs nationally.

But then, we were the top club in the Western Cape – by a substantial margin.



"Vulture passion" by Phil Sturgess, which was awarded a score of 52/60 in the senior category of the 2023 PSSA Interclub competition.

And 5 of our 15 entries, by Phil Sturgess and Luke Horsten (2 images each), and Daniel Reddie, received a score higher than 48/60 (or 24/30, which would give them a Gold on our club scale).

In the junior category, for images by photographers up to 3-Star level, which we entered for the first time this year, we ended 29th out of 44 clubs, and 5th out of 7 in the Western Cape.



"Nesting material" by Luke Horsten – 51/60 in the Interclub senior category.

But, on the positive side, our top-scoring entry, by Victor Korsten, received a score higher than that required for a Gold on senior level. In fact, the scores of each of our 15 images in the junior category would have been a Gold on the star level of the particular photographer.



"Cautious eyes" by Luke Horsten – another 51/60 in the Interclub senior category.

Our Western Cape region had a hard time in the senior category compared to last year, when we had three clubs finishing in the top five. Tygerberg, Hermanus and Cape Town ended 3rd, 4th and 5th respectively.

This year the competition was so tight that only 9 points separated us from the club in 4th position.



"Working on fire" by Victor Korsten – 50/60 among the juniors.

Interclub 2023 – Hermanus senior team members scores

Member	Level	Image title	Score
Phil Sturgess	M Silver	Vulture passion	52
Luke Horsten	M Bronze	Nesting material	51
Luke Horsten	M Bronze	Cautious eyes	51
Phil Sturgess	M Silver	Colourful waves	49
Daniel Reddie	5-Star	Hot chef in a Vietnamese restaurant	49
Carina de Klerk	M Bronze	Autumn Trees and Dark Skies	47
Charles Naudé	M Silver	Mommys darling	47
Charles Naudé	M Silver	Love at first bite	46
David Wilson	5-Star	Please save water	46
Daniel Reddie	5-Star	London rickshaw waiting for a fare	46
Carina de Klerk	M Bronze	A night cap	46
Phil Sturgess	M Silver	Twisted camel thorn	45
Charles Naudé	M Silver	Nyala youngster	45
Carina de Klerk	M Bronze	Winterberg at a tenth	42
Christina Robertson	4-Star	Feather explosion	41
Total			703

Interclub 2023 – Hermanus junior team members scores

Member	Level	Image title	Score
Victor Korsten	1-Star	Working on fire	50
Mari Botes	3-Star	Spiral Staircase	47
Ingrid Grundlingh	3-Star	Pensive Moment	45
Judy Armstrong	2-Star	Secretary bird in silhouette	45
Ingrid Grundlingh	3-Star	Macro magic	45
Judy Armstrong	2-Star	Sunset at Skulpiesbaai	45
Sheron Pretorius	3-Star	Wave jumping	44
Sheron Pretorius	3-Star	Overberg vista	44
René Pretorius	2-Star	Tough race	43
Mari Botes	3-Star	Workers at night	43
Fielies de Kock	1-Star	Camel Sellers taking a break	43
Fielies de Kock	1-Star	Icy Stares	43
Mari Botes	3-Star	Berries and Pancakes	42
Judy Armstrong	2-Star	Little drop of sunlight	41
Victor Korsten	1-Star	Walker Bay Show Time	39
Total			659

SA Interclub results – senior section

Club	Score	Regional	National
Hermanus	703	1	13
Cape Town	684	2	26
Swartland	682	3	31
Tafelberg	675	4	33
Tygerberg	674	5	34
Fish Hoek	663	6	40
Creative	660	7	41

SA Interclub results – junior section

Club	Score	Regional	National
Cape Town	698	1	3
Swartland	682	2	10
Creative	670	3	20
Fish Hoek	668	4	22
Hermanus	659	5	29
Tafelberg	650	6	33
Tygerberg	637	7	39

Our first monthly runner-up this year

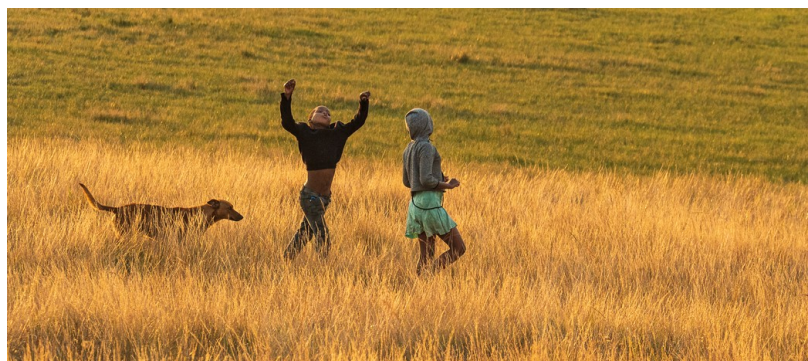
Our club has reached the top three in the monthly competitions of the PSSA (Photographic Society of South Africa) for the first time this year, which runs from July 2023 to June 2024.



"Turbine sentinel" by Phil Sturgess – first runner-up in the October senior club competition, with a score of 41/45.

Our entry for the senior competition in October, "Turbine sentinel" by Phil Sturgess, was awarded a score of 41/45, which made it the first runner-up.

The score also moved our club up from 6th to 3rd in the Western Cape, and from 28th to 18th nationally, based on the total scores for the first four months.



"Why walk when you can dance?" by Judy Armstrong – our entry for the October junior monthly competition (35/45).

The senior competition is for images by club members above 3-Star level.

In the junior competition, for members up to 3-Star level, "Why walk when you can dance?" by Judy Armstrong was awarded 35/45. Our position remains little changed at joint 6th regionally and 26th nationally.

In the third competition, for individual members of the PSSA, three photographers from Hermanus are taking part – one from our club, and two from the local high school Hermies club.

David Wilson, from our club, is joint 8th in the Western Cape, and 38th nationally. Sofia

van der Merwe and Mine Prodehl, both from Hermies, are respectively 10th and 11th regionally, and 45th and 48th nationally.



"Die tongtippietoets" by Carina de Klerk - our entry for the November senior club competition.



"Caught in the moment" by Judy Armstrong - our entry for the November junior club competition.

Margot Scheepers (right, see story below) and Mine Prodehl (far right, stories above and below), two of the talented members of Hermies, camera club of Hermanus High School, photographed at a recent prize-giving ceremony.



Our 1st national salon medal of the year

David Wilson, who regularly brings home various awards from salons all over the world, has become our first club member to be awarded a medal in a national salon since the start of the new salon year in July.



"The bodybord surfer" by David Wilson – Club medal in the Krugersdorp salon.

He received a Club medal for the runner-up image in the Photo-journalism and Sport category of the Krugersdorp salon.

Full results for Hermanus participants in October national salons:

Krugersdorp national salon

David Wilson – 1 Club medal and 2 more images accepted for exhibition

Charles Naudé – 1 acceptance

PSSA Up and Coming salon

Judy Armstrong – 6 images accepted for exhibition

Mine Prodehl (Hermies club) – 1 acceptance

Margot Scheepers (Hermies club) – 1 acceptance

Westville national salon

Charles Naudé – 7 images accepted for exhibition

David Wilson – 6 acceptances

International salons

David Wilson – 20 images accepted for exhibition

First in 50 years for Western Cape

For the first time in 50 years a member of the PSSA presidential team comes from the Western Cape. The new leaders were announced at the 2023 PSSA Drakensville congress.

Cape Town Photographic Society member Nicol du Toit was elected PSSA second vice president to replace former KwaZulu-Natal regional director Geoff Feldon, who was promoted to first vice president in the place of Simon Fletcher, who became the new PSSA president when Jill Sneesby's two-year term of office came to an end. The first vice president automatically becomes president at the end of his/her two-year term and the second vice president then moves into this position.

Roy Johannessen of the Cape Town club was the last Western Cape member to be elected PSSA president in 1973. Before him, Robert Bell of Cape Town club became the second president in PSSA history when he replaced Dr Kin Bensusan in 1956.



Nicol du Toit LPSSA, DPSSA, AFIAP – second vice president of the PSSA and regional director of the Western Cape.

Forthcoming events

Our December monthly meeting, combined with our celebration of the year, will be in the Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church Hall on Wednesday the 6th at 19:00. Members may enter up to three images of their choice, and one on the Set Subject, “An equine subject” / “’n Onderwerp wat met perde, donkies, sebras en muile te doen het”, all for evaluation. All submissions must be done via Photo Vault Online, and by Wednesday 29 November. All scores will count for advancement.

The guest judge will be Robbie Aspeling from Sandton

The set subjects for the first three months of 2024 are

February – Reflections / Weerkaatsing

March – Shadows as art / Skaduwees as kuns

April – Using perspective / Die gebruik van perspektief

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

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.

Forthcoming salons

January 6 – On the Rocks national digital salon

January 13 – PSSA national Audio-visual salon

January 15 – MIROC digital circuit

January 20 – Bloemfontein national digital salon

Brochures and more information on salon participation can be found on the PSSA website.

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