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NEWSLETTER: November 2024

Pictures of the Month

Senior



**Black Throated Mango in the rain – Pieter Mare**

## Junior



**Leopard Tortoise – Claudette Gericke**

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# Message from the Chair

**November 2024**

Although our club year runs from mid-year to mid-year, we all live in a world that runs from January to December and that year end is rapidly approaching. The November meeting was the final club meeting for the calendar year and was reasonably well attended. All in all, we seem to have had a good photographic 2024.

A number of the active club members are also frequent travellers, which is a good thing because that's where a lot of the excellent images on display at club nights are captured, but it does tend to reduce attendance at club nights.

On a personal note, I would like to express my appreciation for the contributions of members in maintaining a friendly, vibrant and welcoming club with excellent photographic standards, as evidenced by the results of salons and monthly competitions.

During 2025 there will be continued focus on the interactive zoom sessions, integrating the theme and technical Set Subject sessions with these, scheduled outings and presentations at club nights, for example on macro and tabletop photography and exciting travel like Anne Hrabar's trip to Iceland.

The PSSA National Congress, which combines with the Cape Congress, will take place at Struisbaai from 11-15 August. If possible, members should try to attend. The timing is perfect for those Overberg canola field photographs.

## **Promotions**

Zelmarie van Rooyen was promoted from 2 Star to a well-deserved 3 Star grade. Alan King achieved his 4 Star grade.

## **"Show and tell" at club nights**

This continues to be well supported at club nights as it offers members an opportunity to ask "front of mind" questions about images that have stood out during the session.

## **Tutorials and learning material**

Peter Oosthuizen continues to manage this portfolio and has provided links to many valuable sites dealing with various aspects of photography and post processing. ANY suggestions regarding content, themes and topics are welcome and should be communicated to Peter directly, or to any committee member.

## **Interclub collaboration**

The possibility of arranging interclub events has been raised. These might include workshops, competitions and joint outings. This will be investigated once clubs return to business after their end of year breaks.

## **Survey**

The committee will send out a survey to members early next year to see what if any changes might be envisaged to improve the sustainability and effectiveness of the club. In this regard, please don't hesitate to make suggestions to me or any other committee member.

## **PSSA Guidelines**

Prompted by ongoing developments with AI as applied to photography, there has been renewed emphasis from PSSA to ensure that guidelines are adhered to at clubs and salons.

As announced at the November club night, authors of images in contention for competition and annual awards will need to submit the RAW and/or original JPG images on request, with the understanding that images that include elements not generated by the author will be disqualified.

Secondly, the guidelines preclude "similar" images from being entered together in salons or PSSA sponsored competitions. These are defined as images taken too close together, or too closely spaced that show variations of the same scene. This should be kept in mind when submitting images to PSSA. If in doubt, check with other members.

Alan King

# Salon Acceptances

November 2024

## 6<sup>TH</sup> HIBISCUS COAST SALON

Pam	1
Willie	1
Carol	3
Alan	4
Cathy	5

## 9<sup>th</sup> TYGERBERG SALON

Carol	2
Alan	3
Cathy	4

## 26<sup>th</sup> JUNIOR UP AND COMING

Martin	3
Claudette	8 includes 1 COM

## PSSA JUNIOR PICTURE OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2024

Claudette came 4<sup>th</sup> shared with 4 photographers out of 53 entries

# A Note on Free Resources

There are so many free resources available to help with lightroom and photoshop that one is often unsure of where to turn.

This year we have had the Lightroom Summit and the Photoshop Summit presented by Dave Cross and as I write this Angel Macnall is presenting the Base Camp Landscape Photography Summit.

Irrespective of your skill level, taking pictures or processing them, every single presentation has something to think about.

The Lightroom/Photoshop presenters were -

Anthony Morganti

Ben Willmore

Bert Monroy

Blake Rudis

Colin Smith

Corey Barker

Daniel Gregory

Dave Cross

Dave Clayton

Glyn Dewis

Jesús Ramirez

Judy Reinford

Justin Laurens

Khara Plicanic

Kirk Nelson

Kristina Sherk

Lisa Carney

Matt Kloskowski

Nicole Young

Nigel French

Sebastian Michaels

Tim Grey

Judy Reinford

The Base Camp Landscape Photography Summit presentations are roughly an hour long and there are 12 presentations.

So far topics have covered – among others –

Finding Your Creativity – Colleen Miniuk

Mobile phone photography - Kate Sylvia

Drone photography – Cliff Pickett

Luminosity masks – Chris Ewen Crosby

Shoot the Adjective, Not the Noun - Bryan Peterson

The Impacts of Artificial Intelligence – Rick Hulbert

Seven Secrets to Grand Landscapes - Nickolas Warner

It's really worthwhile getting on the mailing lists of some of the presenters who really know their stuff.



# Next Meeting

15 January 2025 – live at Oakhill School

2 images may be submitted - deadline for submission – 4 January

## Judges

The judges for January will be advised in due course.

## Next Interactive Meeting

The next interactive meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 January 2025 at 6:00 pm

### Club Calendar – 2024

Please refer to our website <https://www.knysnaphotosoc.com/calendar>

### National Salons

Information regarding salons is available at

<https://pssa.co.za/category/salons/calendar-results-for-year-ending-june-2025/>