



CAMERA NEWS
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Monthly Newsletter

January - February 2009



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Entries for the Coria Bay Interclub Competition are urgently required.

All prints, slides and digital files for this competition should be submitted to our Slide Steward, Anne Earnshaw, at the Annual Awards Night on Saturday 21 February.

For those who wish to submit digital images, Ken Smith will copy these files from your camera or camera memory card onto his computer on Saturday night. Those with memory sticks or CD's can bring them along (labelled with your name) and give them to Ken.

Categories for the event are:-

Projected images:

Slides &/or Digital:

Open

Slides &/or Digital:

Worn by the Weather

Small Prints:

Open

Small Prints:

Offbeat

Large Prints:

Open (Colour or Black & White)

BALLARAT NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC JUDGING

YMCA Club members attended the judging and all enjoyed the experience.



IVAN AND YVONNE'S NEW YEAR BBQ

The traditional start to the Photographic New Year, their renowned BBQ, was held on Sunday 8 February. Attended by many Club members and some of Ivan & Yvonne's friends the afternoon was a great success with lots of story swapping and laughter. As usual this event broke the drought (albeit temporarily), but the afternoon was very mild and sunny.

Many thanks to Ivan & Yvonne for their generous hospitality – a great time was had by all.

FIRST MEETING FOR 2009 – BUNINYONG GARDENS

A very good turn-up for the initial meeting of the year saw many members happily snapping away around the picturesque gardens and streets of Buninyong.

There will be a judging of these efforts at the March meeting. Maximum of two prints per entry – mounted as per normal.

2009 CLUB SYLLABUS:

If you still haven't obtained your copy of the 2009 Syllabus, please see John Allen at the next meeting (10 March).

2009 FEES:

Fees for 2009 **are now due** so please make an effort to catch up with Ross Block at the next meeting. The fees for 2009 Club membership will remain the same as 2008 i.e. \$35 for singles, \$65 for couples, \$20 for full time student / child (Junior Member).

DIGITAL GROUP

The next meeting of the Digital group will be held on Monday 2 March at 7.30pm at Ken Smith's house, 327 Heinz Lane, Invermay Park (directly opposite Midlands Golf Clubhouse).

There will be a discussion on the VAPS requirements for EDI (Electronic Digital images), which will require all of us to learn a few new techniques on presenting our images in this new format.

There will also be an opportunity for open discussion and some Video tutorials.

EXCITING NEWS – BALLARAT YMCA CAMERA GROUP HAS A NEW WEB PAGE

You may have noticed that our new web page is up and running - congratulations to Mark Bevelander for developing such an interesting and informative site.

The site provides:

- information about competitions and the current syllabus;
- copies of monthly and interclub small print contributions;
- a feedback form to allow you to enter suggestions;
- copies of past newsletters;
- interesting web links;
- direct access to Flickr the most popular photographic site;
- online courses to better understand digital photography;
- the ability to modify your own images quickly and easily online;

Remember, as a club member, this website belongs to you so forward any suggestions for additional items to be placed on the website either by email to Mark at markbev@netspace.net.au or via the site feedback facility.

You can check it out at:

<http://www.ballaratymcacameragroup.com.au>

COMING EVENTS FOR 2009

ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT – 21 FEBRUARY

Don't forgetthe 2008 Ballarat YMCA Camera Group Annual Photographic Awards Night will be held on Saturday 21st February commencing at 8pm at the Kohinoor Community Centre.

Due to a suspected thunder storm (***much wanted & needed***) scheduled for the same night, the red carpet may not make an appearance, but rest assured, the usual high class, sparkling entertainment and enthralling drama of the announcement of the winners will still take place as usual.

Guest Judge will be Gerard Lewis from Ballarat Camera House.

To add to the night's festivities, platters of food will be gratefully appreciated. So... this is a great opportunity to show off your culinary expertise with that wonderful cream sponge, gourmet chocolate delight or other savoury goodies.

CLUB EXCURSION TO TALBOT MARKET – 15 MARCH

Following up on enthusiastic comments from George & Carole Townsend relating to the Talbot Market, (held the third Sunday of each month, start time 10 am), the committee has decided to conduct an excursion to the market on Sunday 15 March. For those wishing to go as a group, please be at the Kohinoor Community Centre club rooms ready for a prompt 9:30 am departure. Please advise President Pam if you are attending at the next Club meeting (10 March).

CORIA BAY INTERCLUB COMPETITION – 21 MARCH

We are the host club for the Interclub Competition with Corio Bay this year and it is proposed to have dinner at 6 pm at the Atlantic Hotel prior to the meeting at the Kohinoor Community Centre. Please indicate to President Pam at the next meeting if you are attending the dinner.

ADVANCED DIGITAL WORKSHOP – 19 APRIL

Those of us that have participated in past digital workshops with Adrian Cook (and those who wished they had) can look forward to a new course featuring "creative photography" as the topic. This course will be held on Sunday 19 April, 10 am – 5 pm at the Kohinoor Community Centre. Cost \$20 per club member and \$30 for non members. Preference will be given to club members. **Note:** this is **not a beginner's course** as it **will not** cover basic digital camera functions; it will focus on using your camera more creatively.

VAPS MUSTER – MACEDON RANGES 16 & 17 MAY

If you are interested in attending the VAPS Muster, please see Pam Allen for registration forms. More details will follow at a later date.

OLD SYLLABUS DOCUMENTS

As part of gathering information and memorabilia for our upcoming 50th Anniversary, John Earnshaw is looking for old syllabi, prior to 1988. If you have, or know of any old copies, please contact or forward these to John.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS:

'Otways ... in focus' – closing 4 September 2009

The Otways Tourism in co-operation with the Colac Camera Club is hosting its 2nd annual photographic competition. Entry categories include: Landscape/Seascape, Rural/Agriculture, Natural History and Action Tourism. Note all shots are to be taken within the Colac Otway Shire. Prizes on offer include a total of \$1000 in cash and over \$3000 worth of tourism prizes.

For more details, see www.otwaysinfoocus.com

Enquiries:

Liddy Fullarton (Otways Tourism) – 5231 1233 or Rex Brown – email rexbrown@gmail.com

Yea Second Autumn Festival Amateur Photography Competition – closing 3 March 2009

The Yea Camera Club is conducting its second Autumn Festival Amateur Photography Competition with public viewing being held on 14 & 15 March from 9.30am – 4.30 pm at Beaufort Manor, 111 High Street, Yea. For more information on categories, please see Pam Allen

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS:

The Ballarat National Exhibition 1 March – 29 March

The 41st Ballarat National Exhibition will be on display from Sunday 1 March until Sunday 29 March 2009 at the Ballarat Art Gallery. One hundred and fifty acceptances will be on display.

'Our Land Through Our Lenses' 28 February – 15 March

This photography exhibition by members of the Knox Photographic Society will be held at Karwarra Australian Plant Garden, Mount Dandenong Tourist Road, Kalorama.

The garden is open 10am – 4pm, closed Mondays.

LOOKING FOR A PLEASANT SUNDAY DRIVE?

Megan Rayner suggests a visit to **'The Rail Trail Café'** at 2 Service Street, Porepunkah for great coffee and delicious cakes. This business is owned by her niece and husband and is open Thursday to Sunday 8am to 4 pm. For more information visit www.railtrailcafe.com.au

George and Carol Townsend recommend a visit to **'Cruzin the 50s/60s'** at 7 Handford Court Invermay. This is a B & B which has very interesting memorabilia displays open for public viewing. For more information visit www.ballarat.com/cruzin

MARCH COMPETITION TOPIC ENTRIES:

The following prints and slides are to be submitted at the 10 March meeting.

Small prints:

Slides:

Candid Camera

Colour

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on 10 March at the Kohinoor Community Centre at 8pm.

Guest Judge will be Carol Hall who is a member of our club and the President of the Ballarat Camera Club.