



CAMERA NEWS
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Monthly Newsletter

April 2009

LAST MEETING COMPETITION RESULTS:

Guest Judge was Rebecca Croft from 'Rebecca Croft Photography'. Rebecca made some very constructive comments on all the entries and the results are as follows:

Small prints – Candid Camera	1. Racing in the Rain	Ken Smith
	2. We're Off	Tom Bates
	3. Just Waiting	Peter Elford
Slides – Colour	1. Morning Colour	Trevor Parry
	2. Flamboyant Foyer	George Townsend
	3. Tri Colour	Carole Townsend

Following the judging, Rebecca showed some examples of her stunning Wedding Photography and explained the lengths she goes to before the wedding day to ensure that her photographs on the day will be successful.

CORIO BAY INTERCLUB COMPETITION 2009
(Beaten by a nose!!)

It took a 'photo finish' to determine the overall winner of the competition as YMCA was leading throughout the night but Corio Bay pipped us at the post. An enjoyable evening was had by all that attended the Interclub Dinner and Competition on Saturday 21 March. Guest Judge for the night was Lorraine Harvey and first-place results of the competition are as follows:



Trevor, Colin, Lorraine & Ken

Small Prints – Open	Last Light – Broken Hill	Trevor Parry
Small Prints – Offbeat	A Black Day	Ken Smith
Projected Images – Worn by the Weather	Weathered by Nature	Wayne Harris
Projected Images – Open	Golden Beach	Trevor Parry
Large Prints – Open	Evening Glow	Ken Smith

A breakdown of the results is as follows:

	YMCA	CBCC
Small Prints – Open	102	101
Small Prints – Offbeat	52	50
Projected Images – Open	104	109
Projected Images – Worn by the Weather	53	53
Large Prints	<u>110</u>	<u>109</u>
	421	422

Congratulations to all entrants selected for the competition and especially the winners!!

THIS IS YOUR LIFE – GEORGE TOWNSEND

George has 'hit the big time' – his 'this is your life' article has been re-published in the April edition of the VAPS Newsletter, so if you see George with his right wrist bandaged, it's because of the strain of all those signatures he's been giving to the many autograph hunters banging on his front door. Rumour has it, he will still oblige (for a small fee, of course).

DIGITAL GROUP

The next meeting of the Digital Group will be held on Monday 4 May at 7.30pm at Ken Smith's house, 327 Heinz Lane, Invermay Park (directly opposite Midlands Golf Clubhouse).

After our initial 'question and answer period' we will continue our discussion on RAW - is it good, bad or irrelevant. We will also discuss the often misunderstood but no less important thing called 'Colour space', which is the relationship of colour between Camera, Computer Monitor and Printer.

WEBSITE NEWS www.ballaratymcacameragroup.com.au

The Photos menu item on the club website is one of the most interesting parts of it. Clicking on this link will bring you to a page with the following 3 items:

1. Modify your images
2. Flickr
3. Competition photos

The first item allows you to upload your photos and make some quite sophisticated improvements to it e.g. exposure, saturation contrast etc. Try it, it's entirely free.

The second item gives you direct access to thousands of photos on any topic of interest e.g. try 'sunsets'.

Lastly have a look at your own photos, and others listed in the competition section according to date.

Remember, as a club member, this website belongs to all of us 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.

ADVANCED DIGITAL WORKSHOP

The latest workshop conducted by Adrian Cook was a great success with four members from the Corio Bay Camera Club joining us in an informative day of learning.

A possible future workshop by Adrian may include Photoshop Elements 6 and Lightroom 2 computer program tuition – more details latter.

COMPETITION STEWARD INFORMATION – CHANGE OF DATE

The closing date for submitting your entries for the Interclub competition with the Ballarat Camera Club has been changed from 11 August to **14 July** (date of July meeting), so please get your photos to Anne Earnshaw **on or before** this date.

Subjects for the competition are:

Slides: Open
Slides: Festivals

Small Prints: Open
Small Prints: Festivals

Large Prints: Open

CLUB MEMBER LIST

In an attempt to assist with communication between club members, the committee has published a list of contact details of financial members as at April 2009. This list has been forwarded with this newsletter.

Note: This list is to be used by club members and not for any other use.

Please contact Tom or Teresa Bates if any of the information needs updating.

2009 FEES:

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

REMINDER - OLD SYLLABUS DOCUMENTS

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

FOR SALE:

- a) Nikon D70s (6 Mega pixel digital SLR) with Tamron 18-200mm lens, remote release cable, video cable, USB cable, battery, manual. Ideal entry-level DSLR. Uses Compact Flash cards.
- b) Nikon F70 (film SLR) with Sigma 28-80mm lens, remote release cable, manual.
- c) Sunpak Power Zoom 4000AF Flashgun (for Nikon film camera).

Contact: Carol Hall - Phone 5339 2255 for further details.

COMING EVENTS FOR 2009

Image Evaluation Seminar – 1-5pm Saturday 25 & 9.45am-3pm Sunday 26 April 2009

The Phillip Island Camera Club is hosting an Image Evaluation Seminar at St Philips Anglican Church Hall in Cowes. Cost is \$45 and topics include:

Image evaluation; Photography tips for travellers; Portrait photography; Creating imaginative Images; Photographic adventures in Cambodia, Vietnam & Argentina; Public Speaking

For more information contact Rob McKay on (03) 5952 3512 or robertmc@waterfront.net.au.

Website: <http://phillipislandcameraclub.smugmug.com>

V.A.P.S. Muster – Macedon Ranges 16 & 17 May

If you are planning to attend this years VAPS Muster, to be held at Braemar College, Mt. Macedon Road, Woodend 3442, please see Pam Allen for registration forms as the closing date with full payment is required to reach the organisers by 30 April 2009.

International Foto Biennale – 4 September – 4 October 2009

Advance notice that the International Foto Biennale (formerly held at Daylesford) will be held this year in Ballarat from 4 September to 4 October inclusive - more details at www.ballaratfoto.org

Club Safari 9-11 October 2009

To help with the organisation of this year's **Safari to Rawson Village** (see March newsletter for more details), the Committee asks members to confirm their intention to attend by paying a deposit of \$10 per person to Ross at the next meeting (12 May).

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS:

The Committee encourages members to participate in the following competitions.

Skipton Photographic Show – Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 May

The Skipton Progress Association will be holding their 4th annual Photographic Show in the Skipton Mechanics Hall. Three sections – Open, Novice and Youth.

Each section will have seven categories – Pictorial; Creatures; Creative experimental; Photo-journalism; Landscape/Seascape; People/portrait and Skipton Buildings/Scenery.

Contact President Pam for details and entry forms.

'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.otwaysinfocus.com

Enquiries:

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

MAY COMPETITION TOPIC ENTRIES:

The following prints and slides are to be submitted at the 12 May meeting.

Small prints:

Slides:

Open

Rocks

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on 12 May at the Kohinoor Community Centre at 8pm.

Guest Judge will be Herman Ruyg, a former well-known Ballarat Courier Photographer.