~ CAMERA NEWS May 2013 ~

Monthly newsletter of the Ballarat YMCA Camera Group.

A part of the YMCA of Ballarat.

Clubrooms: Kohinoor Community Centre,

On the Corner of Errard & Sebastopol Streets, Ballarat.

Meetings: 8.00pm 2nd Tuesday each month at the clubrooms.

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Ballarat YMCA**Camera**Group

Greetings all; Here is the News:

May Meeting: The May meeting commenced at 7 pm with special guest speaker Ed Goodson, Arts & Photographic teacher at the Ballarat Secondary College.

The expected lecture on composition was replaced by an interesting talk based on a book called 'The Photographers Eye'. Ed's explanations on how the B&W photos shown were achieved were clear and enlightening.

VAPS Convention Interclub Results:

42 clubs submitted entries in both the Prints and the EDPI sections.

Unfortunately our team results this year are not too good, with Aggregate places of (33^{rd}) in prints and (41^{st}) in the projected images.

There are however some members who managed individual results well above the average.

Bruce Fryer with a score of $\underline{13 \text{ points}}$ for his 'Fog over View Point' was our best effort followed by Ken Smith and Pam Dellaca with $\underline{11 \text{ points}}$ in the prints section.

Skipton Photo Competition: This competition was very successful attracting 700 entries.

Congratulations to Ron Collins on attaining a First place in the Still Life and a Highly Commended.

Our committee is looking into the possibility of a photography expedition to the Melbourne Zoo. The suggested trip would be to travel by rail as a group. Dates and times (August maybe) still to be discussed at the next meeting.

The previous trip some years ago was very popular and successful.

ANNUAL SAFARI: Southcombe Lodge Port Fairy.

The date for our annual safari has changed to 11th 12th and 13th October 2013

Cost is \$28 per person per night

There is still plenty of room.

If you cannot attend both nights (Friday and Saturday) feel free to attend one night only.

You will need to supply all our own food, drinks, linen and a pillow.

Also bring your partner or a friend, they will be made most welcome.

We really do need to establish numbers for the camp, so if you are interested in attending please e-mail (Secretary Dianne Fletcher) cameraclubymca@gmail.com or advise Dianne at the next meeting.

Could you please also pay your deposit of \$10 per person at our next meeting.

COMPETITION RESULTS:

For your photographs entered in April and presented this month.

Our judge for this competition was Keith Aggett from the Ballarat Camera Club. Keith is knowledgeable photographer and judge who specialises these days in macro photography. His judges comments and his short talk on the subject afterwards showed his depth of knowledge on macro and on the identification of the insects in his photos. A comment of interest was the advantage of using backgrounds which are black, blurred and free of distracting objects. Another was that maybe some of our 'macro' photos would have been better called 'close-up' but the border between the two is blurred.

Small prints: MACRO.

First Tom Bates Orchid #2.

Second John Allen Bronzewing.

Third Judy Johnson Frozen.







Projected images: OPEN

First Trevor Parry *Unfolding.*Second Neil Sinclair *Autumn morning.*Third Trevor Parry *Salvation Jane..*







Please excuse the 'editorial licence' taken in cropping your photos to make them fit.

Entries to be handed in next month are:

Small Prints SHOES.

An image which depicts shoes as the main point of interest.

Shown pictorially as opposed to still life.

Projected images .. OPEN:

Please ensure your photographs comply with the '2012/13 Subject Definitions' **Don't forget**, experienced photographers from our group are always willing to assist members who have any questions on how to improve their skills.

Important reminder:

Change to the competition rules.

2(d): Projected digital images and Prints which have previously won an award, ie. First, Second, or Third in the YMCA Camera Group's monthly competition cannot be re-submitted in that category.

Any image that wins <u>First place</u> in the YMCA Camera Group's monthly competition is not to be entered <u>in any other category</u> in our club competitions.

<u>For example</u>. (Small print to Large print or Set subject to Open or another Set subject or to Projected digital image or vice/versa).

Some more reminders:

Fees for 2013: Membership fees will remain the same as last year, and are now OVERDUE \$20 for Juniors and Students, \$35 for adults & \$65 for couples.

If you have not paid your membership see Ross a.s.a.p.

FOR SALE:

<u>Photo Mounts</u>: The YMCA Camera Group has a quantity of inexpensive photo mounts for sale. Black and cut to suit 7x5 inch @ \$1.00 and 10x8 inch prints @ \$1.50 Ask about these at a group meeting.

What's happening next: 2013

Tuesday, June 11th: Group meeting at Kohinoor.

(Small prints - Open, Projected images - Summer).

Pam Dellaca, Neil Sinclair and Trina Jones are our judges for this competition.

Tuesday, June 18th: Committee meeting at the YMCA Board Room

Committee meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month.

If there are any matters you would like discussed at committee please let our secretary know.

October 11,12.13: Our weekend camp will be held at Southcombe Lodge Port Fairy.

The second weekend in October sounds like a long way away but it will come around quickly enough, so put it in your diary now. See the Ad' on page 1.

This one is a bit further away:

Next year 2014 for our 'camp' we are trying to book in to The Star of the Sea at Apollo Bay.

Hope to have confirmation on this one soon.

Both of the above are excellent places for a relaxing weekend away.

More information on price etc. Later.

Cemetery Trust Project: This project is ongoing. If you are interested in joining in see Ken Smith for more information.

Other bits and pieces:

While our group competition subject definitions are only one or two sentences, Photographs forwarded to VAPS or other competitions will be judged using definitions like the one below. Keep this in mind when entering our monthly competitions.

The following is an extract from the **VAPS Endorsed Definitions**.

Nature (N) — Nature photography depicts living, untamed animals and uncultivated plants in a natural habitat, geology and the wide diversity of natural phenomena, from insects to icebergs. Photographs of animals that are domesticated, caged or under any form of restraint, as well as photographs of cultivated plants are ineligible. Minimal evidence of humans is acceptable for nature subjects, such as barn owls or storks, adapting to an environment modified by humans, or natural forces, like hurricanes or tidal waves, reclaiming it. The original image must have been taken by the photographer, whatever photographic medium is used. Any manipulation or modification to the original image is limited to minor retouching of blemishes and must not alter the content of the original scene. After satisfying the above requirements, every effort should be made to ensure the highest level of artistic skill in all nature photographs. (Also the FIAP definition).

To see all the VAPS endorsed definitions go to: www.vaps.com.au then open (Documents) - (Useful documents) - then (VAPS "NEW" "Reference Document" "NEW). click on the cross, this will open access to a "word" document (_NEW_VAPSReferenceDocument_NEW.doc.) Lots of information about judging and preparing prints for judging on this document as well.

<u>Advertising:</u> Photo' equipment for sale advertisements are always welcome for inclusion in *Camera News*, as is information on upcoming photographic competitions.

Ads' should be addressed to pamjohna@ncable.net.au or phone 5341 3293 or bring them along to our club meetings.

Any information not directly concerning this newsletter should be directed to our secretary. cameraclubymca@gmail.com

or to The Secretary;

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Yours in photography
Cheers Pam & John Allen.

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Some also provide discounts on most goods and services.

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 Howitt Street Wendouree
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