



Ballarat
YMCA Camera Group

CAMERA NEWS February 2015

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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Start of the year BBQ lunch, Sunday 8th February: This event was held at Gillian and Ross Block's home. All who attended enjoyed several hours chatting/eating together and looking forward to the year ahead.



First meeting in 2014: this meeting was very well attended with over 30 people in attendance, including several new members. The program for the evening was a nostalgia night. Several members brought along their slides, taken many years ago of club outings & workshops etc...- luckily the projector was still working beautifully! Some members brought their photo albums.

It was enjoyable night and created much interest - especially those **RED** hats.

Thank you to -

** *Doug* for keeping track of the member's scores all year and also for organizing the trophies & medallions for our Awards night.

** *Anne, John, Leo and Neil* for attending the Cycle Classic to photograph the participants. The organizers were thrilled with the clubs response.

** *Gillian & Ross* for being the hosts of our annual BBQ lunch once again.

** *Anne* for the sterling work she does as Print Steward.

Next meeting: Tuesday March 10th is our Annual meeting when the new committee is installed. Several committee members are stepping down from their positions after giving valuable service to the club.

Please consider joining our committee as we need fresh ideas and opinions from the broader membership to help successfully continue through 2015.

If you would like to be part of the team please advise our current President Leo before the meeting begins.

Corio Bay/Ballarat YMCA Interclub:

This year the interclub competition will be held at the Ballarat YMCA Camera Group clubrooms, Kohinoor Community Centre, on Saturday 21st March.

Prior to the meeting we will have dinner at the Flying Horse Bistro at 6pm - all welcome.

Would appreciate names/numbers by next meeting please.

Members please bring a **plate** to the meeting for supper. Judge Kerri Purcell.

VAPS Annual Convention 2015 - Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th May 2015

The VAPS annual convention and Interclub will be held in Bendigo.

A fabulous collection of keynote speakers and a wide range of workshops for camera clubs will be available for members to enjoy.

Enrolment forms and programme can be obtained from VAPS website

We hope to see many of you there for some great networking opportunities with fellow photographers and some interesting speakers and workshops.

From *The Ballarat Courier*

This photo of our talented annual award winners was published in the Courier on Tuesday 24th February. A little bit of publicity like this has to be good and maybe attract some more local amateur photographers like us to our group.

The Courier is a major sponsor of the Ballarat YMCA Camera Group.



BEST SHOT: Ballarat YMCA Camera Group president Leo Fletcher, back left, with winners Noel Verlinden and, front from left, Jenny Trainor, Neil Sinclair and Christine Thomson. **PICTURE:** KATE HEALY

Amateur photographers win praise

SOME of Ballarat's finest amateur photographers had their work recognised at the weekend.

The Ballarat YMCA Camera Group gave out prizes for photos across a range of categories.

Member Jenny Trainor said it was hard not to be inspired by her subject - her daughter.

Ms Trainor is relatively new to the group, joining with friend Christine Thomson after a holiday. "We came back with all these photos and thought, 'Maybe we could do a little bit better,'" she said.

ALEX HAMER

Their efforts have certainly paid off, with Ms Trainor winning the Best Set Subject for her portrait of her daughter.

Neil Sinclair said he was still considered a blow-in after eight years in the group (nothing on the 45-year membership reached by some), but said it was hard not to get sucked in to photography.

"It's such a good release, "Things do look different, even

when you don't have a camera, and also looking at photos, you think, 'Why am I impressed with that, is it the light, the composition?'" he said.

He had good luck with light to capture his photo "Geelong morning". He was taking pictures of the Geelong foreshore before dawn and found he was looking the wrong way when the light arrived.

"I turned around and saw the light over the refinery, the light coming in over the water," he said.

ANNUAL AWARDS RESULTS:

George Townsend Club Award:

Awarded for small prints which were unplaced during the year and entered by members who have never won a major prize in the past.

First -	Dianne Fletcher ...	<i>Pelican Yoga</i>
Second -	Jenny Trainor ...	<i>Jess</i>
Third -	City Life ...	<i>Christine Thomson</i>



Large print of the year:

First -	Judy Johnson ...	<i>Bedouin Man</i>
Second -	Judy Johnson ...	<i>Streaming White</i>
Third -	Ken Smith ...	<i>Iceland Poppy</i>

Large print of the year:

Aggregate.		
Ken Smith ...		<i>88 points</i>
Judy Johnson ...		<i>41 points</i>
Noel Verlinden ...		<i>25 points</i>



Small print of the year:

Open.		
First -	Neil Sinclair ...	<i>Geelong Morning</i>
Second -	Megan Rayner ...	<i>Port Fairy Lighthouse</i>
Third -	Ken Smith ...	<i>Battle Field Rescue</i>

Small print of the year:

Set subject.		
First -	Ken Smith ...	<i>White Peacock</i>
Second -	Noel Verlinden ...	<i>Bracket Fungi</i>
Third -	Dianne Fletcher ...	<i>Jail Door</i>



Small print of the year:

Aggregate.		
First -	Ken Smith ...	<i>77 points</i>
Second -	Noel Verlinden ...	<i>55 points</i>
Third -	Peter Elford ...	<i>49 points</i>

Projected images:

Open.		
First -	Judy Johnson ...	<i>Madonna</i>
Second -	Jenny Trainor ...	<i>In Control</i>
Third -	Mark Bevelander ...	<i>Late Afternoon in the Forest</i>

Projected images:

Set subject.		
First -	Jenny Trainor ...	<i>Sea Urchins</i>
Second -	Ken Smith ...	<i>Bee Eater.</i>
Third -	Ken Smith ...	<i>Stormy sea.</i>



Projected images:

Aggregate.		
First -	Noel Verlinden ...	<i>95 points.</i>
Second -	Mark Bevelander ...	<i>75 points.</i>
Third -	Trevor Parry ...	<i>60 points.</i>

The difficult task of judging our Annual Awards was given to Stephen Moten. He is a member of the Ballarat Camera Club and is experienced and skilled in the art of creating great photos.

March competition:

The judge for this month's competition is Dennis Spielvogel.

Dennis is an ex-school teacher & accomplished photographer who is always willing to impart his knowledge to you. He will judge and comment on Small prints (Open), Large prints (Open), and Projected images (Shadows) which were entered last meeting.

Photos needed for next month's judging are -

* Small prints - Aspect of Mining, past or present.

An image depicting an aspect of mining, past or present in Ballarat or district.

* Large prints (Open) and

* Projected images (Open)

Open Definition - any subject treated pictorially. ie good design, arrangement and composition.

Wanted: Two groups of three members each are required to act as judges at monthly club competitions. Following the successful efforts of last years judges the continuation of this practice should be encouraged. Each group will only be required to act as judge once during the year. So don't be backward in coming forward and having a go. Please contact our print steward Anne Earnshaw if you are interested.

Fees: Membership fees for next year remain unchanged and are **DUE NOW**
Adult \$35, Couple \$65, Junior or Student \$20.

Advertising:

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 tljones80@bigpond.com or bring them along to meetings.

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

or to 'The Secretary'; Ballarat YMCA Camera Group PO Box 259 Ballarat 3353

Yours in photography

Cheers *Trina*

The Ballarat businesses below sponsor our group by providing the prizes for our annual awards. Some also provide discounts on goods and services.

Camera House (Thornton Richards) 416 Sturt Street. Ballarat.

Ballarat Camera Centre 211 Sturt Street. Ballarat.

N L Harvey & Sons 123 Sturt Street. Ballarat.

The Ballarat Courier 110 Creswick Road Ballarat

Harvey Norman Howitt Street Wendouree

Cartridge World 1213a Sturt Street Ballarat.

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