

Curriculum Vitae: Nicol du Toit

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Club affiliation: Cape Town Photographic Society (CTPS)

Club position: 2015-present: CTPS president; 2012-2014: CTPS treasurer

Education:

- 1968: matriculated Bredasdorp High School
- 1972: B.Comm (Stellenbosch)
- 1979: Hons. B.Compt (UNISA)
- 1980: Pass Chartered Accountant Board exam
- 1984: MBA (UCT)

Career:

- 1997- present: Co-owner of Rocklands Communications and Publisher of Sports Trader magazine.
- 1980 – 1997: Several management positions in the Safmarine/Rennies group, including MD and CEO of Saftainer.
- 1975-1980: Article clerk at Deloitte
- 1973 -1975: accountant at Rembrandt

Area of interest at PSSA:

Marketing: For the past 19 years my work mainly consisted of marketing our publications.

Treasurer: I am a qualified chartered accountant, worked as an accountant and served as treasurer of the SA Chess Federation.

As publisher I will be able to offer advice about the publication of Image, if required.

General management: My experience will be of benefit across most portfolios.

Background:

I grew up in Bredasdorp where I completed my matric in 1968. After doing my compulsory military stint in 1969, during which time I was made a junior officer, I went to the University of Stellenbosch where I obtained a B.Comm degree. I started my career in business in 1973 at Rembrandt and in 1975 I decided to do my articles as chartered accountant and joined Deloitte.

In 1979 I obtained a Hons. B. Compt. Degree at UNISA and passed the board exam in 1980. In the same year I joined Safmarine and decided to go into general management. I obtained an MBA from UCT in 1984.

In the Safmarine and Rennie's Group I had a variety of jobs in different group companies and worked my way up through senior management to positions of managing director and chief executive in group companies.

After meeting Trudi in my first year in Stellenbosch we got married in 1975. She started her journalistic career in 1973 with Die Burger and reached senior positions in the leading women's magazines. When the children started arriving she worked as freelancer. We have two daughters and a son who are all adults now and pursuing their own careers.

In 1997 Trudi and I decided that we had enough of working for other people and bought a publishing company, which we are jointly running, lately in partnership with one of our daughters.

My eldest brother introduced me to photography at a very young age and I grew up with cameras from before going to school. Money was tight in those days and I learned to improvise to the extent that I built my own enlarger while at high school.

I joined the photographic society at Stellenbosch and Trudi had to endure many makeshift darkrooms in our bathrooms through the years. I bought my first SLR with my first pay cheque after passing my board exam. When the children and my career started taking its toll on my time, my photography consisted mainly of family snapshots using slide film.

I tried to encourage my children into photography and my youngest daughter took me with her to a meeting of the Cape Town Photographic Society in 2011 and I was immediately hooked. I was elected to council as treasurer in 2012 and as president in 2015.

I was also involved in chess and served on the Goodwood Chess Club's committee and as treasurer of the South African Chess Federation during the seventies and early eighties.

If elected to the board of the PSSA I hope to use my experience and skills to the benefit of members and photography in general.