

Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society
December 2023

‘Tong-tippie-toets’ success

We take a break, with a monthly competition winner



“Die tong-tippie-toets” (above) by Carina de Klerk was a first winner by a member of our club of one of the monthly competitions organized by the PSSA (Photographic Society of South Africa in a long time. It was in the November competition for individual PSSA members, where it won with a score of 40/45 – the last results before the summer holidays break.

You're never too young to be good



“Impulsive impala” (above) by Judy Armstrong was not only the top-scoring image by a junior photographer (up to 3-Star level) at our club’s last monthly meeting of the year on Wednesday 6 December. It was also the image with the highest score, 28/30, of the evening.

As such it will be entered in the PSSA monthly junior competition for December, and it is recognised as the club’s image of the month for December.

Judy was promoted from 2-Star to 3-Star photographer only four months ago.

See also the story below on Two times 17th .

One surfer, one shot, three medals



“The bodyboard surfer” (above) by David Wilson was awarded its second and third medals – both silver – in the Norway and Finland legs of the Nordic international salon in November. The first medal for the same image was a club medal in the Krugersdorp salon in October.

David, by far the most prolific collector in our club of all sorts of international salon accolades, is also the joint South African leader in international salon medals awarded this year with a total of six (including the two mentioned above).

Two stars rise to a higher level

The promotion of two of our members, Ingrid Grundlingh and Henry Pieters, was announced at our last monthly meeting of the calendar year on Wednesday 6 December.

Ingrid, one of the stars of our club’s junior group, has now entered the senior group by advancing from 3-Star to 4-Star level. Henry’s advancement from 2-Star to 3-Star means he is now on the highest junior level.

These levels have nothing to do with age, but are meant to measure and encourage photographers to develop their skills! More information under Rules and Regulations on our club website.

Two times 17th, whatever that may mean

The latest results of the PSSA monthly competitions show that our club is in 17th position in the senior and the junior competition.

That is based on the total scores of all the clubs so far in the two competitions,

which can be regarded as an indication of consistent photographic quality.

The PSSA (Photographic Society of South Africa) has 88 clubs affiliated to it, including our club. So if we have the 17th highest score, we are in the top 20% in both competitions.

That is good, and even better is the fact that our position has improved through the first five months of the competitions.

That is the national picture.

It differs from our region, the Western Cape. There we are 3rd in the senior competition and 6th in the junior competition, but both our regional positions have also improved.

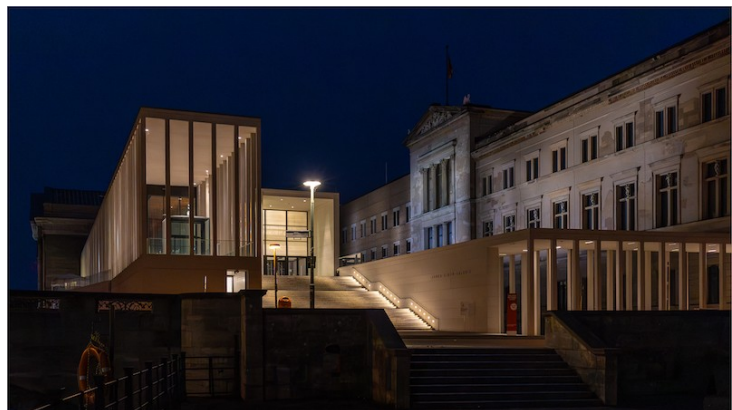
Maybe we should be reminded of the wise words of a famous South African rugby player of some decades ago: "The Currie Cup is not won in May (early in the season)."



"Kogelbaai blues" by Carina de Klerk – our club's December entry in the PSSA senior club competition.



"Caught in the moment" by Judy Armstrong – our November junior entry, which received a score of 35/45.



"New wing for old museum" by Charles Naudé – our November senior entry, which received a score of 34/45.

Results of last two salons of 2023

The results of the Vanderbijlpark salon has just been announced, but those of Sasol Highveld are expected later in December. The closing date for the first salon of the new calendar year, that of On the Rocks, is 6 January. The salon year runs from July 2023 to June 2024.

Vanderbijlpark national salon

Charles Naudé – 1 certificate of merit for “Die toring”, and 4 more images accepted for exhibition

David Wilson – 2 acceptances

International salons

David Wilson – 2 silver medals for “The bodyboard surfer”, and 33 more acceptances at various salons (image on page 3)

Forthcoming events

Our first monthly meeting of 2024, including the annual general meeting, will be in the Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church Hall on Wednesday 7 February at 19:00. It will include the (re-)election of committee members, and an opportunity for members to choose the Image of 2023.

Members may enter up to three images of their choice, and one on the Set Subject, “Reflections” / “Weerspieëlings”, all for evaluation. All submissions must be done via Photo Vault Online, and by Wednesday 31 January. All scores will count for advancement.

There will be no club meeting in January.

The set subjects for the next three months of 2024 are

March – Shadows as art / Skaduwees as kuns

April – Using perspective / Die gebruik van perspektief

May – A monochrome street scene / 'n Eenkleurige straattoneel

More information on the club website under Club Notices

The First Friday Art Walk in Hermanus is from 17:00 to 20:00 on the first Friday of the month. Our club print exhibition which forms part of this is at Hermanus FotoFirst.

Celebration of Photography, an exhibition of the work by members of 21 photographic clubs in the Western Cape, including ours, will be open until 31 December. It is in the Tasting Cellar of Groot Constantia Wine Estate.

Forthcoming salons

January 6 – On the Rocks national digital salon

January 13 – PSSA national audio-visual salon

January 15 – MIROC digital circuit

January 20 – Bloemfontein national digital salon

February 3 – Ermelo national digital salon

February 10 – AFO national digital salon

Brochures and more information on salon participation on the PSSA website

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