

Newsletter of the Hermanus Photographic Society

June 2024

## Hermanus club's got talent

### Juniors shine after we gained 20 new members

We should have seen it coming last year, when we gained 15 new members.

It did not stop. So far this year we have another five.

This total gain of 20 members equals 40% or more of our average paid-up membership over the last decade.

Most of the new members join on a junior level – from 1-

Star to 3-Star – based largely on their experience. But that says little about their talent.



*"Just around the corner" by Louise Kruger, 1-Star photographer – our club's junior image of the month, and our entry in the PSSA junior monthly club competition. It was one of three junior images to receive a score of 13/15 at our club's monthly assessment.*

We just got a glimpse of that. No fewer than three junior club members were given a score of 13/15 in the monthly assessment of images at our club

meeting on Wednesday 5 June. That score translates into the highest possible club assessment award, a Merit, for a senior photographer.

So the judge had three exceptional images from which to pick our junior image of the month, which would also be our entry in the junior monthly club competition organized by the PSSA (Photographic Society of South Africa). He chose "Just around the corner" by Louise Kruger, a 1-Star photographer.



*"Whale of a time" by Victor Korsten, 2-Star junior photographer (another 13/15 at our club's June meeting).*

The two PSSA competitions, one for juniors and one for seniors (4-Star and higher), are indicative of the quality of our club's photography on both senior and junior level.

After a fairly average performance during the first half of the competition, which began in July 2023, we shot up to 2<sup>nd</sup> place among Western Cape clubs, and a place in the top 10 countrywide, in both competitions in the beginning of this calendar year.

But our junior entry has been outperforming our senior entry, with a higher score in the PSSA competition in five of the six months since December. Based on the



*"Seagulls" by Henry Pieters, 3-Star junior photographer (yet another 13/15 in our club's June assessment of images).*

total scores so far, we are still 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Western Cape in both competitions, but countrywide 6<sup>th</sup> in the senior and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the junior competition.



## A 'perfect' score, and other results

Our club's senior image of the month, and entry in the PSSA June senior club competition, "Day break waves" (right) by Phil Sturgess, was given a "perfect" score of 15/15 by the judge, David Benn of the Camera Club of Johannesburg, at our June meeting.



"Balance" by Charles Naudé (left) and "Raptor RV climbing" by Wayne Moore (right) received scores of respectively 35/45 and 36/45 in the senior and junior monthly competitions of the PSSA in May.

- More information on our club's grading and advancement system (from 1-Star to 5-Star and beyond) can be found on our website ([hermanusphoto.co.za](http://hermanusphoto.co.za)); and more on the PSSA monthly club competitions and other activities on their website ([pssa.co.za](http://pssa.co.za)).

## Celebrating our FynArts print exhibition



*A scene from the celebratory evening of our club's annual print exhibition, which forms part of Hermanus FynArts. The ceremony, with a performance by two local singers, was in the NG Kerksaal on Wednesday 12 June. More about the exhibition in the next Snapshot.*

## Already a handful for the new year

Our fifth new member of 2024, who joined the club in May, is Marinda Kotzé. This follows on our gaining 15 new members in 2023.

## Bronze highlight of salon results

### **Kroonstad national Mono salon**

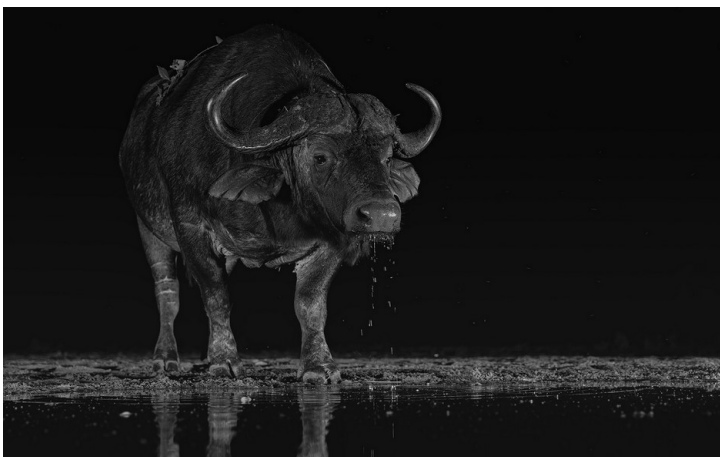
David Wilson – 1 Bronze medal and another 4 images accepted for exhibition

Charles Naudé – 2 acceptances

### **Edenvale national salon**

David Wilson – 2 images accepted for exhibition

Charles Naudé – 2 acceptances



*"Buffalo at waterhole" by David Wilson – Bronze medal for first runner-up in Kroonstad mono salon category.*

### **International salons**

David Wilson – 5 awards and 123 acceptances by various salons

## Forthcoming events

**Our July monthly meeting of 2024** will be devoted to Camera Café after requests from members for an opportunity for a longer discussion of photography. It will be a live meeting in the hall of the Hermanus NG Kerk, starting at 18:00. One of the topics is envisaged to be the modification of images. There will be no assessment of images, and no set subject. More details will be communicated by social media.

**The set subjects** for the next three months of 2024 are:

August – Picception (an image inside an image) / 'n Prentjie binne 'n prentjie

September – A foggy or misty landscape / 'n Wasige of mistige landskap

October – An action shot / 'n Aksiefoto

### **Forthcoming salons**

June 29 – Kempton Park national digital salon

June 30 – Amber international audio-visual salon

July 6 – Nelspruit national digital salon

July 15 – Danube Summer Circuit

July 20 – Benoni national digital salon

■ Brochures and more information on salon participation are on the PSSA website ([pssa.co.za](http://pssa.co.za)).

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## Snapshot

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