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Promoting Photographic Excellence



JUNIOR OVERALL WINNER

Natalia Lumgair

Giant's Castle



SENIOR OVERALL WINNER
Rodney Cory
City of Science 091



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## MORE ABOUT THE WINNING IMAGES...

### Giant's Castle - Natalia Lumgair

This photo was taken at Giant's Castle. Giant's Castle is a section of the Drakensberg Mountain range in KwaZulu Natal. It gets its name from the mountain's silhouette, which resembles the profile of a sleeping giant. It's well known for its breath-taking scenery, numerous hiking trails and for being home to the Bearded Vulture.

That early morning, we took the mountain trail from the hotel and after about 10 minutes of hiking, we went down a hill to the Bushman river. Wow! Just Wow...there in front of us, was one of the most beautiful sights I've ever seen. The mist, which had clouded our view early in the morning, had lifted, and the mountain revealed itself in massive, raw beauty. I sat myself down on a rock and stared in wonder at the magnificence in front of me. The mist lifting, cloud falling and the everchanging light. It was mesmerizing.

I don't easily sit still for long, but I do believe I could have sat there all day, blissfully entranced. Surrounded by beauty, the stillness, the silence of the reserve and gentle sound of the running river all of that permeates into your being and the buzz of 'big city life' just melts away.

It was just incredibly quiet and incredibly beautiful.



**EXIF DATA:** 

NIKON D500 NIKKOR AF-P 18-55mm 3.5-5.6G DX VR ISO 100 SHUTTER SPEED 1/400 APERTURE F 16



## MORE ABOUT THE WINNING IMAGES...

### City of Science 091 - Rodney Cory

The City of Arts and Sciences is a cultural and architectural complex in the city of Valencia, Spain. It is the most important modern tourist destination in the city of Valencia and one of the 12 Treasures of Spain.

The City of Arts and Sciences is situated at the southeast end of the former riverbed of the river Turia, which was drained and rerouted after a catastrophic flood in 1957. The old riverbed was turned into a picturesque sunken park.

Designed by Santiago Calatrava and Félix Candela, the project began the first stages of construction in July 1996, and was inaugurated on 16 April 1998 with the opening of L'Hemisfèric. The last major component of the City of Arts and Sciences, Palau de les Arts Reina Sofía, was inaugurated on 9 October 2005, Valencian Community Day. The most recent building in the complex, L'Àgora, was opened in 2009.

The Image was taken at 19h45



#### **EXIF DATA**

Canon R 5 with a 15 to 35 lens, F11, ISO 100, Exposure time : 30 sec.



## FROM THE CHAIRMAN



RODNEY CORY
CHAIRMAN

Chairman's Report November 2024

I would like to start my report with a major thanks to Aadil and the Salon Team (Marco and Cheryl) for the outstanding success of our Salon, not only did we have a record number of entries, Aadil and the team completed all the behind the scene work collecting all and RAW files this information was passed on to PSSA within a week for approval, the final results were published by PSSA less than a week later.

My thanks must also go out go out to all the judges and technical team for giving up there time over that weekend ... many tanks.

Also a big shout out to all the member that entered the Salon, congratulations to all the members that won medals, Cheryl Brooks (PJ), Pitts Patel (Nature and Open Colour) and Rodney Cory Open Mono, Scapes and Nature Birds).

Our Honors evening will take place in January 2025, so get your best images ready for judging ...

For all our members going away please drive safely and take care, for those less fortunate and staying at home please have a good festive season....

Best Wishes Rodney Cory



## FROM THE **EDITOR**



Thank You for an amazing 2024

As 2024 comes to a close, we want to take a moment to celebrate what a remarkable year it has been for our photography family. Each of you has contributed something unique to our club, creating a thriving club filled with inspiration, creativity, and support.

From the stunning photographs to the engaging discussions, sadness and laughs we've shared during our grading evenings, every moment has reinforced the incredible bond we've built together. Whether you've been with us for years or just joined, your presence is what makes our club special, and for that, we are genuinely thankful.

Looking forward to 2025, we are filled with excitement about the adventures to come. We anticipate new themes, exciting challenges, and even more chances to learn from each other. One thing will always remain unchanged: the importance we place on every member of our club.

Thank you for being a part of SPC and for contributing to the warm, vibrant atmosphere that we cherish.

> Happy Holidays!!! Keep Snapping

### THE YEAR AT A GLANCE































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## YOU WILL BE SADLY MISSED REST IN PEACE



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## WISHING YOU



KEEP SAFE

### SET SUBJECT

January 2025

### Golden Hour

Double Click on link below

https://www.youtube.com/watch?

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In photography, the golden hour is the period of daytime shortly after sunrise or before sunset, during which daylight is redder and softer than when the sun is higher in the sky.

The golden hour is also sometimes called the magic hour, especially by cinematographers and photographers. During these times, the brightness of the sky matches the brightness of streetlights, signs, car headlights and lit windows. The period of time shortly before the magic hour at sunrise, or after it at sunset, is called the "blue hour". This is when the sun is at a significant depth below the horizon, when residual, indirect sunlight takes on a predominantly blue shade, and there are no sharp shadows because the sun either has not risen, or has already

set.

### SET SUBJECT

January 2025

### Golden Hour













## MONTHLY WINNERS JUNIORS

NATALIA LUMGAIR- GIANT'S CASTLE





### MONTHLY WINNERS

## SENIORS

RODNEY CORY-CITY OF SCIENCE 091





## MONTHLY WINNERS SET SUBJECT

JUNIOR-PREMIER AWARD
NO WINNER





# MONTHLY WINNERS SET SUBJECT

SENIOR-PREMIER AWARD
RAYMOND KIESWETTER





# PROMOTIONS (ONGRATULATIONS)

Congrats!

TO ALL SALON
ACHIEVERS!



### CLUB STAR GRADING

#### **Springs Photographic Club:**

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<u>1</u>	1 Star	12 Golds	<u>Nil</u>
<u>2</u>	2 Star	15 Golds	Nil
Promotion	Michelle Stephen	8	59=54+2COM+3 Med
	Shaun Van Der Vyver	0	2
3	3 Star	20 Golds	6 Acceptances
	Terry Swart	15	5
Promotion	Derrill Papendorf	22	17=16+1 COM
	Chris Blackie Swart	17	3
Promotion	Natalia Lumgair	22	32=30+2 COM
Promotion	Raymond Kieswetter	22	8=7+1 COM
4	4 Star	30 Golds	27 Acceptances
Promotion	Marlou Schalkwyk	30	122=112+4 COM+1 Med + 5 Intl.
Promoted	Michelle Stephen	0	59=54+2COM+3 Med
Promoted	Natalia Lumgair	0	32=30+2 COM
	Raymond Kieswetter	1	8=7+1 COM
Promoted	Derrill, Papendorf	0	17=16+1 COM
	Sindey Lindeque	5	30=27+3 COM
<u>5</u>	5 Star	33 Golds	33 Acceptances
*	Sandra Potgieter	1	8
Promoted	Marlou Schalkwyk	0	122=112+4 COM+1 Med + 5 Intl.
	Barend Lindeque	2	79=69+9 COM+1 Med
	Ebrahim Pitts Patel	12	202=168+19 COM+4 Med + 11 Intl.
	Kelly Clarke	30	220=202+10 COM+3 Med + 1 Intl.+4 Judging
*	Cheryl Brooks	24	231=193+13 COM+4 Med + 13 Intl.+8 Judging
<u>6</u>	6 Star Ms Bronze	36 Golds	48 Acceptances
*	Marco McGann	3	20=12+8 Judging
*	Jeff Millar	0	24
*	Gerhardt Potgieter	4	24=19+1 COM+4 Judging
*	Chris Rossouw	0	26=21+1 COM+4 Judging
<u>7</u>	7 Star Ms Silver	40 Golds	68 Acceptances
	Aadil Matwadia	12	95=87+3 COM+1 Med+4 Judging
*	Nico Hattingh	7	419=329+72 COM+4 Judging+14 Med
8	8 Star Ms Gold	45 Golds	98 Acceptances
	Cathy Dooley	0	629=456+41 COM+28 Judging+ 13 Med + 103 Intl.
*	Lelanie Naude	6	66=59+4 COM + 3 Med
Promotion	André Noomé	45	103=100+3 Com
	Rodney Cory	35	952=725+61 COM+40 Judging+ 11 Med + 104 Intl.
9	9 Star Ms Platinum	45 Golds	138 Acceptances
Promoted	André Noomé	0	103=100+3 Com
	Gerhard Thysse	5	276=260+9 COM+4 Judging+3 Med
<u>10</u>	10 Star Ms Amethyst	45 Golds	183 Acceptances
	Neville Burr-Dixon	5	249=240+9 COM
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### CLUB STAR GRADING

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<u>11</u>	11 Star Ms Sapphire	45 Golds	233 Acceptances		
	Theo Van der Merwe	34	1024=900+102 COM+4 Judging+1 Jud. Chc +7 Med + 11 Intl.		
<u>12</u>	12 Star Ms Emerald	45 Golds	288 Acceptances		
<u>13</u>	13 Star Ms Ruby	45 Golds	348 Acceptances		
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Disclaimer:- Salons Acceptance May Change Due To Duplications, An Audit is being done.





#### Promoting Photographic Excellence

Here is a summary of what you can expect to see at our club meetings and hopefully it will explain some of the frequently asked questions that we get at the club. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to speak to one of our committee members

#### **OPENING THE MEETING**

Either the Chairman or the secretary will open the meeting and discuss the latest happenings and upcoming events. The judge will then be introduced, and he/she will present a short lecture with examples of his/her own photos when applicable. After this judging of images will start. The points will be given as "Bronze, Silver, Gold or COM". The judge will also give you feedback on how your photos can be improved to obtain higher points in future, where necessary.

#### **Definitions:**

STAR: This indicates the level that the club member is on. (For example - you will start as a One Star worker).

SALON: A salon is a photographic competition that members can enter. This competition is sometimes held by other clubs or is a national or international competition. At these competitions, you can win medals etc.

Our Club Levels or Star Ratings: When you join our club, you start with a One Star Rating. After you have been awarded a certain amount of points you move up to the next level or rating. You are required to have a certain amount of points and gold awards to move to the next star rating. Our ratings are from One to Five Star Masters. More details will be given to you on enrollment as you will receive a copy of the club rules.



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Awards:

Certificate of merit Gold Silver Bronze

#### Set Subject for the Month:

There is a set subject competition that is held each month. The subject is a different topic each month and each member can enter one entry as an e- photograph. The judge will pick a winning photo from 1-11 star. The extra points will be added to your grading sheets.

**Photography Winners: Certificates** 

Once all the photos have been displayed a winner will be selected by the judge for each star rating. We send the winning photos to the Springs Advertiser for publication if they have space before publication. The winning images will also be published in the club's Colorama.

Members are given Certificates for their COM and winning photos which will be digitally sent to members after club grading. The Springs Camera Club committee members will be more than willing to help you should you have any further queries. We are all like-minded people who have a love and passion for photography. This is a wonderful forum to be able to meet new people and to share your talents with people that want to learn.





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YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION FEES
MEMBERS UNDER THE AGE OF 65: R350
PENSIONERS: R300
SPOUSES (LEGALLY MARRIED): R500
SCHOLARS/ STUDENTS: R150

BANKING DETAILS

ABSA SPRINGS

CURRENT ACCOUNT

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 926 8266 720



### **SET SUBJECT**

JANUARY	Golden Hour
FEBRUARY	High Key
MARCH	Farm Life
APRIL	Life in Mono
MAY	Motion
JUNE	Minimalistic Mono
JULY	Autumn Colours
AUGUST	Blue Hour
SEPTEMBER	Breaking the Rules of Thirds
OCTOBER	Street Photography
NOVEMBER	Jacaranda



### **EATS FOR 2024**

JANUARY	Cheryl Brooks
FEBRUARY	Marco McGann & Gerhard Thysse
MARCH	Jeff Millar & Elsa Labuschagne
APRIL	Neville Burr Dixon & Raymond Kietswetter
MAY	Gerhardt Potgieter & Rodney Cory
JUNE	Marlou Schalkwyk & Kelly Clarke
JULY	The Lindeques
AUGUST	Natalia Lumgair & Michelle Stephen
SEPTEMBER	Aadil Matwadia & Pitts Patel
OCTOBER	Lelanie & Marco Naude
NOVEMBER	The Swarts



### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**



Workshops All committee members



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Potgieter
E-photo
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Sindey Lindeque Catering Assistant Projectionist 072 591 8763



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

EVENT	DATE
AGM	17 Oct 2024
PRIZE GIVING GALA EVENING	01 FEB 2025
LIGHTROOM CLASSIC NEW MASKING FEATURES TBA	ТВС



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Gerhard Potgieter
2 JANUARY

Sindey Lindeque
20 JANUARY

Marlow Schalkwyk

8 FEBRUARY

Natalia Lumgair
14 FEBRUARY

Sandra Potgieter
Rodney Cory 19 FEBRUARY
27 FEBRUARY

Raymond Kieswetter
28 FEBRUARY

