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Charl Durand - 4 Star
Score : 13 - Title : Degrees of separation

OVERALL & SENIOR WINNER

Charl Durand

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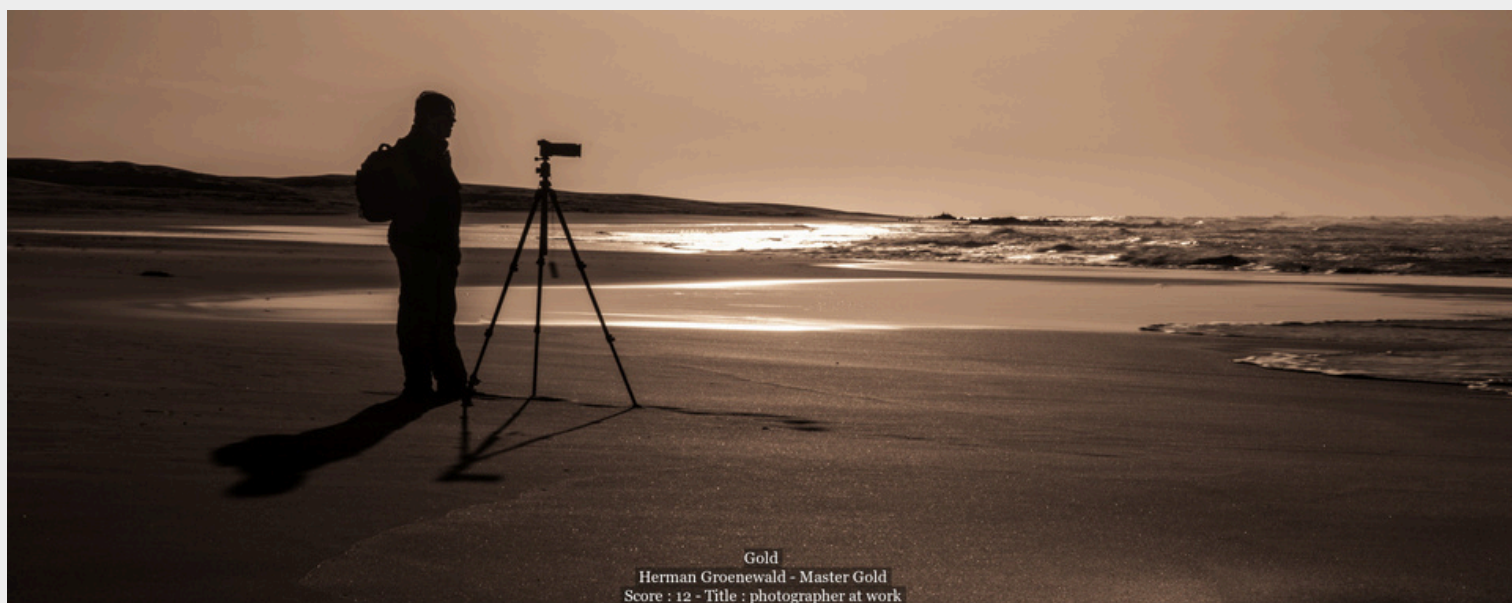
JUNIOR WINNER

Koos Franken



THEME WINNER

Herman Groenewald



DATES

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SEPT

8

Photovault open

SEPT

16

Photovault close

SEPT

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Midmonth Meeting

SEPT

29

Club night

SEPT'S THEME

POETRY IN MOTION

An image depicting someone or something moving with graceful fluidity and tactful elegance. It is an abstract concept. Colour or monochrome. Manipulation is allowed

AUG'S ENTRIES:

*PHOTOGRAPHING
ANOTHER
PHOTOGRAPHER*

54

TOTAL ENTRIES

2

COM

44

GOLD

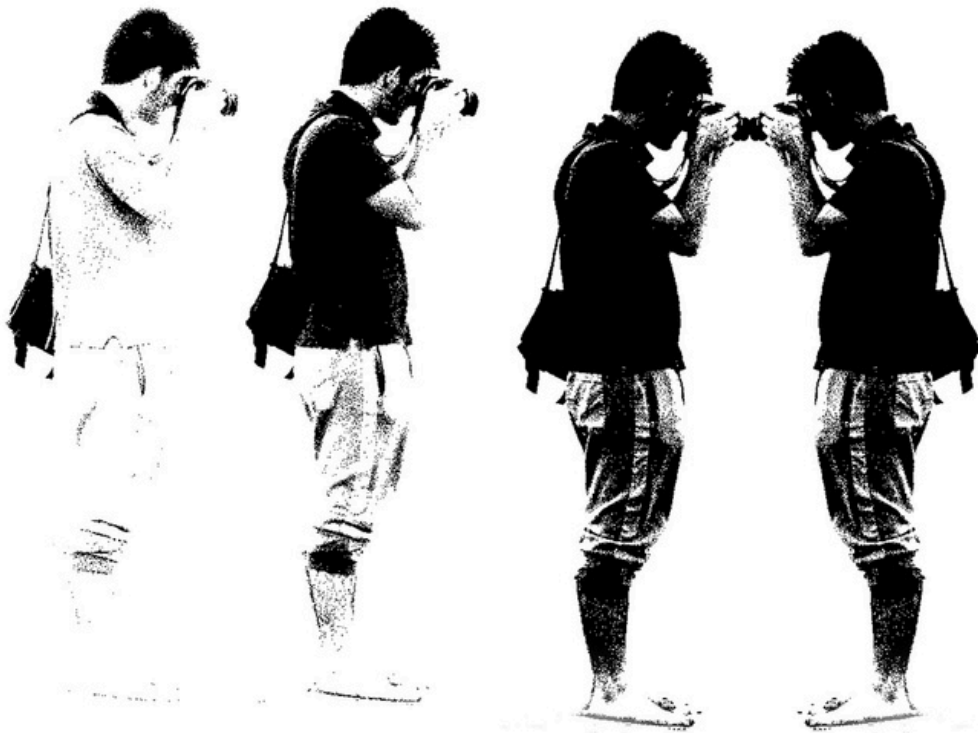
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SILVER

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BRONZE





Gold

Edmund Hall - 4 Star

Score : 12 - Title : Jannes Photographing Jannes Photographing Ja



Gold

Koos Franken - 3 Star

Score : 12 - Title : The Team and Claudia







Gold
Charl Durand - 4 Star
Score : 12 - Title : The Photographer in Red



Gold
Marco Brutsch - 4 Star
Score : 11 - Title: Photographing colourful action from close

HOW NEW TECHNOLOGY IS REVOLUTIONIZING THE PHOTO INDUSTRY

BY HERMAN GROENEWALD

As a photographer, I've witnessed firsthand the incredible advancements in technology that have transformed the way we capture, edit, and share images. In this blog, I'll explore the exciting innovations that are redefining the photo industry and how they're empowering photographers like me to push the boundaries of creativity.

Artificial Intelligence is the new Game-Changer

Artificial intelligence (AI) is undoubtedly one of the most significant developments in photography today. AI-powered tools are making it easier for photographers to automate tedious tasks, enhance images, and even create entirely new photorealistic images. With AI, I can:

- Automate editing: AI-driven software can intelligently select subjects, enhance skies, adjust lighting, and even colorize black-and-white photos with minimal manual input.
- Remove imperfections: AI can eliminate unwanted elements, such as power lines or blemishes, with ease.
- Generate new content: AI can create realistic images from scratch, opening up new possibilities for creative expression.



AI is not just a tool; it's a collaborator that can help photographers work more efficiently and creatively. For example:

- AI-powered editing software: Can analyze images and suggest edits, allowing photographers to focus on the creative aspects of their work.
- AI-generated content: Can be used to create realistic images of products, people, or places, reducing the need for expensive photo shoots.

Computational Photography: Unlocking New Possibilities

Computational photography combines advanced algorithms and computational power to produce images with exceptional quality and versatility.

This technology has enabled smartphones and cameras to capture stunning images that rival traditional cameras. Some examples include:

- Night mode: Merges multiple images to enhance low-light performance.
- Portrait mode: Simulates professional bokeh effects.
- Super-resolution: Enhances image detail and clarity.

Computational photography is revolutionizing the way we capture images. With the ability to merge multiple images, enhance details, and simulate professional effects, photographers can:

- Computational photography enables photographers to capture stunning images in low-light conditions or with complex lighting setups.
- With advanced algorithms and computational power, photographers can achieve professional-looking results without the need for expensive equipment.

Immersive Experiences: The Rise of VR and AR

Virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) are transforming the way we experience and interact with visual content. These technologies allow me to create immersive stories through XR photography, blending real and virtual worlds into interactive narratives. They also make it possible to enhance images by adding virtual elements and real-time visual effects. In addition, AR offers guided editing tools that simplify post-processing, making advanced techniques more accessible.



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Drone Photography: Capturing New Perspectives



Drones have become an essential tool for photographers, allowing us to capture breath-taking aerial images and videos in ultra-high resolution. With drones, I can:

- Capture unique perspectives: Shoot from angles and heights that were previously impossible.
- Enhance storytelling: Use drone footage to add depth and context to my stories.

Drone photography offers a range of benefits, including:

- Unique perspectives: Capture images from angles and heights that were previously impossible.
- Increased flexibility: Use drones to capture images in a variety of environments and conditions.

Advanced Camera Technology: Pushing the Boundaries

The development of advanced camera sensors and mirrorless systems has significantly improved both image quality and overall performance. Notable innovations such as stacked sensors, which allow faster readout speeds and stronger low-light performance, and mirrorless cameras, which deliver quicker autofocus, enhanced video capabilities, and greater portability, have reshaped the craft.



Together, these advancements are transforming the way photographers work. They make it possible to:

- Capture images with exceptional clarity and detail.
- Work more efficiently, thanks to faster autofocus and versatile video functions.
- Advanced camera technology is pushing the boundaries of what's possible, empowering photographers to achieve professional results with greater ease

The Future of Photography: Trends and Challenges



As technology continues to evolve, it's essential for photographers to stay updated with the latest trends and challenges in the industry. Some key areas to watch include:

- Image overload: With billions of photos uploaded daily, standing out in a crowded digital landscape requires creativity, originality, and strong personal branding.
- Privacy concerns: Photographers must be mindful of consent and data security when capturing and sharing images.

Just a few thoughts,
Herman

CLUB NEWS



BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Rob Eyre (6th) and Tilla (25th) who celebrated their birthdays in August!
May the year ahead be filled with blessings.



SAVE THE DATE

KCC's annual prize giving and year-end function is planned for 6 December 2025. All members and their partners are welcome.
More information to follow soon



THINKING OF YOU

As Derrick faces this difficult time with his health, all of us at KCC are keeping him in our thoughts and prayers. We send him and his family strength, comfort, and love.

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