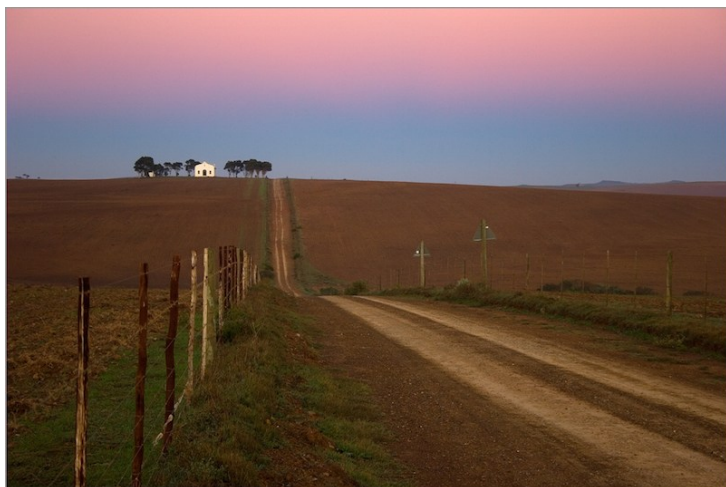


Memorable Vanderbijlpark Fotografiese Vereniging members

Francois Roux



Francois joined Vanderbijlpark Photographic Society in 1982 and became a PSSA member soon after joining. He is currently the longest serving committee member, having served from 1982 to now (2025). He has served as the treasurer and took responsibility for the salons portfolio from 1982 to 2008 and from 2008 to 2016 as the club's President. Since then he has served on the committee as vice president.

Francois has served PSSA in various capacities, among them as company secretary and treasurer for many years and as PSSA president between 2005 and 2007 and again 2019 and 2021. In 2025 he was elected PSSA 2nd Vice President.

Francois has been a co-organiser of the PSSA Honours Judging sessions for more than 20 years and has an impressive list of Honours:

- He was awarded FPSSA in slides with a specialist sport panel and
- another FPSSA digital with a specialist landscape panel.
- He earned MPSSA with a presentation on landscape photography.
- He earned EPSSA (Mille) and EFIAP with local and international salon acceptances
- and for good measure also AV-LPSSA.

Francois was one of the developers of the PSSA JAP programme and is a frequent JAP presenter and a presenter at congresses. He currently serves on the JAP Committee and is also a member of the PSSA Salon Committee, which makes the final decisions about disqualifications.

He is one of the top photographers in the country and in his club and has received numerous medals and awards, among them, the club's "*Veelsydigheid*" trophy for earning the most points in the annual competition in 2024.

Read more about him [here](#).



Johan Brits

Johan bought his first digital camera in 2005 and in 2006 joined the Vanderbijlpark Photographic Society as well as PSSA.

In 2007 he joined the committee of the Vanderbijlpark Photographic Society as the PRO, a position he still holds. For a few years he also assisted the PSSA PRO and Financial director in identifying sponsors and negotiating with them with the object of obtaining sponsorship for both the IMAGE and PSSA congresses. He still serves on the PSSA Marketing Committee.

In 2011 he achieved his APSSA honours (digital open) and in 2015 his FPSSA (digital, colour).

Johan has been the Southern Gauteng Regional Director for many years and chairs the PSSA Excom. He also serves on the Honours Judging Panel.

He is an active judge at his club as well as at clubs in the surrounding areas. He also judges national salons on a regular basis.

Read more about Johan [here](#).

Johan J Botha and Margie Botha





Johan J and Margie Botha are not only both leading photographers who earned FPSSA Honours, both also serve on the prestigious panel of PSSA Honours Judges. Johan, who also holds Honours from the UK, US, Australian photographic societies and FIAP, was PSSA president between 2003 and 2005 – read more about his achievements [here](#). Margie FPSSA, AFIAP was editor of the PSSA magazine *Image* for some years until 2007. Read more about her [here](#).

Dit was egter by die Vanderbijlpark Fotografiese Vereniging waar hul fotografiese grondslag gelê is, verduidelik Johan. “Ons was lede by Vanderbijlpark van 1989 tot 1993 en het as absolute groentjies by die klub aangesluit. Andre Coetzee het ons in n klein groepie geleer van shutter speed, aperture, ISO ens. Dit was nog in die dae van film/skyfies.

Johan vertel: “In 1993 het ons Johannesburg toe getrek (waar ons vandag nog bly) en ons het een maal per maand Pretoria toe gery na ons nuwe klub, AFO. Ons het later ook by Krugersdorp aangesluit. Uiteindelik het ons besluit dat die nagryery te gevaarlik geword het en ons het ons lidmaatskap by beide klubs laat vaar (dit was voor Zoom).”

“Margie was die redakteur van PSSA se tydskrif *Image* vir n paar jaar, maar het in 2007 die rol oorgegee aan Toni Ballotta.

“Ons was van 2008 tot 2012 woonagtig in Hamburg in Duitsland. Gedurende die tyd het Margie wyd oor Duitsland internasionale salonne beoordeel bv die famous German Mega Circuit (GMC). Ons is in die tyd ook beide genooi om in die VSA en Australië salonne te beoordeel en praatjies te gee - wat ons aanvaar en gedoen het.

“Net voor Covid in 2020 het ons n private klub gestig: Wildlife Photographic Forum (WPF) / Wildlewe Fotografiese Forum (WFF). Jy kan net op uitnodiging n lid word en die lidmaatskap is tot 20 lede beperk omdat die geriewe by ons woning net 20 kan akkommodeer. Dit is n informele klub sonder normale beoordeling en stergraderings, slegs n klub waar ons foto's deel en bespreek en in die proses leer. Ons het ook maandelikse werksinkels. Die WLF het in 2023 negende geëindig uit meer as 200 internasionale klubs in die FIAP World CUP for Clubs. Ons is baie aktief en kom een maal per maand bymekaar.

“Ek het ook n persoonlike website - www.johanjbotha.com - maar het dit so n paar jaar gelede verander om net op wildlife te fokus.”