

SKIFFY IN FOCUS



NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016

Meetings held every 3rd Wednesday of the month
at Belmont 16 Footers Sailing Club.

Club website

<http://belmont16s.myphotoclub.com.au/>

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Club Monthly Meeting Program for 2016

1st Wednesday Committee meeting

2nd Wednesday Training Night

3rd Wednesday Competition night

4th Wednesday Training Night

Monthly competitions include

Print Colour, Digital Colour, Small Prints, Digital Set Subject

The list and definitions of Set Subjects can be found on the website.

Monthly competitions also have:-

Nature Prints, Nature Digital – on the odd numbered months – January, March, May, July, September

Monochrome Prints, Monochrome EDI – on the even numbered months – February, April, June, August, October

Digital and Print Entries must be uploaded onto our website by midnight the Sunday before our competition night.

Club Image of the Year (IOTY) on 3rd Wednesday in November.

No Competition in December.

Check the website for Competition Rules and Definitions

Club Competition

This Month – June

Open Colour and Mono for Prints and Digital

Set Subject for Digital - Rural

Print Judge – Club Members

EDI Open Judge – Diana Magor (UK)

EDI Mono Judge – Felix Staub

EDI Set Subject Judge – Club Members

Entries need to be uploaded onto the website by
midnight Sunday, 12th June

Next Month – July

Open Colour and Nature for Prints and Digital

Set Subject for Digital – Street Photography

Print Judge – Gail Hardy

EDI Open Judge – Leanne Alessi

EDI Nature Judge – John Smith

EDI Set Subject Judge – Luciano Vranich

Entries need to be uploaded onto the website by
midnight Sunday, 17th July

Print entries need to be placed on the stands by
6.30pm on competition nights.

Check the website for further information.

BORROWING CLUB EQUIPMENT

Club members are entitled to borrow the following equipment:

- Flatbed scanner for scanning prints, slides and negatives
- Mat cutter for preparing print mounts
- Spyder for calibrating monitors and generating printer profiles
- Guy Gowan Instructional DVDs
- Lens align system

Please contact Alex Hunter if you wish to borrow any equipment

[Tel:49467390](tel:49467390) or email alexhunter37@bigpond.com

TRAINING NIGHTS



June/July – There will be **NO Training Nights** in June and July due to the club renovations

The list of training sessions for the rest of the year can be found on the club website under the **For Members>Training Activities** menu item.

Don't forget that comprehensive notes about the topics discussed on training nights are available for download from our website. You find them under the **For Members> Training Activities and Downloads** menu.

Members are asked to donate \$2 on Training nights to assist in the payment of visiting presenters. Club member presenters do not get paid.

NPF

The Northern Photographic Federation weekend for 2016 is set for **27-28 August** at the Belmont 16s.

On **Saturday 27th** there will be a guest speaker, workshops, a table for second hand photography gear, our interclub photographic competition display and presentation of awards and lots more....



Morning tea is provided. Members make their own arrangements for lunch.

The cost for the day is **\$25 for members** – including entry fee for the Photographic Competition. For those unable to attend on 27th the Photographic Competition entry fee is \$10.

Sunday 28th will be open to the general public for a nominal entry cost where there will be displays from suppliers such as Canon, Epson etc.

The categories for the **Competition** are
Prints: Open Colour, Mono, Nature, Small Prints
EDI: Open Colour, Mono, Nature, Altered Reality
You are permitted a maximum of **3 images** in each of the categories.

Entries need to be in by 20th July.

More details will be available in future weeks. This is always a great weekend and promises to be bigger and better this year so mark the dates on your calendar!

NPF SAFARI

The NPF Safari will be held in the Newcastle CBD from Pacific Park to Darby St on **Sunday, 14th August** (not 14th July as reported in the May Skiffy). We will meet 9.30-10am at the Newcastle Railway Station.

The subject list for the Photo Safari will be available on the NPF website on Sunday 7th August – a week before the Safari – for those who wish to enter and can't attend on the 14th.

At this stage it is planned that entries will be uploaded to the NPF website and judging by popular vote will take place on 24th August at the 16s on our Training Night. The results will then be announced at the NPF weekend.

<http://npf.myphotoclub.com.au/>

HELP NEEDED

Six times a year our club is permitted to run the 'lamb tray' raffle in the 16s on Thursday and Friday night. This is an important source of income for our club and it is one of the reasons that our membership fees can be so low. Selling the raffle tickets is a simple process - the sellers sit at a table and wait for customers - you do not have to move around the club.



If you are able to assist with this task, even for just one night, please contact Barbara Hunter.

LAKE MACQUARIE NATIONAL

All members are encouraged to start preparing images for the inaugural Lake Macquarie National Exhibition of Digital Photography that is being organised by our club. Full details - dates, sections, awards, etc can be found at <http://lakemacnat.myphotoclub.com.au>

Entries open on **1st July** and the process is very simple - just like entering our monthly club competitions. Don't be shy about entering, even if you have never entered a National or International competition previously. Any image that has received a merit or honours award in our monthly club competitions (in any grade) is worth considering as an entry. If you need advice or help with any aspect of entering this competition please contact Roy Killen.

The Board of Directors of the Belmont 16s is supporting the Lake Macquarie National by waiving the room hire fees for the judging and by providing \$770 towards the cost of medals and trophies.

AGM COMING SOON



The Annual General Meeting for our club will be held prior to our August club meeting. The main purpose of the AGM is to elect the Committee for the coming year.

All Committee positions will be declared vacant, so if you are interested in helping your club by taking on any of the roles listed on the **For Members>Contacts** page of the club website please do not hesitate to volunteer. Nomination forms will be available soon.

MATTARA

Members are invited to submit prints for 2016 Mattara Exhibition. This exhibition is viewed by over 1500 visitors each year.

Katherine has been asked for scenes of Newcastle to be in the Exhibition . Last weekend's stormy seas would be a good subject. Overseas travel shots are also popular. Animals such as lions, tigers and elephants are a big attraction for the children and Mattara is all about children!



Prints for the Mattara exhibition should be given to Katherine James by 1st September.

SUPPORT THE BELMONT 16^S

Don't forget to continue to show your support for the 16s by using your membership card when purchasing food and drinks in the club.



CESSNOCK LIBRARY EXHIBITION

The Cessnock Library Exhibition of prints from our club members is over for another year.

Thanks go to the members who assisted in sorting, mounting, hanging and, finally, packing up all the images – especially **Diane Schofield** and **Katherine James**.

The images can be picked up at Katherine's place or at the club on Wednesday evening.

CLUB WEBSITE

If you have any problems with anything to do with the club website, or you want to suggest any changes to it, please contact Colin Woods.

If you have not already done so, please add some information to your profile - help new members to recognise you by displaying your portrait, share your favourite photos and some information about your interests.

COMPETITION NIGHTS

If you have any feedback on any aspect of the new format of our monthly competition nights please talk to one of our Committee members so that the matter can be discussed at our next Committee meeting.