

SKIFFY IN FOCUS



NEWSLETTER MAY 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 – May

Open Colour and Nature for Prints and Digital
Set Subject for Digital – *Patterns in Nature*

Print Judge – Brad le Brocque

EDI Open Judge – Arthur Roy

EDI Nature Judge – Graeme Watson

EDI Set Subject Judge – Margaret O'Grady

Entries need to be uploaded onto the website by
midnight Sunday, 15th May

Next Month – June

Open Colour and Mono for Prints and Digital

Set Subject for Digital – *Rural*

Print Judge – TBA

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

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



May 25th – *Macro and close up photography*
Presenter: Roy Killen

June - planned club renovations - alternative arrangements t.b.a.

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.

NPF

The Northern Photographic Federation weekend for 2016 is set for **27-28 August** at the Belmont 16s. On Saturday 27th there will be guest speakers, a table for second hand photography gear and our interclub photographic competition display. 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 NPF Safari will be held in the Newcastle CBD from Pacific Park to Darby St on **Sunday, 14th July** this year – ahead of the NPF weekend.

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!



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.

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.

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.

REFRESHMENTS ON CLUB NIGHTS



The Belmont 16s provides the tea/coffee on competition nights free of charge. Many members have indicated that they would like to have something else (cake, biscuits, etc) available with the coffee. We are not permitted to bring food into the club and it would cost \$6.50 per person to have the club provide cakes/slices. As a trial, at the May meeting there will be individual servings of biscuits available at a cost of \$2. We ask that if you take a serving of biscuits you put \$2 in the container provided. If this arrangement 'works' we will continue with it. If you have any comments about this arrangement please talk to a Committee member.

TRAVEL ADVENTURE



One of our club members, Keith Davey, recently visited India. You can share in his adventure

at <http://www.mantrawild.com.au/blog/trip-report-indian-wildlife-safari-mantra-big-5-adventure/>

If anyone else would like to share their travel experiences (or other photographic adventures) please contact our newsletter editor.

TRAINING NIGHTS

On 25th May Roy Killen will make a presentation on Macro Photography. Preliminary details for training nights for the rest of the year is available on the **For Members>Training Activities and Downloads** page of the club website. During June and July the rooms we normally use for training may be undergoing renovations. As soon as this has been confirmed, the alternative arrangements for training nights will be posted on the website.

Since March, there has been a 'donation tin' at training nights and those attending have been asked to contribute \$2. In March/April we collected a total of \$186. These donations support our training program by helping to pay the costs of presenters who are not club members. Club members who present training sessions do not get paid.



There are still a few vacant slots in our training program for the rest of the year. If you would like to make a short presentation or if you have any suggestions about topics or suitable presenters please contact Susan Slack.

JHH STUDY

Deborah Armitage, a Clinical Nurse Consultant at JHH has sent an email inviting interested members to participate in a study at the John Hunter Hospital.

"I am a clinical nurse consultant at JHH. At JHH we are conducting a photovoice study on what community members think is compassionate care. Photovoice research asks the participants to take a photo and, in an interview with the researchers, use the photo to explain their idea of the topic - in this case compassionate care.

We would like to invite members of your group to participate in the study.

If you think this is something some of your members may be interested in, will you please either phone or email me and I will arrange to send you a participant information sheet with more details."

You can contact Deborah by email
deborah.armitage@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

-or phone 0249214791

AUSTRALIAN PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

If you want to engage in photographic activities behind our club you might consider joining the APS. Details of all that APS has to offer are available at www.a-p-s.org.au.

Several of our club members, including Alex and Roy are long-term members of APS and will be happy to talk to you about the benefits of joining.

ANOTHER JOB

Roy Killen was recently invited to join a new committee - the Development Committee of the Photographic Society of America. This committee of nine people has been formed to advise the PSA Board on future directions for PSA. If you are interested in joining PSA or finding out about what it has to offer please talk to Roy.

NEWSLETTER FUTURE

Our long-standing Skiffy editor, Kaye Chambers, has decided to step down from that position later in the year. Thank you to Erin Bonvino who has agreed to take on this role. More news on this in later editions of Skiffy.

SUPPORT THE BELMONT 16^s



The very generous support that our club receives from the Belmont 16s is the prime reason that our annual club fees are so low.

The money we receive from holding our allocated raffles in the club on Thursday/Friday nights and the annual grant that we receive from the Board are our club's main sources of income. Without this support we would have to raise our annual fees to approximately \$50 in order to meet our ongoing costs (such as payment of judges).

This support should not be taken for granted and its continuation depends very much on the support that our members give to the Belmont 16s.

The best way to show your support for the 16s is to use your membership card when purchasing food and drinks in the club.