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Please feel free to contact any of the Committee members to discuss club matters and to have those matters raised at a Committee meeting. The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

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Skiffy

Newsletter for the Belmont 16s Photography Club

August 2019

Annual General Meeting - August

The Club AGM will be held on Wednesday 21st August, at 6.45pm with judging of print images to commence immediately after the AGM concludes. Please have your prints on the stands by 6.30pm as usual.

As part of the AGM agenda, all positions on the Committee will be declared vacant and nominations will be counted.

A copy of the nomination form is included in the newsletter and also available on the club website. Nominations need to be submitted to the Secretary, Susan Slack, by 14 August 2019. If no nominations are received by 14 August 2019 for a particular position then nominations can be called from the floor of the meeting. Positions include President, Vice President, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary plus five general Committee members.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact Secretary Susan Slack at gordon.slack15@bigpond.com by 14 August 2019.

There will also be a set of options to consider and vote for, prior to discussion at the AGM - re the showing of EDIs.

There are a number of other important roles not prescribed under the Constitution and you are welcome to volunteer for these. They include Presentations Coordinator, Webmaster, Membership Coordinator, Social Activities Coordinator and Newsletter Coordinator.

Volunteers Needed

Presentations Co-ordinator

A volunteer is needed to take over the role of Presentations Co-ordinator. Diane Schofield has decided to step down from the role and a replacement will be needed to organise presenters for next year. Diane will be able to provide details about the role to the incoming co-ordinator. If you are able to take on this role, please talk to Diane or a committee member.

Newsletter Editor

I have decided to hand over the reins of Newsletter Editor. I have enjoyed bringing the newsletter to you but the time has come for me to step aside and let someone else take over. It is not a difficult job, and I would be happy to talk to anyone who is interested in taking over the role.

Nomination Form for Committee Positions for 2019-2020

BELMONT 16s PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB Nomination Form for Committee Positions for 2019-2020

Voting for all Committee positions will take place at the club's Annual General Meeting on 21st August 2019. It will be necessary to elect a President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and a minimum of five general Committee members.

The duties of all Committee members and the procedures for their election are set out in the club's constitution which may be viewed or downloaded at the club website by clicking on the "All Club Information and Documentation" button.

Nominations for all positions must be submitted on this form to the Secretary, Susan Slack, no later than 14th August, 2019. You may submit the form to Susan by email and sign it at the AGM.

Before making a nomination, please check with the member you intend to nominate and verify that she/he is willing to accept the nomination.

Nominated position: _____

Member nominated: _____

Nominator: _____ (name) _____
(signature)

Secunder: _____ (name) _____
(signature)

Lake Macquarie National Exhibition of Digital Photography - Hurry - entries closing soon

The Lake Macquarie National is open for entries at <https://lakemacnat.myphotoclub.com.au>.

The sections are Colour, Monochrome, Nature and Photo Travel. There is also a youth section for entrants who are 18 yrs or younger. You can enter 4 images in each section.

Image sizes are the same as for our club competitions.

In addition to the medals and ribbons available in each section, there is a special award for the best monochrome portrait (donated by Alex Hunter) and a special award for the highest point scorer from an NPF club.

All accepted images are eligible to be used towards honours from the Australian Photographic Society.

This is the fourth year that this competition has been organized by our club - so please support it. Every image that has gained a Merit or better in a club competition is worth entering - so don't be shy, test your images against competitors from all over Australia. **Entries close on 4 August.**

If you need any advice or assistance entering please contact Roy Killen.

Hunter Wetlands Excursion - from Diane Schofield

An excursion for 25 members is being held on Saturday 14 September at 7:15am. Morning tea is provided. Cost is \$12 per person. Payment is due by 1 August and may be made on the website.

Scott Fowler Workshop - 19-21 June 2020

Come and spend a weekend with Scott Fowler, FPSNZ, GPSA, EFIAP, EPSA. A passionate photographer from New Zealand, who originally hails from Scotland. Let Scott show you how to get more out of your camera, which will open many more opportunities to do more post processing or even less post processing by getting it right in the camera and make better images. Friday night he will talk about the thought process to make better mages, then Saturday and Sunday we will put into practice what he talked about. Scott is one of a small handful of photographers from around the world who has achieved Gold Portfolio level with the Photographic Society of America. This is a unique opportunity to learn from Scott.

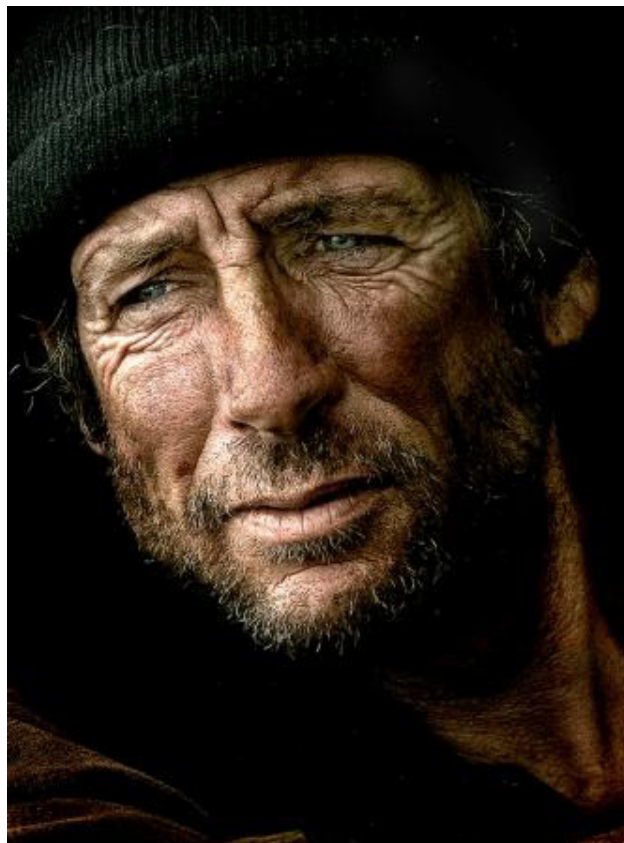
Scott Fowler's Website: <http://www.scoiwi.com>

There is a limit of 20 places. The cost is \$195 per person (PayPal link on the website). Please note that no catering will be provided.

The first 20 people who pay for the workshop will be included in the workshop. Others will be placed on a waiting list.

Congratulation to Alex Hunter

In the Projected Image (colour/mono) category of the PSA Interclub competitions Belmont 16s came first out of 28 clubs in Group E. Alex Hunter's image "Larry No.2" won a Gold medal as the best image from all four rounds of this competition. Congratulations Alex and thank you to all the club members who submitted images for these Interclub competitions.



Alex Hunter
photo by Phil Woodman

NPF Weekend - from David Vane

Special thanks to Brad Le Broque for organising the presentation for a great NPF weekend with all the workshops, studio work and especially the freebie workshops. Congratulations to the winners of those fantastic prizes.

We had 93 people there on Saturday and 76 for the Sunday workshops. A great weekend was had by all. I must also thank all of the other clubs and their members, we wouldn't have this weekend if it wasn't for you all.

Congratulations to all of the NPF winners.

NPF Photo Safari - Sunday 28 July

Please note that the NPF photo safari is Sunday 28 July NOT 4 August as reported in the July Skiffy.

Meet at 10.00 am - Maitland CBD near Kmart entry on the mall. It finishes by 1.00pm and entries can be placed onto the NPF website afterwards. Closing date for Photo Safari entries is Sunday 4 August. Details of date for viewing entries will be sent to members via website posts and emails to members.

August Judges - from Dennis Archibald

Print Competitions.

Colour and Monochrome print competitions will encompass large prints across all three grades and small prints in two grades (A and B). Our print judge for August will be **Michelle Kennedy**.

EDI Competitions

EDI entries for Colour, Monochrome and Set Subject close on Sunday 18th August and will be available for all three grades. Student members can enter the Set Subject competition.

Colour EDIs will be judged by **Leanne Alessi**.

Monochrome EDIs will be judged by **Colin Harrison**.

August Set Subject - Creative Flash

Bill Chambers from our Advanced Grade will judge this month's set subject - *Creative Flash*

"Photographers often try to avoid the use of on-board flash as it can create harsh lighting. However. Flash can be very subtly used to lift shadows, reduce contrast and produce a very natural light. For this Set Subject, you can use off-camera flash, on-camera flash, multiple flashes, or coloured gels but you need to try to make the lighting look as natural as possible (possibly bouncing flash from an umbrella, wall, ceiling or diffusing flash."

Please make sure you read the definitions for the Set Subjects for the following months. They can be found in the Members area on the Club website.

June EDI Judges Comments

Mieke Boynton and John Newton were our EDI Judges for June. Neither made any overarching comments, instead preferring to concentrate comments on individual images.

July Print Judge

Dennis Jones, Club President from the Dee Why Camera Club was our print judge for July. Dennis has asked me to pass on how much he enjoyed coming to our club. On the club night Dennis promoted some upcoming tours to Africa in 2020 that he will be leading. Details of these tours are included in this month's Skiffy.

August 2019 Presentations - from Diane Schofield

The 2019 presentations program is now on the website in the documents area:

<https://belmont16s.myphotoclub.com.au/club-rules-and-documents>.

Please scroll to the bottom of the page and you will locate it. It will be regularly updated.

August Presenters

Wed 14th - Roy Killen - Analysing and evaluating images

Wed - 28th - Scott Harrison - Surfing Photography

Don't forget that there is a \$2 entry for the presentation nights. This small fee helps the club to pay for the costs related to securing quality speakers. The presentation nights are a fabulous opportunity to learn and be inspired by other photographers, and \$2 is a small price to pay to have access to first class presenters.

2020 EAST AFRICA

in 2020 our small group tours return to East Africa.

Travelling in Kenya and Tanzania we first venture to the semi-arid regions of the north of Kenya and visit Samburu National Park. An amazing destination for Cheetah and rare Grevy's Zebra.

Then it's south to the Masai Mara where wildebeest are still arriving from their long trek across the Serengeti. This time of year sees the Mara teeming with wildlife truly one of the greatest spectacles on earth.

Next we are off to Tarangire - a lesser known Park where this time of year heralds the arrival of countless elephants, as they flock to the river which transects the Park.

We journey to see the wonders of Ngongoro Crater, a true "Garden of Eden".

This is a circuit we have taken for many years and we can assure you it delivers an amazing array of wildlife at this time of year. 4 different areas bringing together an amazing cross-section of East African Wildlife.

To complete our East African Safari we head to the Island of Zanzibar for a totally different experience.

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www.wildlife-safari-consultants.net/downloads.html
or contact us admin@wildlife-safari-consultants.com or (02) 9939 5660

2020 Ethiopia & Madagascar

In February 2020 we are operating a group tour to Ethiopia.

In October 2020 we are combining an Ethiopian tour with Madagascar.

These are small groups (with a minimum number of six participants, and a maximum number of twelve) and will be escorted by us.

Ethiopia is an undiscovered gem for the willing traveller. It has the cultural diversity, archaeological pedigree and natural beauty to match anywhere in the world. Our range of Ethiopia tours take in the rugged peaks of the Simien Mountains, Lalibela's extraordinary rock-hewn churches, ancient castles at Gondar and the bustling capital of Addis Ababa. We also spend time in the lush Omo Valley, an incredibly diverse region home to many different ethnic groups, each with their own traditions and customs. This is a country of quite unique depth and grandeur.



In our combination tour we feature the northern circuit of Ethiopia then the highlights of Madagascar.... where over 80% of the flora and fauna are unique to the island. From some of the 113 species of lemur, to chameleons and their changing colours. Discover a nation of 18 tribal groups who originally hail from Indonesia. Stunning landscapes and palm fringed coasts. An amazing combination of experiences. On this tour you can extend your time in Ethiopian or Madagascar.

Download the itineraries at www.wildlife-safari-consultants.net/downloads.html or contact us: admin@wildlife-safari-consultants.com or (02) 9939 5660

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Upcoming Monthly Competitions & Events

August Competitions	Colour, Mono	Set Subject - Creative Flash - Judge Bill Chambers
August Presentations	Wed 14th - Roy Killen - Analysing and evaluating images Wed - 28th - Scott Harrison - Surfing Photography	
September Competitions	Colour, Nature	Set Subject - Fog or Mist Landscape - Judge Di Schofield
September Presentations	Wed 11th - Michelle Kennedy - Creative thinking and composite images Wed 25th - Diane Schofield - Preserving our heritage - photobooks	
September Club Outing	Sat - 14th - Hunter Wetlands - Bird & Nature Photography (will include morning tea)	
October Competitions	Colour, Mono	Set Subject - Self Portrait - Judge - Colin Woods
October Presentations	Wed 9th - Warren Marshal - Warren's Journey Wed 23rd - Roy Killen - Lake Macquarie Digital National Competition	
November Competitions	Image of the Year	
November Presentations	Wed 13th - Neville Foster - Macro Photography Wed 27th - Jim Frazier - Jim's Journey	
December	Christmas party and awards presentation	

Borrowing Club Equipment - New Contact - Greg Carruthers

Greg Carruthers is now the contact for club equipment, so if anyone needs to borrow the mat board cutter, spyder, scanner or needs to purchase mat boards to mount their images, they now need to contact Greg Carruthers. Greg's details can be found in the members link on the club website.

Greg will try to bring some boards along to competition nights for members to purchase at \$2 per board. If you know you require a large number of boards (eg more than 10), please contact Greg before the night via text or email.

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For all competition definitions please see the club documents and information in the Members area of the website

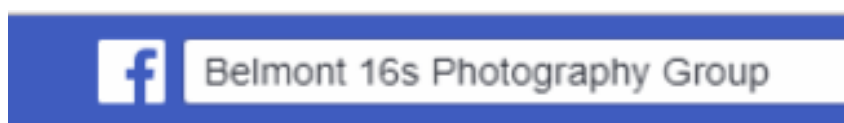
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Stay Connected

You can stay connected with other club members and find out about activities through the club's website and Facebook group

Website

belmont16s.myphotoclub.com.au



Borrowing Club Equipment

Club members are able to borrow the following equipment:

- Mount board cutter
- Spyder for monitor calibration
- Flat-bed scanner

Please contact Greg Caruthers if you wish to borrow any equipment.

Please support Belmont 16s

All members are reminded when visiting the 16 Footers to present their membership cards when making a purchase, drinks, food etc as all of these purchases are credited to our overall membership purchases and averaged out. If we reach the average spend per member, determined by the 16 Footers we become eligible for sponsorship to the value of \$1000 each financial year. Unfortunately our failure to reach the average spend per member means that we do not reach that \$1000. Without sponsorship it can only mean that Photography Club membership fees would have to rise. I encourage all members to consider the 16s when planning a night out and don't forget to present your membership card when making purchases.