

Skiffy

Belmont 16s Photography Club



Welcome to the November Edition

Welcome to the latest edition of our Photography Club newsletter.
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Well, congratulations to all of you for making it through this crazy year! Between COVID lockdowns, breakouts and finally freedom, borders closing & opening, international travel no longer on the agenda and the most recent US Presidential election, who could blame you for feeling tired and cranky! But, the good news is 2020 is almost over and we look forward to a new year full of promise and hope for a better year for everyone across the globe.

Photography Club has been imbued with some amazing people doing their level best (& more) to make this time a positive one. I'd like to take this opportunity to single out two people who have been extremely proactive in continuing to make this Club the great place it is during some pretty sketchy times.

Firstly, to Katherine James for providing little pieces of sunshine on our FB page very regularly across this year and to the man that has given us the Raw Challenge and workshops online, Mr Zoom, Greg Carruthers.

And a very big thank you to all Club members for continuing to engage with us, participating in competitions and getting out and clicking away.

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Judging and EDI Set Subjects

Next Club Competition - January 2021

With Dennis Archibald

Stay tuned folks, all the important details will be finalised very soon. Watch this space!



Image: Plumb Tuckered Out, Bob Todd



Image, Dragon fly with prey, Susan Slack

SET SUBJECTS 2021

Our set subject list including definitions and judges is in the process of being compiled. As soon as it is ready we will be sure to let you know!

Image: *What are you up to?* Sue Ehinger



Zoom Report

With Greg Carruthers

On October 22nd approximately 25 members Zoomed in for the workshop:
Introduction to Astro Photography.

Areas covered included:

- ★ equipment needed
- ★ camera settings
- ★ what does the Milky Way look like in the night sky compared to your captured image
- ★ what are star trails and how to capture them
- ★ planning your astro shots with Photopills and much more

To round off the workshop Peter Finch shared some of his images and was able to talk us through his planning and problems he encountered in both capturing and editing his images. Thank you Peter!

All this in 2 hours was probably very optimistic so a follow up session is being planned for later this year.

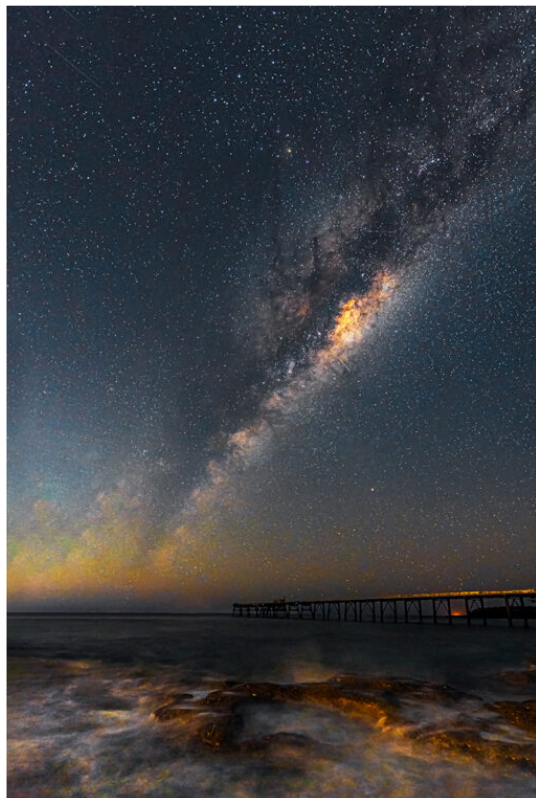


Image by: Peter Finch



Image by: Greg Carruthers

EDITOR'S NOTE: This workshop was fantastic! Thank you Greg for making it so easy to understand and helping us to feel that this is something that almost anyone can try and be successful in.

Upcoming Presentations and Workshops

With Greg Carruthers

The next workshop planned is with a photographer from the UK, Colin Harrison, who has been an EDI judge for us on a number of occasions. He is keen to share his flower photography via an online workshop.

This should occur on Wed Nov 25th via Zoom between 7 and 8pm. Keep an eye out for an email from me regarding the exact time and login details.

Colin has supplied the following information regarding his workshop:

My talk shows images from our garden, with many being pressed or put in the freezer and then photographed. Most of my images were then manipulated in various software packages including Adobe Photoshop, Corel Painter essentials, Topaz Studio 2 and Nik HDR etc.

I have split my workshop into many small sections including still life, framing images, insects on flowers, using software etc. The section on photographing a hydrangea plant has produced some unbelievable images.

I will show you the equipment I used, including my home produced lighting and copying gadgets and how easy it is to produce the images you will be seeing."

It will be great to have Colin on board as part of our Zoom presentations. He also informed me that the UK is about to go into lockdown, again! However with most of his images coming from his own garden he can still rely on producing his flower photos to keep him busy and hopefully safe!

Make sure you pencil this workshop into your diaries.

If you have any ideas for future workshops or, would like to try presenting please give me an email.

Michael Snedic is a well known photographer from Queensland who visited our club a few years ago and gave us a wonderful presentation on Nature photography.

He has now announced some 2021 tours, please visit Michael's [website](#) for more details about the tours on offer.

Tours include

- 7 Day Carnarvon Gorge - Qld
- 8 Day Kakadu - NT
- 7 Day Waterfall Way - NSW
- 5 Day Cradle Mountain - Tas
- 5 Day Lamington - Qld



WildNature
Photo Expeditions

Photography Workshops and Tours
with Michael Snedic

Photographic Society of America (PSA)

Interclub Photographic Competitions

With Roy Killen

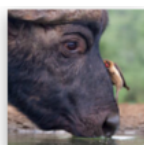
Our club entries for Round 1 of the PSA Inter Club competitions have been selected – based on scores allocated by our Advanced Grade members. You can view all the entries in each section by clicking on the “Members” button on the club website and then selecting the section you want to view from the list of “Published” competitions.

Congratulations to all the club members who had images selected – they were:

OPEN SECTION



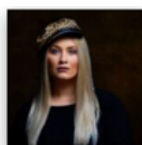
The Look
Annette Collins



Resting oxpecker
Roy Killen



Tubbataha Reef Harlequin
Sweetlips
Trevor Cotterill



Blue Eyes
Carol McGrath



Stretching
Don Anderson



Summit Hike
Sheila Stanley

CREATIVE SECTION



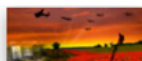
Computerized
Tim Kemp



Which Way
Dennis Archibald



Forest Demon
John Bennett



Lest we forget
Peter Stanley



Whistler village
Greg Carruthers



Dancing ball
Roy Killen

NATURE SECTION



Struggling eagle
Roy Killen



A Shy Hug
Margot Hughes



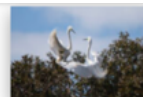
Snug
Jennifer Carrigan



Seeds of life
Greg Carruthers



Slumber
Chris Prior



Territorial claim
Diane Schofield

PHOTOJOURNALISM SECTION



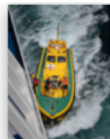
Hope
Margot Hughes



Bikini Boys
Helen Walker



big catch
Anna D'Accione



Picking up the pilot
Trevor Moffiet



Speed kills
Roy Killen



Quite A Commotion!
Brenton Elsey

PHOTOTRAVEL SECTION



Overloaded
Margot Hughes



Arctic Spectacle
Sheila Stanley



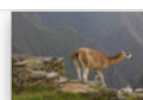
Double Parked
Helen Walker



Wanaka 2
Peter Stanley



Living on Halong Bay
Roy Killen



Sure Footed
Chris Prior

Photographic Society of America (PSA) continued

Interclub Photographic Competitions

Entries for Round 2

On the Members Page of the club website, in the right-hand column you will see the GREEN buttons for entering the Round 2 competitions. Entries close on 15th January and ALL club members are invited to submit images (one per section).

All the entries from Round 1 that were not selected to represent our club have been transferred to Round 2. You can leave your entries there or you can delete them and upload new entries.

Please remember that entries in the Nature, Photojournalism and Photo Travel sections must comply with the relevant definitions that you will find in our Club Competition Rules that you can download from the Club Documents section of our website.

If you have any questions about the PSA Inter Club competitions, please contact Roy Killen.

LAKE MACQUARIE INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT

Thank you to all the club members who entered the Lake Macquarie Circuit. Judging will take place over the next two weeks and there will be more to report in the next Skiffy.



Image: Anambah Dairy Reverse Sunset, Sean

Buy, Swap & Sell

With Julie Brooks

Email me a photo or two of your item, a brief description including the important tech specs, your price and contact details.



What's on this month?

11/11/2020, 7pm
Committee Meeting
(Conducted over Zoom)

20/11/2020
Ladies Night at Mei Vue Cafe,
Lakelands, Warners Bay

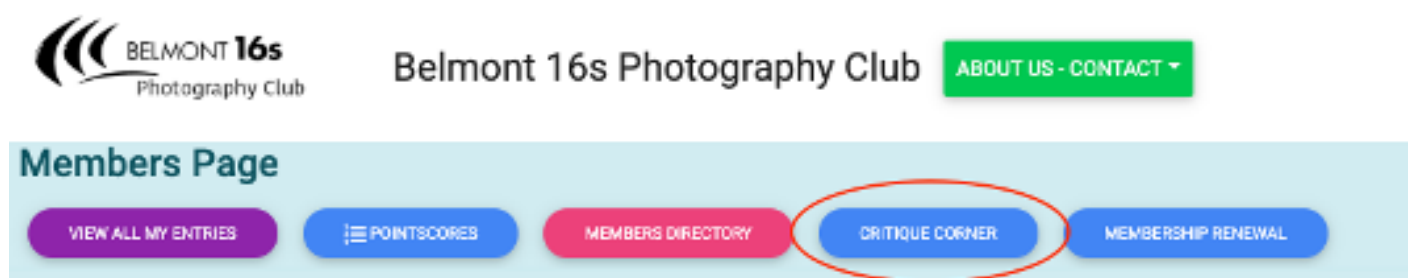
Critique Corner

Critique Corner aims to help members to fine-tune potential entries by gaining feedback from other members before the image is entered into a competition.

All members, regardless of experience are encouraged to upload images and make comments on images. The aim is to help each other to develop both your image capture and processing skills, and to take the judges' point of view when assessing an image. There are no grades within this activity.

Each member can upload one image per category. Once uploaded you can use this image in an upcoming competition. You can remove the image and replace it with another image whenever you choose.

The critique corner is accessible from the Members page as shown below:



Borrowing Club Equipment

With Greg Carruthers

Please contact Greg if you would like to borrow any of the club's equipment, so if you need to borrow the mat board cutter, Spyder, scanner or, you would like to purchase mat boards to mount your images.

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 (e.g. more than 10), please contact Greg before the night via text or email.

Committee News

We are currently looking for anyone who may be interested in learning the ropes and taking over the following roles of at our 2021 AGM.

These two roles are very important, will not be a huge impost on your time and will be greatly rewarding. These two positions are:

- Judging Co-ordinator
- Workshop co-ordinator

These are roles that are fully supported by all members of the Committee, with lots of shared ideas, broad and varied contact networks and a good deal of assistance from our current incumbents. You will not have to do this alone. Please contact us if you are interested in finding out more.

Many thanks in advance!

Stay Connected



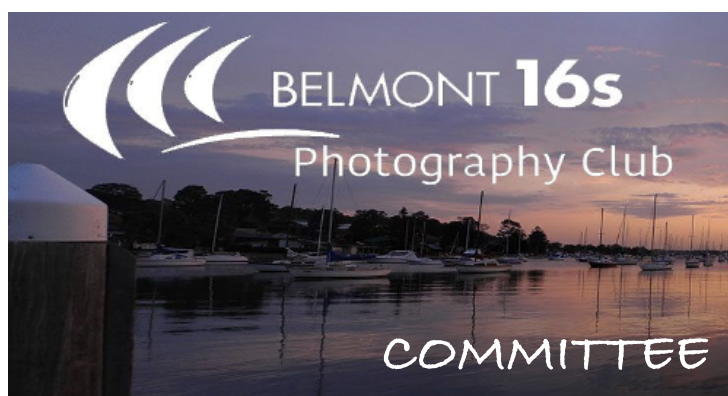
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Committee Details



President	Vice President	Secretary	EDI & Judge Co-ordinator
David Vane	Dennis Archibald	Susan Slack	Dennis Archibald
Treasurer	Membership Co-ordinator	Webmaster	Zoom Co-ordinator & Equipment Loans
Liz Woods	Annette Collins	Colin Woods	Greg Carruthers
Presentations Co-ordinator	Social Activities	Newsletter Editor	Club Patron
Currently vacant	Barb Hunter	Julie Brooks	Les Porter 4958 5840 www.Lesporter1.com.au
Committee Members	Barbara Hunter, Bill Chambers, Bob Todd, Diane Schofield, Greg Carruthers, Julie Brooks, Katherine James, Roy Killen and Thomas Buckwalter		

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 at 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month.

Support Belmont 16 Footers

Please remember when visiting Belmont 16 Footers to present your membership card when having a meal and/or something to drink as all of these purchases are credited to our overall membership purchase tally and, if we reach the average spend per member, as determined by 16 Footers, Belmont 16s Photography Club becomes eligible for sponsorship to the value of \$1,000 each financial year. This sponsorship allows us to keep membership prices low, gives us funds to purchase Club equipment and to put on events for members.

The Photography Club Committee would encourage all members to consider the 16s when planning a night out and don't forget to present your membership card when making purchases!