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the newsletter of the matamata camera club

December, 2011

Present

Keith & Elaine, Carl & Sonya, Brie & John, John, Dan & Sarah, Esther, Judy & Trevor, Cushla, Liz, Tina & Tom, Sue & Peter, Pam & Ian, Dianna & Dave, Robbo, Andy.

Apologies

Geoff, Adam, Hennie, Jo G.

Welcome

... to our December newsletter.

The end of the year is upon us, the club year has finished and it is time for friends and family. Time for photos as memories, not points. I do hope though the skills you've learned completing our monthly challenges will see you notice an improvement in all your images whether simple record shots, family portraits or a personal project you decide to work on.

Relax, enjoy and we'll see you all in February. Merry Christmas everyone.

Carl

From The President's Desk

Merry Christmas everyone

Christmas is only a few days away, so I hope all your planning is well underway. And for those of you who are having holidays, I hope they are wonderful and you come back refreshed for the new year.

Your committee have been very busy, and have almost sorted next year's agenda.

The Christmas meeting was a great success, thank you Tina and Tom for hosting this, and especially to the Christmas fairy. Congratulations to the winners of the trophies.

See you all on February 14th 2012

Ps: Get your cameras out and start shooting.

Keith.

End Of Year

First, a big Thank You to Tina and Tom who opened their home for us and hosted a wonderful end-of-year dinner for the club.

This year featured a pretty full calendar, and it was great to see so many images submitted each month by all our members. Congratulations to the following club members for the awards they have earned;

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| Best Theme: | Dianna Spitalny |
| Most Creative Theme: | Sue Darragh |
| Print Of The Year: | Tina Troughton |
| Theme Points Winner: | Dan Macmillan |
| Open Points Winner: | shared between Carl Proffit & Dan Macmillan |
| Photographer Of The Year: | Dan Macmillan |

Club Events

Field Trips:

No trips are currently planned.

Shooting Ideas

28 & 29 January. Tauranga Air Show

<http://www.classicflyersnz.com/Airshow>

17 Feb – 01 Mar Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival.

<http://www.hamiltongardensartsfestival.co.nz/home/>

28 Mar – 01 Apr. Balloons Over Waikato.

<http://www.balloonsoverwaikato.co.nz/>

Around The Web

The Agnostic Print – about the dying art of print making.

<http://theagnosticprint.org/>

Lifehacker – Best of 2011 – Photo Tips, Tricks & More.

<http://lifehacker.com/5866662/the-best-photography-tips-tricks-and-hacks-of-2011>

Ben Cauchi

<http://bencauchi.com/home/>

Japan Professional Photographers Society

<http://www.jps.gr.jp/en/>

Next Meeting

14th February 2012, Awara Street Hall.

Critique submissions have finished for the year. The committee is hard at work planning next year's programme and we'll get this out to you as soon as it is ready.

2011 Critiques

Kay Goosen-Cooper of Hamilton kindly critiqued our Open images from the November meeting. Again we had a large amount of entries and we thank Kay for the time and effort put in to critique our images. As usual the critiques are in a separate document. Please see the file Critiques_2011-11.pdf

Photographer Of The Year Points:

| Member | Grade | Theme Competition | Open Competition | Combined Points |
|---------|-------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Dan | A | 57 | 41 | 98 |
| Brie | A | 51 | 34 | 85 |
| Judy | A | 43 | 39 | 82 |
| Carl | A | 39 | 41 | 80 |
| Sarah | A | 40 | 38 | 78 |
| Liz | B | 44 | 34 | 78 |
| Marissa | B | 42 | 34 | 76 |
| Cushla | B | 42 | 32 | 74 |
| Pam | C | 42 | 32 | 74 |
| Elaine | A | 52 | 19 | 71 |
| John | B | 45 | 21 | 66 |
| Keith | B | 41 | 24 | 65 |
| Robbo | B | 32 | 29 | 61 |
| Stuart | B | 32 | 27 | 59 |
| Geoff | B | 33 | 21 | 54 |
| Tina | B | 21 | 29 | 50 |
| Sonya | B | 28 | 14 | 42 |
| Jo M | C | 22 | 16 | 38 |
| Sue | C | 20 | 17 | 37 |
| Hennie | B | 21 | 16 | 37 |
| Esther | C | 13 | 15 | 28 |
| Joel | C | 18 | 10 | 28 |
| Caren | C | 16 | 4 | 20 |
| Adrian | C | 5 | 15 | 20 |
| Andy | B | 11 | 8 | 19 |
| Dianna | B | 9 | 7 | 16 |
| Jo G | B | 7 | 5 | 12 |
| Ian | C | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| Ainsley | C | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| Llanyon | C | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Robyn | C | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Nicola | C | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Jan | B | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Adam | C | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Quote: "“horses: dangerous on both ends and crafty in the middle”
— Sherlock Holmes
(the same may be said for cameras?)