



Camera Club July 2011 Newsletter

To those of you who have been laid low with winter ailments, hope you are all on the road to recovery. Those who are still standing... lets hope you stay that way.

Our Sincere Condolences go out to our President Heather on the death of her Dad. Always a sad and stressful time for families.

July 6th

Bring along your **Toy Story** images (**this is for our inter-club comp later in the year.**) We need 10 images for inter-club so the judges will be looking for our entries amongst this months competition. And of course images for the **Open Competition**. **Don't forget** you can upload your images to the web site..

The rules state we can submit 2 images in each section of a competition..i.e. 2 prints and 2 projected images..either **1 B/W and 1 colour** OR **2 colour** or **2 B/W** but not 2 of each.

July Competition: New Zealand Landscape AND a competition for Black and White

(monochrome)only. N.Z. Landscape is a **Trophy Competition**. The images may be taken anywhere in New Zealand. The trophy will be awarded to the winning print or projected image. **N.B.** No entry may be submitted if it has received an award in a previous club landscape competition, i.e. if you got a highly commended, acceptance etc. last year or the year before, then you can not reuse that image.

The **Black and White** competition is just that Black and white. If you have not tried black and white image making before.. try it out, you might well have something very special.

Let's not forget.

New Labelling Rule:

This is quite important to your end of year scores. When you submit an image in future we need to know if you want it submitted as colour or black and white. This may seem obvious but sometimes it is unclear.

So: please add a C for colour or M for monochrome AFTER the title

e.g. o i 66 stormy seas m .jpeg or o l 66 stormy seas c .jpeg

Failure to do this will see any image automatically put into the colour category for points. Don't forget there is a trophy for the highest monochrome points so you see it is rather important!

N.B Sepia or 2 toned images may be classed as monochrome.

Workshop July 20th This month Ian will be teaching us cloning techniques

1.Cloning in camera - I'm straining the definition here but something that will appeal to those who like taking photographs without people on them. A simple technique to overcome crowded areas.

2.Cloning - basic technique. Simple easy method intro to tools and technique.

3. Cloning - Advanced so you know the basics use of the tool and technique, lets make it accurate and fool proof.

Don't miss this one, it is a real must for improving our images. No matter what program you use they all have a clone tool.

Committee Corner

On web site matters, if you are submitting a digital file with your print then please ensure you place it in the right folder. There will always be a print folder for each month and competition. Of course you bring your actual prints along as normal. The reason we are asking you to submit a digital file is to make it easier for the judges to spend a reasonable amount of time on your image, also it is very important because scores are all totalled by the computer. Without the digital file someone has to manually total your score.

If you are uncomfortable about doing this you can of course bring the file on a flash drive and the web mistress will put it up for you. Let us all pull together and try to reduce the work load for your hard working committee just a little.

Other Things of Interest:

We need images for the **Bowron Landscape** digital competition. **NZ** landscapes. If you have something you would like to submit please bring it on a Flash drive next Wednesday. I know some of you have great images ..so come on get on to it.

New Brighton Photographic Club are running their annual photojournalism competition entry forms at www.newbrightonphotoclub.org.nz

Craig Potton workshop Discovering and Imaging the wild. To be run in Auckland on 13th August 10am – 4pm enquiries to Suzi Phillips email suziphillips@gmail.com Cost \$225pp

Basic Photoshop Course. If enough people are interested we will organise a basic course run over several evenings. Please let us know so we can get this up and running as quickly as possible.

An alternative to studying at a college during normal hours is to study when you like. The Open College of the Arts (OCA) its very well thought of by many and can be totally completed by home study. I believe you can do and pay for one unit at a time to build up to the degree or simply do the units you like the look of with no intention of completing the degree. Each unit will take about 10 months to complete so its not light weight course but it is at degree level. Be warned its not a cheap course .

<http://www.oca-uk.com/distance-learning/photography>

Club Outing. There is no scheduled outing this month. The weather is too unreliable .. and most of us are whimps!! Keep a look out for next month though.

What to bring.. not a thing!!

D is for Dutch tilt ... don't ask why it is called that!!

What is it? Tilting your camera at an unusual angle. In sports shots it can appear to make the subject more dynamic and to go faster especially if you blur the background. Try it. In portraits it can give a cheek look and maybe show something more about the person you are portraying.

Special camera kit: None

Shooting tips: Try having your subject run on the diagonal. Word of caution, think carefully about what to include and exclude. Have a go.

Tip Corner: *Clean your lens.* Your lens is possibly more expensive than your camera body. Keep it clean and dry. Use a skylight filter on the front of the lens. This will not affect light values, and is a great way of protecting the front element of your lens. Use a micro fibre cloth such as the one used for cleaning your spectacles. Keep the lens barrel clean and dry as well. Hard to remove marks can be cleaned with lens cleaning fluid from your local camera store. Use this very sparingly on soft lens cleaning tissue allow to dry then polish with the micro fibre cloth. Remember to clean the cleaning cloth occasionally to!!

Dick Millar has been in hospital for an operation on his back. Hope you will be up and very sprightly soon Dick.

Congratulations to Shelly Linehan on having 4 images accepted into the North Shore Salon Well done Shelly.

World famous photography tips

