



Happy New Year Fellow Image Makers

I hope no one has ended up with RSI of the index finger.

We are looking forward to a year of continuing advancement and some fantastic images.

For those of you who were unable to attend the AGM in December, we agreed upon a couple changes for the coming year.

It was agreed the the annual subs be raised to \$55.00 for a single membership, an increase of 10.00.

The joint of family membership was raised to 75.00 an increase of 20.00. Student membership is 35.00

Door fees remain at 2.00

Fees may be paid to Pam, our Treasurer, or paid directly into the club's account.

We also voted in a new President... namely Ian Taylor. Congratulations Ian.

Also a big thank you to Heather who has taken us a long way over the past 2 years. Heather has taken up the position of Secretary, replacing Shelly who has done a really great job over the last 2 years. Thank you, to both of you, for a job well done.

Welcome to Jason who has joined the committee this year.

Another thank you goes to Dick who took leave of the committee this year but has agreed to keep on his place at the door making sure we all sign the attendance book... and pay our door fee.

Gay has also taken a break this year after doing such an excellent job ensuring we were all fed and watered after each meeting. Gay has been doing this, unheralded, for a good may years even though she was not on the committee. Thank you Gay.

We are now looking for someone ... or 3 to take over where Gay left off. It is not hard, just turn up make the tea and put out the supper. If you are willing to help please let Ian, Kate or Heather know. Thanks. If no one is willing to do this then the committee will look at rostering every member with a turn as is done in other clubs. Please don't leave this to the committee, they already spend rather a large amount of personal time seeing that the club runs smoothly. It is YOUR club to so please get in

behind us.

**The first meeting this year is on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The competitions are:**

**1 Hooper Trophy. (print only)** This is to be an image either of a club member or taken on a club outing during 2011. Prints must be mounted in the usual fashion. This competition is judged on the floor. Please, images on line or on a drive so your points can be calculated. Everyone who enters gets points.

**2 Self Assignment Trophy.** (prints only) this is a subject of your own choice... it must consist of between 3 and 5 prints and presented on one card no larger than 16 x 20.

How you present the images within this size is up to you. Just make sure your presentation is up to scratch as this is a trophy competition and tardy presentation or scrappy bits of cardboard could lose you points. Again finished image on line or pen drive please. If you have several images stuck on a card this will involve photographing the finished image.. (See labelling work below for more help) For those of you who do not enter this competition there is a 2.00 fine! It is probably cheaper to enter, 5 6x4 prints cost about 80c all up and a bit of card maybe another 1.00!!!

**3 Open Competition** (print and projected) Usual rules apply.

**Please take care when labelling your work**

**O**= open , **S**= Set Subject, **Club Number**, **Title** of the Image and at the end a **C** to denote a colour image or **M** to denote monochrome image. If you do not add this the image will be deemed to be colour and points towards the Monochrome Trophy could be lost. The choice is ultimately yours and the print convenor will no longer do this for you as it is now all collated on the web site.

It would also be appreciated if you would upload any digital files of prints you may be entering. There is a specific print area for each and every competition. If you are uncomfortable about uploading and are still using a pen drive then please, add the file to that in a separate folder named *prints* and the Web Master will do it for you. We can no longer expect the Print Convenor to be re-photographing your images to put on line. All points are now kept on a data base on the website and your co-operation in this matter is really important. Thank you.

**New Laptop** Thanks to a Pub charities grant, we now have new and more powerful laptop to use for the club. It will enable us to run workshops more fluently and as programs become more powerful with upgrades we will need the hardware to keep ourselves up to date and hopefully one of N.Z. stronger clubs. The old laptop will be used to cycle thru images during the tea break and anyone interested can take another look at the images.

**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>** is the annual prize giving. Come along and join in the evening and offer our congratulations to those who scored this years accolades. Lets not be shortcoming in our congratulations, we all put a great deal of effort into our images and it is nice to be acknowledged by our peers.

Dick will also be presenting an Audio Visual of our last years images. This is always a surprise as we tend to forget just how creative we all are.

**Workshops** there are a number of very interesting workshops planned for this year..both in camera use, and also in post processing. Mark them in your diary... the list will be included in the next newsletter.

**Outings** some outings are already in the pipeline and we will inform you as soon as the final preparations are in place. If anyone has any ideas they would like to put forward we would be only too happy to add them to the list. Please pass your ideas to either Ian, Heather or Kate.

**Thought for the month.** Photography is, and always has been a 2 part process  
Capturing the Image and Post Processing.

While some people may still think you need to use Photoshop to win a competition, the reality is, as any judge will tell you, is that you need to have a great image to start with... you need to master the basics of camera technique, lighting and exposure. It is not the tools you have at your disposal but how you use them. So lets all learn to use our gear to its full potential. Your knowledge and your imagination are your biggest assets in making an image.



