

IN FOCUS

President's Message

From the President

Only one more monthly competition to go in our 2015-16 season- where has the year gone? However, the fun is far from over- our end-of -year competition is happening on Monday, March 21. Choose four of your best images of the 2015-16 year (September to February) to enter in our Digital/Print of the Year Competition. That's four digital images, four colour prints, and/or four monochrome prints, depending on what division you've been competing in. Choose your highest scorers, or, simply choose your favourites. The fun thing about this competition is that sometimes the status quo gets overturned- you may be surprised at who comes out on top! So don't hesitate to enter even if you feel you haven't done well all year. Different judges, different eyes...

Peter Ferguson from the Welland Camera Club will be joining us on February 1st to share some of his techniques for award winning bird images. On March 7, Darren Creighton will explore the world of black and white photography. And, of course, our Digital Image/Print of the Year Competition on March 21st and the annual Rainbow Competition and potluck (hosted by us) on April 4th. Mark your calendars - April 30 is the date for our annual Awards Banquet to be held at Betty's Restaurant.

There's still lots of winter left to go , so don't just endure it, embrace it! Cold weather photography has its own set of challenges- frigid temperatures can take their toll on your gear. Just a few things to remember in order to protect your equipment and get the most out of winter photography:

- Remember to take extra batteries as they drain twice as fast when the temperature dips below 0 degrees C. Keep your spares in a pocket where body heat can keep them warm. I've also found that a dying battery can be revived for a little while longer by a little application of body heat. Remember that certain camera functions like image stabilization and live view use up more battery power.
- If your camera is not weatherproof, protect it from rain , sleet and snow by enclosing it in a plastic rain sleeve , or in a pinch, a plastic bag with a hole torn out of it for the lens to peek through. Or wrap a scarf around it.
- Taking a cold camera suddenly into a warm environment can cause condensation both outside and inside (not so good) of your camera. I always carry an extra large Ziploc freezer bag in my camera bag. Before going inside, take out the battery and memory card, place the camera in the bag. Condensation will form on the bag, not the camera. I let my camera warm up gradually in its protective plastic bag (which is inside the camera bag/backpack as well).

Happy Shooting and stay warm!

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Image below is from the model shoot at the club on October 4, 2015. More images on the last page!



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DIGITAL IMAGE/PRINT OF THE YEAR: For the digital image/print of the year competition, please go through your previous digital and print submissions from this years competition entries and choose 4 from each of digital entries, colour prints and monochrome prints. All entries are to be as they were when entered into competition originally, **no corrections or adjustments are allowed.**

FEBRUARY 2016

1-Peter Ferguson is currently the competitions director and vice president of the Welland Camera Club. He has been persistently photographing nature since he retired from a career in education in 1999. Peter will share many of his bird images and explain the process he has undergone over the past 15 years in order to achieve some success with these somewhat flighty subjects

22-Monthly Digital/Print Competition #6

MARCH 2016

7-For the Love of B & W Photography by Darren Creighton

21-DIGITAL IMAGE/PRINT OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

APRIL 2016

4-THE 27TH ANNUAL RAINBOW COMPETITION HOSTED BY THE NFCC.

8-10 -CanAm Photo Expo 2016 for more info visit: www.canamphotoexpo.com

STANDINGS 2015/2016 As of February 1, 2016, Comp#5

COLOUR PRINTS:

BRONZE	Entries	HA	Score
Anita Hubbard	10	10	156
Paula Chiassun	10	10	155
Mary-Lee Sampson	8	8	121
Ann Sharpe	6	6	89
Gordon McRae	4	4	59
Gerhard, Miethig	2	2	30

SILVER	Entries	HA	Score
Larry Mathewson	10	10	164
Nora Mathewson	9	9	141
Jennie Grant	8	1	83

GOLD	Entries	HA	Score
Charles Martyk	10	8	150
Bill Feder	8		82

DIAMOND	Entries	HA	Score
Christine Hess	10	9	169
Karen Fulham	10	6	148
George Beehler	10	5	140
Lorraine Pichette	10	3	131

B&W PRINTS:

BRONZE	Entries	HA	Score
Anita Hubbard	10	10	160
Paula Chiassun	10	10	151
Ann Sharpe	4	3	52
Mary-Lee Sampson	4	2	52
Gordon McRae	1	1	15

SILVER	Entries	HA	Score
Larry Mathewson	10	10	161
Nora Mathewson	8	8	128

GOLD	Entries	HA	Score
Bill Feder	8	1	90

DIAMOND	Entries	HA	Score
Christine Hess	9	5	132
Lorraine Pichette	10	2	126
George Beehler	10	2	119

Monthly Digital Image standings as of Feb 1,2016 Competition #5

Bronze			
Digital		Honour	Total
Name	Entries	Awards	Score
Clay Morehead	10	10	155
Pearl Bacso	10	10	151
Anita Hubbard	10	10	150
Mary-lee S.	10	10	149
Paula Cheese	8	8	125
William Feder	8	7	106
Ken Hagen	8	4	97
Ann Sharpe	6	5	81
Amy Haskin	2	2	29

Silver			
Digital		Honour	Total
Name	Entries	Awards	Score
Larry Mathewson	10	10	164
Nora Mathewson	10	10	156
Leslie Lann	4	1	44

Gold			
Digital		Honour	Total
Name	Entries	Awards	Score
Pat Lizmore	10	8	151
Charles Martyk	10	7	143
Lorraine Pichette	10	5	135
Cliff Empey	10	4	134
Denis Grantham	10	4	128
Jim Koniar	10	2	113
Doug Banas	4	2	55

Diamond			
Digital		Honour	Total
Name	Entries	Awards	Score
Scott Simons	10	9	169
Chris Empey	10	8	166
Christine Hess	10	4	143
Karen Fulham	10	2	130
Eric Baloga	4	4	67
Derek Bottomley	2		25

Images from the Model Shoot Night at the club Oct 4/15

