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the newsletter of the matamata camera club

February, 2012

Present

Keith & Elaine, Carl & Sonya, Geoff, Brie, John, Joel, Mariette, Adrian, Cushla, Liz, Tina, Hennie, Caron, Marissa, Dianna.

Guests/New Members this month: Tracy

Apologies

Dan & Sarah, Sue, Esther, Stuart, Jo M

Welcome

... to our February newsletter.

A new year, hopefully new toys from Christmas, and an update to the club website.

We have moved to using a Wordpress CMS system which will allow a lot more functionality as the website is redeveloped.

The first new thing is a News page where we will post news and events as they come in. The best way to stay up to date is to subscribe to the RSS Feed, which will deliver the updates to your email inbox. If you have never used RSS before please Google 'RSS feed' and the name of your email program for how to set this up. It's an easy and really convenient way to keep up with news on the web – a huge amount of sites use the RSS system now, just look for the orange icon as you browse.

We'll also add some news feeds from a couple of interesting sites, like the PSNZ news headlines you'll see when visiting the site now.

Still to come are some image galleries. Obviously being a camera club this would be a good thing! Many of you now are building a portfolio of great images. If you'd like these showcased on the club website send me a few images (between 3 and 6 I think is a good number) and I'll create a gallery for you – I'll even include a link to your website if you have one. Just email your set of images to the usual photos@matamatacameraclub.org email address, with 'Website Gallery' in the subject line.

Related - we do need to tidy the club mailing list for news, newsletters etc. There is a bit of a list of historical names we'd like to trim down and not accidentally spam. If you haven't been to the club for a while but would like to keep receiving the emails please let us know as soon as possible.

Carl

From The President's Desk

Hi everyone.

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the year.

Another year is upon us, so I hope you all had a wonderful summer season, autumn is just around the corner. A wonderful time of the year in this part of the world with all the different colours. The last few days have been particularly great, with the colours and contrasts in the late evening and early morning.

Carl is doing a wonderful job of the newsletter, and also the revamping of the website, it looks great.

It is surprising the amount of work that goes into running your camera club behind the scenes, organising judges, finances, suppers, field trips, etc. etc., so a big thank you to all.

Don't forget the next theme is Typography Photography - make text or numbers the main emphasis of your image. Do a Google search it brings up some great ideas, also as well as the open digital image, there is an open print.

So until next meeting see you round like the year is rolling by so fast.

Keith.

2012 Subscriptions

Fees for 2012 are now due. \$35.00 for individual member or \$50.00 for couples. We prefer payment by internet banking, but cash on the next club night is also accepted.

Account: Kiwibank Matamata Camera Club 38 9010 0534664 00
Reference: MCC Subs First Name Surname

Please remember only paid members are eligible to enter the monthly image critiques.

Camera Settings Booklet

Keith has a booklet on using camera settings (ISO, shutter speed, aperture etc.) that is very well explained yet in a simple concise format. A sample was at the meeting which some may have seen. This will be available to club members for a small fee. Please email and let us know if you want one and Keith will organise having them printed.

Club Events

Field Trips:

No trips are currently planned.

Possibly the Balloon Festival with Whangarei CC on the 31st March?

And a trip to the old Talisman Mine site in the Karangahake Gorge has been suggested.

Shooting Ideas

25 Feb. Breeders Stakes, Matamata Racecourse

04 Mar. Ulysses Toy Run. Cambridge to Hamilton. Briefing 10:30am, departs 11am.

04 Mar. Airshow and Carnival Matamata Airodrome

<http://www.eventfinder.co.nz/2012/airshow-and-carnival/matamata>

25 Mar. 20th Annual New Zealand Juggling Festival <http://nzja.org.nz/>

28 Mar - 01 Apr. Balloons over Waikato <http://www.balloonsoverwaikato.co.nz/>

Correspondence

In: PSNZ – fees
PSNZ – National Convention in Invercargill
PSNZ – latest Camera Talk newsletter
2012 5Ways entry form and info
Whangarei Camera Club competition – details from Keith
South Waikato Camera Club – print competition & exhibition
<http://waikatophotosoc.org.nz/2012/02/south-waikato-camera-club/>
Wallace Gallery Morrinsville – upcoming exhibitions <http://www.morrinsvillegallery.org.nz/>
Laurie Photography Tours promo
Nelson Camera Club are running a national Triptych Competition next year. More on this later but the closing date is 31 August 2012 at 5 pm. Two sections both open, one for prints and one for projected image... something to think about as you are out and about.

Out: None

Around The Web

March theme ‘Typography’
<http://www.thephotomag.com/inspiration/40-excellent-examples-of-typography-photography/>
<http://jpgmag.com/themes/321>
Tehran Live – daily photoblog. I know, you’re thinking bombs and oil. But check this out, you might be surprised!
<http://tehranlive.org/>
Afghan Box Camera Project
<http://www.afghanboxcamera.com/>

Next Theme

The set theme for March is: ‘Typography’ - Use fonts and text creatively to make words into a compelling image.

The first Open Print submission of the year is due this coming month too along with the Open Digital... prints will be judged at the meeting so remember to bring them along.

Please read through the guide on submitting images in the 2012 Programme if you haven’t already (a PDF copy is on the website).

Quote: "The future seems to be waiting for me in a dream obscured by reality."
— Edward M. Donnelly