



FOCAL POINT

18 JUNE 2018

WINTER

It only seems like a few weeks ago it was New Year, and here we are nearly at the shortest day of the year, AGM time and mid-year dinner fast approaching.

I also can't quite believe that nearly a year ago I managed to get myself elected as President of the HBPS, and step into the rather large shoes of those that had gone before me. And as always things haven't always gone smoothly in that year, but overall I am pretty happy with some of the changes that I, and the Committee, have managed to implement in that time. Some of the changes are small, some are boring admin things that the club members don't ever get to hear about, and some of the changes have been quite fundamental to the way the Club runs.

Of those changes I am most pleased with the way that the introduction of the mid-month workshop meetings have gone, the support that they have received from the Club members, and the way that (in my humble opinion) the quality of the images submitted by both A grade and B Grade has improved over that time as a result. Also this has allowed the end of the month Club meetings to become a little more relaxed without the pressure to include some level of hands on / tutorials into the already limited time frame.

Again as this is the last Newsletter of the current Club year (with the AGM on 26 June) signalling disbanding of the current Committee and fresh elections, as required by the Club's constitution, I would like to thank my fellow Committee members for their help and guidance through the last year,

The 2018/19 year promises to bring a few more tweaks to the way the Club runs, but I will always ensure the you are all kept informed of any plans we have.

Jane has kindly offered to take over the production of this Newsletter, so hopefully this is the last one that you will have to endure my opening monologue.

President / Editor
Andrew Caldwell

MAY JUDGES CHOICE IMAGES



B Grade Set Subject: Bokeh

“Winter snowdrops” by Constance Fein Harding



B Grade Open Subject



A Grade Set Subject: Bokeh

“The Paper Mulberry Cafe Dressed In Winter”
by Constance Fein Harding

“Dancing Devil” by Robin Cranford

MAY JUDGES CHOICE IMAGES



A Grade Open Subject

“Cool cat ” by Rebecca MacDonald



Creative

“Retiring vigneron” by Graham Bartleet

MID YEAR DINNER

Wednesday, 1st August, is the date for the Mid-Year Dinner (the night after the Club meeting for July)

This year we are going to the Water Bar at the Bluewater Hotel in Ahuriri. Dinner starts at 6:30pm and the price is \$40/head.

All Club members and their partners are invited. If you have any special dietary requirements / requests please let Rosemary know when you confirm that you are coming, and Bluewater promise they will accommodate them.

If you are interested in coming please let Rosemary know at gr.duff@xtra.co.nz, or talk to her at the next meeting, and you can make a payment directly into the Club account: 03-0642-0935780-00 or bring a cheque to Rosemary at the next meeting.

25 July is the last date to book your spot.

The Mid-Year Print Competition (see below) will be judged during the dinner and cups

MID YEAR PRINT COMPETITION

As part of the Mid-Year Dinner we have a print competition, separated into A Grade and B Grade.

These can be any photo of your choosing, it doesn't have to have been shown at Club. A maximum of 2 entries per person.

These prints need to be received by Rosemary by 26 June (the next Club night).

The rules for sizing are as per the information on this page for the End of Year competition: <https://hbps.co.nz/end-of-year-competition-and-awards/> . The prints must be matted

A 'celebrity' judge will choose 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each of A Grade and B Grade, and there is a cup for each grade's winner.

You don't need to be attending the dinner to enter the competition, but obviously it would be preferable if you are there to receive the Cup when you win (otherwise it will sit on my mantlepiece instead), and normally the Judge attends the dinner so it good to get feedback straight from the horse's mouth about your image.

SET SUBJECTS AND WORKSHOP EVENINGS FOR 2018

Month	Workshop Topic	Set subject to hand in
June		Still life inside (26th)
July	Night photography (10th)	Black and white (31st)
August	Triptych (14th)	After dark (28th)
September	tbc (11th)	Triptych (25th)
October	tbc (9th)	Red (30th)
November		Postcards (27th)

The committee has deliberately chosen to hold workshops that relate to upcoming set subjects. These will be held one and a half months prior to the set subject hand in. The workshops will provide the opportunity to practice the necessary techniques/ideas relating to that subject.

AGM

As I have been mentioning ad infinitum the AGM is coming up at the next Club meeting.

This is the chance for the Club members to discuss any points about the way the Club runs, suggest any changes, and have a vote on the matters that get raised. We will also be proposing some amendments to some of the items in the Club Constitution that need a bit of tidying up. If you would like a copy of the Club Constitution please let me know and I will get you one.

It is also the chance to elect the Committee for the year going forward, and on that matter I have attached the nomination form for the Committee at the end of this Newsletter. Please consider if you can spare a small amount of time to join the Committee, or if there is someone else that you think would be a good choice for Committee. Note: the nominated person needs to sign the form as well as the proposer and seconder.

At this stage we have received nominations for President, and Committee Members, but we are needing people to fill the roles of Vice President and Secretary.

Without being too blunt about it, if we don't get the required nominations to make up the required Committee (as per the Constitution) then we do not have a Club. It is that simple.

If you want to talk to me about what joining the Committee will entail as a commitment of time and energy please feel free to ring me on 021 02944911 or drop me an email at hbphotographic@gmail.com

SUBSCRIPTIONS

A quick reminder that subscriptions are due again by 1 September, and as always there is a discount available if you pay before 1 July.

The subs for the coming year will be set at the AGM in June

THANKS

Time for a few thank you's, both from me personally and (by extension) from the Club:

Noel O'Riley: who has taken on the role of Treasurer at short notice until the AGM

Jane Muller: who is not standing for the role of Secretary in the upcoming Committee elections, but has been nominated as a Committee member. Thanks for all your hard work, and help, over the last year especially, and for issuing some of the fastest minutes I have ever seen!

Tom Wilkinson: who for Career advancement reasons is not standing for the Committee for the next year. Thanks for the massive behind the scenes job of co-ordinating the monthly competition, and for the very visible role of reading the judges (at times odd) comments.

Mark Dames: who, after serving many years on the Committee and, for most of my time in the Club, as President, is not standing again for Committee. I applaud your hard work and, at times single handed, progression of this Club to what it has now become.

The Set Up / Pack Down Crew:

To the team of people who turn up early to the meetings, and stay until the end, to help set out the chairs at the start, and put them back to the exacting requirements of the Arts Club, and those that bring the tea / coffee / biscuits etc. You know who you are; thank you.

HASTING CAMERA CLUB

The Hastings Camera Club are looking for someone to help judge a print competition in August / September. If you are interested, please email Callum at hastingscameraclub.nz@gmail.com

PSNZ CENTRAL CONVENTION

The Whanganui Camera Club are hosting the PSNZ Central Convention this year, 28-30 September. If you are interested you can have a look at the program / register here: <https://central.psnzconvention.org.nz/>

ARTS CLUB / HOME

As I mentioned at the last meeting, I am having discussions with the Arts Club (who we rent our venue from) about having a more permanent space for our Club.

I will let you know what the results of those discussions are, but it is looking promising at this stage.

POINTS TABLES AFTER MAY JUDGING

A Grade

Membership List	A grade YTD	Total Honours
Liz Caldwell	45	14
Sherryl Neale	42	3
Rebecca McDonald	41	20
Robin Cranford	41	6
Trish Johnston	37	11
Jillian Selkirk	29	2
Noel O'Riley	28	12
Chris Helliwell	25	2
Julie McEwen	24	3
Tom Wilkinson	24	12
Greg Thompson	21	7
Ruth Norman	20	8
Sue Martin	20	0
Bruce Coombe	19	12
Ruben Smith	17	2
Andrew Caldwell	16	21
Kirsteen Redshaw	15	21
Loren O'Connor	14	25
Jackie Lowry	11	0

Bruce moved from Silver to Gold award

B Grade

Membership List	B grade YTD	Total Honours
Constance Fein-Harding	58	5
Graham Bartleet	41	3
Mike Mulcahy	39	3
Dave Langdon	31	1
Debbie Nicol	26	2
Geoff Long	23	2
Jane Muller	23	1
Robyn Garrett	23	3
Russell Taylor	20	2
Charlie Kim	14	1
Ted Willis	12	0
Amanda Blewett	9	0
Kerry Ganderton	9	1
Terry Tester	8	3
Lester Oliver	5	1
Kate Watson	4	3
Vivienne Waterer	4	1
Ian Lancaster	4	0
Chris Brown	2	0

Constance is now eligible to move to A Grade, and has chosen to move up immediately. Her current B Grade points remain as shown on this table until the end of the year.

Note:

These table do not show the names of members who do not have points in the current competition year. They are still in our overall points spreadsheet and none of their previous achievements have been lost.

Are you a new club member who wants to join our closed facebook page?

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/266071540081256/> and ask to join. One of our administrators will check your membership and accept your request.



Nomination for Hawkes Bay Photographic Society positions at AGM 26/6/18

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Signed;.....

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