



FOCAL POINT

Newsletter August 2019

Hello again

So this is the restart of the Newsletter which (hopefully) will become a regular visitor in your inbox every month. I (Andrew) have taken on the task of pulling this Newsletter together following in the footsteps of Jane, who has been relentless in the last year or so getting this document together.

I am taking this opportunity to change the look and layout of the newsletter a little, so if you notice the changes and want to give me feedback then please do.

Time for me to switch hats briefly.....

President's Thoughts

So we have made through the midyear 'darkest days', which in my mind refers to the period of time leading into and out of the AGM. A time where I feel like I am putting pressure on people to join the Committee and take a more hands on role in the running of this Club, and also putting out the Club's hand and asking for money. Neither of these tasks I view with any pleasure, but for the good of the Club they both need to be done.

And out of those processes we are now looking forward to the next year with both a fresh collection of faces (and ideas) on the Committee, and a healthy looking bank balance. Again I will pay tribute to those Committee members who chose not to stand again for election; your work on the Committee is much appreciated by the Club as a whole, even if not everyone is aware of exactly what you have done.

Photographically we are moving into another of my favourite seasons: Spring. With the combination of soft winter sunshine, brightly coloured flowers and longer (and hopefully warmer) days I find this time of year always inspires me to get out and shoot more, after a few months of semi-hibernation.

So as always thank you for being the Club you are, and get out there and shoot something.

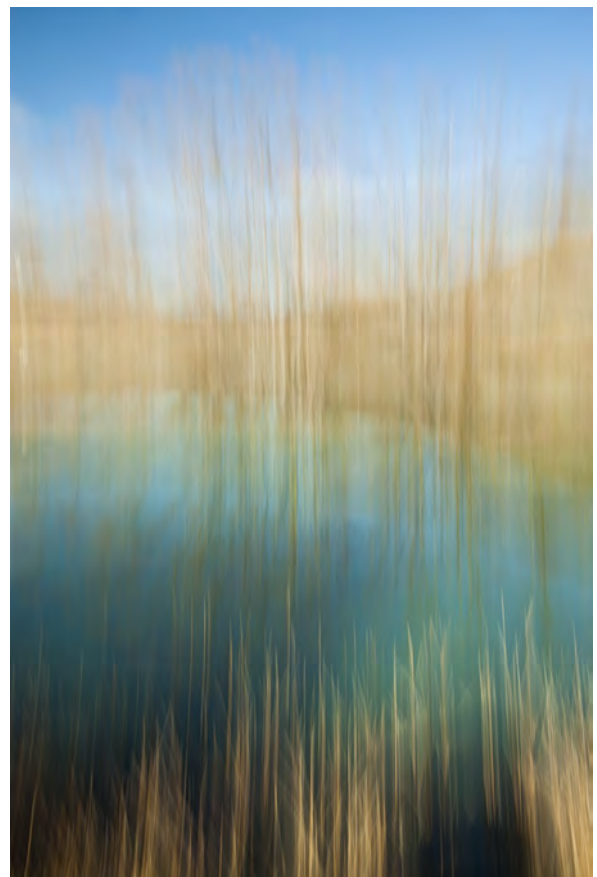
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Judges Choice Images from the July Competition



Judges Choice B Grade
Set Subject "Minimalism"
"Drifts" by David Skinner

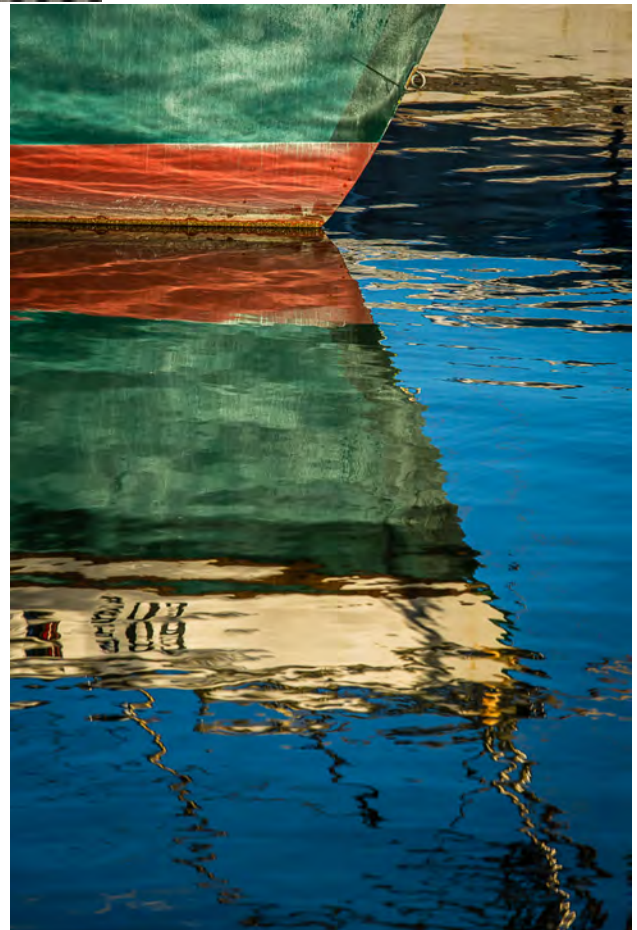
Judges Choice B Grade
Open Subject
"Wintertide" by Tanya Halliday



Judges Choice Images from the July Competition AKA” The Robin Cranford Page



Judges Choice A Grade
Set Subject “Minimalism“
“Cornered” by Robin Cranford

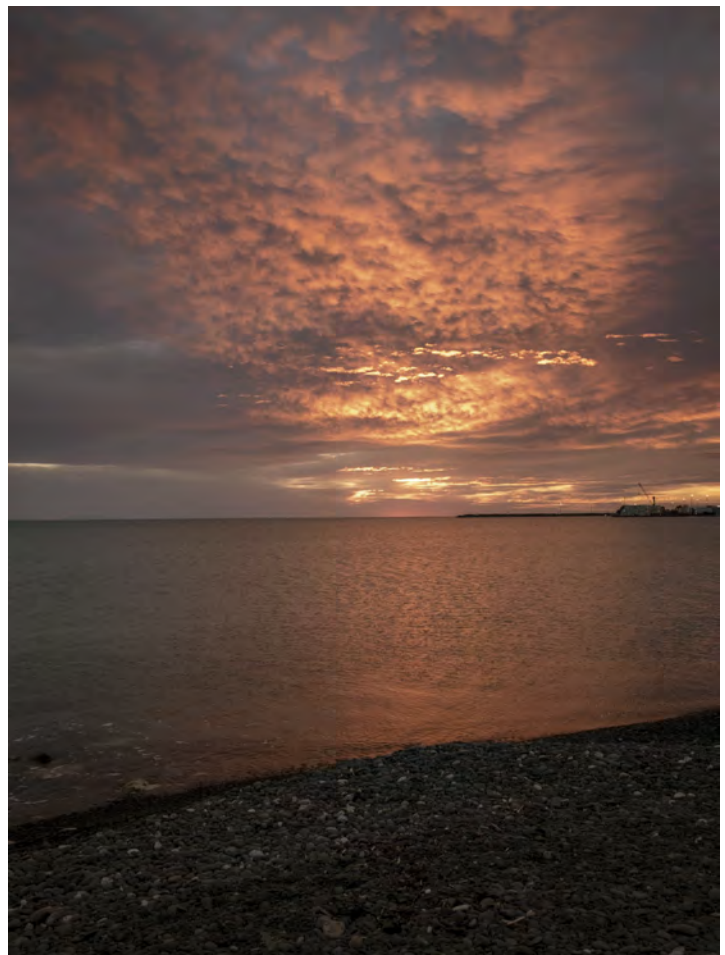


Judges Choice B Grade
Open Subject
“Sunny Day Dockside” by Robin Cranford

Judges Choice Images from the July Competition



Judges Choice Creative
"Grahames Central Otago" by Liz Caldwell



Honourable Mention
"June Sunrise" by Ted Willis

Points Tables

A Grade Points Table

July	Points for Month	Honours for Month	Total Points	Total Honours
Liz Caldwell	11	1	68	24
Mike Mulcahy	8	0	64	3
Trish Johnston	5	0	57	14
Jackie Lowry	6	0	56	7
Constance Fein Harding	7	0	56	11
Robin Cranford	13	0	56	12
Graham Bartleet	6	0	56	4
Andrew Caldwell	6	0	51	26
Greg Thompson	8	0	50	12
Bruce Coombe	6	0	50	14
Robyn Garrett	3	0	49	1
Rebecca MacDonald	0	0	42	24
Noel O'Riley	6	0	39	12
Sherryl Neale	7	0	38	12
Sue Martin	4	0	37	1
Debbie Nicol	5	0	33	0
Ruth Norman	3	0	29	10
Geoff Long	0	0	7	0
Darryl Baxter	0	0	4	2
Paula Burden	0	0	2	0

B Grade Points Table

July	Points for Month	Honours for Month	Total Points	Total Honours
Lynne Roberts	12	0	60	1
Tanya Houghton	10	1	50	4
David Carter	5	0	38	0
Vivienne Waterer	4	0	34	4
Ted Willis	8	1	31	1
David Skinner	12	0	31	1
Lester Oliver	0	0	30	3
Russell Taylor	0	0	28	4
Mark Davey	4	0	24	2
Terry Tester	3	0	15	3
Maggie Oakes	0	0	14	0
Donna Keeley	7	0	14	0
Kerry Ganderton	0	0	13	3
Ellie Tambour	0	0	8	0
Dave Langdon	0	0	7	3
Jane Muller	4	0	4	1
Patrick Moniz	0	0	3	0

Set Subjects and Upcoming Events For 2019

Set Subjects

January 29th	The letter V	
February 26th	Street	
March 26th	Openings	
April 30th	Triangles	
May 28th	Two of us	
June 25th	Minimalism	
July 30th	Frame it	currently being judged
August 27th	Flight	next Set Subject
September 24th	Obstructed view	
October 29th	Liquid	

Upcoming Events

27 August :	Club Meeting NOTE: this meeting will be held at 5 Devonshire Place, Taradale at the "Theosophical Society" building.
10 September :	Hands on / Workshop. Russell Taylor will be giving a introduction to water drop / water splash photography.
24 September :	Club Meeting

Long term upcoming Events

HBPS has made a booking with Creative Arts Napier (CAN) to hold another exhibition of our works from 28 February to 12 March 2020. More details to follow.

Final thoughts

So the big news this month is that, for the first time since I have been at the Club (5½ years) we will be holding a meeting at a venue that is not the Arts Club in Napier South.

After a meeting which Trish and I had with a contact at the Theosophical Society, Chris Helmsley, we thought that their meeting rooms (which they own) would suit the Hawke's Bay Photographic Society in our current needs.

Again if you are unaware of why we are looking at a new venue: it relates to the Art's Club (our current landlord) having a reluctance for us to truly share the building we currently use by having somewhere to store the clubs growing list of equipment, and imposing an increased rental cost this year.

In short the dealings that we have had with the Committee of the Arts Club recently have left the HBPS Committee feeling like the current meeting rooms are not the best long term location for our Club.

The meeting rooms where we will hold the 27th August meeting are larger, warmer, have a storage space for us to use, and have facilities that should make our meetings more comfortable and enjoyable.

The use of this location on a longer term basis is obviously a matter for the agreement of the Club members as a whole, but I am optimistic that this space will work better for us than our current location.

That said if anyone has any immediate misgivings about the change in location of the meeting then please let me know ASAP and I will try to resolve them.

Otherwise I hope you can attend on the 27th August at 5 Devonshire Place, Taradale.

And lastly: if I haven't mentioned it before (I have) the current subscription fees are due.

Andrew Caldwell
Editor in Chief

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