

Monthly Newsletter of the Wodonga Albury Camera Club Inc. Reg. No. A 0013634 L

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# **MAY 2010**

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# Under pressure

With the gradual increase of new Members and the majority entering our monthly photo competition, which is great, unfortunately three areas are coming under pressure.

- 1. Entries are exceeding the number that a judge can be expected to give justified time for individual judgment and comments.
- 2. Reviewing of entries at Club meetings is exceeding reasonable time thus not permitting other material to be presented to assist Members with their photography.
- 3. Time spent on sorting, recording, scanning, packing plus postage costs have

exceeded acceptable levels.

Our only solution is to reduce the overall number of images, currently 6, to a total of 3. In order to achieve this your Committee have put forward two options for Members to choose. Both options will be put forward to Members attending the May meeting for a vote in order to change the current rule.

#### Options are:

- 1. Members are permitted to enter one entry into each of the three divisions, namely colour prints, monochrome prints and EDI into each monthly competition.
- 2. Members are permitted to enter a total of three entries per month with a maximum of two in any of the three divisions namely colour prints, monochrome prints and EDI.

The result of this vote will apply as from the June / August Competition.

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#### **Dates To Remember**

THURS 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010 General Meeting, 7.30pm Panthers Sports Club Presenter: Ralf Ollsen Tonight's Judge: Pete Davies Set Subject: Letter "M"

THURS. 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010 Committee Meeting, 7pm at the Marengo Residence, 413 Lawrence St., Wodonga

THURS. 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010 General Meeting, 7.30pm Panthers Sports Club. Photo Year End Awards Tonight's Judge: Members Caulfield Society Subject: Open

Meeting Attendance Book.

Please sign the attendance book for insurance purposes.

# URGENTLY REQUIRED.

# **COMPETITION NEWS**

## **Posting Entries for Club Competitions.**

If you are posting entries for club or interclub competitions, please inform the Comp. Sec or the Club Sec. so that entries are expected.

# **Entries For Club Competitions ...... Size Restrictions**

Please be aware of the size restrictions for club (and other) competitions. **30 x 40cm**, including the matt, is the largest size for our club and for NEGV competitions.

Also, watch the thickness of your matted entries. 5mm is the maximum.

Please put a cardboard backing on your matted prints ... this will help to protect them from damage.

#### **Club Competitions..**

- \* May entries due for 'Single Flower'
- \* June entries due for 'Open' comp.
- \* July entries due for "Group/Gathering"
- \* Aug entries due for "Open" comp.
- \* Sept.- entries due for "Night Scene"

###Definition: Group/Gathering

A photograph of five or more people. It may range from a head study to full length. Preferable the image shows some activity rather than a posed portrait.

#### **NEGV NEWS**

#### Meetings for 2010 as follows: -

- 1. July 17 Shepparton (Entries due June GM)
- 2. November 20 Bright Myrtleford (Entries due October GM)

EDI will now have A & B grades as for the print competitions.

Members may submit up to 2 images as per our own digital competition. i.e. 1024px (max w) x 768px (max h) at 72dpi

Slides will continue as an Open grade only.

\* Cooinda Family Support Group is looking for photographers to take pictures at their 'Latin Ball' fundraiser on 4th June 2010.

If you are able to volunteer Paul Temple can possibly supply lights and backdrop etc.

If you have your own gear that's even better. It is good experience and is helping a worthy cause. Volunteers will get some food and drinks to keep them pacified! If you could contact Paul Temple on 60244885 or 0401950273 that would be great.

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#### Photoshop Masterclass - Wodonga TAFE

3 Fridays 11-25 June 1-4pm Cost \$160. For higher end users of Photoshop. Covers advanced photo manipulation and editing techniques, advanced layering, masking and selecting, blending and collage techniques, and photo restoration and repair.

Contact TAFE on 13 8233 or

email shortcourses@wodongatafe.edu.au

#### Photography online.

Melbourne-based Michaels Camera Video and Digital has added a free series of online digital photography lessons to its website.

The digital 1-to-1 section comprises short videos of four to six minutes, which tackle the basics – composition, controls, using flash, and moving into more advanced areas.

www.michaels.com.au/LearnOnline

WACC members who cannot afford or are intimidated by Photoshop.

The following link has a discussion about other programs that you could use instead, and some are even free to download.

http://www.pcworld.idg.com.au/node/342803?enotify=1

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