

CAMBRIDGE CAMERA CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to this month's Cambridge Camera Club newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading it and perhaps come away with one or two ideas for photographic opportunities.

In past months I will often get an idea for an article but when it comes to putting pen to paper, I seem to dry up. This month I decided to get a little more organised so whenever an idea popped up I would either write it down or send myself an e-mail. My inbox is now full of one line e-mails to myself.

So if you suddenly find yourself with a good idea for an article let me know straight away. This newsletter is a Club newsletter and it should be all about sharing ideas, experiences, tips, and most of all photographs. I am sure everybody will have at some stage something they would like to share with Club members, so please give it some thought and try to come up with a small contribution. Thanks to Kerry, Karen, Janet and Davide for their input this month.

October Meeting

Many thanks to Dan and Cliff for their part in last months meeting. The turnout was a little disappointing and I can only assume that many of you had other commitments. We were treated to three wonderful slideshows from Dan which I hope will have inspired you to get creative with your images and take a look at the various ways in which slide shows can be created. It just goes to show that every image does not need to be a National Geographic winner. As Dan pointed out it is all about memories and it was clear from the shows all his family and friends were having a great time. Janet has an article later in this edition concerning slideshows.

Cliff gave an introductory talk on lighting which was very interesting. I am sure that from that we can build on ideas for future workshops and mini field trips. It certainly made me think and the very next morning when I opened the curtains I saw the low thick cloud, almost a drizzly kind of morning, and thought about the soft light it would produce. A few minutes later as I was holding the 2 litre milk container about to pour over my cereal I wondered why I had just spent \$15 on a small flash diffuser when I could have manufactured one from the milk container.

As I was finishing my cereal my two and a half year old grandson was dropped off for me to take him to kindy later that morning. Then I remembered Cliff's whiteboard, under the heading soft light was the subject children. Young Cole is well used to the camera and all I had to ask was if he was keen for a Kodak moment outside. So I grabbed my camera, decided to use my 100mm macro lens which I love for portraits and outside we went at about 7.00 am. I was rewarded with this lovely image which my daughter will enjoy. So I hope that everybody will think about what Cliff told us and put it into practise.



Visit to Taupo Camera Club

On Thursday evening 20th October Kerry and I travelled to Taupo for their Club meeting. Kerry was judging their entries for a six monthly competition and cups were awarded for best images. It was a pleasure to watch Kerry doing what he clearly loves and his passion and enthusiasm for photography enthralled his audience. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening. I was sitting next to a club member who I knew personally from visiting family in Taupo. He was most excited to take home a trophy for best black and white. It was a shame he forgot his hearing aid as he had no idea what Kerry was saying and I had to explain to him afterwards. Well done Alan. The following images were taken with my Iphone.



Inter-Club Battle - Islesburgh v. Cambridge

Another reminder that this competition will take place around the middle of November. The deadline for entries is 11th November but I am accepting entries now by e-mail. As a Club we are required to submit 20 so I would like to see everybody send me an image. Please try not to leave it until the very last minute. As you read this, decide on the image you want considered and send me it NOW.

Library display

Alyson and Eric recently had their images up on display. Current images on display were kindly supplied by Cliff and Bruce. Members will now be asked to provide an image on a random basis fortnightly. Previously it had been alphabetically but Kerry will now contact the chosen person in plenty of time to provide an image. It does not need to be exhibition size, A4 will suffice but a mat is required.



Alyson's image is on top and Eric's below. Both images can be viewed on the September results page of our web page.



Cliff's dramatic landscape, I wondered if it was a self portrait. See who can work that one out :)

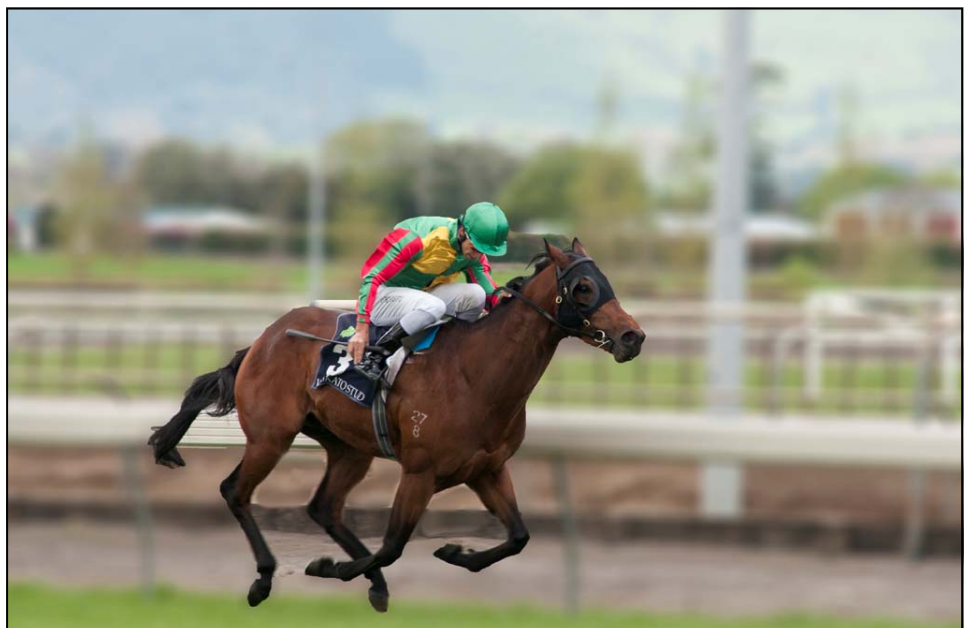


Bruce also has a nice black and white image of the same subject. Perhaps we will see that later.

Field Trip by Davide Pini

Cambridge Camera Club Members were Invited by the Matamata Camera club to join them at Matamata for a day at the races.

Myself and Kerry went along. It started around mid day so we went round to Keith's (Matamata President) for a coffee. Then we went on to the races and Matamata had a marquee set up at the front of the track



Line drawing—Photoshop



In a recent newsletter I mentioned that one of the webpages I like to browse was at <http://www.photographybb.com/>

I really like the free newsletters they produce and I came across an article in issue #43 August 2011 explaining how to convert a photo to a pencil sketch/drawing. I liked the idea of that and gave it a shot. Here is what I came up with.

It looked pretty good printed out as a 6 x 4 and I had a few people on that my drawing skills were improving. Have a go and see what you can come up with. If you want to show off your results send me your image and I will select the best for next months newsletter.

Issue #45 has just come out today and is a tribute to Steve Jobs.

Fireworks Photography

The spectacle of fireworks attracts millions of spectators annually. It is that time of year again and I plan to take my grandson to the show at Ohaupo on Saturday 5 November 2011. See <http://www.eventfinder.co.nz/2011/nov/ohaupo/waikato-fireworks-fiesta> for further details.

Fireworks photography is not difficult and a simple google search will result in numerous pages which will explain best procedures to follow.

A must is a good sturdy tripod and a shutter release. I picked up a Phottix shutter release recently for \$40. Phottix supply a good range of camera accessories which I believe do just a good a job as similar genuine Canon or Nikon accessories at a lower price.

I would love to see a selection of club member's images in the next newsletter. Get out and give it a go.

If you download issue #41 of the Photography BB newsletter previously mentioned there is a major article in that months edition of how to shoot fireworks



Rugby Photographs

I thought I might have had a few submissions but this was the only one. Thanks for that Karen, very amusing.

I am not a huge rugby fan being an ex soccer player but I thoroughly enjoyed the World Cup. Obviously I was cheering for Scotland. If the games were only 30 mins each half then perhaps we would have gone through to the knockout stage :).

If you have any rugby photos you want to share next months please send me them.



Old Cameras



A friend of mine has a passion for collecting old camera gear and he would have enjoyed seeing this collection which was on display at the Lion's Market recently.

Having only ever really used digital I wondered if anybody still used beautiful looking equipment such as this.

Then I suddenly remembered a photograph I took on a club trip in 2009. No prizes for guessing who might be under the cloth.



Equine Photography

I recently received an e-mail from Rhiannon at NZ Equine regarding equine photography as follows:

We are a friendly group of people. and would love some new photographers who are passionate about equestrian photography to join the team!

"Want to make some extra money out of your hobby? Photographers wanted to join the team at NZ Equine Photography, NZ's busiest Equestrian Photography website. All you need is an interest in photographing horses, and pro-am level equipment. Now recruiting for all regions of NZ – please email john@nzequine.co.nz or phone 027 693 7846 www.nzequine.co.nz



Photographic Opportunity

Another recent e-mail I received was in relation to an exciting event at the Howick Historical Village.

"On November 20, the Village will be filled with costumed volunteers going about their business, but the display itself stays up until December 31. I hope your guests will enjoy their visit to our facility. "

Check out the web page http://www.fencible.org.nz/living_museum.php

I also have a flyer but at 7Mb I will only forward to those that request it.

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Gear Talk

Isn't Trade Me a wonderful thing. This month I have picked up a few gadgets at a good price. I was pleased with my purchase of a Softbox Photoflex XS lite dome Q39, Platinum series. I also bought a couple of light stands going real cheap. I am looking for a white shoot through umbrella next and I will be set up with a portable Speedlight studio. I have downloaded the Speedlites handbook to my Ipad so I have been busy reading up on the subject. Perhaps when I have a better idea of what I am doing it could be incorporated with a lighting workshop next year.

Attached photograph shows the softbox in action with the flash being fired by a set of cheap wireless triggers.

How about you share with us your gadgets and Trade-me bargains in the next issue.



Lynn Clayton Workshop 2012

There was a reasonably good response to the proposal of above workshop. Kerry will provide further updates when available but it is possible we may invite Matamata to attend just to boost numbers a little and make it worthwhile for Lyn to attend.

Audio Visuals - from Janet

If you would like to get a little more creative with your images and making QUALITY Presentations from your photographs then please join me on November 13. So many digital images stay on a computer and very rarely get seen, or you have an image you like, but think it needs something else. Audio visuals and photoshop can help you be more creative.

I would like to organise another side to the club for any one interested in audio visuals and photoshop creations, and if you are interested in meeting each month to learn about, pass on hints and tips, produce and show audio visuals please contact me on 823 2369 or at jc.morley@kinect.co.nz

The first meeting will be on Tuesday November 13 at 7.30, 49A Vogel Street. This will be to discuss content for meetings and what we will be covering. Regards Janet.

Local Events

Armistice in Cambridge - 12-13 November 2011. A tremendous opportunity for photography. I still remember Ann Huston's super photograph a couple of years ago which dominated the front page of the Cambridge Edition. Truly a brilliant photo which would certainly pick up an honours in competitions.

Pacific Rose Bowl Festival 2011 - Hamilton Gardens 17-20 November 2011. Come and enjoy this fabulous free-entry event set in the vibrant Rogers Rose Garden at Hamilton Gardens where in excess of 3,000 rose bushes are planted.

Honours Board

To all photographers that wish to challenge themselves and obtain a PSNZ Distinction: You need only make an application to the Honours Board in one of the three categories available and meet the required standard of that Honour.

The information and explanations as to what is required of you and from you is now available on the PSNZ website www.photography.org.nz. If you live in an area where downloading something from the website is time consuming please feel free to ring me or email me and I will post the application form and guidelines to you.

Phone 09 419 2206 or Email DESMA-ED@xtra.co.nz

And finally

The deadline for this months competition is 11 November 2011. Without wanting to sound like a broken record no entries will be accepted after this date. If you submit a print, please also include a digital file with it or e-mail it to me. This is required so that we can compile a nice slideshow at the end of the year. I don't have a scanner since I upgraded to Windows 7 so I cannot scan the print. A new scanner is on my wish list but there are other photo accessories/50mm lens I need before a scanner. This will test the wife's proof reading to see if she noticed that one :)

And before I forget if you have any ideas for a Xmas get together please let me know. In the absence of any other ideas we will likely have a day out one Sunday late November or early December to Raglan. We could visit the Bridal Veil falls, Te Uku Wind Farm, Manu Bay, and Raglan for lunch. We could take a look at the Taitua Arboretum on the back. Look out for an e-mail soon with details.