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Reminder

The new club season begins on 8th September in the McMaster Centre. We open with a selection of the high scoring images in the 2016 PAGB GB Cup – Open and Nature.

SPF Portfolios

Club members submitted 10 colour prints, 7 mono prints and 14 PDIs to the Portfolio competitions. 4 of the colour prints, 4 of the mono prints and 6 of the PDIs were selected to represent the club while the others went in as individual entries.

Some of our best scoring images are shown below.



Harris Vista by Nan Caldwell – Individual Colour Print

Contributing members were Nan Caldwell, Mike Cruise, Robert Fulton, Guy Phillips and Ann Philpot.

With an aggregate score of 58 in Colour Prints we finished 3rd only a point behind joints winners Carluke CC and Dumfries CC.



Twilight Ebb Tide by Robert Fulton- Club Colour Print

In Mono Prints our aggregate was 45 and we were 10th equal, 8 points behind joint winners Bon Accord CC and Dumfries CC.



A Bit of Grunt by Guy Phillips – Club Mono print

Our crowning glory however, was in the PDI Portfolio where our aggregate of 82 gained us 1st place.



Pinemarten by Mike Cruise – Club PDI

And There Were Elephants

As most of you know I keep returning to Africa for my holidays. Well this year I was back but what changed was that I didn't do my usual mobile camping safari, instead choosing to go on a two centre trip designed for and led by photographers.

The trip destinations were Kasane on the Chobe River in the north of Botswana and the Zimanga Private Photographic Game Reserve in Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa and the organisers and leaders were Wildlife Photojournalists Ann and Steve Toon.

The focus in Botswana was the river and the opportunity to photograph from it.



White fronted Bee-eater- Chobe River

Bird highlights were Pied Kingfishers, Yellowbilled Storks and Bee-eaters while Buffalo, Hippo were among the best mammals.

However, top spot has to go to the Elephants. There was the chance to capture behaviour shots of them interacting in family groups, drinking, playing in the water, play fighting, river crossing, mud wallowing and dusting.



Fun in the Chobe River

In Zimanga the primary attraction was photography from custom designed hides.



Blue Waxbills – Zimanga reflection hide

Two of the hides provided the opportunity to photograph smaller birds like waxbills, finches and sunbirds while the third was in a lagoon and water birds were the target. Storks, herons, stilts and African fish eagle were among those photographed.



Yellowbilled Stork – Zimanga lagoon hide

More information about Zimanga can be found on their website www.zimanga.com .

Game drives in both locations provided a more traditional view of the wildlife with sable antelope in Chobe River Reserve one of the high spots of the trip. In Zimanga rhino, African wild dog and cheetah were particularly good sightings.

Ann and Steve Toon were excellent leaders, always ready to help or provide guidance.

The photo boats gave everyone an uninterrupted view to both sides and each seat had a built-in camera mount for using with longer lenses. The hides were air-conditioned and laminate floored with comfortable office chairs and tripods with gimbal heads were provided.

Next year the Botswana leg of the trips will only stay one night in a lodge with the remaining nights in a houseboat moored in a different location each night and a new 7 night trip to Zimanga has been added.

The highest compliment I can give is that I have already booked a return trip to Zimanga with the Toons in 2017.

There are full details of their safaris next year (April, June and September 2017) on their website: www.toonphoto.com and if you select their **blog** the items there include a report on this trip.



Sunset on the Chobe River

Recent Salon Successes

Scottish Salon

Colour PDI

Graeme Dewar – 2 accepts
Robert Fulton – 1 accept

Nature PDI

Jim Black – 2 accepts
Mike Cruise – 4 accepts including RPS Gold Medal for Best Mammal
John Hunter – 2 accepts
Norma McDowall – 3 accepts
Guy Phillips – 1 accept

Mono PDI

Jim Black - 2 accepts
Mike Cruise - 4 accepts
Guy Phillips - 1 accept

Colour Prints

Robert Fulton - 3 accepts
Guy Phillips - 2 accepts including 1 HM

Nature Prints

Jim Black – 1 accept
Mike Cruise – 4 accepts including PSA Silver Medal for Best Wildlife

Mono Prints

Guy Phillips – 2 accepts

PSA International Colour PDI

Norma McDowall - 2 accepts

Nature PDI

Jim Caldwell - 1 accept

Wildlife PDI

Jim Caldwell - 2 accepts including PSA
Bronze medal

Norma McDowall - 1 accept

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To be included in future listings of salon successes please send me details of acceptances and awards.

Scottish Nature Photography Fair

It may still be possible to get tickets for the Scottish Nature Photography Fair at Battleby (by Perth) on 10th and 11th September.

Each day has a different programme of talks on a wide variety of subjects.

Speakers include Chris Gomersall (both days), Colin Prior (Saturday), Theo Bosboom from The Netherlands (both days) and Laurie Campbell (Sunday).

Tickets cost £59 per day or £106 for the weekend. Lunch is available at £9 per day and there are lunchtime workshops at £5 each.

The lunchtime workshops are:

- Macro: Composition and Lighting
- An Intro to Camera rapping
- Time Lapse: the basics
- Using Drones fro Aerial photography
- Using flash for wildlife photography

Or go on a guided Beaver Walk with Lorn Gill (£2 per person)

There is a number limit for each workshop or the Beaver Walk so they must be pre-booked.

See the SNPF website: www.snpf.co.uk for further details of the programme of talks and workshops along with speaker profiles.