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Caboolture Photography Club Official Newsletter

October / November 2011

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Editors NOTE: *Dear Members, this is the last newsletter for the 2011 and I wanted to thank those who have taken the time to contribute & share their news. It's great to hear peoples' travel tales & have them share some of their photos from exotic & interesting destinations. It's also good to hear about member's photographic experiences or opportunities. This can encourage other members to learn, try & experiment. We have a great club & everyone has something to contribute so let's keep going & growing!*

*I've had some fun with this newsletter, & have dedicated the last page to the past & present PRESIDENT!
thank you - Julie*

President's Report



Hi to all members!

Spring is here!!! Now everyone knows this fact, but are we all out getting those great images to astound all at club?

Unfortunately our August outing was washed out, but we still had our slideshow. Members were asked to submit images depicting their favourite subjects. This was well supported with images from some of our more timid members and quite a few surprises, but enjoyed by all.

The 'Interclub Competition' was held at Peninsula Club room on Friday 26th August.

We did not win overall, but there were only twenty nine points separating the clubs, which is our best performance yet. Congratulations to Peter Mitchelson for his image 'Shadow of Justice', being the best image in the 'Shadows' category. Four of the best five images in this category were from Caboolture members. The subjects for next year are - 'SURREAL, DOORWAYS, SYMMETRY, NATURE, PEOPLE, PICTORIAL, OPEN MONO'. The website will have updates for the definitions for these subjects.

Members are reminded that the Tewantin Shield competition is being held on Saturday 19th November.

Image categories are- People (Pe), Pictorial (Pi), Nature (NA), and Fragments (SS). Members are invited to **submit images in any of the categories** listed to Steve Baker (Competition Image Coordinator) at

ssbaker@bigpond.com **before the 14th October** or bring them along to any club meeting before that date. Images may be any that have been critiqued and perhaps modified as suggested, or new images. They must be sized to 1024x768 for landscape or 768 maximum height for portrait images, pixel density to be 70 to 300 dpi. Our standard image numbering applies and must be jpeg format.

Our BACK TO BASICS programme is plodding along with a few new inexperienced members participating. This series of instruction/training programs deals with the basics of digital photography and progressively advancing as needed. Any member who wishes to partake of basic hands-on instruction are asked to put their name in the note book at the entry of our club meetings, or contact either Norm Finney or myself (Bill Sleightholm) as listed on the website. **Likewise any experienced member who wishes to help out with this project, also please contact either of us.**

On the run up to Christmas and in January, we will have a full, interesting program -

THIS TUESDAY night 11th Oct.....Mark Rayner, from Trekabout Photography 'Digital Workflow Processes'

Meeting night 25th Oct.....Images judged (*Nature, Monochrome, and Open*)

Meeting night 8th Nov.....Club Workshop (*at meeting*)

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Meeting night 22nd Nov.....Images judged (People, Doorways, and Mono)

Meeting night 13th Dec.....Christmas break up

Meeting night 10th Jan.....Mark Meier, from Anderson Camera Repairs, Camera Maintenance'

As this is the last Newsletter before Christmas, I will take this opportunity to thank the committee and members in supporting and helping Me during this year, and also wish everybody a Safe and Happy Christmas holiday.

Happy Shooting!!!

Bill

Outing's Report Peter Mitchelson



However, firstly, Stuart Cox provides a brief report from the allocated outing date 21 August to Walkabout Creek. Due to weather

conditions & a last minute cancellation, Stuart turned up for his lone tour. "The day started out rather miserable with grey skies and heavy rain over Caboolture. I spent the morning looking outside waiting for a break in the clouds, lunch time came and the BOM showed very little cloud cover anywhere so I made a break for the city.

Upon reaching my destination I was feeling peckish and checked out the cafe, a cold meat sandwich and an orange juice was just the ticket in preparation for the outdoor adventure ahead of me"

"So with a belly full of food and camera in hand I set out upon the walking trails by myself, yes by myself. It seemed that everyone else was put off by the wet weather and stayed at home".

"The afternoon turned out to be quite pleasant with lovely golden sunlight contrasting with the dark grey clouds, it was a shame I didn't have enough time to do the longer 5km walk around the reservoir."



Photo by Stuart from his sole outing 21 August.
Did everyone else miss something?

Thanks Stuart, had to crop for best fit.

Now, over to PETER for the official outings report.

As has happened in the last couple of months there will again be a number of changes to our outings. There have been



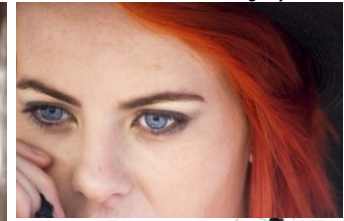
various reasons for these changes but I am grateful that everyone has been so flexible and understanding. Next year we don't plan to set our dates so far ahead as we have done in the past. This will allow us to work around events as they come up and reduce the need to make unscheduled changes.

Sunday 25

September was the outdoor portrait workshop with John Lomas at the Powerhouse Museum.



I think I speak for everyone who went in saying it was a great time. Once again we were able to enjoy the



knowledge and experience of John as he imparted it to us in his easy going manner. He spoke about light, posing and backgrounds.



Even Barry 'struck a pose'

The weekend of October 15 & 16 had been set aside for an overnighter. This has been changed. On Saturday October 15 we will be heading to Bribie Island. Kerry has been approached by the daughter of a couple who will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Bribie. She has asked if any members would like to attend and take photographs of the couple and the family.

Photos above by Julie: Portrait workshop. A preview for those that weren't there.

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The Tewantin Shield is being hosted in Nambour on the weekend of 19 & 20 November. We are making this the weekend we stay away to include attending the judging on the Saturday night. as been set

Don't forget the Cartier-Bresson exhibit is still on at the State Library, South Bank. Brisbane is the only place in Australia this exhibition will be travelling to so try and make the effort to get and see it. It will not be coming back to Australia. There is a \$12 entry fee but you will see some iconic photographs from a true photographic master.

This is the last report for the year and I would like to thank all those who have attended the outings over the year

Members Space TRAVELLERS TALES

Our Trip to CANADA, ALASKA & WAY BEYOND; presented by Barry & Marilyn Barfield,

Early in June this year, my wife Marilyn and myself went on a voyage of discovery that commenced in Vancouver, Canada on board the ORION II and was to finish in far off Japan. Apart from the obvious scenic and geographical attractions of the trip, my interest was for the wildlife to be found in this unique part of the world.

Our three week journey was to begin heading north along the Inside Passage, bordered by high tree covered mountains similar to the Norwegian fiords, through a treacherous opening known as Seymour Narrows then northward to the picturesque area known as Misty Fiords, and Alaska.

The region is known as the Yosemite of the North and is a declared national monument to preserve the incredible geology of the huge 2.3 million acre wilderness area. Old granite said to be 50-70 million years old has been carved out by glaciers, leaving classic U shaped fiords with narrow channels over 300m deep with sides rising to over 900m covered with temperate rainforest **This is the habitat of huge Black and Brown bears which can often be seen foraging along tidal areas to feed.** Surprising to us was to discover

that **80% of** the bear's diet was in fact vegetation and whilst they can be a threat to humans as most large wild animals, with caution



you can approach quite close to watch them feed.

During the salmon spawning season they

All photos with this story are provided by Barry & Marilyn

take advantage of the bounty from the seas but until that time they can be quite happy to scrape barnacles off of rocks at low tide.

We called in at a town called Haines which is a small but beautiful community in Alaska. This area was one of the many boom towns during the Klondike Gold Rush in 1898, During the long winter months the town can be cut off by snow and ice from the outside world for long periods at a time, with the closest town being 300km



breaching

by road, air or sea. The town is home to one of the largest concentrations of Bald Eagles with around 4000 arriving between October and February to feast upon the local Salmon run in the local rivers.

From Haines and Point Adolphus we head West across the Gulf of Alaska. **It is here that whales** feed in the strong tidal currents that enter the icy

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straits from the Pacific Ocean. On one occasion we saw literally hundreds of Humpback whales feeding on the surface, with their spouts being seen for miles and it is just a spectacular sight to see breaching whales all around you.



Sea Otter & cub

There are also seals, Sperm whales, huge Albatross with 3.0m wingspan and **cute Sea otters swimming together in family groups or 'rafts'**, so our cameras never seem to stop.



We head onwards along the Aleutian chain of Islands that form a land link between Alaska and far off Russia. This whole area is volcanic and

massive towering peaks are the first glimpse of another approaching island with their ice capped and still smoking domes breaking through the clouds. We experienced an earthquake in this region one afternoon, a 7.3 magnitude that really shook the whole ship for 25 to 30 seconds. Luckily as we were in deep water, there was no tidal surge or damage, but the local islanders are always ready to move quickly to high ground and all towns have a Tsunami refuge centre with emergency supplies to cater for this quite regular occurrence

The Aleutian Chain is just part of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Park and protects the incredible life of the region. Over 80% of all seabirds in North America are in this refuge and we often travelled into nesting colonies of some species that were so prolific that they resemble dark waves in the sky as they spin and turn on the wing as one, almost blocking out the light.

Our trip continued to Petropavlovsk, Russia and is the second largest city in the world that cannot be reached by road. Far East Russia is truly remote, with this region being as far from Moscow as Moscow is from London. No wonder the locals think that they have been forgotten since the end of the Cold War era. We visit a Husky dog sledge training camp and sample the delights of true Vodka (drunk like water by some locals!) The dogs are working dogs for the colder season and are not pets as most of us visitors would like to imagine.

After crossing the Sea of Okhotsk we finally arrive in Japan. Our trip had covered some 12,000 miles across the top of the world and we had experienced a true wilderness area in all of its wild beauty.

Most of our landings were by rubber Zodiacs into wildlife areas to avoid disturbing the animals in their own backyard. As the ship was relatively small with only 100 passengers, we were able to visit areas that the normal Cruise ships could not get into, thus avoided the mainstream tourist destinations and saw the real nitty gritty without the gloss of commercialism. ***If you get the opportunity to take a trip like this one, you will have experiences like no other.***

Thank you so much Barry & Marilyn

PAST PRESIDENT'S end of year SUMMARY by Norm Finney

FEATURE ARTICLE!



Our newsletter editor tells me this is our last letter for the year so as past President of the club I'd like to give you my brief thoughts on the year so far.

I am in favour of changes to the way the club operates if it is to the club's benefit and the changes are carried out in the right way. As often happens with a change in management committee, some members wanted to rush in and make some of these changes, but I'm

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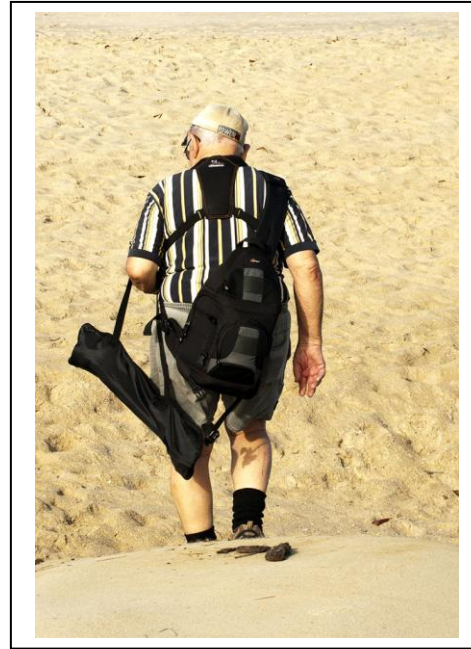
pleased to say the new President and committee wisely took the "make haste slowly" attitude and affected a few changes, and left others on a wait and see basis. The changes made were in connection with image identification for judging purposes and the way judged images are rated. As expected, our membership varied when it came up for renewal.

I think most organizations are the same, some members drop out for various reasons, and new members come along. **So, while faces have changed, the number of members is pretty much the same, around the 40 mark. I think the quality of our members' images has improved markedly in the last year. There are some very good photographs being presented.** The Interclub competition between Peninsula, Aspley and Caboolture was judged recently. And while we came third again, the margin was very narrow. I think our members are to be congratulated under the circumstances.

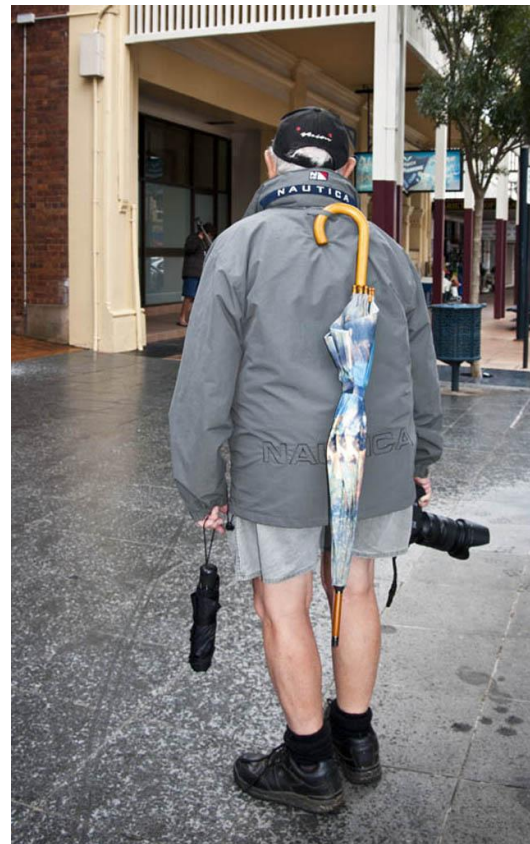
We have enjoyed some very interesting guest speakers at the first of the monthly meetings, with more to come, and the judges continue to keep us on our toes at the second monthly meeting. I say this because each judge has his own particular way of assessing images, so what pleases one judge does not necessarily please another. One constantly has to be alert if he wants to get a good result from a judge.

Membership at the meetings has been reasonable, often about two thirds, but I'm sorry to say such has not been the case for outings. I estimate that rates at about 20%. Of course, everyone has his / her reason for not attending, so all our outings co-ordinator can do is continue to offer the opportunities and it is up to each member to accept those that suit him her.

So, in conclusion, I think the club continues to serve its purpose of giving persons interested in photography the opportunity to meet with like minded people, attend outings with them and share images with each other, while, at the same time, trying to help people get a better understanding of photography



"Now I can officially be on my way"



Ex President, Norm

Thanks Norm does this mean we have now seen the back of you??? Well at least not until you have seen the next page!

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THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED TO THE PAST & PRESENT PRESIDENT.

So lets have a look at what these two get up to when they go out together with their cameras!

Uh HUH!

Well it always has to be a coffee before anyone starts pushing the 'shutter button'!



Oh and then before we move on to find something to photograph we'll of course we need to go to the TOILET!



Then, better have some fun I guess, before lunch

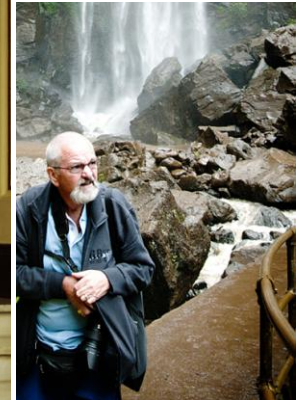


"Hang on Bill, I'll be right there"

Ok Norm, I've just realized I don't have enough money, for our afternoon coffees,



so I'll have to stop at the bank"



"Not sure this was such a good idea" Norm, it's bit cold! I think we should get back to the station

"Ok Bill, I just need one more stop before we leave"



A tip from Norm "Shoot up for an interesting angle"



"that's all folks" have a good day!