

**PSA NATURE DIVISION
DIGITAL INTERCLUB COMPETITION – 2008- 2009 SEASON
CONTEST #2**

The judging for Contest #2 of the PSA Nature Division Competition for Clubs was held by the St. Louis Camera Club of St. Louis, Missouri on Saturday, February 1, 2009.

The judges were:

Chuck Mannis
Paul Fisher
John Watson

The Competition Chairman and moderator was Kathy O'Donnell. She was ably assisted by Debbie Day, a brand new PSA member as well as a promising hard worker.

30 Clubs are participating this season, with 28 Clubs participating in this contest. Since St. Louis was judging, they did not participate and will be making up their entry with full rights and privileges for awards and honors in Contest #3 to be judged by the Merrimack Valley Camera Club. Western Reserve also did not enter Contest #2 and will be allowed to make-up their entry in Contest #3 for scores only.

The Club results were:

Club	Score	Award
Camera Naturalist Camera Club	83	1 st
Garden State Six Shooters	82	2 nd
Mount Baker Camera Club	82	2 nd
Boston West Photographic Society	81	3 rd
New Haven Camera Club	80	
Stony Brook Camera Club	79	
Saguaro Camera Club	79	
Ridgewood Camera Club	78	
West Cumbria Photo Group	78	
Unlimited Visions Photo Group	78	
Cape Cod Viewfinders	77	
Exploring Light Camera Club	76	
Greater Lynn Photographic Association	76	
Hillcrest Camera Club	76	
F67 Camera Club	76	
Merrimack Valley Camera Club	76	
Naples Camera Club	76	
Unlimited Visions Photo Group (Make-Up)	75	
Loveland Photographic Society	74	
Oklahoma Camera Club	74	
Photo Guild of Nova Scotia	74	
Schenectady Photographic Society	74	
Traverse Area Camera Club	73	
Charlotte Camera Club	72	
Pilchuck Camera Club	72	
Houston Camera Club	69	
Photo Pictorialists of Milwaukee	68	
Tri-County Camera Club	67	
St. Louis Camera Club	Judged	
Western Reserve Photographic Society	No Entry	

The Individual results were:

Title	Score	Award	Club	Maker
Bobcat and Chukar	15	Award of Merit	Camera Naturalist Camera Club	James Stachecki
Osprey with Cath	15	Award of Merit	Cameral Naturalist Camera Club	Roman Kurywczak
Eagle About to Attach	15	Award of Merit	Saguaro Camera Club	Phyllis Picardi
Tiger	15	Award of Merit	Ridgewood Camera Club	Vinnie Kempf
Bridal Veil Falls Valley	15	Award of Merit	Naples Camera Club	Walt Beaumont
Oystercatcher's Prize	15	Honor	Camera Naturalist Camera Club	Roman Kurywczak
Rynchops Niger Trio Skimming	15	Honor	Garden State Six Shooters	Klaus-Deiter Schleim
Herring Gull Tossing Clam	15	Honor	Garden State Six Shooters	Jerry Fornarotto
Winter is Here	15	Honor	Mount Baker Camera Club	Lana Walden
Loon Feeding	15	Honor	Boston West Photographic Society	Ed McGuirk
Male Bluebird	15	Honor	New Haven Camera Club	Richard Asarisi
Beak to Beak	15	Honor	Saguaro Camera Club	Loius Romain, FPSA, EPSA
Madagascan Gecko on a Bird of Paradise	15	Honor	Unlimited Visions Camera Club	Gavin Donaldson
Lightning at the Beach	15	Honor	Naples Camera Club	Mark Farmer
Lenticular Cloud	15	Honor	F/67 Camera Club	Ray Lassila
Red Fox	15	Honor	Unlimited Visions Camera Club	Rich Phalin
Young Polar Bear Cooling Off	15	Honor	Schenectady Photographic Society	Jim Craner
Wet 'N' Wild	14	Honor	Boston West Photographic Society	Donna Salett
Alaskan Cubs	14	Honor	Stony Brook Camera Club	Donna Leonardo
Learning to Howl	14	Honor	Cape Cod Viewfinders	Amanda Reed
Southern Carmine Bee-Eater	14	Honor	Hillcrest Camera Club	Chris Hornaman
Double Amputee	14	Honor	Oklahoma Camera Club	Michael Mayberry
Bison	14	Honor	Loveland Photographic Society	Gary Lengyel

Please note that these titles and images may not be used in any future PSA Nature Division Interclub Contest, whether Digital or Slides. The five Award of Merit images will be included in the annual Image of the Year competition at the end of the season.

Some feedback from the judges of this contest: A lot of birds in relation to other nature subjects. There also appeared to be a quite a few images that were more pictorial than nature with a good story.

Club Standings

Club	Contest #1 Score	Contest #2 Score	Contest #3 Score	Total Score	Place (After 2 Contests)
Boston West Photographic Society	59	81		140	
Camera Naturalist Camera Club	68	83		151	2nd
Cape Cod Viewfinders	62	77		139	
Charlotte Camera Club	56	72		128	
Exploring Light Camera Club	58	76		134	
F/67 Camera Club	55	76		131	
Garden State Six Shooters	65	82		147	3rd
Greater Lynn Photographic Association	66	76		142	
Hillcrest Camera Club	61	76		137	
Houston Camera Club	55	69		124	
Loveland Photographic Society	64	74		138	
			Will Judge		
Merrimack Valley Camera Club	61	76	71	208	
Mount Baker Camera Club	60	82		142	
Naples Camera Club	57	76		133	
New Haven Camera Club	65	80		145	
Oklahoma Camera Club	61	74		135	
Pilchuck Camera Club	53	72		125	
Photo Guild of Nova Scotia	61	74		135	
Photo Pictorialists of Milwaukee	56	68		124	
Ridgewood Camera Club	60	78		138	
St. Louis Camera Club	59	Judged		59	
Saguaro Camera Club	59	79		138	
Schenectady Photographic Society	56	74		130	
Stony Brook Camera Club	62	79		141	
Traverse Area Camera Club	57	73		130	
Tri-County Camera Club	64	67		131	
	Judged				
Unlimited Visions Photo Club	75	78		153	1st
West Cumbria Photo Group	60	78		138	
Western Reserve Photographic Society	54	-	-		

Contest #3 will be hosted by the Merrimack Valley Camera Club. Closing date for entries will be April 15, 2009 with the judging being held in May. Images and makers' names should be sent to Daniel Charbonnet, ddrc3@msn.com. Merrimack Valley will also be judging the Nature Digital Interclub Image of the Year. This will be selected from the 5 Award of Merit images from Contest #3 as well as the Award of Merit Images from Contests #1 and #2. It is not necessary for you to send in any of the eligible images since I have them on file already.

A general comment: You are getting better at proper sizing of your images but a few oversized images are still coming in. Please pay attention to your image sizes.

Please pass this comment on to your members. "While we encourage descriptive titles for nature images, pay attention to the length of the title. Many competitions now limit the length of the titles, both due to software restrictions and, in the case of International Exhibitions, catalog space. This is especially true when entries are submitted on-line. The most common limit is now a days is 35 characters, including spaces. Any characters after the first 35 will be lost. This will cause all kinds of headaches if you are going for star ratings because the title in the catalog must match the title on your star application. With the ending characters clipped off, they will not match. In the days before on-line entry, you could always write the Exhibition for a correction. With on-line entry that limits title length you do not have this option because the title recorded by the on-line entry software has no record of the missing characters.

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