

**PSA NATURE DIVISION
DIGITAL INTERCLUB COMPETITION – 2008- 2009 SEASON
CONTEST #1**

The judging for Contest #1 of the PSA Nature Division Competition for Clubs was held by the Unlimited Visions Photo Club of Waukesha Wisconsin on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

The judges were:

Terry Jakubaitis
Dennis Poeschel, PPSA
Chris Pollack

The Competition Chairman and moderator was Daniel Nash. He was ably assisted by Gavin Donaldson, Al Godwin and Amy Hall.

30 Clubs are participating this season, with 29 Clubs participating in this contest. Since all three judges were from Unlimited Visions Photo Club they did not compete in this Contest and will be allowed a Makeup in Contest #2 or Contest #3 with full rights and privileges for awards and honors. As with last season, contests in this season will be held as a single class due to the small amount of clubs participating in the program. With 30 clubs, we will probably be broken down into two classes next season.

The Club results were:

Club	Score	Award
Camera Naturalist Camera Club	68	1 st
Greater Lynn Photographic Association	66	2 nd
New Haven Camera Club	65	3 rd
Garden State Six Shooters	65	3 rd
Tri-County Camera Club	64	
Loveland Photographic Society	64	
Cape Cod Viewfinders	62	
Stony Brook Camera Club	62	
Photo Guild of Nova Scotia	61	
Hillcrest Camera Club	61	
Oklahoma Camera Club	61	
Merrimack Valley Camera Club	61	
Mount Baker Camera Club	60	
Ridgewood Camera Club	60	
West Cumbria Photo Group	60	
Saguaro Camera Club	59	
St. Louis Camera Club	59	
Boston West Photographic Society	59	
Exploring Light Camera Club	58	
Naples Camera Club	57	
Traverse Area Camera Club	57	
Photo Pictorialists of Milwaukee	56	
Schenectady Photographic Society	56	
Charlotte Camera Club	56	
Houston Camera Club	55	
F67 Camera Club	55	
Western Reserve Photographic Society	54	
Pilchuck Camera Club	53	

The Individual results were:

Title	Score	Award	Club	Maker
Pair of Bald Eagles	13	Award of Merit	Camera Naturalist Camera Club	Phil Echo
Heron Taking Off	13	Award of Merit	Loveland Photographic Society	Marilyn Dolence
Mating Tree Swallows	12	Award of Merit	Camera Naturalist Camera Club	Roman Kurywczak
Great Blue Flying with Stick	12	Award of Merit	New Haven Camera Club	Lisa Cuchara
Bohemian Waxwing	12	Award of Merit	Greater Lynn Photographic Association	Wendy McIntosh
Ornate Stink Bug	12	Honor	Oklahoma Camera Club	Michael Mayberry
Male Rose Breasted Grosbeak	12	Honor	New Haven Camera Club	Gary Prestash
Osprey with Catch	12	Honor	Cape Cod Viewfinders	Janet DiMattia
Golden Eagle Kill	12	Honor	Boston West Photographic Society	Ed McGuirk
Teaching the Young	12	Honor	Garden State Six Shooters	Jerry Fornarotto
Redwing Blackbird Babies	12	Honor	Tri-County Camera Club	Carol Lane
Dragonfly Handstand	12	Honor	Hillcrest Camera Club	Tracy Bodeo
Stalking	12	Honor	Hillcrest Camera Club	Robert Thompson
Baby Foxes	12	Honor	Greater Lynn Photographic Association	Amy Musinsky
Black Neck Stilt 2	12	Honor	Saguaro Camera Club	Phyllis Picardi
Lift Off in White	12	Honor	Tri-County Camera Club	Jim Alfano
Annas	12	Honor	New Haven Camera Club	Richard Asarisi
Pine Grosbeak	11	Honor	Stony Brook Camera Club	Shiv Verma
Lunch	11	Honor	Merrimack Valley Camera Club	Ed Lanpher
Gray Hunting	11	Honor	Tri-County Camera Club	Jim Alfano
Sanderling Colony	11	Honor	Tri-County Camera Club	Diana Fernandez
Tree Swallows Feeding	11	Honor	Garden State Six Shooters	Susan Candelaro

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.

Contest #2 will be hosted by the St. Louis Camera Club. Closing date for entries will be February 15, 2009 with the judging being held in March. Images and makers' names should be sent to Daniel Charbonnet, ddrc3@msn.com.

A general comment: Please pay attention to your image sizes and file names. I had to rename a lot of images this round. The image sequence numbers are **a1, a2, a3, b1, b2 and b3**. A lot of you used a1 through a6. The numbering is not arbitrary. The default software for the competitions will not work for six image if you do not follow the proper naming convention.

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 ND Interclub Digital Competitions