



Short Snaps

1st February 2006

Coming Up

15th February
Competition - Open -Guest Judge

1st March
A.G.M. and Sausage Sizzle

7th March
Entries for Blacktown Show

10th - 12th March
Blacktown Show

11th March
Blacktown Show Outing

15th March
Competition – Red - Club Judges

24th to 26th March
Castle Hill Show

26th March
Entries for Top shot

29th March
Member Demonstration

5th April
Hands on Table top

16th April Easter Sunday

19th April
Competition - Open -Guest Judge

28th to 30th April
Hawkesbury Show

28th–30th April
Top shot at Darling Harbour

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There are no rules for good photographs, there are only good photographs. -Ansel Adams

Welcome Back

Welcome back from the long summer break. I hope everyone had a successful summer photographically and we will be seeing the results in the competitions coming up

Fees Due

It's that time of year again. Time to dig into our pockets and pay our yearly fees. Just a reminder that entries for competition are not supposed to be accepted whilst fees are outstanding.

It's Show Time

Next month the round of agricultural shows will be on locally, starting with our own Blacktown Show on the 10, 11 & 12th of March. We are looking for people to man the stand for an hour or so during this time. Please let us know when you are available.

Night Shoot at Blacktown Show

Our first outing is a night shoot at Blacktown Show. We will be taking photos of the rides recording light trails on the rides, crowd shots down the concourse and ending with the fireworks. We will meet at 6pm at the photograph pavilion so we can practise in the dusk and get perfect shot while there is still light in the night sky.

More Outings Coming Up

We have several more outings coming up in the months ahead. If you would like to help with the organising of these events please let us know.

Equestrian Centre in May
Featherdale Wildlife Park in July
Camera Rally in September

Next Set Subject

Red 15th March 2006
This is our creative subject for this year. Colour users should have no trouble, but I am really looking forward to the B&W entries. Just remember infrared means below red (not red) and should not be used without some other way of describing the red subject.

Internet Competitions

For those who have access to the internet there is plenty of opportunity to enter competitions in the many forums around the world. Some of these forums demand membership and a select few you need to pay, but most are free

www.apgogee.com

Apogee photo magazine (where a lot of the articles on the back come from) have the following themes this year. – *no membership*
Shadows (03, 2006), Fish (05, 2006), Father's (07, 2006) Eyes (09, 2006). Orange (11, 2006). Cats (01, 2007)

www.passionforpixels.com

Passion For Pixels – an offshoot of the Melbourne Camera Club has the following assignments as well as monthly open competitions (*free membership*)
February - Shopfront (entries closed)
March -Solitude
April -Hidden
May -Signs [of any kind]
June -Black & White:
July -Wild Animal/s
August -Five
September -Not as it seems
October -Encased in Ice
November - Abandoned

www.potd.com.au

Photos of The Day winners move onto photos of the month. This comp is only open to Australian postal address holders and is free in the open competition. The featured category (B&W this month) is only open to paid members. Paid membership (\$33) offers lots of other goodies including sale of images.

Beware though – this site only allows photos taken on digital cameras – scanned images are not accepted.

A search of the internet will bring you many more examples of these types of competitions if you would like to enter some..

New on the web

Member of the month – Bill McNeill
All Programs and schedules have been updated for 2006
Other than that it has been a hot lazy summer.