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by Ed Fonger, Image West Photographic Association

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From the Chair

by Stan Hingston

After a very mild early winter and the first brown Christmas in a long time, we have had a taste of Saskatchewan winter with a week of highs in the -30s.

We drove to Calgary and Didsbury, Alberta, on Christmas weekend and appreciated the clear roads and good visibility compared to previous years. The photo below is about 1/4 of a panorama of the sunset over the mountains taken from the driveway of my wife Donna's family farm. After moving her to Saskatchewan a few years into our marriage, she often mentioned missing the view of the mountains.

Last week I recorded a video of the PRPA promotional slideshow with me reading the narration. It worked out to just under 11.5 minutes. This will make it easier for club reps to share at their club's first fall meeting. It will be up on the website soon ready to download and play.

The Outing at Waskesiu looks very good. I have sent in my registration form and reserved a room at the Hawood Inn. By the way I'm open to a (male) room-mate—email me if interested. The last (only) time I was in Prince Albert National Park was a college field trip in 1974 so it's been 50 years. Definitely time for another visit!

Take a look at the CAPA Conference taking place in Kelowna in June (page 12). Their fee is \$400 but does not include any meals or outings—they are all extra. By comparison the PRPA Outing taking place the same month for \$200—including meals and outings—is a really good deal.

I want to welcome two new clubs to PRPA this year. Lloydminster tried us out a few years back and then dropped out. Glad you are giving us another chance.

Turner Valley Oilfields Camera Club is celebrating their 60th anniversary this year. Be sure to read their club report on page 10. We are very happy to welcome you to PRPA. We hope you find participation in our competitions and events is a benefit to your members, and we look forward to seeing your members' entries in the competitions.

The Spring board meeting will be here before we know it. If there is an issue you would like brought up for discussion email or call me, your club rep, or any of the board members. Better yet attend in person—all full members of PRPA may attend and speak at any board meeting. This year's Spring board meeting will be held on March 23 in Swift Current (time & location tba).



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Competitions Report
by Marlene Andrew

At the time of writing this I am still waiting on the results for a couple competitions which I hope will be completed by the end of January as I am getting busy with spring competitions.

The spring competitions are fast approaching. The spring board meeting is on March 23rd in Swift Current so you can send your print entries with your club rep. If not, you will have to mail your print entries to the judging clubs. The prints must be in the hands of the judging clubs by April 1st, NOT postmarked by that date. Also, make sure your membership is paid.

Be sure to check the General Rules and Entry Instructions for Digital and Print Competitions and the criteria on the specific competition(s) that you are entering in the most recent PRPA Handbook which is available on the website in the Download Section.

We continue to have problems with the PDF forms for the entries. Stan created a form in Excel for the print competitions (available on the website) which we are going to try out.

There are two competitions in the fall other than the Everest Club Competition that are open to all members of PRPA member clubs. The Hand of Man and The Gail Christensen Artistic Expressions Competitions. The only competition in the spring for club members that are not individual members is the Gerry Fish Club Competition. It has been suggested to move one of them to the spring and move a spring competition to the fall. If we were to do this, I suggest The Gail Christensen Artistic Expressions Competition be moved to the spring because The Hand of Man Competition is a lot of work for the Competition Coordinator, and I think should stay as a fall competition. If you have any thoughts on this, please reach out to either Stan or me.

If anyone has any questions about the competitions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Spring 2024 Competition
Judging Clubs

Deadline: April 1, 2024

Spring Digital Image Competition
TBA

Gerry Fish Club Print Competition

Image West Photographic Association
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Curtiss Lund Print Competition

Moose Jaw Camera Club
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Portfolio Print Competition

Central Alberta Photographic Society
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Attanyi Print Competition

Rosetown Photography Club
c/o Brenda Winny
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Human Portraiture Print Competition

Saskatoon Camera Club
c/o Cathleen Mewis
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Email: cmewis@shaw.ca

Sports in Action Print Competition

TBA

We will email everyone with the contacts for the Fall Digital and Sports Print competitions as soon as they are finalized.

Club Abbreviations	
CAPS Central Alberta Photographic Society	MJCC Moose Jaw Camera Club
FCC Foothills Camera Club, Calgary	RoPC Rosetown Photography Club
IND Independent member (not part of a club)	SCC Saskatoon Camera Club
IWPA Image West Photographic Association,	TVOCC Turner Valley Oilfields Camera Club

Print Circuit Report

by Maureen Sinclair

Spring 2023 Results

Print Circuit #1

- 1st *The Rose* by Curtiss Lund
- 2nd *Stormy White Pocket* by Dan Sigouin
- image not available
- 3rd *Orderville Falls* by Dan Sigouin
- image not available

Print Circuit #2

- 1st *Pick an Apple* by Amy Wildeman
- 2nd *Moonlight Sails*- by Amy Wildeman
- 3rd *Magic Friend* -by Marilyn Nimegeers

Print Circuit #3

- 1st *Still Waters* by Betty Calvert
- 2nd *Out of the Ashes....* by Jim Turner
- 3rd tie *Double Walk* by Brenda Winny
- 3rd tie *Dinosaur Spotting* by Jim Turner

Print Circuit #2



Print Circuit #1



Print Circuit Report

continued

Print Circuit #3



Contact Maureen with any questions about the Print Circuits. September and January are the best time to join so keep that in mind if you are interested in participating.

Russell theme for 2024
Bright / Dull

Russell Themes Needed

The list of themes generated at the 2006 Outing at Hitchcock's Hideaway is almost used up. There is just one more set remaining for 2025. Additional themes will need to be adopted by this time next year

The Russell competition is PRPA's longest running competition, started in 1958. Next year's themes will be the 68th set for this competition. We have the list from 2006 on, and the themes from a few years before that, but certainly not all of them.

So put your mind to work and come up with some imaginative opposite themes for the next few years. Send your ideas to Marlene.

Gerry Fish Club Competition 2023

Prairie Giants, Ed Fonger, IWPA
Best Landscape & Best of Show

Cover Photo



Best Nature
Pelican Trio
Dwight Dirk, SCC



Best Candid Child
Brain Freeze
Colleen Edwards, IWPA



Best Portrait
Focus
Ed Fonger, IWPA



Best Open
Lunch Time
Norm Krell, IWPA

Fall Digital Competition Winners 2022



1. *Remnant of Dummer Hamlet*
Larry Easton, IND



2. *Dripping With Morning Dew,*
Cathleen Mewis, SCC



3. *Wilson's Phalarope*
Diane McKinnon, IWPA



HM Red Wagon
Barb Larson, FCC



HM Dinner Date,
David Bellerive, IND

Attanyi Salon Print Competition 2023



1. *Large and Small of It*, Mary Jacobs, IND



2. *Water Hawthorn Reflection*, Rae McLeod, SCC



3. *All for One and One for All*, Jane Hiebert, SCC



HM *One-Eye*, Jane Hiebert, SCC

Attanyi Salon Print Competition 2023 (continued)



HM *Don't Bother Me*, Mary Jacobs, IND



HM *Little Red Barn*, Larry Easton, IND



HM *Thin Blue Line*, Rusty Morris, RoPC



HM *Struttin' His Stuff*, Cathleen Mewis, SCC



HM *Survivor*, Ed Fonger, IWPA



HM *Passing Storm*, Ed Fonger, IWPA

Turner Valley Oilfields Camera Club

report by Shane Richardson

The Turner Valley Oilfields Camera Club (TVOCC) celebrates its 60 year anniversary this year. The club motto is "Encourage Learning Through Positive and Constructive Support".

The TVOCC currently has approximately 30 members and meets the last Tuesday of each month from September to May in Diamond Valley, Alberta. TVOCC members range in experience from beginner photographers through to advanced photographers, many who have competed locally and across Canada.

TVOCC monthly meetings will include a presentation on any range of subjects such as creative and artistic photography, technical aspects of photography and photographic themes and subjects. The club often invites guest speakers who are exceptional photographers or who demonstrate expertise in many aspects of photographic arts and technology.

The club meetings will also include the presentation and review of member photos following a specific theme, as well as an open photo category.

The TVOCC will usually conduct a field trip once or twice per year where members can explore their photographic creativity and hone new skills.

The club also competes through membership with the Prairie Region of Photographic Arts.

The TVOCC holds a year end banquet each May that will feature a special guest speaker and a year-end club photo competition.

The TVOCC is a very friendly photography club that promotes learning in a fun, encouraging and inviting environment. To learn more about TVOCC please visit our website at www.tvocc.org

PRPA Annual Outing 2024—Waskesiu June 7-9

Calling all photographers! We invite you to take in the beauty of Waskesiu Lake in the Prince Albert National Park at this year's Prairie Region of Photographic Arts ("PRPA") Annual Outing!

The Saskatoon Camera Club is hosting the outing this year and wants to show you this beautiful gem nestled in the Northern Boreal Forest of Saskatchewan. The event is scheduled for the weekend of June 7-9, 2024 and consists of a guest speaker, two breakfasts, an awards banquet and a bagged meal to enjoy while out and about photographing all that Waskesiu has to offer!

Registration is now open to all photographers – you do not need to be a member of PRPA – or even a



Waskesieu by Scott Prokop



Waskesieu by Cathleen Mewis

member of any camera club. A great opportunity to meet and to mingle with likeminded photographers and learn more about PRPA or the individual camera clubs that may be in your area. The schedule for this year's outing can be found on the previous page and the Registration Form may be downloaded from the website (and is attached to the paper edition).

We look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones while doing what we all love - taking pictures! Should you have any questions not covered in the information on the website, feel free to message Cathleen Mewis of the Saskatoon Camera Club; she would love to help you out!

PRPA Annual Outing 2024—Waskesiu June 7-9 Schedule

Registration is now open for the 2024 PRPA Annual Outing to beautiful Waskesiu Lake in Northern Saskatchewan. Please follow the link [here](#) to **download** the Registration form, Showmanship Entry form and Waiver to complete and send in. Printed copies of the newsletter have the forms attached to the back page.

The preliminary itinerary will be as follows:

Friday, June 7, 2024:

4:00 to 5:30 p.m. - registrant check in

7:00 p.m. - Annual General Meeting with coffee and snacks provided

8:15 p.m. - Presentation by Bob Ferguson “**A Park for all Seasons**” where Bob will provide us with photography tips and locations for photographic opportunities around the town of Waskesiu and surrounding park area as well as treat us to a presentation of his beautiful photographs captured of the area and local wildlife.

Saturday, June 8, 2024:

Early risers may wish to form a group or two to bring in the day with a Northern sunrise shoot.

7:00 a.m. - Rise and Shine Breakfast in the Kingsmere Room

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. - Registrants are free to acquaint themselves with and photograph the area until the awards banquet at lunch time.

12:00 p.m. noon - Awards Banquet Lunch in the Kingsmere Room

3:00 p.m. - Registrants will be provided with their bagged evening meal, provided with a map of the area and are then free to explore the Town of Waskesiu and surrounding National Park area.

NOTE: There will be a designated area decided upon for those who wish to meet up around 5:00 p.m. to share their bagged meal picnic style before continuing on exploring. For the rest of the evening, registrants are free to continue exploring, enjoying the golden hour, a beautiful sunset over the lake and, for those night owls, some astrophotography of stars, Milky Way and possible Aurora.

Please note that groups may be organized for certain photographic opportunities such as sunrises, sunsets, astrophotography or jaunts to certain locations within the Park.

Sunday, June 9, 2024:

Again - early risers may wish to form a group or two to bring in the day with a sunrise shoot.

7:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - **PRPA Board Meeting**

The 2024 Outing winds down after breakfast but Registrants are free again to explore until your hotel checkout is required.

We say our goodbyes! Safe Travels!

CAPA Canadian Conference 2024—Kelowna June 25-27

report by Dan Sigouin, CAPA Director of Education

CAPA is holding its first conference since 2019 at the beautiful UBC Okanagan Campus in Kelowna.

Outings include (plus a few more):

- Okanagan Falls and Naramata Bench
- Kalamalka Provincial Park and Gatzky Orchard Farm
- Summerland Railway Adventure and Summerland Car Museum
- Fintry Park & Falls
- Munson Pond
- Lower Scenic Canyon Park Trail
- Upper Scenic Canyon Park Trail
- Myra Canyon Railway Trestles
- Silver Star Mountain Resort
- Three Valley Gap Ghost Town
- Kelowna Wine Tasting Tour

The Early Bird fee (ends March 1) is \$375 for Speakers include (plus many more):

- Bruce Barnbaum
- Nik Rave
- Benedict Brain

The registration fee is \$375 for CAPA members and \$400 for non-members. This fee does not include accommodation, meals and banquet, or the various outings, which are all extra (see registration form).

Reasonable student housing is available on campus starting at a One Bedroom Suite for \$150 per night.

The dates are Tuesday—Thursday June 25-27. Some of the outings extend past Thursday.

For more information and to register visit:

<https://canadianphotographyconference.ca>

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Editor's Report

by Stan Hingston

Welcome to the Winter issue.

And welcome to the Turner Valley Oilfields Camera Club. Be sure to see their club report on page 10.

The 2024 Outing at Waskesiu looks good. See the invitation on page 10 and the schedule on page 11. There is a link there to the registration form in the PRPA website. For those with paper copies, the form is attached to the back or enclosed in the envelope.

Also take a look at the CAPA Convention on page 12. Lots of great places to see and photograph around Kelowna.

In case you missed it, there's a little blurb on the bottom of page 5 asking for ideas for themes for the Russell competition. Next year we will use the last set of themes on the list compiled at the 2006 Outing at Hitchcock's Hideaway. Send your proposals to Marlene.

If you have any ideas for PRPA, share them with your club rep or any member of the board. They can bring them up at the Spring board meeting planned for March 23 at Swift Current.

Good luck with the Spring competitions!

Webmaster Report

by Scott Prokop

The website is now up to date.

The 2024 Outing information has been added—click on the Outing heading in the top menu of the Home Page. There is a link below the first photo to the registration forms.

I've added a narrated video version of the promotional slideshow to the Downloads section of the website. It plays in YouTube. If you want to play it at a location without internet connection, there is a download link under the video.

If you notice any errors or broken links in the website please contact Stan or me.

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- Business card (85x~50) 10 30

Submission Deadlines for the Newsletter

Winter: January 15 Summer: May 15
 Spring: March 15 Fall: October 15

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