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NEXT MEETING:

Monday, Nov. 9, 7:00 PM

Christ Fellowship Church

Midland Road at the corner of Pee Dee Road

Southern Pines, NC

Program: **Critiques with George Butt**

COMPETITIONS: Brady Smith

A great print **Landscapes** competition was held on October 12. Members submitted 44 images, 21 for Class B and 23 for Class A. The judges were **Linda Piechota**, **Betty Hendrix**, and **Mike Stratil**. They did a great job and we appreciate their willingness to step in at the last minute (almost true in all their cases!) to judge the competition. From among the stiff competition, our three-member panel chose the following award winners:

Class A

1st – **Len Barnard** – Lake Mattamuskeet

2nd – **Donna Ford** – Cape Fear Sunset

3rd – **Brady Smith** – Moore County Misty Morning

HM – **Jim McGill** – Afternoon Stroll in The Woods at Weymouth House

HM – **Chris Christiansen** – Tuscan Farm

Class B

1st – **Dave Verchick** – Wallowa Lake Sunrise

2nd – **Dave Powers** – A Grand Sunrise at the Canyon

3rd – **Tom Reedy** – Ancient Sentinel

HM – **Debra Regula** – Golden Shore

HM – **Kathy Green** – Almost Dusk

Congratulations to our winners and to the rest of the entries for a great competition with many beautiful photographs. Dave Verchick's first place award propelled him into Class A with 19 points. Dave, you are a force to be reckoned with, but welcome to the jungle.

At the October meeting I also revealed the winners of our first **Online** competition. The topic was Open and we received 34 entries. Here are the winners:

Class A

1st – **Gary Magee** – Rainy Night in Rome

2nd – **Brady Smith** – Sunset Sailing Near Kona, Hawaii

3rd – **Glenn Gilchrist** – Mystia Canyon, Banff Alberta

Class B

1st – **Bill Newton** – Early Morning Washington State

2nd – **Pamela Wandrey** – Hole in One!?

3rd – **Don Hiscott** – Blue Heron

HM – **Kathy Green** – Sunset on the Cliffs of Moher, Ireland

HM – **Brenda Hiscott** – Not Today Nona!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Don Hiscott

I remember hearing, many years ago, that the older we get the faster time seems to go by. Well, I must be really ancient by now because 2009 has gone far faster than I could have imagined.

Here it is November and it seems as though the year just started. Maybe that's a good sign. We have accomplished a lot and the Club membership has grown to larger proportions than anyone could have imagined at the first of the year. I was thrilled to hear that we have surpassed the 100 mark for the first time.

That brings me to the point. It is time to renew memberships for 2010. I hope that we can have close to 100 percent of the membership continuing next year. Let's get out and support the new Officers and Board members and all do our part to make 2010 even better.

REFRESHMENTS: Bill Sheppard

Just a reminder that we are having **POTLUCK** at the November meeting. Please bring a small amount of chips, crackers, cookies, etc. to share with your fellow members. I will provide the beverages and cheeseball.

These awards didn't count toward the award points like other competitions, but next year we will have another online competition and the winners of that one will count. I have left the images on the same website so you may still view them at the following address: www.sandhillsphtoclub.org/competitions. They will remain for an indefinite period of time.

Looking Ahead

The first competition in February 2010 will be a **Digital** competition on the topic of **Macro**. Macro photography is the art of taking pictures of subjects close up. It can be of relatively large subjects such as a humming bird or of very small subjects such as the eyes of an insect. The picture could also be a small portion of a large object like the patterns of a piece of cloth or portion of a building. The key is getting up close for the photo. The standard rules of **2 Entries** taken in the last **3 Years** apply. Good luck, and...**HAPPY SNAPPING!**

PROGRAMS: Len Barnard

November 9: "Take A Second Look With George." I hope you have already submitted your entry for this exciting and enjoyable program, as the cut-off date was October 30.

December 14: This is the date for our **Christmas dinner**. It will be a **Jolly Good time!** See the attached menu and reservation form and make your reservations before **November 30**. **Table on the Green** needs an accurate count for the dinner and I need time to prepare the cards with your entrée selection so that the servers can server you your correct entrée. **Make your reservations!**

EXHIBITIONS: Betty Hendrix

Our next exhibition will be in **March 2010** at Sandhills Community College. The college has asked that our club participate in a joint show as part of the **Palustris Festival**. Denise Baker is organizing a show, which will team up photographs with the sister city in Ireland and us. She is putting together a prospectus and will be the one to jury what pieces will be included. This fall would be a great time to get out and take photos that could be possibilities for this show. Denise really liked the photos at the Weymouth Exhibit.

The photos may be from Moore County, but she is looking especially for a concentration of photos in and around Southern Pines, which is the official NC sister city. Denise plans that this will be a festive event with a very special reception for the public. Photos will be printed and matted, but not framed. They will be put in Crystal Clear Bags for the hanging. They will probably be limited to mats of two sizes: 11x14 or 16x20 outer dimensions so that we may provide just one or two bag sizes and purchase in bulk. There will be more details in a couple months.

Ireland will be shipping a box of their photos here for this event. When this show closes, their photos plus our photos will be shipped to Ireland for a similar show over there.

MEMBERSHIP: Alison Earl

As of the October meeting we are at 101 paid members, along with our 2 honorary members!

Our latest member is a returning member, **Drew Steidinger**. He considers himself to be a beginner-intermediate in photography and has a Canon 40D and Panasonic Luminix camera. His favorite subject is landscapes and he hopes to gain experience and ideas from his membership in SPC. Drew has been in this area for about 6 years, coming from Winchester, VA. We welcome Drew back!

We were delighted to see **Jim McGill** and his son at the meeting Monday, October 12th! He looked wonderful and seems to be moving quite well. We wish him ALL the best for his continued recovery. As I told his son: "seeing him in person was worth 1000 pictures!"

WORKSHOPS: Bill Matthews

Last workshop for 2009:
Sharpening Images in Photoshop
with Bob Biamonte; Saturday
November 14, 10 am till Noon,
Sandhills Community College, Van
Dusen, V-106.

What does Photoshop do when it sharpens a photo? When I scan a photo should I sharpen it while scanning? What about sharpening in the digital camera? The answers to these questions and how to use Photoshop in different ways to sharpen photos will be covered in Bob's next workshop. We will learn about selective and global sharpening, using the high pass filter, and selective edge sharpening. This workshop will be using Elements 7 so it will be applicable to both Photoshop and Elements users. Bob will have a signup sheet again at the November meeting. The lab can seat 20 people.

Looking Ahead to 2010

Workshops currently in the planning stage for 2010 include macro photography, advanced composition and more on Lightroom. Additional suggestions for 2010 workshops are always appreciated. Please pass them on to Bill Matthews, 692-8254 or wmatth@embarqmail.com.

Dues

2010 Dues are right around the corner!
For those of you that want to get a quick jump on them,
please complete this form, and mail it to PO Box 763 in Southern Pines.

It's Membership Renewal Time for 2010!!
2010 MEMBERSHIP COUPON FOR DUES:

Couple: \$45.00 _____
Single: \$35.00 _____
Student: \$20.00 _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Make checks payable to Sandhills Photography Club
and mail to: Sandhills Photography Club
Dave Verchick, Treasurer
P.O. Box 763
Southern Pines, NC 28388

The strength of an organization depends upon the
active support of its membership. Please indicate
your area of interest by checking one or more of the
following committees:

- _____ Christmas Party
- _____ Competitions
- _____ Exhibitions
- _____ Field Trips
- _____ Hospitality
- _____ Meeting Set-up
- _____ Membership
- _____ Newsletter
- _____ Programs
- _____ Publicity
- _____ Telephone
- _____ Website
- _____ Workshops

LIBRARY: Gisela Danielson

You may borrow books and/or DVD/CDs. Place
your order via email, gdanielson@nc.rr.com or
call me, 673-0521. Your order will be ready for
pick-up at the next SPC meeting and is due the
following month.

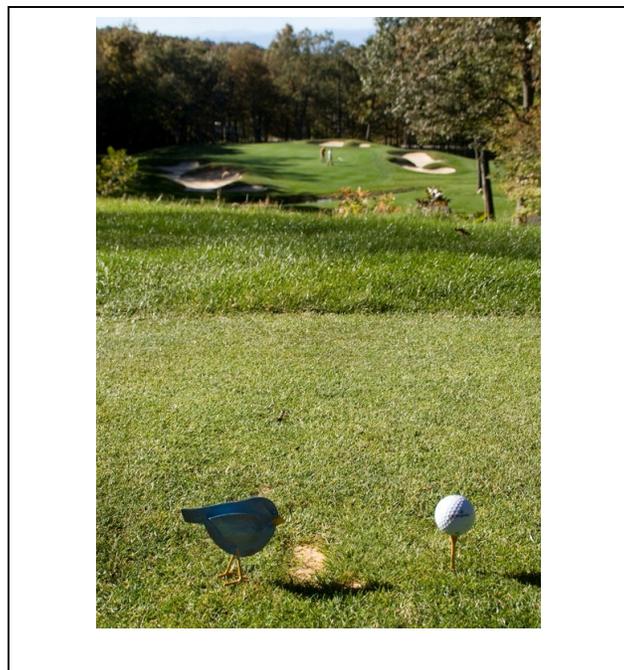
Donations of gently used and **recent** photography
related books and CD/DVDs are always appreciated.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, Nov. 12, 3:00 pm,
Sandhills Community College
Horticultural Gardens
Visitor's Center.

SPC WEBSITE:

www.sandhillsphtoclub.org



A LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME...

Going somewhere? Anywhere! Take **Happy** along.

As soon as you know the dates of departure and return, call or email **June White** (692-6383) or **Jill Margeson** (673-1497) to get on the schedule. **Happy** has been to New Jersey, Florida, Hawaii, Montana, Maryland, Ireland, mountains of NC, and Oregon. He'd love to come along with you! **Happy** is pictured above with **Marilyn Owen** on the 17th hole of Blue Knob in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Denis Smetana**Monthly Financial Report Regular Account**

Sept. 1, 2009	Starting balance	\$5,079.01
	Expenses	-\$149.88
	Income	\$194.08
Sept. 30, 2009	Final balance	\$5,123.21

The expenses for September were for Weymouth House exhibition reception expenses, a book for the library and fourth quarter rent.

Income was from Christmas party reservations and interest on our checking account.

Monthly Financial Report Projects Account

There was one expense charged to our projects account of \$113.17 for adapters to allow our projector to connect to any Apple computer. Our beginning balance was \$162.65 so our closing balance is \$49.48.

The balance of the Total Club Bank Account (including the Projects Account) is \$5,172.69.

KUDOS to Kathy Green

In mid-September, 12 photographers from various areas of North Carolina joined Vinny Collucci on a Glacier National Park field trip in Montana. Three members of the Sandhills Photography Club went on the outing, but Kathy came back the first place winner with the photo below. When you see Kathy, be sure to congratulate her.



Kathy also had a photo published in a recent issue of Woman's Day magazine. See it at this link:

<http://www.womansday.com/Articles/Family-Lifestyle/Holidays/10-Stunning-Pumpkin-Carvings.html>

PHOTO EQUIPMENT CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: Epson P-4000, 80 GB Ext. multimedia storage drive/viewer with carrying bag, \$400, Contact Bill Newton at 692-7113 (home) or 692-2110 (office) or newtonw@mac.com.

FOR SALE: Ballhead, Bogen/Manfrotto Model 3262QR ballhead with integrated quick-release platform, and a mating camera mount platform. Condition is excellent. Asking \$55.00. Contact Jim Smith at smithjf@aol.com.

FOR SALE: Mat Cutter, Logan Model 301-s comes with two cutter heads, a bevel cutter and a straight edge cutter. Will accommodate up to 30-inch cuts. Included are extra blades, a DVD video instruction and a VHS instructional videotape. If needed, I will demonstrate how to use to a potential buyer. Asking \$50.00. Contact Jim Smith at smithjf@aol.com.

If you wish to buy or sell photo equipment, send your ad to **Ann Stephens** at astephens95@nc.rr.com.

Ads run for two issues unless you request otherwise.

Sandhills Photography Club Holiday Dinner

Table on the Green

Midland Country Club, 2205 Midland Drive, Pinehurst
Monday, December 14, 2009, 6:00 PM

Hot Hors d'Oeuvres

Crab Bundle/Sweet Potatoes
Spring Roll/Chilies Sauce

Salad

Mixed Spring Salad, Balsamic Vinaigrette

Dinner – Choice of:

Fillet of Salmon,

Broiled with White Wine Lemon Butter, Capers and Orange Segments

Sautéed Chicken Breast

W/ Champagne Sauce, Wine Shallot Reduction

Pan Seared Filet Mignon,

W/Red Wine Shallots and Mushrooms

Served with Potatoes Au Gratin and Sautéed Vegetables

Dessert

Tiramisu
Coffee, Tea

Chicken \$22.00, Salmon \$23.00, Filet 5 oz \$25.00 (price includes tax & gratuity)
Cash Bar throughout the function

Reservation Form

Our Holiday Dinner will be held at the Table on the Green again this year. The cost must be prepaid by cash or check. (If check, make payable to the Sandhills Photography Club). Please complete the form below and mail or deliver to:

Denis Smetana
219 Edinboro Drive
Southern Pines, NC 28387

Name _____

Name _____

Entrée _____

Entrée _____

Deadline for this reservation and payment is **November 30, 2009.**