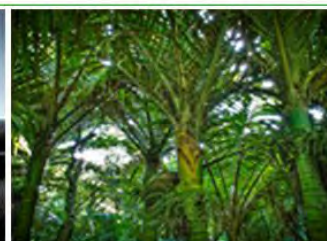


KAPITI COAST PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY



Newsletter

December 2009

There are so many highlights to report at this time of the year! Just look at the contents listed here...

We were pleased to share the proceeds of our Gear Auction in October with the Cancer Society - President Peter Beddek was proud to hand over a cheque for \$700. This was a significant donation, given that our Society is not set up as a fundraising club.

This is the final newsletter for 2009 - the next one will be in February, when club activities resume.

At the AGM on 10 November, two Committee positions changed for next year - more about the new committee in the February edition.

On behalf of the 2009 KCPS Committee, I'd like to wish you all Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a safe a relaxing holiday period with lots of opportunities to create memorable images.

- Debbie Ayres

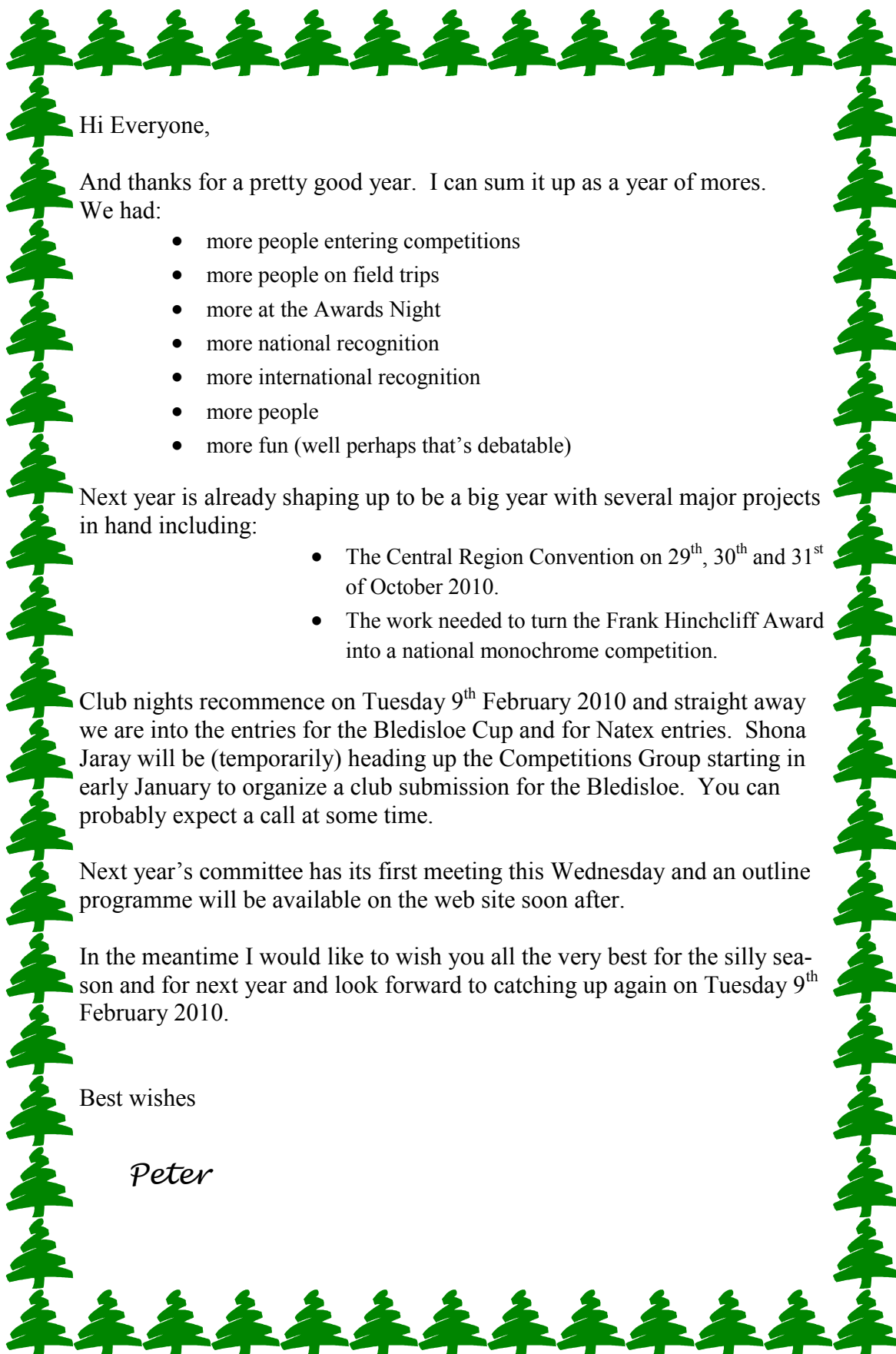
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The Cancer Society's Judy Dickie
receiving a cheque from
KCPS President Peter Beddek

A Word from our President



Hi Everyone,

And thanks for a pretty good year. I can sum it up as a year of mores.

We had:

- more people entering competitions
- more people on field trips
- more at the Awards Night
- more national recognition
- more international recognition
- more people
- more fun (well perhaps that's debatable)

Next year is already shaping up to be a big year with several major projects in hand including:

- The Central Region Convention on 29th, 30th and 31st of October 2010.
- The work needed to turn the Frank Hinchcliff Award into a national monochrome competition.

Club nights recommence on Tuesday 9th February 2010 and straight away we are into the entries for the Bledisloe Cup and for Natex entries. Shona Jaray will be (temporarily) heading up the Competitions Group starting in early January to organize a club submission for the Bledisloe. You can probably expect a call at some time.

Next year's committee has its first meeting this Wednesday and an outline programme will be available on the web site soon after.

In the meantime I would like to wish you all the very best for the silly season and for next year and look forward to catching up again on Tuesday 9th February 2010.

Best wishes

Peter

Awards Dinner

- Debbie Ayres

On our 24 November clubnight, we had our Awards Dinner at Cookies Restaurant. This evening was well attended with some members also bringing friends and family to share in the celebration of the Society's achievements. Judge for our Best of the Year competition and MC, Simon Woolf, did a great job entertaining, along with Greg Christensen who provided the music.

The tremendous contributions of two of our members was recognised with the award of life memberships - Scott Stevenson and Herman Visser. Their citations are shown below.

The success of the event was a tribute to the organisers. On behalf of all who attended, I would like to thank them for a thoroughly enjoyable evening. And thanks also to those who helped with the raffles during the year - it was great to have wine on the tables to accompany our three course dinner!

Winners and Runners-up of the KCPS 2009 Salons and the Best of the Year awards for colour prints, monochrome and projected images are listed on page 5.

Citation for the Award of Life Membership for Scott Stevenson

Scott is a long term stalwart of the club. He has served several terms as Treasurer and has recently completed a further term on the Committee.

Scott is the quiet achiever who always enters competitions and is as avid enthusiast for the club and for photography.

In grateful recognition of the long and valuable contribution to the interests and welfare of Kapiti Coast Photographic Society, Life Membership is hereby awarded.

Citation for the Award of Life Membership for Herman Visser *APSNZ*

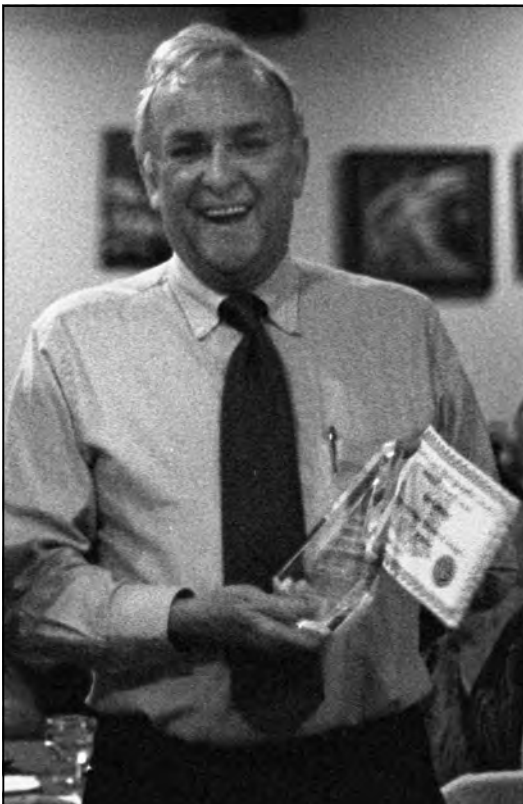
Herman leads the Monochrome Group for the club. He has always been passionate about monochrome photography and encourages others interested in the art.

A long standing member, Herman has embraced all aspects of club life. He is always generous with his time and his knowledge,

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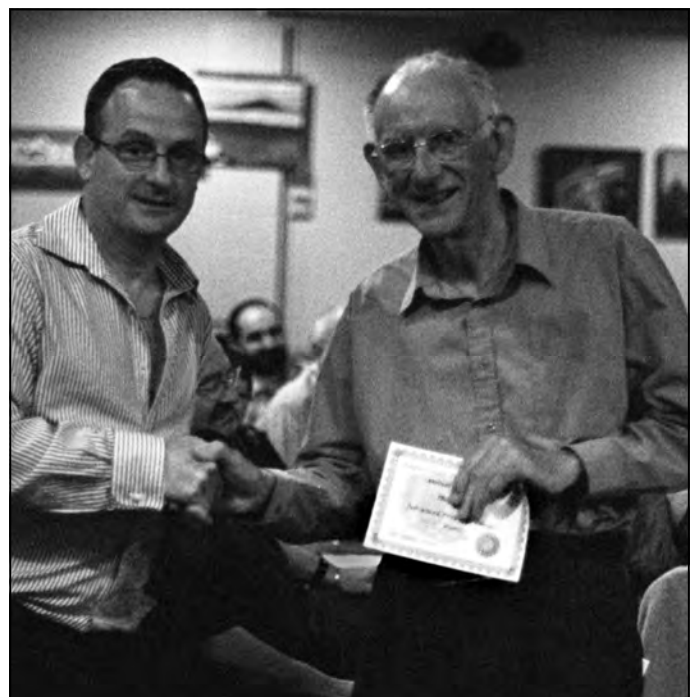
Peter Beddek and Scott Stevenson



Ian Linning



Simon Woolf and Shona Jaray



Simon Woolf and Hugh Scott

Photos by Mike Martin.

Congratulations to our Most Successful Salon Entrants '09

2009 Salons - Intermediate Grade		
	Runner-up	Winner
Projected Images	Peter Knapp	Ian Linning
Monochrome Prints	Stephen Massey	Ian Linning
Colour Prints	Alan Thompson	Ian Linning

2009 Salons - Advanced Grade		
	Runner-up	Winner
Projected Images	Neil Gordon	Hugh Scott
Monochrome Prints	Neil Gordon	Shona Jaray
Colour Prints	Neil Gordon	Shona Jaray

Best of the Year 2009 - Judged by Simon Woolf

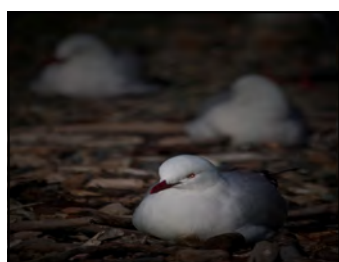
	Runner-up	Winner
Projected Images	Peter Beddek <i>Red Billed Gulls Resting</i>	Neil Gordon <i>Pretty Face</i>
Monochrome Prints	Peter Beddek <i>Midnight Chapel</i>	Neil Gordon <i>The Path</i>
Colour Prints	Shona Jaray <i>Gone to Lunch</i>	Ian Linning <i>All in Favour</i>



<< *Pretty Face*

All in Favour >>

Midnight Chapel



Red Billed Gulls Resting



Gone to Lunch

Dates for your Diary 2010

4 Feb.	KCPS Monochrome Film Users Group At the home of Bill Harris, 12 Kohekohe Road, Waikanae at 1930, (i.e., 7.30pm).
9 Feb.	KCPS CLUB NIGHT Presbyterian Church Centre, Ngaio Street, Waikanae, 7.30pm.
29 - 30 Oct.	Central Region Convention hosted by KCPS



The Path by Neil Gordon
Best Monochrome Print of the Year



Jenny Gordon accepting the award on behalf of Neil who unfortunately couldn't be at the Awards Dinner.

Photo by Mike Martin.

Soames Island Fieldtrip

Due to bad weather (that made the ferry trip intolerable) the day trip to Soames Island that was scheduled for 15 November has been indefinitely postponed. We'll keep you posted about a possible new date.

“From the Darkroom”: The Monochrome Film Users’ Group

- Michael Martin

This group caters for those interested in capturing images on black and white film of different formats and darkroom techniques for processing and printing.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 4th February at the home of Bill Harris, at 12 Kohekohe Road, Waikanae at 1930 (i.e.7.30pm).

We are grateful to Bill and his wife, Peggy, for the use of their home for our meetings which they have generously extended for the coming year.

Meeting Review

Our last meeting for 2009 saw a good turnout of seven members. The meeting commenced with a presentation of a gift of appreciation to Bill and Peggy for the use of their home.

Also congratulations were extended to Herman Visser on being presented with a Life Membership with the Kapiti Coast Photographic Society.

We brought along a sample of a photograph we liked and discussed what our personal response to that photograph was. An interesting and useful exercise.

Also critiquing of members own photos was carried out and a discussion on maximum white and selenium toning in the darkroom.

Agenda for 2010

Topics for next year were also discussed and are yet to be finalised but will include:- correct film speed; toning; correcting verticals in the darkroom; personal darkroom procedures; testing materials and equipment and spotting prints and negatives.

We all look forward to further uncovering the secrets and treasures from the deep recesses of the Darkroom.

The Year That Was

This year has been an informative one for the group. Thanks must go to Herman Visser for guiding us along, to Fred Wotton for putting the agendas together and e-mailing them out to members, and of course to our members for their active participation. The success of a small group relies on the input of its members and our Darkroom group retains very good dynamics with everyone enthusiastically contributing which results in varied and interesting meetings.

Our group is in good heart and looking forward to our forthcoming meetings in 2010.

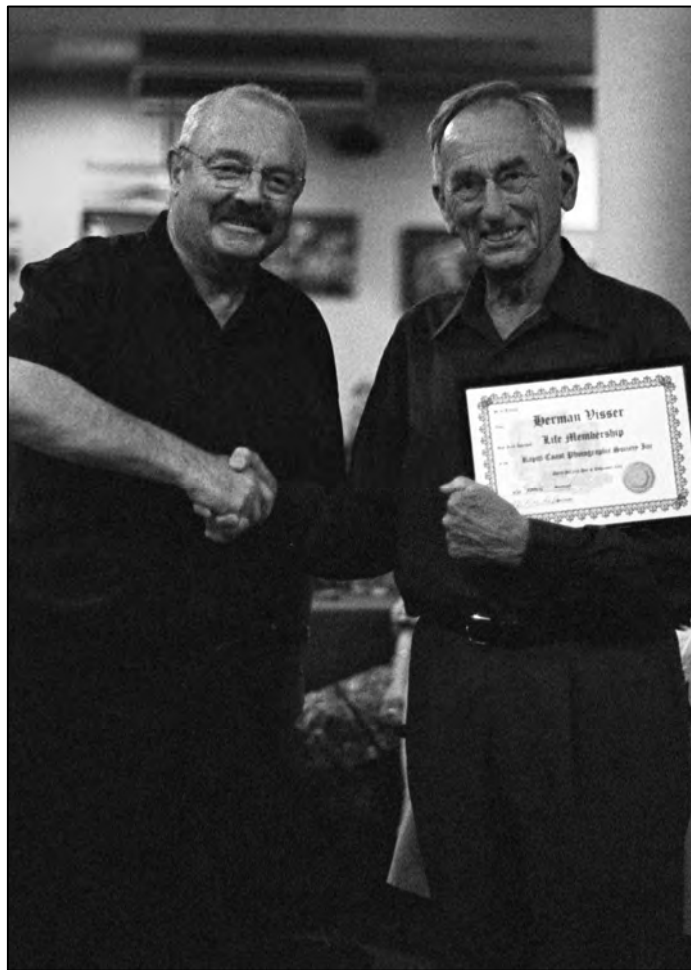
Food for Thought

A thought from my own pen to round off the year.

“A negative is an imprint of my excitement at the moment of capture. A print is the harsh reality which doesn’t always match the original perceived vision.

The ongoing challenge is to get the dream and reality to merge so that the final outcome is a close representation of the initial perception.”

I think I need to go back through all those unprinted negatives.



*Herman receiving Life Membership from Peter
Photo by Michael Martin*

The Darkroom wishes everyone a Happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year. This is a slow emulsion paper used in the contact printing process and has a long tonal range. For further info re purchasing contact [www. michaelandpaula.com](http://www.michaelandpaula.com)

Look, See, Compose, Capture and most of all Enjoy.

- Michael

Some websites our members have found interesting...

<http://kcps.org.nz/>

Kapiti Coast Photographic Society - our very own!

www.photoforum-nz.org

Showcases New Zealand photography

www.in-public.com

Street Photography

www.photocompete.com

A competition website - lists some international competitions, some of which are free to enter and offer prizes.

www.wps.org.nz

Wellington Photographic Society

http://www.keyimagery.com/gisborne/club_home.php

Gisborne Camera Club

www.huttcameraclub.org.nz

Hutt Camera Club

<http://www.cpsnz.com/>

Christchurch Photographic Society (Inc.). The CPS newsletter, *Viewfinder*, is on the link:

<http://www.cpsnz.com/cps-monthly-newsletter.php>

<https://www.levori.com/>

Levori International Photographic Competition - if you're interested in this, KCPS member, Marshall Marsden, can put you on to a free single use registration so you can fully gain an appreciation of the Levori site and what it entails.

<http://www.hollandcircuit.nl>

Stichting Holland Circuit - The Netherlands

And Finally...

**...wishing you lots
of thrills this
Christmas!**

