

# THE DRIFTWOOD



Official Newsletter of the Beachcombers Photography Club

April 2011

(The Beachcombers Photography Club is affiliated with the PSSA)



Photographer: Jane Ferraris – pure power – received a COM at our April Club Competition.

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### 1. Themes for 2011

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>THEME</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
April	Portraits	NSRI	<b>5 Apr 2011</b>
May	Photo Journalism	NSRI	<b>3 May 2011</b>
June	Scapes	NSRI	<b>7 Jun 2011</b>
July	Spots	NSRI	<b>5 Jul 2011</b>
August	Beach	NSRI	<b>2 Aug 2011</b>
September	Practical	NSRI	<b>6 Sep 2011</b>
October	Sport	NSRI	<b>4 Oct 2011</b>
November	People	NSRI	<b>1 Nov 2011</b>
December	Year End Function	To be confirmed	<b>6 Dec 2011</b>

## 2. Photo Tips

Do yourselves a favor and visit the National Geographic Magazine's website. It is packed with superb photos, photo tips, photographer biographies and more. If you need inspiration – this is the place to go:

<http://photography.nationalgeographic.com/photography/>

Photo of the Day: Best Pictures of March 2011, Gallery - National Geographic - Windows Internet Explorer

<http://photography.nationalgeographic.com/photography/photos/best-pod-march-2011/>

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### 3. Workshops



**Photographic Course**  
by  
**Manie Combrinck**  
Starting 4 May 2011

Phone: 082 490 5075 or e mail  
manie.c@mweb.co.za for information.



Visit [www.limephoto.co.za/Work.html](http://www.limephoto.co.za/Work.html) for info on workshops hosted by photographer Emil von Maltitz. One of his workshops is the Drakensberg Amphitheatre Experience with workshop dates: 13 – 15 May 2011

You can also visit his blog at <http://www.emilvonmaltitz.blogspot.com/>

Visit <http://www.wildlifephotography.co.za/> for info on workshops hosted by Albert Froneman and Chris van Rooyen.

#### Instructional photo workshop - Giant's Castle



Start Date: 2011-06-26

End Date: 2011-06-28

Length: 2 nights / 3 days

Venue: Giants Castle Game Reserve - KwaZulu-Natal

[Click here for more information](#)

Visit <http://www.cavern.co.za/photographic.php> for info on the

## Drakensberg Photographic Workshop

### 2011 Dates:

20-22 May

12-14 Aug

### Cost: R1580 pps

Derek and Norma Pearman will be hosts at the Cavern's Drakensberg photographic workshop. There is no couple more active in photography than Derek and Norma. Derek has served as PRO, Vice President and President of the Photographic Society for over 20 years, and both he and Norma have been taking photographs since their school days over 30 years ago.

Over the years the Pearmans have shared their adventures, knowledge and skills with other photographers by judging, giving lectures and holding workshops at camera clubs around the country. They also organise numerous events run by the Photographic Society such as regional conferences and the annual PSSA Congress.

Norma teaches photography skills at flower clubs while Derek does the same for Wildlife Society members. He recently instructed groups of game rangers at the Pilansberg Nature Reserve and Londolozi Game Reserve on basic photographic techniques. Derek regularly lectures on photography to media students at the Johannesburg Technikon and has given courses to over 200 students at the University of Pretoria. Derek and Norma have presented several Basic Photography workshops, with Norma's floral photography workshops being especially popular.

Derek and Norma invite you to join them for a weekend photographic workshop in the beautiful setting of The Cavern.

The workshop, from basic to advanced, will encompass:

- Understanding 'your' equipment. Film or digital welcome.
- Composition and adding impact to your pictures
- Creative use of filters
- Macro using flashing
- Multi-exposure and other tricks
- Night photography
- The secret of using light
- The art of seeing and creating a photograph

Please contact Derek via e-mail to [photoman@lantic.net](mailto:photoman@lantic.net) or telephone 083 274 3781 or 011 391 5191 (evenings) if you have any questions regarding the workshop.

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**NORMA PEARMAN FPSSA**

**Cell: 083-274-3781**

**E-Mail: [photoman@lantic.net](mailto:photoman@lantic.net)**

## 4. Upcoming Events

### Our Next Meeting

Our next club meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 at the NSRI in Richards Bay at 19h00. The theme is Photo Journalism.

### The Next Special Interest Group Meeting

The Committee has decided to implement Special Interest Groups (SIG) that will meet once a month additional to our normal Club meetings for those who want to learn more about specific areas of photography. It will give members the chance to learn from each other, go to different places to take photographs and get to use equipment that they may not have access to. There will be a coordinator for each group who will arrange the meetings/ outings.

The SIG's will be as follows:

Macro Photography with coordinator Hendrik Louw  
 Studio Photography with coordinator Manie Combrinck  
 Wildlife Photography with coordinator Sias van Schalkwyk  
 Photoshop with coordinator Peter Martin.

We will inform you per email of the next planned Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting.

## St Lucia Weekend


It is time to organise our weekend away for 2011. This year we are going to St Lucia. There is limited space - so please book with Marthie Combrinck as soon as possible to secure your place for a great fun-filled photography weekend. We will stay at Flamboyant Self Catering Holiday Flats in St Lucia. The units are fully equipped and boast with DSTV, Aircon and a pool on the premises. It will cost R296.00 per person for the weekend. Please note that you will have to pay this even if you sleep there only one night as we have to pay for the flats as units. Children stay at a reduced price and you could contact me in this regard.


The weekend is planned for 20-22 May 2011.


To secure your place for this not-to-miss weekend, please contact Marthie at [combrinckm@mailzone.co.za](mailto:combrinckm@mailzone.co.za) or phone 0828799249.

## 5. Salons 2010

Get all the information on the upcoming salons from the PSSA website at [www.pssa.co.za](http://www.pssa.co.za). We also wish to remind you that a trophy is awarded to the Club member who receives the most number of Salon acceptances during the year. You must therefore ensure that you enter as many salons as possible. You also need salon acceptances to be promoted from three to four star and four to five star.

<b>APRIL 2011</b>	<b>SALON</b>	<b>Second VPS Landscape Salon of Photography</b>
	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>South Africa</b>
	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> April 2011</b>
	<b>JUDGING DATE</b>	
	<b>INFO</b>	<p><b>Salon Director:</b> <i>Pieter du Plessis</i>    <i>Cell: 082 801 5744</i></p> <p><b>Categories:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colour Nature Landscape</li> <li>• Landscape with human interest</li> <li>• Monochrome Nature Landscape</li> <li>• Panorama Open</li> </ul> <p><b>Rules and Regulations</b></p> <p> <a href="#">Click to download Rules and Regulations</a></p>

<b>MAY 2011</b>	<b>SALON</b>	<b>Vanderbijlpark Digital Images Salon 2011</b>
	<b>COUNTRY</b>	South Africa
	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2011
	<b>JUDGING DATE</b>	
	<b>INFO</b>	<p><b>Salon Director:</b> Koos Fourie (c) 083 468 1173 email: <a href="mailto:koos@telkomsa.net">koos@telkomsa.net</a></p> <p><b>Categories:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature</li> <li>• Pictorial Sport</li> <li>• Pictorial Open</li> </ul> <p><b>Rules and Regulations</b></p> <p> <a href="#">Click to download Rules and Regulations</a></p>

<b>MAY 2011</b>	<b>SALON</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> TAF Digital Salon</b>
	<b>COUNTRY</b>	South Africa
	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2011
	<b>JUDGING DATE</b>	
	<b>INFO</b>	<p><b>Salon Director:</b> Manie Wessels APSSA (c) 082 498 3732 email: <a href="mailto:manie.wessels@sanlam.co.za">manie.wessels@sanlam.co.za</a></p> <p><b>Categories:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature</li> <li>• Scapes</li> <li>• Night Photography</li> <li>• Open</li> </ul> <p><b>Rules and Regulations</b></p> <p> <a href="#">Click for Conditions of Entry</a></p>

<b>JUNE 2011</b>	<b>SALON</b>	<b>Randburg Photo Club Digital Salon</b>
	<b>COUNTRY</b>	Gauteng, South Africa
	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2011
	<b>JUDGING DATE</b>	
	<b>INFO</b>	<p><b>Salon Director:</b> Piet Enslin (c) 082 922 5213 email: <a href="mailto:piet.enslin@telkomsa.net">piet.enslin@telkomsa.net</a></p> <p><b>Categories:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature (excl birds &amp; landscapes)</li> <li>• Nature (birds only)</li> <li>• Open</li> <li>• Monochrome (buildings)</li> </ul> <p><b>Rules and Regulations</b></p> <p> <a href="#">Click for Notice of Salon</a></p>

Congratulations to our members whose images were accepted at the recent CERPS Salon.  
Below are the images.

#### HENDRIK LOUW:

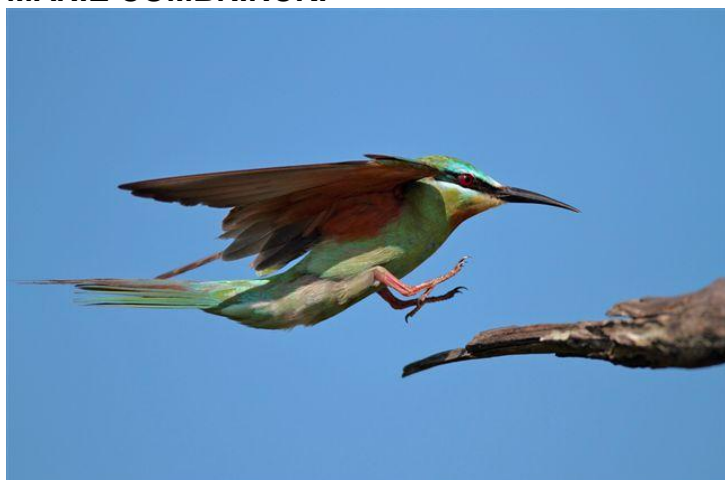


Silver Marsh spider – Nature general (no birds) – Boksburg & Edenvale



A10-32-08-M-Credit – monochrome – Edenvale & a COM at Boksburg

#### MANIE COMBRINCK:



Byevreter landing – Nature: Birds only – Boksburg



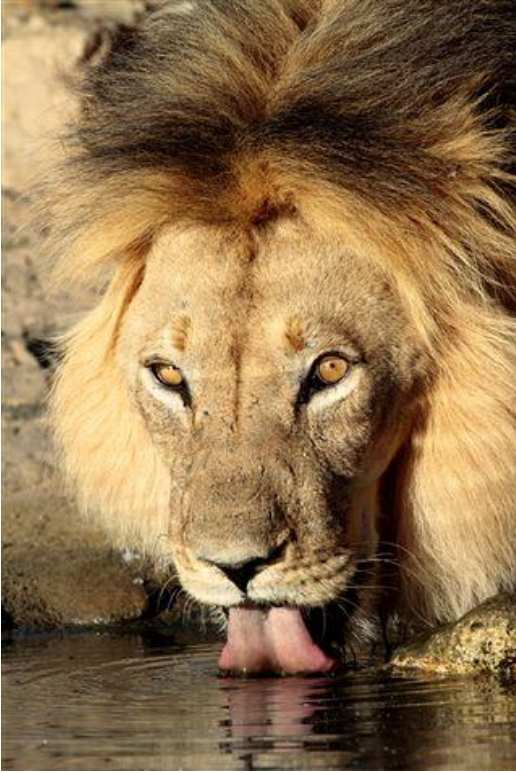
Queens – Nature general (no birds) – Boksburg & Edenvale



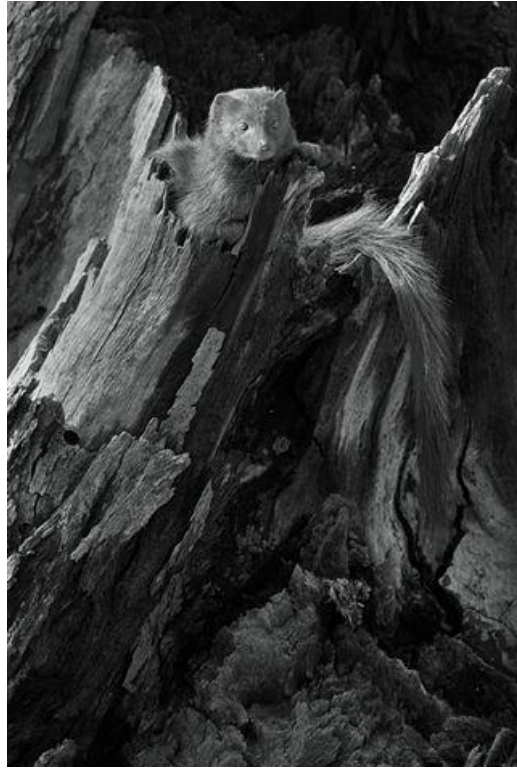
Strandwolf drink – Nature general (no birds) – Boksburg



Puppy – pictorial open - Boksburg



Leeudrink – Nature general (no birds) – Boksburg



Rooi Muishond – monochrome - Edenvale



Vang hom – Nature: Birds only - Boksburg & Edenvale



Airtime 5 – sport – Edenvale



Koffiebaai Surfer 4 – sport – Boksburg & Edenvale



Old mill stream – pictorial open – Boksburg & Edenvale



Bodypaint6 – Pictorial: human portraits only - Boksburg & Edenvale



Ballet – pictorial: human portraits only – Boksburg & Edenvale



Katelan3 – pictorial: human portraits only - Edenvale & a COM at Boksburg



Thanda se hare – monochrome – Boksburg



Bouncer1 – sport - Edenvale

**SIAS VAN SCHALKWYK:**

Noble leader – monochrome – Boksburg &amp; Edenvale



Masai man – monochrome - Edenvale

**DESMOND MILLIN:**

Reen – pictorial open – Boksburg



Airborne – sport – Edenvale &amp; a COM at Boksburg



Tumbling – pictorial open – Edenvale



Langtoon – nature: birds only - Boksburg

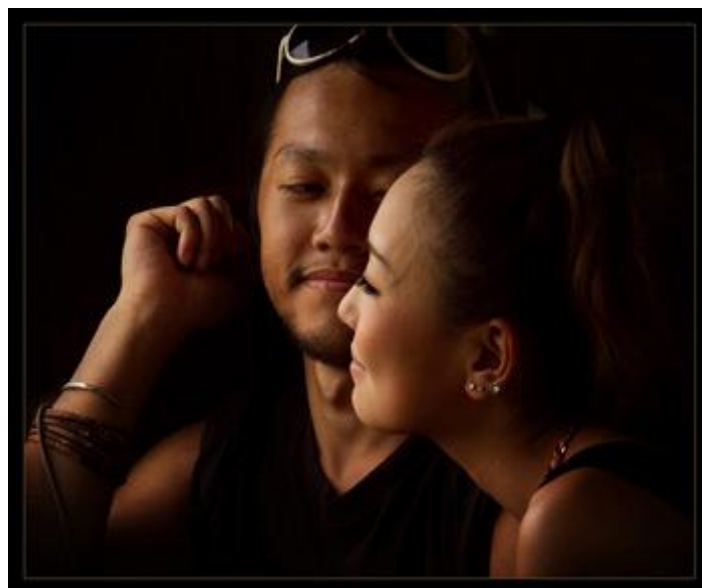
## 6. Member News

### 6.1 April Club Competition

Congratulations to all the winners and COM recipients of our April Club Competition. Here are the images:



Desmond Millin – lavender – novice theme & overall winner



Jane Ferraris – adoration – advanced open winner



Marnus Combrinck – lepelaar landing



Jane Ferraris – portrait of an unlady – advanced theme & overall winner



Desmond Millin – late sunset



Gavin Fordham – Stairway to... - novice open winner



Peter Martin – fairlane



Manie Combrinck – bodypaint6

Jane Ferraris – pure power – see our front page for image

Manie Combrinck – Thanda se hare – see image under CERPS Salon acceptances above

## 6.2 Beachcombers Club Members

We would like our members to get to know their fellow members and will try to get photos of all of you so that we can start by learning each other's names! Here is a list of all our paid up members by the end of 2010:

Combrinck Manie & Marthie (and Marnus)	Nell Annett & Danie
Crafford Evert & Nada	Pistorius Gerda
Crichton Chrissy & husband	Sanders Mark
Erasmus Jan	Scully Reginald
Ferraris Allan & Jane	Smith Jeremy
Fordham Gavin	Sneddon Mike & wife
Hamman Johann	Staal Lara
Hibbert Norman & Pauline	Swarts Graeme & Tristan
Homan Hennie	V d Walt Willem
Kemp Elize	v Rooyen Barbara
King Chantelle & husband	v Rooyen Gerhard
Lickfold Peter	van Huyssteen Gerrit
Louw Hendrik & Yvonne	V d Merwe Cornelius
Macdonald Bronwyn & husband	Van Schalkwyk Sias & wife
Martin Peter	van Staden Collette
McCarthy Connie & Hendrik	Weinert Ingrid
Meunier Natascha	Zeelie Werner-Hein
Millin Desmond	Zondi Richman
Morkel Celeste	

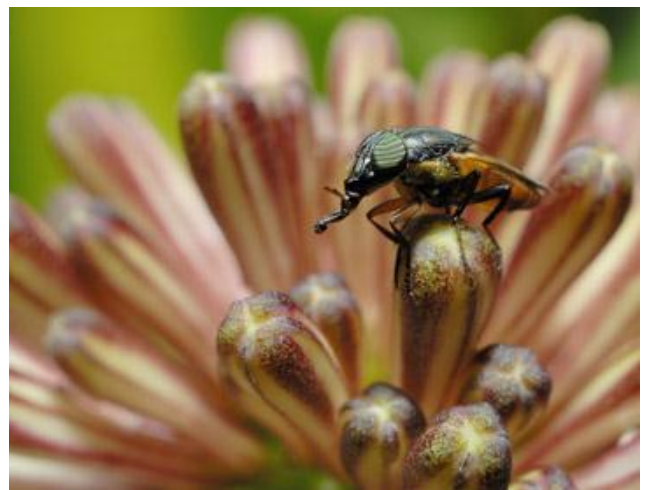
**We would also like to welcome all our new members who recently joined:**

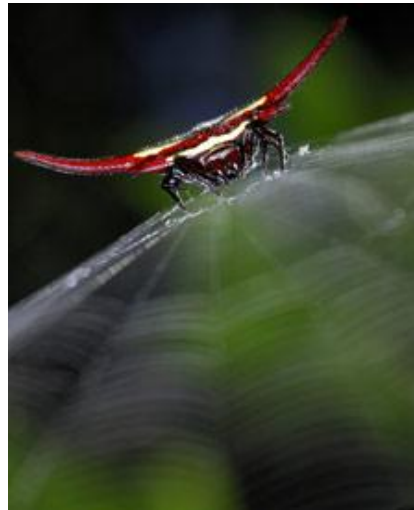
Maritz Pat  
Clarke RN Nobby  
Smith Debbie

This brings the number of members to 54.

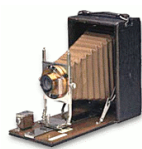
### 6.3 Hendrik Louw awarded APSSA for Macro Photography

Congratulations to Hendrik Louw for this wonderful achievement! Below are some of the images that made up the portfolio Hendrik submitted to PSSA.





## 7. Buying or selling?



### NOTE POSTED BY DES JACOBS

I need a 40D, 50D or perhaps a 550D Canon camera with at least an 18-55mm lens. I am willing to pay up to R 8000.00. Furthermore I want to sell the following:

- 2 x Canon 350D bodies
- Canon 350D (Black) 18-55mm IS Lens
- Canon Battery Grip
- Canon 350D (Silver) - Body only
- 2 x Canon NB-2LH Batteries
- Canon Wired Remote Controller
- 1 x 1Gb CF Card
- 1 x 2Gb CF Card
- 1 x 4Gb CF Card
- Software and Cables included

The Black 350D is still like new and was used as backup camera. The silver 350D have a lot of work done for me but is still taking very good photos. The viewfinder rubber on the eyepiece on the silver 350D is missing.

Des Jacobs [magicrock@lantic.net](mailto:magicrock@lantic.net)

### NOTE POSTED BY THYS VAN DER MERWE

Canon EOS 1d MarkII camera for sale. Professional camera: 8.2 Megapixel, 8.5 Frames per second. Camera in excellent condition with charger, battery and dc connector in original box. Price: **R9000**. (I have 2 available). Contact Thys van der Merwe: [thys@vividafrika.co.za](mailto:thys@vividafrika.co.za) Tel: 083 441 3108



### NOTE POSTED BY CHRISSY CRICHTON

Does anyone have or know where I can get a Canon Digital IXUSUS 860 IS?

Chrissy Crichton  
Cell: 083 519 3003

### NOTE POSTED BY FAROUK KAHN

I'm looking for a viewfinder for my 350D. Also I'm looking for a 350D body.

If you know where to get the above, or if you are selling yours, please contact Farouk at: [farouk9168@gmail.com](mailto:farouk9168@gmail.com)

### NOTE POSTED BY JANE FERRARIS

FOR SALE:  
**Canon EF-S 18-200 mm f 3.5-5.6 IS lens**  
Cash price:R4,000.  
Contact Jane Ferraris: 073 1637219 or [jane@canonrb.co.za](mailto:jane@canonrb.co.za)



## 8. Last laugh

<http://www.whattheduck.net>



What The Duck



WTD 1224: "If you've got it... Lug it!"

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## 9. The Committee

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Please email any information that other members might find interesting to me at [nadacrafford@gmail.com](mailto:nadacrafford@gmail.com) so that it can be put in the Driftwood.