

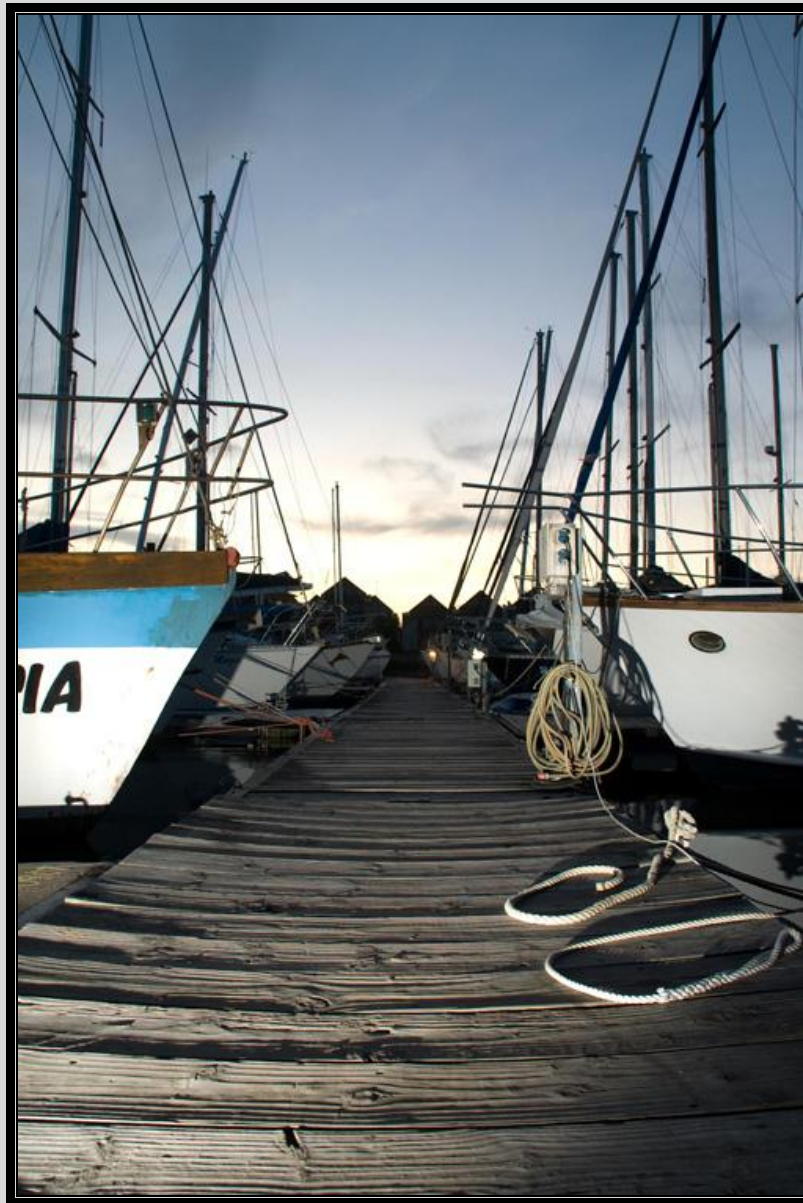
# THE DRIFTWOOD



Official Newsletter of the Beachcombers Photography Club

February 2011

(The Beachcombers Photography Club is affiliated with the PSSA)



**Photographer: Gavin Fordham. His photo was the overall winner in our Beachcombers Sharpshooters practical. Gavin was the team leader of the yellow team.**

To visit our website, go to <http://www.beachcombersclub.co.za/>

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### 1. Themes for 2011

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

## 2. Theme Talk

# AV Resource Sites

[Pictures to Exe Official Forum](#)

[Pictures To Exe Resource Site by "Guru"](#)

[Beechbrook Cottage -](#)

Bill & Karen Hines site which hosts Sequences, Tutorials & Utilities

[Al Robinson web site](#)

PTE Tutorials & Slideshows

[Bishopthorpe Camera Club -](#)

Roger Walton's tutorials & Actions

[The Royal Photographic Society AV Group](#)

[RPS AV Group](#) also publishes a magazine

**AV news** which all can now subscribe to

[Granot's Amazing Treasure Trove](#)

of PTE Utilities and Programs, scroll down the huge list & don't forget to make a donation.

[Lin Evans Digital Photography](#)

Samples with PTE Demonstrations & slideshows.

[French Forum site - Diapovision,](#)

very comprehensive, helpful & friendly

[The Dom's Sharing Place](#)

- Download slideshows, Tutorials, Templates,etc

[French Forum at DCCN](#) - download sequences & discuss your thoughts in French

Laure GIGOU, Michel et Michèle PARET, Maurice GUIDICELLI

[Diapositif](#)

French Forum devoted to PTE

[J P Dollangere](#)

Slideshows to Download

[Ron West Digital](#)

[hotoshop Forum Links](#)

[WWW.Diaporimages.info](#) - Michel Comte

[Ron Wilkinson LRPS](#)

Patrick Bantzhaff

Espace Vision - Forum is Diapovision

Gerard Desroches

Diaporama Creatif Court Numerique

Richard Tucker

Christopher (dilemmania"),

FROM: [http://www.avstumpfl.com/en/company/about\\_us](http://www.avstumpfl.com/en/company/about_us)

### 3. Workshops



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:  
 21 – 24 Feb. 2011  
 18 – 21 Mar 2011  
 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:

4-6 March

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

Costs: Please see the activities calendar for costs.

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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## 4. Upcoming Events

### Our Next Meeting

Our next club meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at the NSRI in Richards Bay at 19h00. The theme is Audio-visual. We will also have our AGM so please attend. We will discuss amongst other things the Club finances and we need to elect a new committee.

## 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 to be announced.

The next meeting will be held in February 2011. Jane Ferraris is organizing this Wildlife meeting which will take the form of an outing to Teza. Please contact her if you would like to join in. Her email address is [janef@canonrb.co.za](mailto:janef@canonrb.co.za).

## 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>FEBRUARY 2011</b>	<b>SALON</b>	<b>Bethlehem Fotografieklub Digitale Salon</b>
	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>Bethlehem, South Africa</b>
	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> February 2011</b>
	<b>JUDGING DATE</b>	
	<b>INFO</b>	<p><b>Salon Director:</b>  <a href="#">Kobus Potgieter FPSSA</a>            082 663 1044 (c)</p> <p><b>Categories:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•A) Nature – excl. birds &amp; landscapes</li> <li>•B) Nature – birds only</li> <li>•C) Landscapes</li> <li>•D) People</li> <li>•E) Pictorial</li> <li>•F) Picture set (min. 3, max. 4 images)</li> </ul> <p><b>Entry Form</b></p> <p> <a href="http://www.pssa.co.za/index.php?option=com_jdownloads&amp;Itemid=172&amp;view=summary&amp;cid=162&amp;catid=45">http://www.pssa.co.za/index.php?option=com_jdownloads&amp;Itemid=172&amp;view=summary&amp;cid=162&amp;catid=45</a></p>

<b>FEBRUARY 2011</b>	<b>SALON</b>	<b>PSSA International Salon</b>
	<b>COUNTRY</b>	South Africa
	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	28 February 2011
	<b>JUDGING DATE</b>	
	<b>INFO</b>	<p><b>Salon Director:</b> <b>Jill Sneesby</b></p> <p><b>Categories:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Nature</li> <li>•People of the world</li> <li>•Open</li> </ul> <p><b>Entry Form</b></p>  <p><a href="http://www.pssa.co.za/index.php?option=com_jdownloads&amp;Itemid=172&amp;view=summary&amp;cid=139&amp;catid=41">http://www.pssa.co.za/index.php?option=com_jdownloads&amp;Itemid=172&amp;view=summary&amp;cid=139&amp;catid=41</a></p>
<b>MARCH 2011</b>	<b>SALON</b>	<b>Third MFFC Audio-Visual Salon 2011</b>
	<b>COUNTRY</b>	Wonderboom, South Africa
	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2011
	<b>JUDGING DATE</b>	
	<b>INFO</b>	<p><b>Salon Director:</b> Dr Jeff Morris LRPS APSSA Tel: 082 840 5459 / 012 803 2105</p> <p><b>Categories:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Documentary &amp; tourism</li> <li>•Theme and fiction</li> <li>•Music, poetry and song</li> <li>•Humor</li> </ul> <p>More information at: <a href="http://sites.google.com/site/mffcavsalons/Home/mffcavsalon2011/">http://sites.google.com/site/mffcavsalons/Home/mffcavsalon2011/</a></p> <p><b>Entry Form</b></p>  <p><a href="#">Download now</a></p>
<b>MARCH 2011</b>	<b>SALON</b>	<b>EPINAL AV Salon</b>
	<b>COUNTRY</b>	South Africa
	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	13 March 2011
	<b>JUDGING DATE</b>	
	<b>INFO</b>	<p>This is an international Audio-visual salon</p> <p><b>PSSA Contact person:</b> <b>Jeff Morris</b> Telephone: 082 840 5459</p> <p><b>Salon Website</b> <a href="http://diapimages.free.fr/spip.php?article153">http://diapimages.free.fr/spip.php?article153</a></p>

<b>MARCH 2011</b>	<b>SALON</b>	<b>CERPS 1<sup>st</sup> National Digital Salon</b>
	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>South Africa</b>
	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	<b>19 March 2011</b>
	<b>JUDGING DATE</b>	
	<b>INFO</b>	<p><b>Salon Director:</b>  <b>Percy Mitchell</b> <a href="mailto:mitchell0@absamail.co.za">mitchell0@absamail.co.za</a>  082 575 7401 (c)</p> <p><b>Categories</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature General - No Birds</li> <li>• Nature - Birds Only</li> <li>• Pictorial - Open</li> <li>• Pictorial - Human Portraits</li> <li>• Pictorial - Sport</li> <li>• Pictorial- Monochrome</li> </ul> <p><b>Rules and Regulations</b></p>  <p><a href="http://www.pssa.co.za/index.php?option=com_jdownloads&amp;Itemid=172&amp;view=summary&amp;cid=168&amp;catid=47">http://www.pssa.co.za/index.php?option=com_jdownloads&amp;Itemid=172&amp;view=summary&amp;cid=168&amp;catid=47</a></p>

## 6. Buying or selling?



### [NOTE POSTED BY FAROUK KAHN](#)

I'm looking for an 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 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



## 7. Beachcombers Sharpshooters Report back

(Photos by Chrissy Crichton)

Our February Club Meeting was a practical, the Beachcombers Sharpshooters event. Proceedings started an hour earlier (at 18h00) than our usual meetings to give members the benefit of more light. Five teams were formed with team leaders Manie Combrinck, Hendrik Louw, Peter Martin, Jane Ferraris and Gavin Fordham. The NSRI was the start and end point. The teams each had to go to a specific venue where they had an hour to take photos of anything they liked. The venues were drawn out of a hat by the team leaders and were as follows: Small Craft harbour, Boardwalk, Alkantstrand, Naval Island, Bay Hall – canal – steel bridge.

Then they had to come back to download their images, choose their best shot and wait for the judging to take place. Teams had 30 minutes to do this. Teams therefore had two photo entries: the team's best shot, and the team captain's best shot. Furthermore, each team member had to also choose his/her best shot to enter for judging. No manipulation of the images was allowed except what is usually allowed in the nature category. Dave Savides was the judge for the evening.



After the teams' return, photos were checked and downloaded.



Jane (Pink team leader) behind the laptop



Danie & Annett keeps an eye on events



Peter Martin (Orange team leader) looks through the images.



Mmmm, which one is the best...



Seems like some members grew tired of waiting!



Hendrik (Green team leader) giving some advice.



Gavin (Yellow team leader) and team members.



Manie (Purple team leader) checking some images.



The braai fires are started.

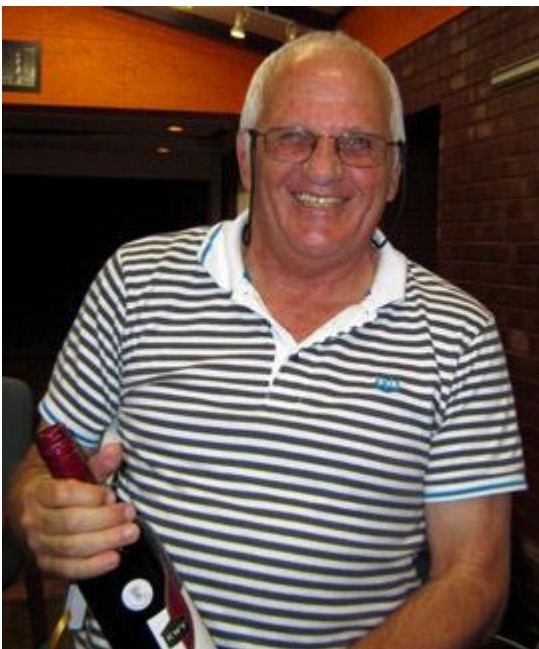
Whilst members were out taking their photographs, the braai fires were started. The bring-and-braai followed after photos were submitted for judging.



Smiling recipients of whisky and bubbly.



Hendrik being Hendrik...



Our judge for the evening – Dave Savides.



A soft drink for you, Marnus!



Chatting about ... photography?

RESULTS				
TEAMS	TEAM LEADER	No OF PEOPLE / TEAM	VENUE	AVERAGE POINTS
GREEN	Hendrik Louw	5	Small Craft Harbour	10,20
ORANGE	Peter Martin	4	Alkantstrand	10,75
PINK	Jane Ferraris	5	Naval Island	9,00
PURPLE	Manie Combrinck	6	Boardwalk	10.50
YELLOW	Gavin Fordham	4	Pumpstation to bridge	11,75

Thus, the yellow team, with Gavin Fordham as leader, was the winning team for the evening.

#### Individual winners were:

- 1st **Gavin Fordham**
- 2nd **Hendrik Louw**
- 3rd **Manie Combrinck**

These winners all received some bubbly and the team member who took the best photograph received a bottle of good whisky.

There were a few minor hiccups such as photos being taken only in RAW, which took some time to download or photos just disappearing after being downloaded... but overall it was a huge success and a learning experience for most members.

Gavin Fordham's winning image graces our front page. Below are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place images:



Hendrik Louw



Manie Combrinck

**8. Last laugh**

<http://www.whattheduck.net>

What The Duck



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## 9. The Committee

<p><b>President:</b> Manie Combrinck Cell: 082 490 5075</p> 	<p><b>Vice President &amp; Finances:</b> Annett Nell Cell: 083 630 7613</p> 	<p><b>Secretary:</b> Marthie Combrinck Cell: 082 879 9249</p> 
<p><b>Web Master:</b> Sias van Schalkwyk Cell: 083 2299258</p> 	<p><b>Driftwood Editor:</b> Nada Crafford Cell: 082 8997658</p> 	

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