

New Westminster Photography Club's

# Shutter Release

August-September 2004

## **Welcome Back!**

We have a varied and interesting year planned, with something for almost every photographic interest, so stick around!



This endearing doggy shot is by Dave Emery, our new Webmaster. Mr Pugnacious or Nacious for short lived with Dave and his roommate in San Jose and, sadly, passed away from cancer about a year ago. Dave says this is a good capture of Nacious' personality. Great shot, Dave. We are fortunate that our photography can preserve memories of the special characters and events in our lives.

## **From the Pres (Peter Ellis)**

Beginning a new club year is usually a slightly 'nervy' time for an incoming president. It's not my first time, and I know I've got a good executive to back me up, but still the questions linger. How can we build our membership; can we go on paying our bills – can I run the club as efficiently and effectively as

Shona ? She put an enormous amount of time and effort into the job, and I hope that she's aware of how much that was appreciated.

That's not to say that she can sit back and relax (not her favourite word), as she will be editing this newsletter. Among so many other members who deserve credit are Pauline (program), and Dave Emery, who is doing a superb job on the club website.

So – here we go again – another year of activities to enjoy, more opportunities to work on our techniques and creative ideas. The techniques side of that balance is the matter of 'how' we produce the image. The creative ideas side deals with the 'why' we make the kind of pictures that we do. Do we start with a concept, something that we've thought up for ourselves, or something that has been suggested by a magazine article, or an illustration in a book ?

Some of the more open-minded approaches to image-making can come from works shown in art galleries. Scenics, figure studies, abstracts – off-beat uses of colours or composition styles – any of these can breathe fire into the sparks of ideas that may have been flickering in our imaginations. Bring them to life, then bring the results to the club, whether to enter for competition or simply to show, and invite comments.

Active participation is what keeps the club alive.  
So... welcome back, to our old-established members, with a special welcome to those who are with us for the first time (new recruits are always good news).  
Let's make it a great year !!

## **Newsletter News**

The newsletter will be available for download in pdf format on our website ([www.newwestphotoclub.net](http://www.newwestphotoclub.net)). We will advise by "Group" e-mail when it is ready. For those of you without Internet access, and for visitors, printed copies will be available at the meetings. Past issues are also available on the site.

I will try to publish every month but that will probably fall down in "tax season". However, updates to the schedule, outings etc. will be announced at the meetings and posted on the website.

## **2004-2005 Executive**

Thanks to all the people who stepped forward to fill our Executive for this season. You make the club work. Those of you without "official positions" --- we would appreciate your help with setup, cleanup and special events.

President: Peter Ellis (no interim about it as no volunteer has offered to take over)  
Vice President: Vacant (we need someone to groom as Pres next year. Think about it)  
Treasurer: Sarah Gordon  
Programme: The Hyslops  
Newsletter: Shona LaFortune  
Website: Dave Emery  
E-mail: Dean Guzman  
Competitions: The Greaves  
Outings: Don Pateman  
Coffee: The Loves  
Phone: June Exworthy and Ava O'Sullivan

## **New Season dues and the budget**

At a recent Executive meeting, Sarah advised that our existing bank account balance will not cover the immediate expenses we have to start the year, such as our essential room rental, CAPA dues and so on. Your dues (a measly \$25) are payable at the first meeting and will keep a roof over our heads. Please bring your cash or cheque to Sarah at the first meeting you attend. At that time, also please update your address and contact information. If you have found yourself in a cash crunch yourself, please just have a quiet word with Sarah and let her know when your dues will be coming and that you want to stay on as a member.

## **Digital Shooters Welcome**

We have always welcomed prints in our competitions, but those of you who shoot only digital were left out of the slide competitions. Now, when slides are due, you may also

turn in digital files to Dave Emery, who will provide a laptop and digital projector on slide competition nights. Please refer to the website or talk to Dave for details. (Bear with us while we work out the logistics.) **We encourage your participation.**

Since CAPA does not yet accept digital images for their various club competition rounds, regrettably you will not be able to compete in those. However, if you join CAPA as an individual member ([www.capa-acap.ca](http://www.capa-acap.ca) for more info) there are digital circuits and competitions available to you.

## **Website Updated**

Continuing Dean Guzman's progressive thinking in setting up our website, Dave Emery has updated our site with the schedule for the entire year, past and current newsletters and a Members' Photo Gallery. Please bookmark and visit often for reminders and current information. Special thanks to Dave for taking this on.

We'd like to have about 4 photos from each member in the Gallery section. Members with 2 photos each already posted are Ava, Dave Emery, David Love, Dean, Don, Fred & Joan Greaves, June, Lois, Shona and Vivian. (Peter also has 5 or 6.)

Please send your digital photos to Dave Emery ([daveemery@shaw.ca](mailto:daveemery@shaw.ca)) via email. If you only use slide or print film, you can ask your photo developer to give you a photo CD of your next roll. Or, if you do not have any of your favorite photos in digital format, you can bring slides or prints (up to 8x10) to a meeting. Dave will scan them to post, and return them at the next meeting. Digital photos should be 800x600 pixels minimum. For digital shooters, that means that even a 1 MegaPixel camera will take photos appropriate for web posting. Most consumer digital cameras are now in the 3-4 MP range. There is no maximum resolution, as Dave will resize them for optimal web posting.

Don't hesitate to share your best work with other club members and website visitors!

## **First meeting – September 14**

(Note that for September we will be meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, rather than the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> as we usually do.)

Bring a max. 10 slides, digital files or prints from summer challenge "The Working Fraser River" **and** as many as you have collected from the "How I spent my summer" challenge (page 4 of May/June newsletter). **Also** brief introduction to addition of digital on slide/projection competition nights.

## **Upcoming meetings**

### **Sept. 28**

Guest Steve Grover on digital photography.

Slides/digital **due** for next meeting: 2 open/pictorial (for club competition – top scoring 6 **slides only** will be selected for CAPA round 1); 2 assigned subject "People without

faces” (for club competition; top 6 **slides only** will be selected for CAPA theme round 1); 2 nature **slides only** (will be selected in-club for CAPA round 1).

### **Oct. 5**

Club slide/digital projection competition and CAPA selections with scoring and comments from guest judge or club panel of judges.

## **Outings**

Our first outing of the season will be Saturday, October 23 to the **West Coast Railway Heritage Park in Squamish**. Meet at the NWSS High School (near our regular entrance) at 9:00am, which should get us to Squamish about 10:15. Or, meet at the park approximately that time. You may wish to bring some lunch, although we will likely arrange to have lunch at one of the numerous local restaurants. We could also stop at Shannon Falls on the way back for more photo ops. Admission to the park is \$10.00 for adults and \$8.50 for seniors/students but if anyone has an Entertainment Coupon book, coupon C-49 gives a 2 for 1 admission. They also have a web site [www.wcra.org](http://www.wcra.org) for more information, directions, etc.

On November 11, a visit to the Museum of Flight in Langley.

## **Themes and assignments**

Don't wait for the last minute to come up with shots for the various theme competitions we have during the year. Here is what's due and when:

Sept. 28: **People without Faces** for club competition and CAPA theme round \*

Nov. 30: **Cooking and/or Eating Utensils** for club competition and CAPA theme round\*

Jan. 18: **Curves** for club competition.

March 29: **The colour yellow** for club competition.

\* Digital and/or slide for club competition. Slides only for CAPA.

## **Member E-Mail**

Do you receive club notices via e-mail? If you are a paid-up member, have e-mail and wish to receive mailings to the NWPC members, you can be part of our mailing list and also have your own **club** e-mail address (your name@newwestphotoclub.net). Our club mailbox is screened for spam and only members and selected items of interest are permitted to pass. For e-mail changes or updates, contact [dean@newwestphotoclub.net](mailto:dean@newwestphotoclub.net). Note that advising Sarah or any executive member of a change in e-mail will **not** change your e-mail on the site. It is up to you to let **Dean** know. You have the option to opt out also.

## **Newsletter contributions**

Results, articles, comments, suggestions and other contributions to the newsletter may be sent to [shona@newwestphotoclub.net](mailto:shona@newwestphotoclub.net) or handed to Shona (in any format including handwritten) at a meeting.