



# Shutter Release

June 2007



## From the Editor

As the seasons come and go, so do executive positions – the recent AGM produced a moderate reshuffle of duties in the club. Most of the same faces stayed, but wore different hats. The full list is reported later, but the main shift that concerns the newsletter is that Dave will be taking over as Editor. He's opted to take a break from being El Supremo/the Prez/CEO, and has volunteered to occupy this high office of influence and control. The Power of the Press is an awesome thing. In my brief time as Editor, I have sometimes been unnerved by the thought that a word or two carelessly crafted could sway the whole future of the club.

It's scary...! I can sympathize (a little) with Conrad Black. However, I'm sure that Dave will handle the burden in his usual style, keeping his cool, and giving us a new, improved version of the Shutter Release.

For me, looking after the newsletter has been a challenge, but it's usually been good fun. Over to you, Dave... Peter.

This suspicious-looking character was seen lurking in back-alleys in the seedier areas of New Westminster.

He is believed to carry a Canon, and has been known to shoot (photos).

## And Dave says...

It was only short 4 years ago when I joined the New Westminster Photography Club. It was my first photography club, and I was nervous about showing anyone my photos. Luckily, our members were friendly and encouraging, so slowly I felt more comfortable bringing in my work. One challenge for me was that I only shot digitally. On "slide" night I had to sit back and just watch rather than participate.

During my second year in the club, I was able to take on the office of Webmaster and use my limited technical abilities to setup a new website for the Club. This also gave me a chance to work with the other officers to learn about how the club functions. I was also able to start bringing more "digital equality" to the club. That way, members who shoot digitally would have equal footing with those shoot with film. It was finally about the image and not the media.

I was ready to take on a bit more leadership with the Club, but I was surprised when the members asked me to serve as President. Over the past two years we have seen the club grow and strengthen. It has also moved to be more "media inclusive". We have gotten away from having outside judges score our work, making some of our members uncomfortable, and moved to giving positive and constructive feedback to our own members.

Thanks to a committed set of officers, we have maintained a balanced agenda of innovative guest speakers and creative programs. We have also enjoyed our members' willingness to share their knowledge and passion in our "5 Minute Member" programs. Our outings have been creative, fun and thus well attended!

I have had the honour of working with this talented, dedicated group of officers and enjoyed the support of our past loyal Presidents. All of this has made the past two years a totally enjoyable experience for me, and I trust for all of our members. The two things that make this bitter-sweet transition easier is knowing that we have a great set of officers for the coming year and that I can still be part of the New Westminster Photography Club. Thank you for allowing me to be part of a tradition that is almost 60 years old!

*Dave Emery, President*

## **For the record – and for those who couldn't be at the meeting**

### **New Westminster Photography Club Annual General Meeting Minutes**

Meeting started: 7:35 pm

#### **Officer Reports:**

President – Dave Emery - Elections will be tonight, next meeting is our year end potluck

Programs – Grace Darney is still traveling, but organized tonight's program.

Outings – Justin Ball – Nanaimo Outing, 6/9, 8 am Horseshoe Bay

Competition – Joan Greaves – Crescent Beach 2007 Invitational Black and White Challenge Results

Treasurer – Tasha Robinson – Annual Financial Report

Beginning year balance - \$412 CAD

Income (dues, coffee, silent auction) - \$1831 CAD

Spent - \$1683 CAD

Ending year account balance - \$560 CAD

Detailed financial report available upon request

Refreshments Coordinator: Agnia Love: Year end Potluck, next week, Queen's Park, Centennial Lodge, 6:30PM, show of hands for volunteers to bring specific dishes

**Program: Outings Pix Nite:** Several members brought two of their favourite photos (prints, slides, digital) from any of this year's outings. This was simply to share photos and to show newer members the variety of our outings.

**Annual General Meeting –** We had our annual officer elections. The following members were unanimously elected to the various offices

President - Jason Hollister

VP – Keith Griffiths

Program Coordinator – Peter Ellis

Outings Coordinator – Justin Ball & Shona LaFortune

Competition Coordinators – Fred & Joan Greaves (continuing)

Treasurer – Tasha Robinson (continuing)

Newsletter Editor – Dave Emery

Webmaster – Derek Carlin

Refreshments – (open) Party Coordinator – Agnia Love

## **Upcoming Program**

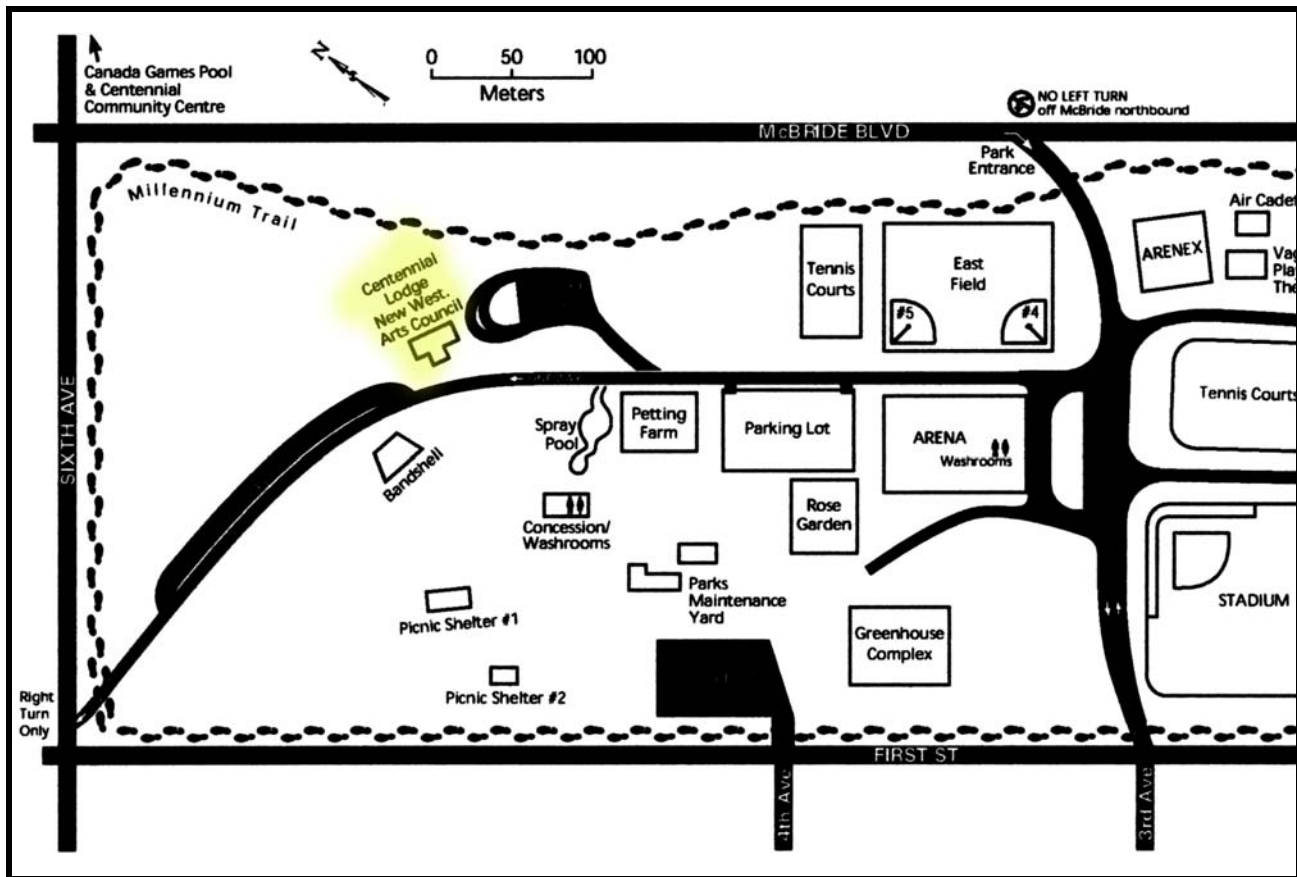
### **Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

Wind-up potluck dinner.

We will meet at the Centennial Lodge, Queen's Park, (see map) at 6pm – for a pre-meal schmooze session – then the dinner will start at 6:30.

Don't forget to bring the goodies that you promised to Agnia.

Our feature presentation will be Dave's digital show on his visit to the Galapagos Islands. Should be great!!



## Outings

*Justin Ball, Outings Director*

### **Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> - Nanaimo – The boat leaves at 8:30 !**

A day trip to Nanaimo- includes a car ride, a sea journey, an easy march (1.8 km), or a short bus ride, best grouping of bookstores I've seen in a while, a fort (of sorts) 2 museums, old and new architecture, flora and fauna, Fred Hertzog-like material, walking tours, and cheap eats.

Drive, carpool, hitch-hike to Horseshoe Bay for 8am, park, and have your ticket by 8:15. Meet in front of the ticket booth at about 8:10, or on the gangway about 8:20. If you get lost, miss the boat, whatever...call me at 778-862-9498.

In Nanaimo- I'll walk into town. You can choose to join me, or take the bus or taxi or rickshaw.

Return ferry is 5pm. I'll be at the bastion, and leaving from it, towards the ferry, at 3:45

## **BC Print Challenge**

### **May 13: Fraser Valley Invitational**

“Strength”	Dave Emery	24
“Supercross”	Jason Hollister	22
“Horsepower”	Alex Carson	21
“Powerplay”	Keith Griffiths	18
“Big Bang”	June Exworthy	16
“Crunch!”	Justin Ball	15
“ThePower and the Glory”	Shona LaFortune	15
“High Tension”	Peter Ellis	14
“Pullin’his Weight”	Don Pateman	14
“To the Rescue”	Fred Greaves	13

**Club total 172**

## **FVI -Power**

North Shore Photographic Society 216  
Lions Gate Camera Club 212  
Langley Camera Club 200  
Chung Ai Photographic Society 196  
Richmond Photo Club 191  
Crescent Beach 186  
Delta Photo Guild 186  
Abbotsford Photo Arts Club 173  
New Westminster Photography Club 172  
Clear Focus Camera Club 163  
Chilliwack Camera Club 160  
Coquitlam Camera Club 151  
Surrey Photography Club 146  
Pacific Digital Photography Club 131

We hope you'll join us for the 2008 FVI where the theme will be "**LIGHT**"

### **May 18: Crescent Beach Black and White Invitational**

The Crescent Beach club has hosted this competition for a number of years. It started as an effort to resurrect some interest in traditional black and white printing to support the use of the club's darkroom, and has grown into a friendly contest with a small group of Lower Mainland clubs.

Those who attend are encouraged to dress in black and white clothing; the generous and varied refreshments follow the B/W theme and, of course, the print entries must be totally black and white.

The work brought in by the seven clubs in the challenge showed a high level of creativity and technique, giving the panel of three judges – Marilyn Trenchard, Graydon Roberts and Michael Easton - their own particular challenge, which they handled very well.

How did we do...? The competition was strong, but we managed to come in 6<sup>th</sup> out of the seven clubs, to stay out of the basement.

#### Results

Lou Missoula	“Apartment”	19	Tony Van Straubenzee	“Upstairs”	17
Jason Hollister	“Northwest Point”	19	Dave Emery	“Windmill Memory”	19
Grace Darney	“Mystery in the Lantern”	19	Peter Ellis	“Mission Chapel”	19

## **Camera Canada Conference (CCC) 2007**

This will be held, this year, in conjunction with :-

### **OPAW 2007**

(Okanagan Photographic Art Workshops) in Kelowna, **August 10 - 12**. For novice to advanced photographers, this is a weekend of workshops. The cost for an adult is \$395, which includes workshops and lectures, wine & cheese reception, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 supper buffets. Accommodation at the Okanagan University College from as low as \$40/night.

Brochures at the club or [www.opaw.org](http://www.opaw.org) for descriptions, registration and accommodation information.

## **The APAC Seminar**

This popular day of workshops has always been good value. This year it will be held on October 20 and 21 (the second day is a workshop by the featured speaker, Andre Gallant)

There are print exhibitions, a trade show and a good choice of workshops to select from.

Online registration is available this year, and brochures are usually mailed out in May and will be found at camera stores and at the club. Watch the club website ([www.apac.bc.ca](http://www.apac.bc.ca)) for information as it becomes available.

## **Canadian Association for Photographic Art (CAPA)**

Now that our club no longer participates in the "CAPA Rounds" (competitions), our newer members may not be that familiar with our umbrella organization. CAPA is a volunteer-run, national photography organization. CAPA's objectives include "To promote the art and science of photography in all its forms throughout Canada and the world, and to further public interest therein." CAPA sponsors competitions, exhibitions and events, an annual conference (CCC – see above) and publishes a quarterly magazine, Canadian Camera.

CAPA is divided into zones across Canada. Pacific Zone encompasses BC, the Yukon and, unofficially, members in Washington. (The other zones are Prairie, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic.) Our Zone Director is Chris Sheffield, a member of the Langley Camera Club. (The previous Zone Director was Shona LaFortune). CAPA's national president, Val Davison, is a resident of Surrey. We are fortunate to be in Pacific Zone, the largest and most active in the country. Pacific Zone has over 40 clubs, almost 20 of which are in the lower mainland. That gives us access to the resources of workshop presenters, evaluators and club-sponsored competitions and activities.

Like many photography organizations, CAPA has been struggling with decreasing membership, a shortage of volunteers and the adjustment to digital photography. The CAPA board has worked hard for the past few years to make the organization more efficient and relevant to its members and is confident it can continue to provide a link and resource for photographers across Canada.

Individual membership is \$55 and includes 4 issues of the magazine and 4 issues of the Pacific Zone News newsletter, discounts at Lens and Shutter and other retailers, and discounts for some CAPA events. More information at [www.capacanada.ca](http://www.capacanada.ca).

## **Club key contacts**

After the elections on May 29, many contacts have changed. For now, you can reach Dave Emery at [dave@nwphoto.org](mailto:dave@nwphoto.org), or 604-517-6654, Justin (outings) at [outings@nwphoto.org](mailto:outings@nwphoto.org). Any of us will be happy to provide you contact information for the person you are looking for, if we can.