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<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

December 2015

The club meets at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church Street, Hudson MA on the first and third Wednesdays of each month except July and Aug. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM

Next program meeting: Dec. 2. Scheduled program:
Jacob Mosser III presents some of his local Nature photography (see p. 2)

Next competition meeting: Dec. 16. Scheduled subjects:
Digital "Open"
Digital "Nature"
Print assigned subject "Glassware" (Quad Club eligible)

Notes from November meetings:

The annual Christmas and 30th Anniversary banquet will be held Dec. 16 before the competition meeting. The banquet starts at about 6:15. Cost is \$11 per person. If you plan to be at the banquet, you must pay before or at the Dec. 2 meeting.

The Dec. 16 meeting will also feature a silent auction and raffle. The auction includes:

1. Columbia photo vest, size M, unisex, color khaki, 17 pockets; condition NEW
2. Hakuba Professional Photo Vest, size L, over 20 pockets, color black; condition NEW
3. Lowepro rolling camera case, 23"x13.5"x8.5"; 2 pockets outside, 6 pockets inside, 8" deep tray inside with padded dividers for cameras and lenses-lifts out so the case can be used as a suitcase; condition GOOD with some wear and tear.
4. Lowepro backpack camera case, 17"x13"x6"; outside pocket with harness to carry tripod, lid opens to 3 pockets; inside of lid has 2 pockets, inside of backpack has padded dividers.

Cash and checks will be accepted for auction items.

If you would like to donate a photography-related good or service for auction or raffle, let John G. know. All proceeds go into the club's treasury to help with club expenses.

The club, in collaboration with the Rivers Edge Arts Alliance, began an exclusive display of members' work at the Hudson Town Hall on Nov. 12. If a picture is sold, the club and the REAA split a 10% commission.

Notes from November meetings: (continued)

Shaun Plouffe, formerly of the now-closed EP Levine, will be at the Senior Center Dec. 2 beginning at about 6:30 for sensor cleaning. Cost is \$35 payable by cash, check or credit card. If you bring a camera in for cleaning, its batteries should be fully charged.

The club thanks Bob C. for filling in for Stephanie G. at the program meeting, while she and John were enjoying a well-deserved vacation in Aruba. The club also thanks Liz W. for her mini-tutorial “Colorizing B&W images” at the competition meeting and Art Vaughan for his presentation of the Best-of-the-Best NECCC prints from 2015 at the program meeting.

There is a print hanging wall in our meeting room at the Senior Center. Club members can display their work on the wall. Let Tony M. know if you would like to do so.

News Release: Nature Photography Presentation at AVCC

On Wednesday, Dec. 2, the Assabet Valley Camera Club (AVCC) will host Jacob Mosser III, a highly accomplished photographer and member of the Greater Lynn Photographic Assn., who will present “Northeast Massachusetts Nature.” Jacob will present many of the area’s nature photography hot spots and will offer a guide to what photographers can capture with patience, persistence, and a love of nature. He will cover everything from magnificent mammals to birds to botany, and he includes little details that are available to any discerning eye. Beginning photographers will welcome his basic tips.

Jacob has been obsessed with photography for decades, earning honors from the Photographic Society of America (PSA), the New England Camera Club Council (NECCC), and other organizations. He not only takes photos but also judges them, lectures about them, and publishes them in magazines and calendars.

This program is free and open to the public. AVCC welcomes both new and prospective members—all who are interested in photography or in enhancing photographic skills. We meet at 7:30 PM on the first and third Wednesday of each month from September through June at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church St., Hudson. For more information, contact Liz West at (978) 263-2853 or at Muffet1@gmail.com

News Release: PSRI Gallery Show

The Photographic Society of Rhode Island presents a gallery show of over 400 prints by PSRI members at Dryden Gallery at Providence Picture Frame, 27 Dryden Lane, Providence RI 02904. The show runs from Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 to Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016. Opening reception will be held Dec. 5 from 6 PM to 8:30 PM.

For more info call 401-421-6196 or go to www.providencepictureframe.com

News Release: Beautiful Brazil on Display

A special public reception featuring an exhibition of wildlife photos from Brazil – jaguars, colorful birds, amphibians, giant otters and more – will be held Sunday, Dec. 6, at Nancy’s Airfield Café from 3–4:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. This reception kicks off a show that will run through January.

All photos were taken earlier this fall during an exciting expedition to Brazil’s Pantanal region, where large rivers flow swiftly through woodlands, meadows and scrubland, and the wild animals are still protected. The photographers were Sue Abrahamsen and Bob Cooke, both members of the Assabet Valley Camera Club (AVCC), which meets regularly at the Senior Center in Hudson. Sue is a longtime resident of Hudson, while Bob more recently moved to Stow from Long Island, NY. Both are experienced photographers.

In addition to the photos, the reception will feature exquisite snacks prepared by Nancy and her café staff. Nancy’s Airfield Café is at Minuteman Airfield, 302 Boxboro Road in Stow. There is no entry fee.

For more info call Bob Cooke at 978-897-7062

November 2015 Print Competition - NATURE

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>GOLD</u>			
Rialto Beach Sunset	Todd Mathieson	26.6	1st
Splashing Heron	Sue Abrahamsen	26.2	2nd
Busy Bee	Linda Shelales	24.3	3rd
Lunch Has Arrived!	Paul Weisbach	24.2	
Spoonbill By Mangroves	Cathy Simmons	24.2	
Burrowing Owl - Cape Coral	Drew Simmons	23.1	
Wild Prowler	Bob Cooke	22.1	
Patagonian Guanaco	Linda Gilberti	21.8	
<u>Make-Up for October 2015 - OPEN</u>			
Swallowtail Beauty	Linda Shelales	26.6	
Purple Iris at Assabet River NWR	Todd Mathieson	25.5	
<u>SILVER</u>			
Floating Flower	Bob Escott	26.8	1st
Eastern Yellow Swallowtail on Cone Flower	John Gill	26.1	2nd
Sandhill Crane Wears Heart on Forehead	Barbara Huntley	25.3	3rd
Great Blue Heron in Flight	Dave Morin	24.7	
Widow Skimmer	Stephanie Gill	24.2	
<u>BRONZE</u>			
Suspended	Linda DeStefano Brown	22	1st
Morning Dove in Nest	Diana Bull	21.6	2nd
Julia, Last Days	Art Walker	19.8	3rd
#1 Rooster	William Weiblen	9	

Images Highlighted in Yellow are Eligible for the Quad-Club Competition			
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PRINT SUMMARY 2015-2016				
	SEPT	OCT	NOV	
<u>GOLD</u>				
	Open	Open	Nature	TOTAL
Todd Mathieson	24.9	25.5	26.6	77
Sue Abrahamsen	25.8	24	26.2	76
Linda Shelales	24.6	26.6	24.3	75.5
Cathy Simmons	24	27	24.2	75.2
Paul Weisbach	25	25	24.2	74.2
Drew Simmons	25.2	23	23.1	71.3
Linda Gilberti	22.8	26	21.8	70.6
Bob Cooke	23.6	23	22.1	68.7
<u>SILVER</u>				
	Open	Open	Nature	
Dave Morin	23.9	28.5	24.7	77.1
John Gill	25.7	24.5	26.1	76.3
Bob Escott	25.7	23.5	26.8	76
Stephanie Gill	24.5	24.5	24.2	73.2
Barbara Huntley	21	24	25.3	70.3
Maureen Mathieson	0	25	0	25
<u>BRONZE</u>				
	Open	Open	Nature	
Diana Bull	26.3	23	21.6	70.9
Michael Doucette	22.4	19.5	0	41.9
Bill Weiblen	23.3	0	9	32.3
John Shagian	24.3	0	0	24.3
Linda DeStefano Brown	0	0	22	22
Art Walker	0	0	19.8	19.8

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November 2015 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Mute Swan in Autumn	Tony Monteiro	28.1	1st
Ruffled Feathers	Doris Monteiro	27.9	2nd
Great Egret Great Pose	Cathy Simmons	26.4	3rd
Two Jellies, National Aquarium	Todd Mathieson	26.2	
Lakes Park Mockingbird	Drew Simmons	25.8	
Infrared Image of Hendricks Head Lighthouse	John Gill	25.8	
Coming in For Landing	Sue Abrahamsen	25.8	
Peek A Boo	Stephanie Gill	25.1	
Bird Bathing Cutie	Linda Shelales	24.7	
Two Young Cardinals	Dave Morin	24.7	
Brianna	John Houldsworth	23.3	
CLASS A			
Milkweed Explosion With Bug	Barbara Huntley	28.1	1st
Foul Ball	Bob Escott	26.7	2nd
Blood Moon	Liz West	26.7	2nd
Space Needle - Seattle	Dave Reynard	26.2	3rd
Lotus and Company	Marty Paulausky	26.1	
Runner at Ruby Beach	Maureen Mathieson	24.3	
A Penguin Party	Linda Gilberti	23.9	
Autumn Splendor, Stow, MA	Ginny Harris	23.6	
After the Storm	Dean Giolas	23.4	
Fireworks 2015	Jill Lockwood	20.5	
Make-Up for October 2015 - OPEN			
Fall From on High	Dean Giolas	21.7	
CLASS B			
Superman	Jennifer Wang	27.2	1st
Cranberry Harvest	Theresa Vachowski	26.8	2nd
Spiral Staircase	Linda DeStefano Brown	26.3	3rd
Staten Island Ferry	Diana Ledoux	24.9	
Old Man of the Forest	Diana Bull	24.9	
Lower Bemis Brook Cascade	Michael Doucette	24.5	
Yellow Truck	Mo Sibachir	23.9	
Contemplation	Art Walker	22.8	
After the Hurricane	Jim Quinn	22.5	
Brazilian Otter Dining	Bob Cooke	21.8	

November 2015 Digital Competition - PANNING			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>CLASS AA</u>			
Andrew	John Houldsworth	26.5	1st
Knight Rider	John Gill	25.9	2nd
Kayaking the Assabet	Tony Monteiro	25.2	3rd
Not So Fast	Todd Mathieson	24.9	
Little Bug	Doris Monteiro	24.6	
Joust Away	Stephanie Gill	24	
Fast Driver	Linda Shelales	23.2	
Carousel Horse	Cathy Simmons	23	
Running Turkey Baby	Sue Abrahamsen	21.8	
A Sharp Car	Drew Simmons	21.1	
Slow Slow Panning	Dave Morin	20.8	
<u>CLASS A</u>			
Sunday Biker	Ginny Harris	25.7	1st
Panning Merry Go Round	Barbara Huntley	24.8	2nd
The Cyclist	Marty Paulausky	24.1	3rd
Into the Vortex of Mums	Dave Reynard	23	
Clip Clop	Liz West	22.9	
Rescue One on the Move	Maureen Mathieson	22.4	
Passing on Right	Bob Escott	21.7	
Wiggle Scooter Racing	Dean Giolas	20.6	
Zoom Zoom	Linda Gilberti	20.4	
<u>Make-Up for OCTOBER 2015 - NATURE</u>			
Peek A Boo With a Fin Whale	Dean Giolas	26.7	
<u>CLASS B</u>			
Pan Mass Challenge	Jim Quinn	25.9	1st
Race at Collings Foundation	Michael Doucette	23.3	2nd
Holding On	Diana Ledoux	23.1	3rd
Follow the Leader	Art Walker	22.1	
Close Fly By	Bob Cooke	22	
Determination	Theresa Vachowski	21.5	
Panning Cello Player	Mo Sibachir	21.4	
Motorcycle - Panning	Diana Bull	20.8	
<u>Make-Up for October 2015 - NATURE</u>			
Her Eminence	Art Walker	24.2	

DIGITAL SUMMARY 2015-2016							
MEMBERS	SEPT		OCT		NOV		TOTALS
	Open	Things in Threes	Open	Nature	Open	Panning	
CLASS AA							
Tony Monteiro	26	25.4	26.2	29.1	28.1	25.2	160
John Gill	25.2	24.3	26.6	25.2	25.8	25.9	153
Cathy Simmons	24.9	24.2	28.8	25.5	26.4	23	152.8
Linda Shelales	25.2	24.3	27	28	24.7	23.2	152.4
Doris Monteiro	24.9	26.3	24.8	22.8	27.9	24.6	151.3
Todd Mathieson	24.9	24.6	25.5	24.8	26.2	24.9	150.9
Sue Abrahamsen	23.4	24.8	27.2	25.2	25.8	21.8	148.2
Stephanie Gill	24.2	24.5	23.5	23.5	25.1	24	144.8
Drew Simmons	24.3	24	23.5	24.7	25.8	21.2	143.5
Dave Morin	22.7	23.7	25.5	22.5	24.7	20.8	139.9
John Houldsworth	23	23.2	21	21.9	23.3	26.5	138.9
CLASS A							
Barbara Huntley	26.1	23.7	25.5	24	28.1	24.8	152.2
Liz West	24.9	24.5	24.1	24.5	26.7	22.9	147.6
Dave Reynard	24	24.2	24.8	24.1	26.2	23	146.3
Ginny Harris	24.2	23.9	22	25.6	23.6	25.7	145
Marty Paulausky	23.8	23.7	22.6	24.6	26.1	24.1	144.9
Bob Escott	23.1	24.9	23.8	23.8	26.7	21.7	144
Maureen Mathieson	24.6	23.7	26	20	24.3	22.4	141
Linda Gilberti	22.8	23.1	24	26.5	23.9	20.4	140.7
Dean Giolas	23.6	24.5	21.7	26.7	23.4	20.6	140.5
Jill Lockwood	22.7	24.3	20.5	24.5	0	0	92
Fred Parsons	0	0	29.8	25	0	0	54.8
CLASS B							
Diana Ledoux	24.8	22.2	25	24	24.9	23.1	144
Theresa Vachowski	24.3	23.7	21	23	26.8	21.5	140.3
Michael Doucette	23.3	23.7	23.3	20.8	24.5	23.3	138.9
Diana Bull	23.9	24.5	20.9	22.7	24.9	20.8	137.7
Jim Quinn	22.7	23.1	21.5	20.3	22.5	25.9	136
Bob Cooke	21.9	24	23.4	20	21.8	22	133.1
Jennifer Wang	23.9	22.5	22.2	21	27.2	0	116.8
Linda DeStefano Brown	23	22.8	25	19.5	26.3	0	116.6
Mo Sibachir	0	0	21.7	24.9	23.9	21.4	91.9
Art Walker	0	0	0	24.2	22.8	22.1	69.1
John Prunte	21.6	23.4	0	0	0	0	45
Marie Riley	21.5	23.1	0	0	0	0	44.6
Bill Weiblen	0	0	22	22.2	0	0	44.2
Larry Wellington	21.9	21.6	0	0	0	0	43.5