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NEWS FROM THE TETON PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

May 2020

Dear Member,

Welcome to May! It's springtime in the Tetons with Summer just around the corner. We have some great things happening this month and next.

Member Photo Spotlight





This month's image is of a new bison calf and mother by Ben Nardi!
1/1000 sec at f/8.0, ISO 100, 300mm Nikon f/2.8 lens, Exposure bias -2/3EV, Nikon D750.

Would you like to see your picture featured? We'd love to include your image in the monthly newsletter. Every month I'll select a photo submitted by one of our awesome members. To submit, email me at news@tetonphotographyclub.org Include the photo, your name, shooting data, and a few sentences about your image.

Happenings

- **Wednesday, May 20, 6pm**: Virtual Monthly Meeting. You won't want to miss this meeting! This month we will feature Clay Bolt who will do a presentation on Macro Photography and how macro photography can change your perception of the world around you.

Over 99% of life on Earth is smaller than your finger. This means that no matter where you live, there is always something amazing to discover and photograph. It is a common misconception that a photographer must travel to a distant continent to find subjects worthy of photographing. In truth, many of the most amazing creatures you'll ever see can be found just outside your back door, which is a powerful message for young people who are interesting in science and conservation.

During this presentation award-winning natural history photographer Clay Bolt will begin by showing you how to work with available light and shallow depth-of-field to create beautiful impressionistic portraits of your subjects. This will include tips on the best times of day to photograph your subjects, how to approach them, and document them safely. Next he'll introduce techniques for improving sharpness and how to use tools like reflectors and fill-flash to add more life to your images. Clay will also demonstrate how you can use multiple flashes in the field to create dynamic of portraits of insect behavior.

Finally, Clay will discuss how to use the white background field-studio technique that has been popularized by the Meet Your Neighbours project that he co-founded in 2009. This is a technique that works great for school groups. He'll also share his tips for utilizing more advanced topics such as photographing insects in flight and wide-angle macro photography. Throughout this breakout session, Clay will be sharing ways to use macro photography to tell the stories of your subjects for conservation and editorial purposes so that you can become more effective at championing the wildlife in your own community.

- **Wednesday, May 27, 7pm:** Virtual Peer Mentor Meeting. This month's theme is **Shadows**. Both peer mentor groups will meet via the video meeting software, Zoom. Instructions will be mailed to members of these groups in mid-May with instructions on how to use Zoom. Each Peer Mentor Group has their own theme for the month, but because both groups will be gathering together on-line using Zoom this month everyone will send Randy photos of the same theme: "**Shadows**."

The Peer Mentor Program pages on the TPC website (<https://tetonphotographyclub.org/our-groups/peer-mentor-program/>) share the goals and history of the program, the monthly themes with articles, a photo gallery from past monthly theme winners, and a special page for "How to Become a Monthly Peer Mentor." If you are an amateur photographer who is committed to improving his/her photography you might want to contact Randy Isaacson (events@tetonphotographyclub.org) about joining.

- **Monday, June 1:** Entry submission begins for our June competition. The theme for the contest is **Nature**. We will accept up to 100 images in total. Each TPC member can submit up to three (3) images. Entry deadline is Sunday, June 7. While the entry submission time is short it is well worth your time to enter. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st Place - \$250 B & H gift card
2nd Place - \$125 B & H gift card
3rd Place - \$75 B & H gift card
Honorable Mention - \$25 B & H gift card
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Please make sure you thoroughly read, understand, and adhere to the rules and instructions, [which can be found here](#).

During the monthly video meeting on Wednesday, June 17 the top 10 images will be selected by popular vote of the members. A panel of 4 professional photographers will select the final 5 images. Judges and members will be able to view all submitted images prior to the June 17th meeting, a link to a web page with images will be distributed 4 days before the meeting.

From the President

Members,

We hope everyone is safe and having some fun with photography in their homes while we continue to social distance. For May we will continue using virtual video services for our Monthly Meeting and the Peer Mentor Meetings.

Our monthly meeting will feature Clay Bolt. Clay is a Natural History and Conservation Photographer specializing in the world's smaller creatures. He regularly partners with organizations such as the National Geographic Society and the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. His current focus is on North America's native bees and the important roles that they play in our lives. Clay will give us a presentation on macro photography and how it can change your perception of the world around you.

Please join us on Wednesday May 20th at 6pm for this fascinating presentation.

Happy Shooting
David Navratil

Competitions

To expand on the success of recent competitions, this year the TPC is providing more photo competitions for our Members to showcase the incredible work we are seeing. Each competition will have a theme and be spaced out approximately quarterly. Each competition will have great prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers, entering will be worth it!

Competition #2 –June

Our second competition of the year will have a Nature theme. It will be open to all TPC members with details in this newsletter so be sure to read them. 1st Place finisher to receive a \$250 B&H Gift Card! [For complete details click here.](#)

Competition #3 –September

Our third competition of the year will have an Open theme. It will be open to all TPC members and we'll publish full details in the July Snapshot so be sure to be on the lookout. 1st Place finisher to receive a \$250 B&H Gift Card!

Did You Know?

Bear Facts (source: factretriever.com):

- Black bears are typically smaller than grizzly bears, have a smaller shoulder hump, less shaggy fur, longer ears, and a less concave facial profile. Black bear claws are also smaller and more curved to better climb [trees](#).
- Black bears are not always black. They come in a rainbow of colors from black to reddish brown (cinnamon bears) to light brown to white.

- About 98% of the grizzly bear population in the U.S. lives in [Alaska](#).]
- Of the eight bear species, four live in the Southern Hemisphere and four in the Northern Hemisphere.
- North America is home to three of the world's eight bear species: brown, American black, and polar bears. Almost two thirds of the bears in the world live in North America.



Last Frame(s)

We hosted our first competition of the year during our first virtual monthly meeting in April. The competition showcased the top images from the Peer Mentors from the last year.

Below are the winners! Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated.





1st Place - Ben Nardi





2nd Place - Rosalis Estes



3rd Place - Beth Holmes



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