



## Photography Club of Sun City Hilton Head

### January 8, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes

**Opening:** With Square Dance Club music in the background, President Gracene Peluso called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all existing members, new members and guests.

**Meeting Minutes:** There being no changes suggested, the minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting were accepted as posted on the club's website.

**Financial Report:** Treasurer Charlie Finn presented the December 2018 financial report: Opening balance \$6,889, December income \$4,010, December expenses \$1,227 for a year-end balance of \$9,672. No questions were asked and the report was accepted by all members.

Members were reminded to renew their memberships. The roster will be purged of all members who have not paid their dues at the end of January and only paid members will receive club emails/notifications.

Members were invited to view the Art Club exhibit at Palmetto Commons. The current theme *Thru the Window* will also be the theme when the Photo Club exhibits there.

**Double Vision:** This joint display with the Art Club will run Thursday, January 31 thru Sunday, February 3. There are a record number of 52 pairings of photographers and artists. The opening reception is Thursday from 5-9 p.m. Voting ends Saturday evening, awards will be made on Sunday.

The next outside exhibit of Photo Club work will be in May, the exhibit in the Photo Studio will change before then.

**Competition:** Chair Stan Lituchy was thanked for his help in setting up the Pinckney meeting room as well as posting signs at our normal Hidden Cypress meeting room redirecting members. Stan reported the new policy of submitting a digital file of competitive entries by midnight Sunday was successful--45 of the 46 entries did this.

**Education:** John Burrack provided the following report on upcoming workshops. The 101 beginners series will focus on taking photos, critiquing them and camera familiarity.

#### ***New Course Unveiling***

Later this week an e-mail notice with a link to Eventbrite will go to the Club Membership regarding our New Course 101-Photography Fundamentals Workshop for Beginners and Basic Photographers. It will go out along with a 3-page syllabus of

expected course content. I'd like to take a moment to describe what this is about.

Course 101 is a series of 4 consecutive weekly workshops designed to give you the fundamental knowledge and skills to take good photos using your own camera with plenty of hands-on shooting practice in class, assignments, and critiques.

The goal of the series is to have you feel very comfortable with your own camera and be confident on how to take good photos including basic editing.

There will be 2 offerings for Non-Phone Photographers as follows:

101-1 Friday mornings, 9-Noon February 1 – February 22

101-2 Wednesday Mornings, 9-Noon, February 13 – March 6

I repeat ... these are workshops for "Non-Phone" photography and there will be a limit of 8 participants for each.

We will also offer a 3<sup>rd</sup> version of the workshop targeted to "Phone Photographers" as follows:

101-3 Friday Mornings, 9 – Noon March 1 – March 22.

More Information:

The workshops will involve 2 or more class assistants who will be familiar with several camera platforms.

These first offerings are going to be "FREE of charge" to qualified participants. These are also aimed at "NEW" users ... members new to photography or with a new level/model of cameras. In particular, members who have been participating in past classes, competitions and field trips will be advised to participate in other course offerings. Expect there will be a Course 201 series of workshops for more advanced levels of photography in our Spring offerings.

These new offerings will be sent out before and separate from our normal "Winter Class Schedule" ... which will come a few days later.

**Program:** Tony Mills, naturalist and host of Coastal Kingdom, spoke on our area as a quality habitat for animals. He brought a number of visuals with him including spartina grass, a fiddler crab, snapping shrimp, a diamond-backed terrapin, baby alligators, a king snake, a coach whip snake and a gopher tortoise. He also showed footage from Coastal Kingdom. Full episodes are available online at [www.coastalkingdom.com](http://www.coastalkingdom.com). Contact info: [coastalkingdomtv@gmail.com](mailto:coastalkingdomtv@gmail.com)

**Wildlife Competition:** Judge Fred Chitty selected the following winning entries, providing feedback on their strengths. He emphasized the need for sharp eyes in wildlife photos as well as the value of shooting at eye level.

Novice (16 entries):

1st Place	Roger Anderson	I Know, My Hair's a Mess
2nd Place	Ken Lane	Web-Footed Boogie
3rd Place	Margery Simms	Garden Frog

Honorable Mention

Mike Stoudt

Feeding Time

*Intermediate* (9 entries):

1st Place

Dorothy Knudsen

Backyard Wildlife

2nd Place

Freddi Hoffmann

Monkey River Guardian

3rd Place

Bill McKinnery

Sticky Fingers

*Advanced* (10 entries):

1st Place

Stan Lituchy

Anhinga

2nd Place

Bob Ricketts

Drinking Egret

3rd Place

Linda Moore

Sniff Sniff

*Expert* (10 entries):

1st Place

Rich deAsla

How About This

2nd Place

Corky Burt

On Target

3rd Place

Tom Hanley

Caged

Honorable Mention

Tom Mills

Watching

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Brayden, Secretary