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PLEASE TAKE A FEW  
MOMENTS TO CATCH UP WITH  
MELBA & DON AT THEIR  
WEBSITE — JUST UPDATED!

DON &  
MELBA MARTIN  
[WWW.MEL-DON.COM](http://WWW.MEL-DON.COM)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO THANK  
JIM WHITE FOR STEPPING UP  
AND GIVING US SOME GREAT  
PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES TO  
ADD TO OUR NEWSLETTER  
OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS.  
HE EVEN INCLUDES PHOTOS!

SEE HIS LATEST ON PAGE 4

THANKS SO MUCH JIM!!!!!!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Bob Hubbell*

Camera Arts show: this exhibit of our club-members' work has been a great success. Nice job, folks! Reminder: If you have an image on display you must pick it up between April 9-13.

“Where have all the flowers gone, long time focusing?” Yes, it’s that time again. I’m seeing poppies and lupine along the American River levee near Howe Avenue. Hard to tell what we’ll get, what with the uneven rain we’ve had. Nevertheless, I remind you: Snipes-Pershing Ravine in Orangevale; Phoenix Field on Sunset east of Hazel; vernal pools at Mather Field (South on Sunrise from Highway 50, right on Douglas, left on Eagle’s Nest, continue as the road turns to dirt, watch for color on the right; Jepson Prairie vernal pools: 13 miles south of Dixon on Highway 113, go straight onto dirt road when the highway turns sharply to the left, continue 1/8 mile to parking area. And of course, you can go further: Bear Valley northwest of Williams, Pt. Reyes, Mt Diablo, and Highway 49.

The Sacramento Orchid Society will have its annual show on April 21-22 at the Scottish Rite Center on H St. They didn’t mind my tripod and there are lots of gorgeous orchids. Get there early before it gets too crowded.

Scottish Games at the Yolo County fairgrounds in Woodland, April 28-29.

The weather’s great. Dust off that tripod, polish that lens, click that shutter!

**COLOR PICTORIAL, NATURE, AND PHOTO-TRAVEL SLIDE DIVISIONS**  
*Hope Price*

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Our second Slide Competition of 2007 will be held on **Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup>**. Many of our club members were unaware of the changes in our meeting dates. To those and any others that missed the February meeting and wish to compete this year, please bring your make-up slides for all divisions you wish to enter on April 5<sup>th</sup>. That includes Color Pictorial, Nature, Photo Travel, and Photo Travel Sequence slides.

The judge for the night will be Jeff Burkholder. Jeff is a professional photographer and at one time a teacher of photography at American River College. He now has his own business, which specializes in environmental portraits and photos for annual reports among other things.

**PRINT DIVISION**

*Bob Hubbell and Barbara Jones*

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No meeting in April but our first competition of 2007 will be in May. Crank up! I've got a couple twelve's working already. Our workshop in March on sharpening and perspective-adjustment was well attended. We also viewed some folks' retouching efforts, with subjects growing beards, losing weight and growing younger, with examples all the way from humorous to careful retouching. Thanks!

**DIGITAL DIVISION**

*Chuck Pivetti*

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**DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**TOTAL SCORES**

<u>Class A</u>	
Kenneth Bosanko	20
Bob Bill	20
Charlotte Cosulich	18
Glen Cunningham	23
Dorothy Farol	19
Dee Johnson	22
Sandy Holtzclaw	22
Dave Kent	20
Gay Kent	21
Farzad Khosrownia	21
Don Martin	22
Donna Sturla	21
Marcia Sydor	18
BJ Ueltzen	22
Jim White	23
Shirley White	21

**Digitizers!**

We meet in just two weeks on April 10! So get me those new shots of spring wildflowers or strutting tom turkeys or whatever. Remember, it's two images for competition and one image for a fun assignment. Please try to get your images to me by midnight, Sunday, April 8th.

Our judge will be Bob Wall. Bob is a retired photography teacher who taught at American River College among other places. He now leads several photo trips each year to places like Mono Lake and Bodie. Bob has judged for us many times in the past, and his comments are always very instructive.

For the fun assignment I'd like you to shoot the Tower Bridge either from its west end in West Sac or from its east end in Old Sacramento, day or night. Let's see how creative you can be in coming up with a version that will wow us.

Class AA

Sam Clemens	21
Heather Cline	24
Bob Ehrhart	20
Dolores Frank	0
Robert George	22
Truman Holtzclaw	21
Diane Hovey	22
Bob Hubbell	24
Barbara Jones	22
Carol Jordan	21
Julius Kovatch	23
Melba Martin	23
Ron Parker	24
Willis Price	21
Joan Scheer	22

Meet with us at the Old Spaghetti Factory between 5:00 and 5:30 before the meeting. Let me know, please, if you are going to make it so I know how large a table to reserve. I am at (916) 359-7049 or cpivetti@winfirst.com.

See you on the 10th.

**EPHOTO OPPORTUNITIES**

*By Jim White*

**ROAD HUNTING HAWKS & OWLS**

Back in the 1960's I made a lot of money for the State of California as a California State Fish and Game Warden, arresting poachers who were road hunting and shooting out of their cars at hawks and owls, pheasants, meadowlarks and anything else found along our country roads. The road hunter motto was "if it flies, it dies" Using the car as a "blind" to shoot from, proved to be a deadly way get close to their prey with an easy shot. In later years I use the same technique to sneak up on and photograph the many hawks and owls and other wildlife found in our unique Sacramento Valley. Almost every week, especially in the winter and early spring finds my wife Shirley and I "going hunting, for Hawks and Owls along the back roads of Placer, Sutter and Butte counties. Yesterdays hunt produced not only a batch of new hawk shots, but also some flowering fruit trees with the Sutter Buttes in the background, some close-ups of White Faced Ibis at Grey Lodge Refuge and a cotton-tailed rabbit that ran alongside the car and froze for his picture. We also found some new country along Butte Creek that we will return to in early winter next year for waterfowl.



How to go road hunting? Well we recommend at least a 300mm lens on a digital camera (gives you 450 mm compared to film focal lengths) or as long a telephoto as you can afford. We cut a piece of

black pipe insulation about 1 foot long to slip over the partially rolled down window, for a lens rest to stabilize your camera. You need to have your camera ready to grab in an instant and your window just at the right height so when you place the camera on the pipe insulation the camera is at eye level ready to go. Make sure all your camera settings are preset too. If the bird is on the other side of the road from you, give your partner first shot out of the window, and then quietly open your door, brace your camera on your door or edge of the roof for your shot. If the bird is on a telephone pole we mostly set up for the shot, open a door and step out and scare the bird, and shoot it in high speed mode while it is flying. With auto focus cameras that will track ahead of the flying bird, shooting at 3-5 frames per second; you will get some great shots of hawks and owls in action.



Main rule!! Drive slow! Pick out back roads with little traffic and pull over and let them pass you if a car comes up behind you. Most people can not see the wildlife right in front of them because they drive too fast and fail to recognize the shape of the animal in the grass or trees. It takes time and practice to be a good game spotter and the slower you drive the more animals you will see and get to shoot. Shirley recently spotted a great horned owl sitting in the high grass that a park ranger had driven right by. We look for deer

tail and ear shapes that tell us there is a deer in the deep cover. I spotted the cotton tail rabbit first by seeing his ear in the tulles. When I stopped the car 20 feet before the rabbit, he panicked and ran right up below my window and froze. If I had kept on driving he would have stayed still and let me go on by.

So go out and poach yourself some good wildlife pictures, by road hunting. Our motto is “if it flies, it’s at least an 8x10 on my wall”

## FRIENDSHIP REPORT *Margaret Fava*

It’s Easter time; a chance to celebrate with family and friends. Let us enjoy Spring time together. Mary Silva is still celebrating her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday by making the front page of the “West-Sacramento – News Ledger paper”. This paper contains her picture and an article about her life as a lifetime resident for 50 years in West Sacramento. Mel and Don are on the road again; this time traveling the southern route. At present, they are in Florida. The weather is good and the Martin’s are having fun. They filed their income tax on the Internet with their C.P.A. in Sacramento, so there was no traveling delay.

Al Brock had surgery in late February for hip reconstruction on his right hip socket. It was successful and Al was able to attend the Digital workshop in March with the aid of a walker. By late March, Al was able to walk on his own and that is good news!

Sad news: Pat Malott passed away on March 3<sup>rd</sup> after a health complication. Her loving pet Clancy was adopted by a senior couple that had lost their pet. Pat’s memorial service was held at Sierra View Funeral Chapel and the Sierra camer club was well represented at the service. Pat will be missed by all of us as a

loving person with compassion, an outstanding photographer, and director of many camer divisions. We extend our sympathy to the Malott family.

**April Birthdays:**

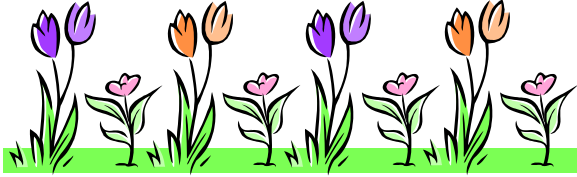
Bob Hubell ♦ Bea Jones ♦ Frank Laurich ♦ and to anyone we may have missed.

**EDITORS NOTES**  
*Heather Cline*

Help make the Gammagram more dynamic - Please send stories, travel information, contests, regional events, photo opportunities, and of course digital images for use in the newsletter!

Needs: Slide of the night ♦ Members, Meetings, & Events ♦ Nature ♦ Travel ♦ Seasonal

**APRIL**  
*Calendar*

						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				<i>Slide Competition</i>		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<i>Easter Sunday</i>		<i>Digital Competition</i>				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				<i>Filoli Fieldtrip</i>		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

## CLUB DIVISIONS

### SLIDES

Hope Price 916.487.4088

Meets: first Thursday in Feb, April, May, June, Sept, & Nov

### PRINTS

Barbara Jones 916.363.6772

Meets: Fourth Tuesday in Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov

### ELECTRONIC

Chuck Pivetti 916.359.7049

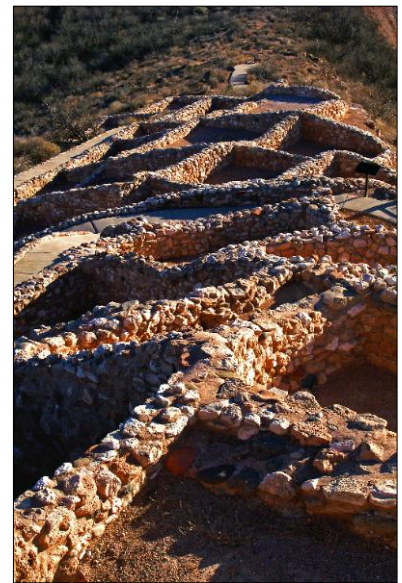
Meets: Second Tuesday January – November

**VISITORS ARE WELCOME**  
*Sierra Camera Club*

At Sierra Camera Club, people of all ages and backgrounds get together to share a passion for all kinds of photography. Our divisions have member competitions and workshops. Visitors are welcome to come and enjoy the photography any time! The monthly club business meeting precedes the Color and Electronics Imaging division meetings. All Sierra Camera Club divisions meet at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento at 7:30 pm.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay connected with Melba and Don during their travels! Visit <http://www.mel-don.com> for their latest adventures!



**MEMBER COMPETITION STANDINGS  
FOR ALL COMPETING DIVISIONS – 2007**

		Color AAA	Color AAAA	Electronic AA	Electronic A	Nature	Travel Sequence	Travel Single	Print
Bob	Bill				20				
Ken	Bosanko	<b>22</b>			20				
Charlotte	Cosulich				18				
Sam	Clemans			21					
Heather	Cline			<b>24</b>					
Bob	Cothrin					22	<b>12</b>	21	
Glen	Cunningham				<b>23</b>				
Bob	Erhart			20					
Dorothy	Farol	21			19	20		22	
Dolores	Frank			0*					
Laurie	Friedman		22			23	11	23	
Bill	George	11		22				20	
Peggy	Gidding	<b>22</b>				21		22	
Sandy	Holtzclaw				22				
Truman	Holtzclaw		<b>24</b>	21		<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>	
Diane	Hovey			22					
Bob	Hubbell			<b>24</b>					
Dee	Johnson				22				
Barbara	Jones			22					
Carol	Jordan			21					
Dave	Kent				20				
Gay	Kent				21				
Farzad	Khosrownia				21				
Julius	Kovatch			23					
Don	Martin				22				
Melba	Martin			23					
Ron	Parker			<b>24</b>					
Chuck	Pivetti		23			22	11	23	
Willis	Price		<b>24</b>	21		23	11	22	
Joan	Scheer			22					
Donna	Sturla				21				
Marcia	Sydor	21			18	21	11	21	
BJ	Ueltzen				22				
Jim	White				<b>23</b>				
Shirley	White				21				

*If you do not see your name on this list, but plan to compete this year, please do not be alarmed. Names are being updated as competition totals are updated each month.*

Each (\*) Indicates a make-up is due for that division

Numbers in Bold indicates "leader" for that division



## 2007 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER RENEWAL

Sierra Camera Club of Sacramento, Inc. is an incorporated, non-profit club whose members join together to promote all aspects of photography. Members participate in club competitions, workshops, field trips, and other activities designed to further expertise in, and appreciation of photography. Anyone interested can join using the form below. This form can be mailed or brought to a meeting renewals for 2007: Membership dues are due January 1 and are delinquent after January 1, 2007. Any member whose dues are in arrears for two months, i.e., not paid by March 1<sup>st</sup>, will be dropped from the membership roll after notification by the Treasurer, not included in the club directory, and ineligible for competition.

SUBSCRIPTION TYPE	ANNUAL DUES /	INITIATION FEE*	TOTAL (NEW MEMBER)
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	\$45 +	\$5*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	\$70 +	\$7*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$77
JUNIORS (UNDER 18)	\$10 +	\$2.50*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12.50
FT STUDENTS (UNDER 22)	\$22.50 +	\$2.50*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00
GAMMAGRAM ONLY	\$12 -		<input type="checkbox"/> \$12

↳ *SUBSCRIBERS ARE NOT VOTING MEMBERS OF THE CLUB*

MEMBERS AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CLUB CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, AND COMPETITION RULES.

NAME (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_ PHOTOGRAPHY INTERESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE(S) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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