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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bob Hubbell

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DECEMBER CALENDAR:

1 ST	BIRDING FIELD TRIP
2 ND	GOLD RUSH PSA
11 TH	CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

DON'T FORGET TO . . .

RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR THE ANNUAL BANQUET TODAY! SEE RESERVATION ON PG 7.

DON'T PUT IT OFF — SEND IN YOUR 2008 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TODAY. FORM ON PG 8.

All I want for Christmas . . . Somebody to direct the Color meetings in 2008-2009! The Color meetings are the heart of the club. The Director's job won't be that demanding because there will be no competition. Thus you won't have to get a judge, record scores, etc. We'll show you what to do. Two or even three people could alternate in running these meetings. If you can help at all Please give me a call or e-mail: 338-5188; hubjo@sbcglobal.net

Zoom on in to our Christmas Party Potluck and Bountiful Bash on December 11! We'll meet earlier than usual. See announcement in this Gammagram. Focal Stew! Digital Dessert! Maybe even Slide Slurpies! Lots of fun, fellowship, food and a couple of slide shows by the Bracket Brothers.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Awards Banquet, January 23, 2008. This will be where all you fierce competitors get your just desserts. Just as important, various club members will be recognized for their service to the club. You'll see lots of winning images and prints as well.

Lots to shoot in December. The Sacramento Marathon will run on December 2. Google for details. The Sacramento Bee will also have a map and info. The beginning and end are maybe the most exciting but you can photograph anywhere along the route.

Lots of places will be decked out for the holidays, from Nevada City to Folsom Old Town to San Francisco. There will be fireworks over the Tower Bridge at 9:00PM and 12:00PM on December 31. There will be fire jugglers at midnight. Woa! You can shoot from anywhere along the river but get creative: Include the bridge itself along with the fireworks, maybe even reflections in the river. Set up your tripod, try $f/8$ at ISO 100, with the shutter on bulb. Leave it open for several bursts. Bracket. And don't forget the Christmas lights. The Bee publishes a list of the best sites around the area. It will probably be in Ticket. My favorite is 57th and S Streets: Three blocks of decorations, with "tunnels" of lighted hoops over the sidewalks. See you there.

Visit us on the Web www.psagoldrush.org/sierra.html

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

November 1st was the last monthly meeting of the slide division for 2007. Our judge, **Bruce Gregory**, did his usual competent job. His comments were quite helpful. Bruce awarded Willis Price's "**Fortitude**" the Slide of the Night' in Color Pictorial. In Nature, 'Slide of the Night' was awarded to Truman Holtzclaw for "**Blue Belly**". In Photo-Travel, 'Slide of the Night' was awarded to Willis Price for "**Padding to the Pride of Aloha**".

Annual Competition The dead line for all entries is **December 11th**. Each competitor may enter six Single Slides in each division and two sequences in the Travel Sequences category. All slides must have been entered in competition during the year 2007. If you haven't been keeping records of your entries for the year, please call me for that information. If you have any trophies from last year, please bring it to the Christmas potluck, as we need to have the 2007 winner's names engraved on them.

THANKS TO ALL

My sincere thanks to all who have helped to make our meetings run smooth. Namely those of you who faithfully work at the scoring tables, help set up, put away, project, focus, and bring refreshments as well as hostess them. I couldn't have been director without all your help. Look forward to seeing you at the potluck.

Triple A

Marcia Sydor	130
Peggy Gidding	126
Gail Foley	125
Joyce Boyer	81

Photo Travel Sequence

Willis Price	69
Laurie Friedman	67
Marcia Sydor	65
Truman Holtzclaw	64



Quad A

Willis Price	145
Truman Holtzclaw	137
Laurie Freidman	136
Margaret Fava	128
Julius Fava	126



Nature

Willis Price	142
Truman Holtzclaw	139
Laurie Friedman	134
Marcia Sydor	130
Peggy Gidding	129
Julius Fava	128

Photo Travel

Truman Holtzclaw	137
Willis Price	137
Laurie Friedman	135
Julius Fava	126
Peggy Gidding	126
Marcia Sydor	124



Bob Hubbell and for competition meetings Barbara Jones

The Prints division had its final workshop on November 27. The topic was Panoramas. Wow! You can do all kinds of things with panoramas. They provide a whole new dimension (literally) to photography.

Print People: don't forget to bring your prints for the annual competition. You may bring up to six prints each, in Color, Monochrome and Nature. Because we only had two competitions during 2007, not all your prints need to have been ones that competed during 2007. That would not be possible. Therefore, bring relatively recent work.



Monochrome	
Sam Clemens	24
Truman Holtzclaw	24
Ron Parker	24
Barbara Jones	23
Julius Kovatch	23
Phyllis Gray	22
Bob Hubbell	22
Suzanne Hambleton	22
Dorothy Farol	21
Paulo Oliveira	11

Nature	
James Cehand	25
Truman Holtzclaw	24
Barbara Jones	23
Julius Kovatch	23
Phyllis Gray	22
Sam Clemens	22
Dorothy Farol	21
Paulo Oliveira	12
Suzanne Hambleton	11
Bill George	10

Color	
Julius Kovatch	24
Ron Parker	24
Barbara Jones	23
James Cehand	23
Bob Hubbell	23
Sam Clemens	22
Truman Holtzclaw	22
Dorothy Farol	22
Phyllis Gray	11
Suzanne Hambleton	11
Bill George	10

Digitizers!

This is the last Gammagram message to you from me as Digital Division Director. My term of office expires at the end of the month, and so does the Digital Division. Next year the Club is being reorganized into a new Color Pictorial Division, a new Nature and Travel Division, and a Print Division.

Great changes are taking place. The Color Pictorial Division as well as the Nature and Travel Division will include both digital and film. This change recognizes the fact that photography is photography whether you choose to shoot digital or slide film. The Print Division may be expanded to include commercially made prints. And there will be less emphasis on competition and more on workshops and discussions.

So we are looking forward to an exciting new year.

But there are still things to finish for the year 2007. Please, Digitizers, tell me which of your images you want entered in the Digital Division Annual competition. If you are not familiar with Annual Competition, see Section 4, Page 17 of the "2007 Membership and Guidelines" booklet.

Very soon after our Christmas Potluck on December 11 your Annual entries will be judged. Winning images will be shown at the Awards Banquet January 16. You don't want to miss this; not only will trophies and certificates be awarded, but winning prints and images from the Annual competition will be shown, and our VP, Truman, has found a neat new place for the banquet – a place with an Asian buffet that includes all the sushi you can eat!

Once again, thank you for your support and active participation in the Digital Division the last two years. I have truly enjoyed working with the Division; the great variety of entries made it fun and interesting.

The following table shows the final standings in the 2007 trophy race. In Class A, Don Martin and Paulo Oliveira tied for first place; Donna Sturla took third place. In Class AA, Julius Kovatch is first; Ron Parker and Melba Martin tied for second.

TOTAL SCORES FOR 2007

Class A

Don Martin	111
Paulo Oliveira	111
Donna Sturla	108
Glen Cunningham	107
Gay Kent	107
Dave Kent	103
Dorothy Farol	102
Marcia Sydor	102
Bob Bill	103
Farzad Khosrownia	101
Harry Herron	91
Sandy Holtzclaw	91
BJ Ueltzen	89
Jim White	86
Kenneth Bosanko	84
Shirley White	83
Charlotte Cosulich	78

Class AA

Julius Kovatch	116
Melba Martin	115
Ron Parker	115
Truman Holtzclaw	113
Dolores Frank	110
Willis Price	110
Joan Scheer	108
Bob Ehrhart	107
Diane Hovey	105
Bob Hubbell	93
Heather Cline	89
Sam Clemens	86

FRIENDSHIP REPORT
Margaret Fava

Merry Christmas to all and I wish you happiness and good health during this beautiful holiday season. Welcome home to all our travelers. It was so nice to see Don and Melba Martin home again. The Martin's have been on the road traveling throughout 23 states for 8 months photographing along the way. By the way, their two loving dogs had a good time traveling in their deluxe motor-home. Laurie Friedman traveled to far away places this year. Her first location was Japan for two weeks in January 2007. Her second trip was to Tibet for a month in April and May. Her third location was Portugal for two weeks in September. Laurie has already made plans to visit India in 2008. How exciting! Bob Ehrhart had Cataract surgery in November and is doing fine. Dixon Dewey, a longtime member of the Sierra Camera Club celebrated his birthday in November with his family, friends, his wife pearl, and their caretaker. It was a happy occasion. I called Mary Silva to wish her Happy holidays and she is doing OK.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO:

Bill Manasse will be 99 on December 10th! Congratulations from all of us and our love. Sherry Bradley, Don Larry, Gretchen Erwin, Julius Kovatch, Don Martin, and to anyone we may have missed!!!

FIELD TRIP

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE SANDHILL CRANES (AND ALL SORTS OF OTHER BIRDS).
SATURDAY DECEMBER 1ST**

Cosumnes River Preserve 1:00 pm - 13501 Franklin Blvd. Galt CA 95632

Isenberg Crane Preserve (a.k.a. Woodbridge) 3:30 pm - Woodbridge Road Lodi, CA 95240

BRING: Camera ▪ Long Lens ▪ Binoculars ▪ Birding book ▪ Warm layers ▪ Water ▪ \$ for optional dinner

QUESTIONS & CONTACT: Heather Cline 916.768.7336

ANNOUNCEMENTS



GAIL PARRIS WAS AWARDED "BEST OF SHOW" AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY FOR THE "SACRAMENTO FINE ARTS CENTER'S 8TH ANNUAL OPEN PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT". **GAIL PARRIS'S** PRINT "**SIESTA**" WAS AWARDED THE TOP PRIZE OF \$150 PLUS GIFT CERTIFICATES AND A CAMERA BAG.

CONGRATULATIONS GAIL!!!!

GOLD RUSH CHAPTER OF PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA INVITES YOU. . .

Sunday December 2nd, Holiday Inn Northeast, 5321 Date Avenue, (I-80 at Madison) Sacramento

Registration: 8:30a.m. Program begins: 9:15a.m.

Antarctica – Above and below the Polar Ice ▪ Print Review ▪ Tanzania ▪ Italy ▪ Your Images

Admission \$5 non members and \$3 for students. Lunch is optional at a total of \$22.50 including tax & tip.

Information: 916.456.4406 or 916.455.5111

KEEP TUESDAY DECEMBER 11TH FEE FOR THE SIERRA CAMERA CLUB CHRISTMAS POTLUCK.

There will be no competition that night. Instead, there will be great food, wonderful slideshows, and a good time with your friends. Bring your favorite holiday dish for the potluck according to the following:

- **A – F Main Dish**
- **G – M Salad**
- **N – Z Dessert**

The club will provide drinks, bread, all condiments, plates, and utensils. Plan to celebrate the season with photos of the Sierra Camera Club at 6:30 at the Garden and Arts Center Tuesday December 11th.

**DECEMBER
Calendar**

<i>December</i>						1 <i>Birding Field Trip</i>
2 <i>PSA Goldrush</i>	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 <i>Holiday Potluck</i>	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24 31	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26	27	28	29

**CLUB DIVISIONS
TENTATIVE 2008 SCHEDULE**

GENERAL PHOTOGRAPHY MEETING

Dolores Frank

Meets: Second Tuesday January – November

PRINTS

No meetings scheduled.

Bring prints to general meeting for display & discussion.

NATURE & TRAVEL

Don & Melba Martin Truman Holtzclaw

Meets: Third Tuesday in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, & Nov

**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.

Eligible members are invited to enter their best slides, digital images, & prints in the annual division competitions. Last year's winners should turn in their trophies no later than December 11th at the Christmas Potluck. This fabulous dinner banquet will include slide & electronic image shows and a print display of our 2007 year's best, and an awards presentation by each division director of the club. We look forward to celebrating the best of our talented members' works, lives, and achievements.

*Please join us on January 16t, 2008 -
Camera Club Annual Awards Banquet
VIP Seafood Buffet, Mongolian BBQ, Sushi Restaurant
3405 El Camino Avenue Sacramento 95821
Social hour begins at 6:00 pm - Buffet Dinner to follow at 6:30 pm
Price is \$15.00 per person (including tax and tip
Alcoholic beverages (Beer & Wine) will be extra)
Make your checks out to the "Sierra Camera Club"*



- Yes, I would like to attend the 2007 Annual Awards Banquet.
Enclosed is a check for \$_____ for _____ people.
(Price is \$15 per person)

Name _____

Street _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Please return form & payment to Glen Cunningham 780 Coronado Blvd Sacramento CA 95864 no later than **January 10, 2008.**

2008 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 2008: Membership dues are due January 1 and are delinquent after January 1, 2008. Any member whose dues are in arrears for two months, i.e., not paid by March 1st, 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
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	\$45
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	\$70
JUNIORS (UNDER 18)	\$10
FT STUDENTS (UNDER 22)	\$22.50
GAMMAGRAM ONLY	\$12 -
✂ <i>SUBSCRIBERS ARE NOT VOTING MEMBERS OF THE CLUB</i>	

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 _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

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