

The Sierra Camera Club (SCC) & N4C

The SCC became a member of N4C in 2022.

- What is N4C?
- Why did we join?
- What are the benefits of being a member of N4C?

First, N4C stands for: The Northern California Council of Camera Clubs.

- Their website is ... n4c.org.
- For complete information, please visit the website.
- The Northern California Council of Camera Clubs (N4C) is the umbrella organization for 16 Northern California and San Francisco Bay Area camera clubs, whose members comprise photography enthusiasts—beginners, amateurs and professionals.
- The majority of the N4C clubs are in the greater San Francisco Bay area.

Purpose – Mission Statement

The Northern California Council of Camera Clubs was established to:

- Promote a spirit of voluntary cooperation among the camera clubs of Northern California.
- Sustain and increase an interest in the art and science of photography among photographers of said area.
- Promote social and educational programs for the benefit of member clubs.
- Create and maintain a representative body which will serve the best interests of all member clubs and provide workable solutions to individual and collective problems.

Why did we join and What are the benefits?

Being a member club of N4C provides SCC members an opportunity to:

- Provide a 2nd level of photo competition against other N4C local club winners.

Note: N4C is much more than just a photo competition organization:

- Receive the N4C monthly newsletter, “Foto Fanfare,” with winner’s names and images.
- Participate in FotoClave (more info below), field trips, seminars, and workshops,
- Share learning experiences and camaraderie among fellow N4C photographers.

Judges:

- N4C develops and maintains a list of qualified photo competition judges.
- This allows the SCC, via Zoom, to use “out of the area” judges for our competitions.
- This greatly improves our list of judges and enhances our competitions.

FotoClave:

- N4C, usually every other year, coordinates a very special weekend photography event called FotoClave.
- FotoClave gathers nationally known professional photographers and local photographers to enhance and promote photography.
- FotoClave also brings together members from all our clubs to enhance our camera skills and develop new friendships.
- FotoClave includes classroom seminars, on-site photography sessions and special dinner speakers.

The SCC and N4C Photo Competition ...

SCC Honor images (13&12 scores) are forwarded to N4C competition in the “Levels” ...

- Masters
- Advanced
- Intermediate

Then *From each “Level” ... Masters, Advanced and Intermediate we submit:*

- One 13 score image ... and Two 12 score images
- For a total of 9 images

Note:

- The photo judge determines the Image of the Night (13 score) and two other 12 score images for N4C competition.
- The remaining 6 Honor images, by division, are determined by our N4C representative.

The “N4C Photo Divisions” that SCC “Does” participates in are:

- Pictorial ... which the same as our Open Image division
- Creative
- Photojournalism
- Nature (which includes N4C’s Authentic Wildlife)
- Travel

Note: For detailed explanation of the N4C divisions and their Rules of Competition please visit the N4C website at ... n4c.org.

The N4C Photo Divisions that the SCC “Does NOT” participate in are:

- Print ... Due to travel ...N4C Print competition is judged at SF Bay area clubs.
- Travel Sequence ... N4C does not have this competition division.
- Landscape ... N4C does not have this competition division.
- Monochrome ... SCC does not have this competition division.