



History

of the

Seddon Shield Area Photography Convention





Current Participating Clubs

Buller Camera Club

Golden Bay Photographic Club

Greymouth Photography Club

Marlborough Camera Club

Motueka Camera Club

Nelson Camera Club

Executive Committee (Est. 2022)

Convenor: Carolyn Hope

Secretary: Gillian Clover

Treasurer: Jon Coe

Website: Elizabeth Passuello

Past Participating Clubs

Murchison Camera Club

Nelson Photographic Society

Sun City Foto Club

Waimea Camera Club

Wakefield Camera Club

Past Area Secretaries

- 2004 Lindsay Bowron

2004 - 2015 Roger Thwaites

2016 - 2022 Irene Callaghan

<https://seddon.myphotoclub.com.au>

Much of the information has been taken from an article in Camera New Zealand 1995 written by Lindsay Bowron, past Secretary of the Seddon Shield Area Meeting, "Seddon Shield Area Photographic Weekend."

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Origins

The Seddon Shield Meeting has its origins with the **Nelson Camera Club** – the first Camera Club established in New Zealand, in **1888**.

Photography in Nelson



Fred Tyree and family, c. 1915.

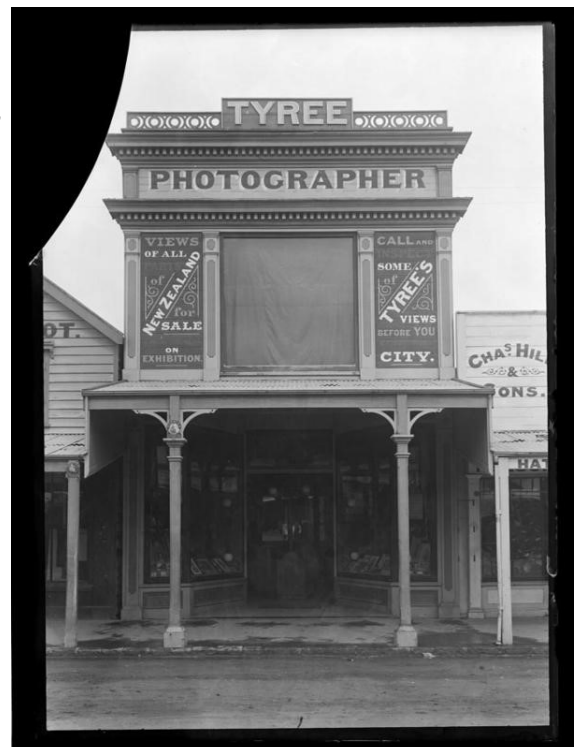
Tyree Studio Collection

<http://mp.natlib.govt.nz/detail/?id=29997>

1878

The Tyree brothers, who had emigrated from England, set up a Professional Studio in Trafalgar Street, Nelson. William specialised in studio portraits, and his younger brother Fred in "scenic" images – The business thrived and was sold on to their assistant, Rose Frank at the beginning of the 1st WW.

*Tyree Photographic Studio, Trafalgar Street Nelson.
Nelson Provincial Museum, Tyree Studio Collection:
68876 (glass plate negative)*



1888

Nelson Camera Club formed – the first in New Zealand.

Photography evolved from the preserve of the Professional and Studio photographer throughout the 1880s, and as technology advanced and hand held cameras became available-to the emergence of the amateur photographer and the start of the Camera Clubs.

1894

The **Nelson Camera Club** moved to its own rooms at **Sigley Hall** in Hardy Street. For the first time women were allowed to join. The club thrived with monthly meetings as well as an annual exhibition, often with other camera clubs invited to contribute.



"JR Sigley, Plumber, Tinsmith &c."

Nelson Provincial Museum, Tyree Studio Collection: 56529 (glass plate negative). View from the street of a two storey building. A sign reading "J R Sigley, Plumber, Tinsmith &c." is on the side of the building. One of the upstairs windows has "Public Hall" inscribed on it.

Technology

1889

George Eastman invented film with a base that was flexible, unbreakable and could be rolled and made the mass-produced box camera a reality.

The Box Brownie invented low-cost photography by introducing the concept of the snapshot to the masses.

By the 1950s camera clubs were springing up all over New Zealand. People were keen to learn how to use the camera as travel to Europe became increasingly popular and the desire to take good photographs, by learning about exposure, etc, meant memberships soared.

1945

Nelson Photographic Society was formed with 26 attendees and officers elected. The Rules and Syllabus were decided. The society was principally amateur in character but professionals were welcomed to join. The main object was to encourage interest in pictorial photography and also to instruct and help those interested. The society thrived with monthly meetings and annual exhibitions with other clubs invited to participate.

Nelson Photographic Society: [Nelson Evening Mail, Volume 80, 22 February 1945, page 4](#)

The first meeting of the Nelson Photographic Society was held in the Nelson Bowling Club pavilion...

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr E F Lord (President) showed some very interesting lantern slides dealing with Tasmania and some of the old convict settlements. All present remained to supper as guests of Mr and Mrs Lord.

Three experienced members have offered to carry on a short course of instruction in their own homes...

Nelson Photographic Society: [Nelson Evening Mail, Volume 80, 27 August 1945, page 3](#)

Mr E F Lord President explained the properties of lantern plate emulsions, etc.

Beginnings of the Seddon Shield Area Meeting

Nelson Photographic Society Annual District Day

1950s

Towards the end of the 1950s, NPS started an **Annual District Day** where local clubs were invited to participate in a photographic outing, a picnic tea and evening function. Slides were shown by all the clubs and commented upon by a guest speaker. Often as many as 100 attended.

1961

Alan Matthewson (past President of NPS) donated a cup for an interclub slide competition as an incentive for clubs to participate: "for the advancement of photography, by the co-operative efforts of all photographic clubs within the Nelson Districts, and to provide a friendly get-together of the members of these clubs."

This was to be engraved: **MATTHEWSON TROPHY** "PRESENTED BY A.J.MATTHEWSON Esq. to the NELSON PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY FOR COMPETITION IN COLOUR AMONG NELSON PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUBS."

Nelson always hosted the event. Ten clubs took part annually and members of the Nelson Club brought a plate for the dinner.

1964

Greymouth Cine and Camera Club (now Greymouth Photography Club) wrote to Nelson PS suggesting a weekend meeting to be held in Nelson over Labour Weekend and to include all photographic clubs in the Nelson, Marlborough, and West Coast areas.

This was a great success and the following year Greymouth hosted a Labour Weekend meeting. Only four attended from Nelson. This meeting was *in addition* to the District Day.

1966

Six clubs were rostered to hold the **Annual District Meeting – Nelson, Motueka, Waimea, Wakefield, Murchison and Golden Bay.**

1967

The **Webber Memorial Natural History Competition** was included and the meeting became known as the **Matthewson/Webber Weekend**

The Webbers were keen NH photographers, serving on the NPS committee for many years,

Mrs Webber being President for six consecutive years. Interest from a \$100 bequest from the Webber Estate was to be used for a book token to be presented annually to the winner of the NH competition. This was superseded by the **Webber Memorial Natural History Trophy** in **2011**.

1974

Nelson hosted the meeting and for the first time invited clubs *outside* the Nelson district to participate in the competitions; **Marlborough, Buller and Greymouth**. 100 attended and Greymouth won the Matthewson Trophy.

1975

Buller hosted a meeting at Maruia Springs. All clubs attended. It was suggested this interprovincial meeting become an annual event, incorporating Matthewson/Webber competitions and hosted on a roster basis. Meetings have been held every year since with different clubs hosting and running the competitions each year.

1979

The **Ellis Dudgeon Memorial Landscape Competition** was added after the death of the Nelson Patron. A \$200 donation was invested with interest to provide an annual book token. The book prize was replaced by the **Ellis Dudgeon Landscape Trophy** in **2011**.

1980

After a year as the **Matthewson/Webber/Dudgeon Weekend** it was decided to call it the **Matthewson Cup Weekend**. At a subsequent meeting "**Seddon Shield Area Photographers Meeting**" was agreed upon to give it "geographical clarity" (to the rugby fans at any rate).

1984

A meeting hosted by the **Wakefield Camera Club** saw the introduction of the **Geoffrey C Wood Portfolio**. Geoff had given his first camera mounted as a trophy which was originally presented to the Wakefield Camera Club on the occasion of their 21st Anniversary. In 1984 the **Geoffrey C Wood Trophy ("Mk1")** was later presented for competition between Seddon Shield Area clubs to the author of the best portfolio of 6 images. This was to, "enable people to display skills in photography using a variety of subjects in any medium (BW, colour, print or slide)."

Wakefield CC continued to organise the GCW Portfolio competition until **1990**. After that time it was included in the competitions organised by the host club.

Geoffrey C Wood had a thriving studio business in Nelson for years and was well known in the district for his portrait and landscape photography. He was a Life Member and Patron of the Nelson Photographic Society and member of the Wakefield Club. Geoff passed away

in 1995. First Prize included spending a week with GCW in his studio.

2001

The original **Geoffrey C Wood Trophy** was replaced by the current trophy (**Mk2**) created from English Oak by Roger Thwaites.

The **Seddon Shield Area Photography Meeting** has been held every year since **1974** with different clubs hosting and running the competitions each year.

The Nelson Photographic Society closed in the **1990s** and the club continued as the **Nelson Camera Club**.

2023

A dedicated website was launched for the Seddon Shield Area Photography Meeting, now called the **Seddon Shield Area Photography Convention**.

An "Executive Committee" was formed to assist host clubs with organising meetings and to centralise administration.

Three new Projected Image trophies to be awarded:

- The Peter Robertson Trophy for Champion Landscape Projected Image
- The Irene Callaghan Trophy for Champion Open Projected Image
- The Roger Thwaites Trophy for Champion Natural History Projected Image

The **Ellis Dudgeon Memorial Landscape**, the **Webber Memorial Natural History** and the existing **Open Champion** trophies to be awarded for Champion Prints from 2023.

Participating / Host Clubs from 2023:

Marlborough Camera Club 2023

Buller Camera Club 2024

Motueka Camera Club 2025

Greymouth Photography Club 2026

Golden Bay Photographic Club

Nelson Camera Club

Matthewson Trophy

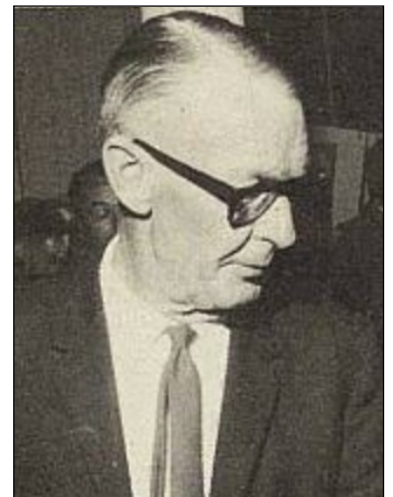
Interclub Competition



Alan James Matthewson 1912 - 1986

An enthusiastic and accomplished photographer, a past committee member of the Nelson Photographic Society and at times member of the Marlborough, Motueka and Wakefield Camera Clubs.

In 1961 Matthewson donated a cup for an interclub slide competition as an incentive for clubs to participate: "for the advancement of photography, by the co-operative efforts of all photographic clubs within the Nelson Districts, and to provide a friendly get together of the members of these clubs."



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Matthewson Trophy

Presented by A. J. Matthewson Esq.

to the

Nelson Photographic Society

For Competition in Colour Among

Nelson Photographic Clubs

Matthewson Trophy

Interclub Competition

Winners

| | | | |
|------|---------------------------------------|------|--|
| 1961 | Nelson Photographic Society (B Grade) | 1991 | Motueka Camera Club |
| 1962 | Golden Bay Camera Club | 1992 | Buller Camera Club |
| 1963 | Nelson Photographic Society (B Grade) | 1993 | Buller Camera Club |
| 1964 | Nelson Photographic Society (B Grade) | 1994 | Buller Camera Club |
| 1965 | Motueka Colour Camera Club | 1995 | Nelson Photographic Society |
| 1966 | Golden Bay Camera Club | 1996 | Wakefield Camera Club |
| 1967 | Waimea Camera Club | 1997 | Nelson Photographic Society |
| 1968 | Motueka Colour Camera Club | 1998 | Buller Camera Club |
| 1969 | Wakefield Camera Club | 1999 | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 1970 | Nelson Photographic Society (B Grade) | 2000 | Motueka Camera Club |
| 1971 | Wakefield Camera Club | 2001 | Motueka Camera Club |
| 1972 | Wakefield Camera Club | 2002 | Greymouth Camera Club |
| 1973 | Wakefield Camera Club | 2003 | Nelson Photographic Society |
| 1974 | Greymouth Camera Club | 2004 | Buller Camera Club |
| 1975 | Wakefield Camera Club | 2005 | Nelson Photographic Society |
| 1976 | Greymouth Camera Club | 2006 | Nelson Camera Club |
| 1977 | Greymouth Camera Club | 2007 | Greymouth Camera Club |
| 1978 | Wakefield Camera Club | 2008 | Nelson Photographic Society |
| 1979 | Wakefield Camera Club | 2009 | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 1980 | Motueka Camera Club | 2010 | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 1981 | Marlborough Camera Club | 2011 | Motueka Camera Club |
| 1982 | Nelson Photographic Society | 2012 | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 1983 | Nelson Photographic Society | 2013 | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 1984 | Nelson Photographic Society | 2014 | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 1985 | Marlborough Camera Club | 2015 | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 1986 | Marlborough Camera Club | 2016 | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 1987 | Wakefield Camera Club | 2017 | Motueka Camera Club |
| 1988 | Nelson Photographic Society | 2018 | Motueka Camera Club |
| 1989 | Marlborough Camera Club | 2019 | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 1990 | Motueka Camera Club | 2020 | <i>No competition held due to pandemic</i> |

Matthewson Trophy

Interclub Competition

Winners

2021 Greymouth Photography Club

2022 Marlborough Camera Club

2023 Motueka Camera Club

Novice Award

Champion Novice Image



Winners

| | | |
|------|--|----------------------------|
| 2010 | Dayaram Ganda | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2011 | Tracey Adler | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2012 | Emily Burgess | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2013 | Helen Howie | Nelson Camera Club |
| 2014 | Glenys Steegh | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2015 | Robin McGregor | Motueka Camera Club |
| 2016 | Jenni Mason | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2017 | Catherine Moisan | Motueka Camera Club |
| 2018 | Alison Meier | Motueka Camera Club |
| 2019 | Richard Bamfield | Motueka Camera Club |
| 2020 | <i>No competition held due to pandemic</i> | |
| 2021 | Jan Miller | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2022 | Ray Clearwater | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2023 | Mark Roxburgh | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2024 | | |
| 2025 | | |
| 2026 | | |
| 2027 | | |

Open Print Trophy

Champion Open Print



1999 - 2022

Champion Open Image Overall

2023 - current

Champion Open Print

Winners

| | | |
|------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1999 | Don Kelly LPSNZ | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2000 | Sharon Langridge LPSNZ | Greymouth Camera Club |
| 2001 | Roger Thwaites LPSNZ | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2002 | Gail Johns | Greymouth Camera Club |
| 2003 | Don Pittham LPSNZ | Nelson |
| 2004 | Tim Pitman | Nelson Photographic Society |
| 2005 | Don Pittham APSNZ | Nelson |
| 2006 | Barry Doig APSNZ | Nelson |
| 2007 | Barry Doig FPSNZ | Nelson |
| 2008 | Don Pittham FPSNZ ANPSNZ | Nelson |
| 2009 | Willem Stein LPSNZ | Nelson Camera Club |
| 2010 | Dave Tose | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2011 | Graeme Skinner LPSNZ | Nelson Camera Club |
| 2012 | Carolyn Hope | Marlborough Camera Club |

Open Print Trophy

Champion Open Print

Winners

| | | |
|------|---|----------------------------|
| 2013 | Dean Fearn | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2014 | Elizabeth Passuello FPSNZ FNPSNZ AAPS EFIAP | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2015 | Adele Dow | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2016 | Robyn Carter LPSNZ | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2017 | Heather Knapp LPSNZ | Motueka Camera Club |
| 2018 | Iain Galloway LPSNZ | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2019 | Dianna Hambleton LPSNZ | Nelson |
| 2020 | <i>No competition held due to pandemic</i> | |
| 2021 | Alison Meier | Motueka Camera Club |
| 2022 | Glenys Steegh QPSA | Greymouth Photography Club |
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| 2023 | Iain Galloway LPSNZ | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2024 | | |
| 2025 | | |

Irene Callaghan Trophy

Champion Open Projected Image



Irene Callaghan APSNZ

Irene is a member of the Nelson Camera Club and has served as Secretary for the Seddon Shields Area photography meetings from 2016 to 2022. She was made a Licentiate of the Photographic Society in 2010, and an Associate in 2016.

"It has given me pleasure to serve as secretary at club level for 25 years at both Kapiti and Nelson clubs and secretary of the Seddon Shield Area. I enjoy mentoring newer club members and I am an accredited PSNZ judge.

I am passionate about all genres of photography. I look for new ideas and enjoy 'playing' with post processing. I believe a photo is a negative and our imagination the best tool we have to develop it. I usually work in bright colour or convert to black and white."



Irene Callaghan Trophy

Champion Open Projected Image

Introduced in 2023

Winners

2023 Kim Falconer APSNZ

Motueka Camera Club

2024

2025

Ellis Dudgeon Memorial Landscape Trophy

Champion Landscape Print



Ellis Dudgeon 1905 - 1979

Ellis Dudgeon was well known nationally and internationally as a landscape and portrait photographer and had a studio in Nelson for many years. He was Patron of the Nelson Photographic Society for 21 years and willingly gave his time and knowledge to help club members.

Born in Nelson and educated at Nelson College, Ellis Dudgeon became an award-winning photographer. Among many awards, he won the prestigious Emerson Medal for the picture of the year at the 1933 Paris International Salon of Photography. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, and an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society of London.

His scenic shots were sought after by editors and his extensive studio portraits are still treasured in many Nelson homes. The advent of colour photography affected the demand for the hand-coloured images at which Dudgeon's studio was so skilled. However he continued to experiment with new ideas in his photography. The Nelson Museum Ellis Dudgeon Studio collection of 30,000 images covers the period 1930-1970s.

In 1979, after his death, the Ellis Dudgeon Memorial Landscape Award was added to the Seddon Shield area photography competitions. A \$200 donation was invested with interest to provide an annual book token. The book prize was replaced by the Ellis Dudgeon Memorial Landscape Trophy in 2011.



Ellis Dudgeon Memorial Landscape Trophy

Champion Landscape Print

1979 - 2010

Book token prize (no trophy)

2011 - 2022

Trophy awarded from 2011
Best Overall Landscape Image

2023 - current

Champion Landscape Print

Winners

| | | |
|------|---|----------------------------|
| 1985 | Joan Scott | |
| 1986 | Lance Beckford | Greymouth Camera Club |
| 1996 | Elizabeth Passuello LPSNZ | Greymouth Camera Club |
| 1998 | Elizabeth Passuello APSNZ | Greymouth Camera Club |
| 2000 | Roger Thwaites LPSNZ | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2001 | Stewart Nimmo APSNZ | Greymouth Camera Club |
| 2002 | Don Kelly APSNZ | Marlborough Camera Club |
| ~*~ | | |
| 2011 | Don Pittham FPSNZ ANPSNZ | Nelson Camera Club |
| 2012 | Elizabeth Passuello FPSNZ FPNSNZ AAPS EFIAP | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2013 | John Reid | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2014 | Gaile Douglas | Motueka Camera Club |
| 2015 | Irene Callaghan LPSNZ | Nelson Camera Club |
| 2016 | Daniel Wong | Nelson Camera Club |
| 2017 | Simon Evans | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2018 | Ritchie White | Buller Camera Club |
| 2019 | Nicole Tai | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2020 | <i>No competition held due to pandemic</i> | |
| 2021 | Jon Coe LPSNZ | Nelson Camera Club |
| 2022 | Nicole Tai | Greymouth Photography Club |
| ~*~ | | |
| 2023 | Iain Galloway LPSNZ | Marlborough Camera Club |

Peter Roberston Trophy

Champion Landscape Projected Image



Peter Robertson LPSNZ

Peter's lifelong interest in photography began in his early teens with Kodak Brownie 127, a birthday gift from his parents. Over the years he developed a particular interest in travel, landscape and editorial photography and has produced award-winning images in a broad range of photographic subjects and styles.

As a trained teacher, Peter taught Photography courses at High School level in the days of film and continues to tutor at club and community workshops. He now uses Sony Alpha SLT cameras with a collection of Sony, Zeiss and Minolta legacy lenses.

A member of Buller Camera Club since 2006, Peter served as President (2011-2012) before joining the Photographic Society of New Zealand Council in 2012 and serving as President of PSNZ (2016-2017).

Peter continues to serve his community as a Justice of the Peace, Rotarian, and Trustee for several charitable trusts. He remains a champion of the Photographic Society of New Zealand, and its affiliated camera clubs, as a framework of encouragement and support for students of photography, and he is keen to use his skills and abilities in "helping photographers grow."



Peter Roberston Trophy

Champion Landscape Projected Image

Introduced in 2023

Winners

| | | |
|------|--------------|--------------------|
| 2023 | Hamish McKay | Buller Camera Club |
| 2024 | | |
| 2025 | | |

Webber Memorial Natural History Trophy

Champion Natural History Print



Reginald Mafeking Webber c. 1900 - 1966

Sophie Clementine Webber c. 1901 - 1964

The Webbers were keen Natural History photographers and served on the Nelson Photographic Society committee for many years, Mrs Webber being President for six consecutive years.

They were successful in competition with their nature photographs, both winning the William C Davies Memorial Trophy in PSNZ's National Exhibition; Mr Webber in 1957 and Mrs Webber in both 1957 and 1958.

Following their deaths, the Webber family gave \$100 to be used as a memorial for their parents. The Webber Memorial Natural History Award was introduced and interest from the bequest was used for a book prize, presented annually to the winner. This was superseded by the Webber Memorial Natural History Trophy in 2011.

Webber Memorial Natural History Trophy

Champion Natural History Print

1967 - 2010

Book token prize (no trophy)

2011 - 2022

Trophy awarded from 2011

Best Overall Natural History Image (print or digital)

2023 - current

Champion Natural History Print

Winners

| | | |
|------|---|----------------------------|
| 1985 | Tim Pitman | |
| 1994 | Derek Stewart | Greymouth Camera Club |
| 2000 | Bruce Walton | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2002 | Roger Thwaites LPSNZ | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2008 | Elizabeth Passuello FPSNZ LNPSNZ | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2010 | Elizabeth Passuello FPSNZ FNPSNZ | Greymouth Photography Club |
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| 2011 | John Reid LPSNZ | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2012 | John Reid LPSNZ LNPSNZ | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2013 | Elizabeth Passuello FPSNZ FNPSNZ AAPS EFIAP | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2014 | Robyn Carter LPSNZ | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2015 | Gillian Clover LPSNZ | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2016 | Andy Underwood | Nelson Camera Club |
| 2017 | Irene Buchan | Nelson Camera Club |
| 2018 | Trish Brown APSNZ ANPSNZ | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2019 | Reudi Mosimann LPSNZ | Motueka Camera Club |
| 2020 | <i>No competition held due to pandemic</i> | |
| 2021 | Craig Martin | Motueka Camera Club |
| 2022 | Carolyn Hope FPSNZ ANPSNZ | Nelson and Motueka CCs |
| | ~*~ | |
| 2023 | Sue Henley | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2024 | | |

Roger Thwaites Trophy

Champion Natural History Projected Image



Roger Thwaites APSNZ

Roger always believed in keeping to the time-honoured principle of making the weekends a very easy-going social affair, where the clubs could come together for an enjoyable weekend and learn a bit at the same time, without it becoming too serious! There was always a good representation of club members from all the clubs at the meetings and Roger believed that this added greatly to the success of it all.



"I have always had a deep interest in all things to do with Nature. From a very young age, I loved walking through the bush at our family bach in the Queen Charlotte Sound and gaining an immense amount of knowledge about native flora and insects, etc, then along came photography. Firstly, there was underwater photography (7 years) and later moving on to land-based photography; both being huge learning curves at the time! I was self-taught and, in 1993, someone thought I should join the Marlborough Camera Club (but this was more for the companionship of other photographers than anything else!). In 1995, I became aware of PSNZ and joined. I was encouraged to enter national competitions, gaining my first national award in 1996. Next came distinctions, gaining LPSNZ and later APSNZ. I was then approached by Brian Cudby (PSNZ Judging Panel) to see if I'd be interested in becoming a qualified national judge. I duly qualified as a Nature judge, and later as an Open category judge as well, positions that I currently hold and enjoy so very much to this very day."

Roger Thwaites Trophy

Champion Natural History Projected Image

Introduced in 2023

Winners

2023 Mark Roxburgh

Marlborough Camera Club

2024

2025

Geoffrey C Wood Trophy

Best Portfolio of 6 Images



Geoffrey Cameron Wood 1920 - 1995

Geoffrey C Wood had a thriving studio business in Nelson for years and was well known in the district for his portrait and landscape photography and his time as a photojournalist for the Nelson Evening Mail. He was a Life Member and Patron of the Nelson Photographic Society and member of the Wakefield Camera Club.



The Geoffrey C Wood Collection is Nelson Provincial Museum's largest, comprising an estimated 650,000 negatives. An amazing resource among this collection are the negatives from his time as a contract photographer for the Nelson Evening Mail, spanning the period of 1961 to 1978.

In 1984 Geoffrey C Wood presented a cup (his first camera mounted as a trophy, which was originally presented to the Wakefield Camera Club on their 21st anniversary) for competition between Seddon Shield area clubs to the author of the best portfolio of 6 images - the Geoffrey C Wood Portfolio. This was to, "enable people to display skills in photography using a variety of subjects in any medium; black and white or colour, print or slide."

Geoffrey C Wood Trophy

Best Portfolio of 6 Images

1984 - 2000

Original trophy (since retired)

2001 - current

New trophy (pictured)

Winners

| | | |
|------|---|----------------------------|
| 1985 | Helen Davis | Buller Camera Club |
| 2000 | Elizabeth Peipi | Buller Camera Club |
| 2001 | Stewart Nimmo APSNZ | Greymouth Camera Club |
| 2002 | Stewart Nimmo APSNZ | Greymouth Camera Club |
| 2003 | Andy Rae | Buller Camera Club |
| 2004 | Barry Doig | |
| 2005 | Don Pittham | |
| 2006 | Barry Doig | |
| 2007 | Barry Doig FPSNZ | Nelson Camera Club |
| 2008 | Willem Stein | |
| 2009 | John Reid | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2010 | John Reid LPSNZ LNPSNZ | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2011 | Peter Robertson LPSNZ | Buller Camera Club |
| 2012 | John Reid LPSNZ | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2013 | Dean Fearn | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2014 | Barry Doig FPSNZ | Nelson Camera Club |
| 2015 | Elizabeth Passuello FPSNZ FNPSNZ AAPS EFIAP | Greymouth Photography Club |
| 2016 | Irene Callaghan APSNZ | Nelson Camera Club |
| 2017 | Dianna Hambleton LPSNZ | Nelson Camera Club |
| 2018 | Denise Manning LPSNZ | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2019 | Iain Galloway LPSNZ | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2020 | <i>No competition held due to pandemic</i> | |
| 2021 | Natalie Smith | Marlborough Camera Club |
| 2022 | Caroline Foster LPSNZ | Nelson Camera Club |
| 2023 | Irene Callaghan APSNZ | Nelson Camera Club |

Geoffrey C Wood Trophy

Best Portfolio of 6 Images

Winners

2024

2025