

# **Gansbaai Photography Club (GBPC) Membership**

## **Who is GBPC (Gansbaai Photography Club)?**

- GBPC is a group of people who are passionate about photography and who enjoy sharing their passion with one another.
- We are a social club, not affiliated to any other organization.

## **Who runs the GBPC?**

- There is a committee of 5 members who were voted in at the last AGM.  
The positions are as follows:  
Chairman  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Media/IT  
Training/Judging  
Outings/Social
- All contact details for the above are on the website under "about us".

## **Where do I find more information and contact details etc?**

- We have a website that can be seen at [www.gbpc.co.za](http://www.gbpc.co.za)
- We have a facebook page namely <https://web.facebook.com/groups/gansbaaipc/>

## **Why be a member?**

- Only paid members can enter the monthly competition which means that your photo's are judged, scored and feedback given.
- Being a member gives you access to a Photovault profile. This profile allows you to enter other club competitions as well.
- Be added to the Whatsapp group to be advised on photography outings, club communication, notifications etc

## **What is needed for membership?**

- An annual fee as per the website.
- Your contact details, namely cell number and email address.
- To enable us to allocate the correct star grading to your membership, a portfolio of 10 photo's across any genre is recommended. (Please discuss with us should you have any queries).

## **What do I need?**

- A camera of some form is needed (Point & shoot, DSLR, bridge, cell phone etc)
- A computer to download your images, resize your images and upload to Photovault.
- Editing software is recommended but not a requirement. The software that we suggest is Photoshop and Lightroom.

## **Do I need to be an experienced photographer to join?**

- The basic principles of photography will be an advantage but not a necessity.
- We will recommend some excellent online training courses for those with no knowledge or experience at all.

## **Does the club offer software training?**

- We are going to be doing some training on mostly Lightroom this year but will include some Photoshop along the way.

### **How does the programme work?**

- The first Monday of the month is a brief training on the theme that has been decided for that month.
- The third Monday of the month will be viewing of submitted photos and feedback.

### **How are monthly entries judged?**

- Each member can submit 6 photos per month, namely 3 set theme and 3 open theme.
- The cut off date is the Tuesday night before the viewing date on the programme.
- The judging committee, (being a few club members of a 4 or 5 star grading who have gone through some training on how to judge a photo), meet together to judge the photos prior to viewing.
- Said photos are judged on a score of 0-15 based on what we call the ITC system, meaning Impact, Technical and Creativity. Each of these receive a score of 1-5.
- Based on the star grading that you received from your portfolio, you will receive a gold, silver or bronze for your image.

### **What do I need to know about monthly submission, Photovault and the uploading of photos?**

- Photovault is a PSSA (Photography Society of SA) approved website to upload and manage your photographs for competition submissions.
- A Photovault account will be opened on your behalf if you don't already have one.
- A member may enter photos in the theme as well as the open category.
- A minimum of 2 photos for the theme is required before open images will be accepted.
- Photos need to be given an applicable name which is important as far as letting the judges know what you are wanting them to see.
- Photos need to be resized to 1600px x 1200px for landscape. Portrait will be a maximum of 1200px high. Both with a maximum file size of 1mb.

### **When do I get my scores?**

- Images are viewed and scores given at the meeting proceeding the judging.
- Scores are given and the judges give feedback on the images.
- If you are not present at the feedback, your scores can be seen on your Photovault account minus the feedback that was given.
- Scores and awards are accumulated and prizes are given at the year end prize giving function.

### **How do outings work?**

- The club aims at an outing per quarter which lines up with some of the upcoming themes.
- We also encourage spontaneous outings by members themselves.
- We have started a wildlife and birding group who will be organizing different outings throughout the year.
- We will be organizing training outings during the week for those who wish to join.

### **What is the Photography weekend about?**

- The photography weekend away is about photography, team building and loads of fun.
- We try to find accommodation that is suitable for all and not too far from Gansbaai.

### **Other important information?**

- The current programme, together with brief on each theme can be seen here <https://gbpc.co.za/gbpc-program-2020.pdf>
- The training is done mostly in English but explanations will be given in Afrikaans if needed.