



# NEWSLETTER



Produced for the benefit of the Scottish members of the PSA

## GDPR REGULATIONS

With the current regulations in force we are obliged to inform you that we only store your contact details to enable us to send information to you from time to time. If however you do not want to be contacted by the Scotland Membership Director please let me know and I will remove your details from the database.

## BUYBACK RULES

You can download the full set of rules here <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?stars-and-ropa> - scroll to the bottom of the page to see the link. The Buy Back rules have been simplified considerably and it is now easier for members to take advantage of the acceptances they gained prior to joining.



## Covid - 19

*As always I hope you are all safe and well.*

*The photographic season is drawing to a close but many clubs have managed to continue to hold some remote meetings, competitions and talks. A vaccine is now with us and many of us have been given our first vaccine jab. Hopefully it will be the gateway to a near normal life again.*

*How and when are we going to be in a position to get back to some form of normality.... still to be confirmed!*

## PSA BOARD MEETING - April 2021

*The board meeting will be organised over 3 days and held remotely. The format will be the same as last year. The PSA president, vice president and all the individual vice presidents give a summary of the reports they had previously submitted. Various motions were put to the board and voted on on the final day.*

*I've not yet seen the board papers but would hope to be able to report in the June newsletter.*

*I gave notice to the Board last month that I am stepping down from the position of Membership VP. I believe that I can better serve the PSA members in the other roles I undertake for PSA.*





## MEMBERS WEBINARS

Log in to the PSA website, select Education Webinar Recordings and all the webinars can be viewed.

More webinars are being arranged and for more up to date information visit this link.

**<https://psa-photo.org/index.php?webinar-info>**

## PSA LOGO

If you are using the PSA logo please make sure that it is the latest version - the version with the registered trademark symbol ® not the copyright © symbol. You can download the logo here **<https://psa-photo.org/index.php?psa-logos>**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PSA cannot function without a huge team of volunteers. Opportunities for volunteering are posted regularly on this page

**<https://psa-photo.org/index.php?present-volunteer-opportunities>**

## NEW DISCOUNTS

*Did you know that as a member of PSA you are now entitled to a FREE PSA Edition SlickPic account, worth \$50?*

*Want to take up the offer?*

*Just visit the PSA Discount page, watch the video and CLICK on the link.*

*<https://psa-photo.org/index.php?membership-member-discounts>*

*Encourage others to join PSA to take advantage of this great offer CLICK on the "Join PSA NOW" button and start the process.*

*While you are there take a look at the other discounts available to members:*

*KelbyOne - Save \$20 on an annual Pro membership.*

*SKYLUM - Luminar 4 & Aurora HDR - Save 20%*

## NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY -

*The new Nature Photography Judges Guide has been receiving some good responses from exhibitions and individuals.*

*Link to the new guide <https://psa-photo.org/useruploads/files/nature/nature-photography-judges-guide-2020-06-26.pdf>*

*This January Norbert Heil, APSA, MPSA, EFIAP/b, has appointed a committee to review exhibition results and give feedback to exhibitions and judges on their results. This will be similar to the Travel guidance given by the Travel group set up last year.*

*I volunteered for the new task. In 2021 all salons/circuits will be reviewed if they have one or more nature sections. The review will look at all awarded images to see if they follow the rules. The panel will not rejudge the images, the idea of the review will be to give chairmen and judges help and encourage them to take a closer look to the rules of nature. Details will be discussed by the panel.*

## Nature Division Opportunity

*The position of Coordinator for Club Competitions in the Nature Division of PSA is vacant. If interested please contact the secretary of the Division, Heide Stover, at [nd-secretary@psa-photo.org](mailto:nd-secretary@psa-photo.org)*



## Have you had success in International Salons?

*It would be interesting for members to hear of your experiences and to see some of your successful images.*

## Personal Websites

*If you have a website why not share it with other members. Give us the link so we can include it in the next Newsletter.*

## PSA Study Groups

*PSA has study groups in most of their divisions for those with varying photographic interests - for a complete list of study groups and links to each, go to: <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?study-groups> or choose the link from the Divisions navigation tab to Study Groups.*

## VIDEO TO PROMOTE PSA

*A video called "You and Your Photography" has been produced and you can view it at <https://player.vimeo.com/video/268851531>*

## APPLYING FOR PSA DISTINCTIONS

*Anyone thinking of applying for PSA STARS or ROPA distinctions should visit the PSA website for information.*

*<https://psa-photo.org/index.php?overview-of-stars-and-ropa-2>*

*If you need a record of what PSA hold on the EDAS please feel free to contact me and, if you give me the necessary information, I can give you a copy for preparing your application.*

## EXHIBITION RECOGNITION SYSTEM - PSAERS

*The online Exhibition Recognition application system is reported to be functioning well. There was some delay in catching up on the backlog but Arnab Chakraborty and his team are confident that that the backlog will soon be cleared.*

*The Star Ratings Directors have managed to process 298 applications in February.*

## PSA PHOTO FESTIVAL 2021 Rapid City, South Dakota

*The 82nd Annual PSA Photo Festival is still planned for October 6th to October 9th 2021. Lots of programs and events being arranged for what should be a great experience for everyone attending.*

## 5-Year reduced fee membership Programme

**5** Five-Year Reduced-fee Membership Promotion

**PSA Membership \$36 per Year**

As we come through this difficult time, take this opportunity to join PSA or renew your membership and save money!

**PSA** Photographic Society of America

Digital Membership for new or renewing members—Save \$9 per year, \$45 over five years, one year free!

## Galleries on the PSA Website

Any PSA individual member (not a club) can create a photo gallery on the PSA website by doing the following:

- a) Log in.
- b) Click on the "Members Only" button.
- c) Select the "PSA Gallery Upload" link.
- d) Select the link for the appropriate type of gallery

## DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS

Discounts can be accessed through this page <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?membership-member-discounts>. You have to log in to the PSA website to see these discounts.

If you come across any discount opportunities or have any questions about discounts for PSA members please contact the Discount Program Co-ordinator, Sam Berzin [discount-coordinator@psa-photo.org](mailto:discount-coordinator@psa-photo.org)

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## New On-Line Education Courses Available

The Online Education team is excited to announce the introduction of two brand new courses; Advanced Photo Travel and Introduction to Photoshop are now being offered by PSA to all members. We have also recently added Creating Images for PSA Competitions and Exhibitions (replacing Creating Competitive Images) and Portrait Photography (replacing Portraits in Natural Light). There are currently 9 courses to choose from that cover a wide range of topics. All on-line courses are free to members, you just need to log into your account and go to <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?education-online-courses> to sign up for a course today.

## Become a PSA -Instructor

If you are interested in being an instructor for the education program at PSA, please let us know. The requirements are quite simple:

- a) You must be a member of PSA.
- b) You will get to choose the area you feel most passionate about (you don't need qualifications in teaching or education, in fact you don't even have to have PSA honours)
- c) You will be asked to undertake the course you are interested in to show that you fully understand the course content.
- d) If this goes well, you will then undergo a supported training program to develop and demonstrate your 'instructor' skills.
- e) Review the courses at <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?education-online-courses>

Please contact, Stephanie Sioras at [education-administrator@psa-photo.org](mailto:education-administrator@psa-photo.org)

## IF YOU NEED TO PRINT YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD

Log in to the PSA website <https://psa-photo.org> Click on the "Members Only" button

Click on the "Membership Tools" link

Click on the "Manage my Membership" link

Click on the "Print my PSA Membership Card" link

Click on the "Print Membership Card as PDF" link