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First Meeting of the 2026-27 Season – In-Person September 15th

We’re looking forward to getting together in person on September 15th at the Port Stalashen Clubhouse (address and access instructions below). We will talk about the program we have planned for the fall – outlined in the [program overview](#) at the end of the newsletter.

More importantly we will review images that members are considering for submission to the CAPA Nature/Wildlife competition. There are more competition details [below](#) and MJ, our competition coordinator, sent out a competition notice by email on the 27th of August.

Please send images you are considering submitting for this Nature/Wildlife Competition to me at millpondsailor@gmail.com following the CAPA image [guidelines](#), by September 13th at the latest, earlier if possible. This members’ review is a chance to have a conversation and get

feedback on any questions you might have about your image(s): which is the strongest image? Does the title work? Have I missed something which might improve the photo?

We will also watch a presentation that Steve Bulman has prepared, titled “Eyes of Laura Mars.” He will talk about his experience of trying to see a scene through the eyes of another person to expand his photographs beyond his usual way of seeing and presenting a story.

During the summer the Sunshine Coast Equestrian Club held three “Barrels, Burgers and Beverages” events. We encouraged our members to head up to photograph barrel racing and pole bending. I know of two who went; perhaps others took the opportunity as well. If you have 3 to 6 photos you’d like to show and discuss, please send them to millpondsailor@gmail.com by the 13th of September and I’ll put a review show together for our first meeting. Since our numbers were small, if you have taken photos at other equestrian or rodeo events this summer that you would like to show us, send a few along to me as well.

We had a Photo Walk to Clayton Park in Sechelt last April; attendance was low, but if you have images from Clayton Park, from that Walk **or from another visit to the park**, please send 3-6 photos along to me at millpondsailor@gmail.com by the 13th of September and we will review your images and your experience.

See you on Tuesday the 15th of September.

Access to the Port Stalashen Clubhouse (1585 Field Road) is via the enterphone just before the gate. Come to the gate, dial **3161** on the enterphone, which will connect to Karen Abrahamson’s phone; she will let you in. Consider parking in the parking area by the causeway, walk to the gate and use the enterphone. If there is an issue, call Karen at 604-

And a reminder for members to send in their annual fee \$50 through e-transfer to sunshinecoastcameraclub@gmail.com. For more details see [Joining our Club](#) below.

CAPA Coast to Coast Photo Walks 2026 – 19th September

The Canadian Association for Photographic Art has encouraged clubs across Canada to host photo walks on the 19th of September (<https://capacanada.ca/photo-walk/>). Our club is participating again this year, and our photo walk location is Smuggler Cove Provincial Park. Please join us. Although not necessary, it is helpful if you register at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1zHaWMfrpCMYkR5x4vqCuvUisj4vfAiR_LcpNaFw55YnuUg/viewform.

We will meet at the Smuggler Cove Marine Provincial Park (5172 Brooks Rd, Halfmoon Bay) at 10 AM September 19. Following the walk, we will get together around noon at Halfmoon General Café, 5642 Mintie Road in Halfmoon Bay.

If you have questions or wish a ride, get in touch with Bruce Pond, (millpondsailor@gmail.com 705-772-9438)

This second annual CAPA Photo Walk brings photographers together from coast to coast, and everywhere in between. This is a day to celebrate photography, community, and creativity.

Everyone is invited to join — CAPA members, non-members, photo clubs, camera enthusiasts, and curious beginners alike. You will be able to share your photos and CAPA will showcase them in Canadian Photography magazine and online. Photo submission details will be sent to you on the day, if you register.

Get ready to walk, shoot, and share!

Our SCCC Challenge on the CAPA Photo Walk:

We have planned a SCCC Club-specific Challenge in which walkers will take some time to photograph an iconic view of a forest of drowned trees and one diagonal trunk. We will see how differently, or similarly, we see this feature. Here is one of Phil Harrison's takes on it:



The viewpoint is about 500m along the Smuggler Cove path on the boardwalk looking to the left (south) across the beaver flood. Here is a map of the approximate viewpoint and direction of view.



Club Photo Walks 2026

Two of our members are interested in leading photo walks on the other side of Howe Sound. Phil Harrison wishes to revisit the decommissioned Riverview Hospital in Coquitlam. Janet Slater produced a video of the photos from last year's walk which highlighted the spooky nature of the location. Check out her video:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eTffIEGMdTZcoMTKtLGyLeF-X2hXUypW/view?usp=sharing>.

Phil is planning to return, with the goal of emphasizing or exploiting the spooky character of the site. We will discuss potential dates at our September meeting. If you will not be at the meeting but are interested in attending the Riverview Photo Walk, please let Phil know (thebigph@gmail.com) so he can include you in the planning.

Bruce Pond is interested in visiting the Steveston maritime and fisheries museum exhibits (<https://staging.stevestonheritage.ca/explore/exhibits/>) and would be happy to organize a photo walk there. We will gauge interest at our September meeting. If there is interest, then we work out details of dates and transportation. If you would like to go, please get in touch with Bruce at millpondsailor@gmail.com.

If you have an idea for a photo walk, or you would like to be our photo walk coordinator, please let Phil or Bruce know.

CAPA Nature/Wildlife Competition Review – 15th of September

The Canadian Association for Photographic Art (CAPA) photo competition on Nature/Wildlife is the first that our club is entering this season. The sub-themes are i) Botanical, ii) Insects Reptiles and Amphibians, iii) Landscape, iv) Nature and v) Wildlife; check the CAPA webpage for sub-theme details: (<https://capacanada.ca/2026-nature-wildlife-competition-clubs/>)

As a club we can enter up to six images which we select from our members' submissions. If there are more than six members submitting photos, MJ will send them out to an independent judge to select the top six. If you have Nature or Wildlife images, new or old, which you might submit and for which you would like constructive feedback on any elements in the photos: e.g. which of two or three images is strongest, or getting help with titling or choosing sub-theme, or considering alternate composition choices, or questions you would like to discuss ... send your images to Bruce (millpondsailor@gmail.com) by September 13th at the latest, sooner if possible.

CAPA Club Competitions for 2026-27

The following table indicates the club competitions which we are planning to enter in the coming season. Have a look at the themes and start thinking about what you might enter in each of them.

Competition specific details are at <https://capacanada.ca/capa-competitions/>

Theme	Competition Deadline	SCCC Deadline	Sub Themes
CAPA - Nature / Wildlife	Oct 15 th	Oct 1 st	Botanical, Insects Reptiles and Amphibians, Landscapes, Nature Wildlife
CAPA – Monochrome	Nov 15 th	Nov 1 st	Textures and Details, Motion and Stillness, Isolation and Solitude, Working hand
CAPA - Fine Art	Jan 30 th	Jan 15 th	Abstracts and Creative Vision, Human form and Expression, landscapes, Motion and Time, Still life
NSPS - Open theme ?	Around Feb ?	Jan -ish	Usually open theme
CAPA - Colour Competition	Mar 2 nd	Feb 16 th	Curves and lines, Movement and energy, Nature's palette, Colour with a Human Touch, Colours of Culture
CAPA - Canada My Country	Apr 15 th	Apr 1 st	Atlantic, Pacific, Prairie, Ontario, Quebec

SC Astronomy Club Speaker Bob McDonald: "Perspectives on a Planet"

We received this note from Laurelai Ennis of the Sunshine Coast Astronomy Club:

"We'd like to extend an invitation to your members to attend a special meeting at the Astronomy Club. Bob McDonald, host of CBC Radio's Quirks and Quarks will be speaking. We are also holding a silent auction of Erwin Diener's astrophotography with starting bids of \$50 for these six large-scale (some as large as 27x40") photographs mounted on foamcore. I think your members would find both to be of interest.

Saturday Sept 12 6:30-9 in the Auditorium of the Sechelt Seniors Activity Centre. Suggested donation for this Evening of Discovery is \$20."

Bob McDonald's talk is titled: "Perspectives on a Planet." The auction begins at 6:30 and Bob's talk starts at 7:00.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Sunshinecoastastronomy/>



Photo Opportunities in the Coast Reporter and Sunshine Coast Life Magazine

I asked Bronwyn Beairsto, editor of the Coast Reporter, whether the newspaper would be interested in publishing photos from our members. She replied saying "...anyone is welcome to submit photos to editor@coastreporter.net (me)! We love these insights into people on the

Coast. We don't generally compensate (except in exceptional circumstances) as our freelance budget goes toward our arts and culture coverage, and I don't guarantee publication, but when I have space, I love to include them!"

She added that photos suited for the "Special Places" page at the end of the Sunshine Coast Life magazine are also welcome, and that there is compensation for that. If you have a beautiful photo you'd like to share on the "Special Places" page, send it to Shelley Ackerman (coastlifeeditorial@gmail.com), the magazine's managing editor.

Have a look at the last page of the Sunshine Coast Life Magazine <http://sunshinecoastlife.net/> to see what kinds of images they have selected. You can now pick up a print copy of the Fall 2026 edition which was just published this past Friday with the Coast Reporter.

What are you up to Photographically?

We encourage our members to make short presentations on topics of interest to them and our club members. These might include:

- My Relationship to Photography
- Body of Work
- Photo Trip Showcase – show us your style, and your perception of a place and people.
- A particular project – show us how you solved a problem, or used a new technique or went from vision, through shutter release, to final image.
- Photos from a workshop

These illustrated talks would usually be about 15 minutes long, either as a video or as a narrated slide show. Please contact Phil Harrison, or Bruce Pond if you would like to make a presentation to the club. We look forward to hearing from you.

Joining our Club

We welcome new members of all ages, abilities, and interests; (**AND** returning members please send in your dues ☺). We plan the program for twice monthly meetings - generally on the first and third Tuesdays and we take a break during July and August. Want to see if our club is right for you? Prospective members are invited to attend an initial 2 meetings for free before deciding whether to join. You are also welcome to join us on a photo walk.

Annual fee is \$50.00, and our season runs from September 1 to August 31. Fee for membership applied for in or after January is \$30.00.

Payment can be made directly through e-transfer to sunshinecoastcameraclub@gmail.com. (Please make a note in the transfer that this is for membership fees for 2026-2027. Auto-deposit has been set up, so no security question is needed).

For further options to pay and additional information on membership, please contact our membership coordinator, Nancy Nederlof, at: nnederlo@gmail.com.

London Drugs Discount Agreement – 30% off on most processing

Last year we had 30 members eligible for the 30% discount on most processing at the Gibsons store. The agreement also includes a 10% discount on most equipment and printer supplies. The discount does not apply to work which London Drugs contracts out, e.g. slide and photo scanning.

To take advantage of the discount, indicate at the photo counter that you are a member of the Sunshine Coast Camera Club and wish to receive the discount. If the staff person seems unfamiliar with the agreement, you might ask them to check with a manager, (I've worked with Claire Robinson). You will need to show ID, which they will check against the list of members' names. If there are questions or wrinkles to work out, get in touch with me (705-772-9438) or Phil Harrison.

We will be submitting a new members list around the end of September, so if you are planning to join the club, please get your membership fee in ([See Joining our Club](#))

Use the IGA Cash Cards; help keep Club Fees low.

A reminder that when you use the club IGA cash cards, the club receives a percentage back. Even if you don't usually shop at IGA in Wilson Creek, Gibsons, or Madeira Park, step in sometime and use the card to buy even a few items; every little bit helps. If you have friends who shop at IGA and might be interested in helping the club; consider asking them if they would use an IGA card for us.

If you don't have an IGA card, please get in touch with Nancy Nederlof (nnederlo@gmail.com). You "load" them with your funds, by cash or credit or debit card, at a cashier, or the service desk, and then pay for groceries with the card. If you are uncertain about your balance, ask the cashier to check before they start ringing in your purchases. When the balance on the card gets low, ask the cashier to reload it. It's simple and helps keep our membership fees low.

Photo Submission Guidelines

We use the same photo submission guidelines for our member review photo shows as CAPA requires for competition entries. Here they are:

- The image should have a maximum width of 1400 and a maximum height of 1050 pixels.
- Name your image files with your name followed by a dash (-) followed by the image title; e.g. "Bruce Pond-Guardians.jpg".
- To indicate your priority of images (e.g. if we ask for three but may have to use only two) please add a ranking suffix e.g. "Bruce Pond-Guardians_01.jpg".
- Submit the images to Bruce Pond (millpondsailor@gmail.com) with the theme keyword, e.g. KasStone, in the subject line.

2026-27 Program Overview



(All meetings start at 7PM, unless otherwise indicated in the program))

Tan highlight indicates a Zoom meeting. Yellow indicates “not a Tuesday”	
Blue highlight indicates in-person meeting at Port Stalashen Clubhouse, Wilson Creek	
Yellow indicate Club social gathering	
Mauve indicates CAPA Competition deadline (To MJ)	
Green indicates Photo Walk	
Orange indicates BC/Yukon Interclub Speaker	
Date	Program
15-Sep-2026	• Present proposed program for year • Pre-competition Members’ review of CAPA Nature/Wildlife entries • Members’ review of Barrels, Burger and Beverages Photo walk. • Your favourite or most significant images or a project from the last 4 months: a. Steve Bulman: “Eyes of Laura Mars” • Discussion with members: a. Request member presentations. b. Member activity ideas c. Photo walks interest, locations and dates i. Riverview ii. Steveston iii. On the coast? d. Mentoring possibility: needs and mentors e. Special Interest Groups (SIGs) e.g. ON1 software
19-Sep-2025 10AM	CAPA 2 nd Annual Photo Walk at Smuggler Cove Provincial Park 10AM Sept 19 th Everyone welcome, member or non-member, friend, adult, or child Register at: https://capacanada.ca/photo-walk/
1-Oct-2026	Submission Deadline to MJ CAPA – Nature/Wildlife: a) Botanical. b) Insects, reptiles and amphibians, c) Landscapes. d) Nature. e) Wildlife https://capacanada.ca/2026-nature-wildlife-competition/
6-Oct-2026	Joe Edelman "Critiques Suck: How to get USEFUL feedback on your photography" https://www.joedelman.com/photography-presentations/photography-critiques

20-Oct-2026	• Pre-competition review - CAPA Monochrome • CAPA Smuggler Cove Photo Walk photo review • Photo Captioning “Your Photo – My Caption” • Members presentation ○ Bruce Pond: My First Undercover Photo Engagement
1-Nov-2026	Submission Deadline to MJ CAPA – Monochrome: a) Texture & Detail. b) Motion & Stillness. c) Isolation & Solitude d) Working Hand (https://capacanada.ca/2026-monochrome-competition/)
3-Nov-2026	Dee Potter: “Exploration in Photography: A Journey Through Urban Landscapes, Natural Wonders, and Fascinating Faces” https://deepotter.com/speaking-engagements
17-Nov-2026	• “Your Photo My Edit” Review. • Members’ presentations •
1-Dec-2026	• Review of theme from Dee Potter’s Presentation (3-Nov) • Members’ review of North Shore Photographic Challenge – Open theme.
15-Dec-2026	Winter Social • Meeting up 18h00 - Dinner 19h00-ish • Blackfish Pub, 966 Venture Way, Gibsons
1-Jan-2027	Submission Deadline to MJ Northshore Photo Challenge - Usually Open Theme
5-Jan-2027	• Members critique CAPA Fine Art
15-Jan-2027	Submission Deadline to MJ CAPA – Fine Art a) Abstract & Creative Vision. b) Human Form & Expression. c) Landscape. d) Motion & Time. e) Still Life. (https://capacanada.ca/2027-fine-art-competition/)
19-Jan-2027	Members critique CAPA Colour

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