

2009 NorthStar International Circuit **of Nature Photography**

Now including the Minnesota Botany International Salon

The NorthStar Circuit is a digital image only salon. A participant may enter both of the categories in each salon and may enter a total of twelve images (four for General Nature, four for Wildlife and four for the Minnesota Botany). Entries with more than twelve images will have only twelve images projected (those images will be determined by the General Chairman).

Host Club: **3M Club Camera Club**

General Chairperson: **Michael Prokosch**
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The NorthStar Circuit will be comprised of six individual International Salons conducted from November 14, 2009 until December 12, 2009. Five of the International Salons will be comprised of two sections: General Nature Digital Images and Wildlife Nature Digital Images. The Minnesota Nature Photography Club Salon will be comprised of two sections: General Nature Digital Images and Botany Digital Images (the Minnesota Botany International). A single catalog of results will be published for the six salons. All correspondence should be addressed to the General Chairman.

96 Medals

The six salons of this International Circuit will each give sixteen medals, the medals given for each salon are:

General Nature Digital Sections

PSA Gold Best of Show
Best Botany
Best Zoology
Best Avian
Best Landscape
4 Medals without Designation

Wildlife Nature Digital Sections

Nature Gold Best Wildlife
Best North American Species
Best Wildlife Behavior
4 Medals without Designation

Minnesota Botany Digital Section

Nature Gold Best Botany
Best Botanical Pattern (Leslie P. Hanson Award)
Best Non-Flowering Plant
4 Medals without Designation

Calendar

Closing Date	November 10, 2009	Little Crow PC Judging	December 5, 2009
		Report Card	December 11, 2009
3MCCC Judging	November 14, 2009	Minnesota Nature Judging	December 12, 2009
Report Card	November 19, 2009	Report Card	December 18, 2009
TCACCC Judging	November 14, 2009	North Metro PC Judging	December 13, 2009
Report Card	November 19, 2009	Report Card	December 19, 2009
East Troy Judging	November 21, 2009	Return of Slides	February 1, 2010
Report Card	November 16, 2009	Catalog Distribution	February 15, 2010

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Entry Fees

Maximum of 4 images per category. No additional charge for entry into the Minnesota Botany section. Please make checks payable to **3M Club Camera Club**.

	<u>One Section</u>	<u>Two Sections</u>
North American	\$25.00	\$30.00
All Other Entrants	\$30.00	\$35.00

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Additional information, entry forms and updates can be viewed on www.cameracouncil.org

Host Organizations:

3M Club Camera Club

Twin Cities Area Council of Camera Clubs

Western Wisconsin Photographic Club

East Troy Viewfinders Camera Club

Minnesota Nature Photography Club

Little Crow Photography Club

North Metro Photo Club

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Congratulations...to the sponsors of this photographic exhibition for meeting or exceeding all criteria established for approval by the Photographic Society of America (PSA). Awards and acceptances received by PSA members in approved sections of this exhibition are eligible for prestigious PSA Star Ratings. The Photographic Society of America is one of the world's largest photographic organizations. For information about more than one hundred services and activities offered, write to:

psa
PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA
3000 UNITED FOUNDERS BLVD, SUITE 103
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73112



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Conditions of Entry

1. The record keeping for this Circuit is completely computerized. All titles must be limited to 35 characters, including spaces. Titles longer than 35 characters will be truncated in both our records and our catalog.
2. This Circuit, open to everyone, everywhere, will be conducted per the recommended procedures of PSA. Accepted entries will be eligible for Who's Who and Star Ratings in Nature Division.
3. Entries accepted in a previous NorthStar Circuit or entries essentially identical are ineligible.
4. Each entry must be accompanied by appropriate entry fee and completed entry form.
5. Foreign entries must send USA funds or a check payable to 3M Club Camera Club drawn on a USA bank. ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT APPROPRIATE FEE WILL NOT BE JUDGED NOR BE RETURNED.
6. All Catalogs will be in an electronic form and will be delivered by e-mail or as a CD.
7. Care will be taken to protect all entries; however, responsibility is not assumed for loss or damage.
8. Entries must originate as photographs (image-captures of objects via light sensitivity) made by the entrant on photographic emulsion or acquired digitally. By virtue of submitting an entry, the entrant certifies the work as his own and permits the sponsors to reproduce all or part of the entered material free of charge for publication and/or display in media related to the exhibition. This may include low resolution posting on a website. The exhibition assumes no liability of any misuse of copyright. All final work must be submitted as an electronic file.
9. Judging order: an entrant's four images will be distributed throughout four rounds of judging.
10. It is desirable for all digital images to be submitted as defined by the PSA rules and presented on a CD. If you must send your entries by e-mail, the Chairperson's approval is required before sending the images (the chair will be unavailable to respond from October 14, 2009 until November 8, 2009).
11. Digital entries must be in JPEG format, maximum of 1024 pix horizontal and maximum of 768 vertical (please keep individual files smaller than 500 kB).
12. Digital files must be coded as follows: file number-any three digit number- your initials.jpg. For example, my first entry in Open Nature would be labeled 1888mjp.jpg and my second entry would be labeled 2888mjp.jpg. Start Wildlife digital images with the file numbers 5 through 8 (ie. 5888mjp.jpg to 8888mjp.jpg). Start Botany digital images with the file numbers B1 through B4 (ie. B1888mjp.jpg to B4888mjp.jpg).
13. No elements may be moved, cloned, added, deleted, rearranged or combined. No manipulation or modification is permitted except resizing, cropping, selective lightening or darkening, and restoration of original color of the scene. No special effect filters can be applied. Any sharpening must appear natural.

Judges

Experienced and Qualified judges will be used in all sections. Judges names and qualifications will be provided in the catalog of results for this circuit

NATURE DEFINITIONS

Nature photography is restricted to the use of the photographic process to depict observations from all branches of natural history, except anthropology and archeology, in such a fashion that a well informed person will be able to identify the subject material and to certify as to its honest presentation. The story-telling value of a photograph *must* be weighed more than the pictorial quality. Human elements shall not be present, except on the rare occasion where those human elements enhance the nature story. The presence of scientific bands on wild animals is acceptable. Photographs of artificially produced hybrid plants or animals, mounted specimens, or obviously set arrangements, are ineligible, as is any form of manipulation that alters the truth of the photographic statement.

"Authentic Wildlife" is defined as one or more organisms living free and unrestrained in a natural or adopted habitat. Therefore, photographs of zoo animals or game farm animals are *not* eligible for the PSA Wildlife medal or in the Wildlife Sections of the Circuit.

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Entry Form - General Digital Nature Section

Entry No. _____

NAME _____
Family Name

Honors _____
(PSA)

Address _____

Star Rating _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

e-Mail _____

No. _____ Title of Entries-35 letters Max

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Send All Entries to:

*NorthStar Nature Circuit
Michael Prokosch
1501 East Highway 96
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
USA*

Entry Form - Wildlife Digital Nature Section

Entry No. _____

all entries must conform with the PSA Authentic Wildlife Definition

NAME _____
Family Name

Honors _____
(PSA)

Address _____

Star Rating _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

e-Mail _____

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Entry Form - Minnesota Botany Digital Section

Entry No. _____

NAME _____

Honors _____

Family Name

(PSA)

Address _____

Star Rating _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

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