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## Newsletter of the Placer Camera Club



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**Placer Camera Club** meets the third Tuesday of each month, except August, at 7:00PM in the Beecher Room of the Auburn Placer County Library, 350 Nevada Street, Auburn, Ca. **Visitors Welcome!**

This month's meeting will be Tuesday **Jan 17<sup>th</sup>**. Informal gathering at **6:30** with the meeting starting **promptly** at **7 PM**.

### **This month.....**

We have **Image Evaluations**. The judge will be **Truman Holtzclaw**. Please send your digital entries to [placercameraclub@gmail.com](mailto:placercameraclub@gmail.com) no later than noon on Tuesday Jan 17<sup>th</sup>.

We now have **8 categories**: Open, Travel, Landscape, People, Wild Nature, Domestic Nature, Photo Journalism and Artistic Expression.

Members can enter images in any category or a mix of categories. A total of 4 images may be entered.

**Jerry Berry** will give a short presentation on in camera special effects.

In March we will have our **annual auction**. This is an auction for photographic related equipment. It is a silent auction and the items will be on display during the meeting for you to bid on. The club will take 20% up to a maximum of \$20. This is your chance to sell some equipment you may not be using. I'll send out the auction form in February.

The February issue of the Placer Camera Club newsletter will see a new editor. **Jim Cormier** has agreed to take over the editing chores for the newsletter. Jim has an extensive background in graphics and will bring that knowledge to use for our newsletter.

See you Jan 17<sup>th</sup>!

Mike Schumacher

President – Placer Camera Club

### **Event Calendar**

**Jan 17**

Monthly meeting  
Image evaluations  
Judge Truman  
Holtzclaw

**Feb 21**

Monthly Meeting  
Image Evaluations  
Judge Jeff Burkholder

**March 20**

Monthly Meeting  
Theme Night  
Annual Auction  
Print Night

**April 17**

Monthly Meeting  
Image Evaluations  
Judge Keith Sutter

*See last page for club  
officers & committees*

Bruce Gregory sends us the following.....

Lightweight, sturdy, portable Camera Rest for use from your car or outside the vehicle.



[Puffin Pad, Light Weight Camera Rest, an Alternative to the Beanbag](#)

[Buy new:](#) \$29.95

"The *PUFFIN PAD* is a Light-Weight Alternative to the Beanbag"

I received one for Christmas, haven't had a chance to try it out yet. It looks very stable, and on the underside is a circular indent for the top of a fence post. It's extremely light, but won't fit in your pocket. You can use it upside down on a flat surface. It looks very usable to me. It's a lot more expensive than a piece of foam pipe insulation. It's made to go over the door of your car & secure on a bit of rolled up window. It's refuge season & I can't wait to try it out on one of the auto tour loops.

This is a copy/paste from Amazon, but it's also available at places like B&H, Adorama, Hunts Photo, etc..

Bruce Gregory

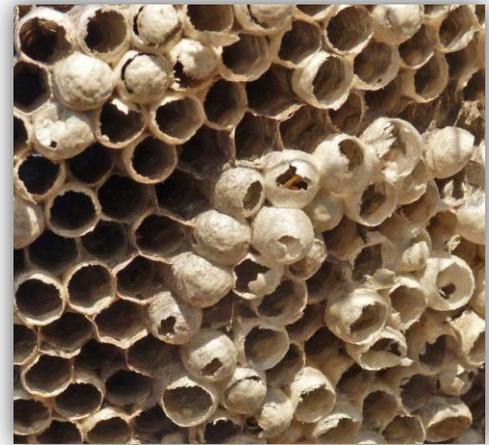
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## A visit to Cosumnes and Gray Lodge by Judy Hooper

Merry Christmas, here are a few of the pictures I took on Christmas day, at the **Cosumnes River Preserve**. What a great way to spend the day, and I didn't have to cook or clean up anything. The birds were very cooperative, and sat still, far enough away but I used a 600mm lens on a tripod and got a few good shots. The great white Egret caught a mole and was in a hurry to have lunch, that was the clearest of many . 4pm showed me a great sunset. I also took my film camera and shot some Black and White, not developed yet. Judy



It's New Years day so I went to **Gray Lodge** to shoot birds. Everyone else was hunting with guns. You could hear them all day long, no wonder most of the birds were hiding. It was a beautiful day and I got a few shots in myself. The buzzards were all around, waiting for the hunters to leave. The swans were shot on the way there. Check out the wasp nest you can still see a wasp in the nest. I saw a Green Heron, lots of ducks and coots, a few geese' and lots and lots of buzzards. A great way to start the new year. Judy



**If you are interested in information on the wildlife refuges see Mike Schumacher, Judy Hooper, Bruce Gregory or Jim White at the meeting.**

## WHAT JUDGES LOOK FOR IN PHOTOS

You're probably wondering why we pick one image over another; there actually are some simple rules of photography we look for in each photo. Common mistakes are:

- (1) A photo out of focus, either the whole photo or part of it in an important location such as the bottom front of the print
- (2) Too much "clutter" in the picture. We want our attention to go directly to the subject, not see a lot of competing, but not necessary, clutter around it.
- (3) Exposure - is the picture too light or too dark to easily see the subject.
- (4) Poor lighting, a "flat" image where rocks, subject, sky, etc. all blend together without different shadows, colors, etc. or the opposite where the sun might bleach out the lighter parts of the image, giving no texture to those areas.

There are other more subtle criteria we look for; placement of the subject, size of the subject within the image, etc. but the 4 listed above are the first and foremost most commonly seen, easily correctible problems that usually cause a photo to be eliminated.

For more specific guidelines, please feel free to drop in on any of our Placer Camera Club meetings and ask questions! We have meetings the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 at the Beecher Room in the Library off Nevada Street. We have short programs, critique our own images, have "how-to" presentations and to end it all, great desserts!!



### **Board Members**

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## **Placer Camera Club Webpage**

Check out the Placer Camera Club webpage.

<http://placercameraclub.org>

*Don't forget our tutorials webpage. It's  
at:*

<http://www.placercameraclub.org/tutorials/index.html>

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## **Huey Monitor Calibration**

The club has a Huey monitor calibration system for use by club members.

Contact Judy Hooper to 'check out' Huey.

530-888-8308.