



## Monthly Newsletter of the Wodonga Albury Camera Club

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#### Double Exposure – Paatsch Shield

How did the Paatsch Shield start? **Jen Fawkes** recalls: As all good things do, with a few friends, an idea tossed around by Brian Paatsch, and someone makes it happen! As to the details of when, where, who and what was hand-shaken on I'm not sure I remember clearly, but I think it was at the 2012 VAPS Convention Dinner. If I remember rightly I probably had had a few wines and would have agreed to anything – it seemed like a good idea at the time. We discussed it at our committee, agreed it would be a good idea and thought it would happen sometime in the future.

Roll on a few months and we get an invitation to join WACC at the Amulet Winery for the Highland Games in August. I looked back at the flyer I sent out and it confirms that I didn't realise that this was to be the first Paatsch Shield. We certainly did when we arrived! There was a full complement of WACC members in the carpark, complete with their banner – four of us turned up (two were complete beginners). Clearly I had missed something somewhere! What has developed is an annual activity that has become the envy of other clubs in Victoria. A fun, friendly, shared opportunity to get out and do what we do best – play at being fabulous photographers.

I look forward to the briefing over a hot cup of coffee and the nervous laughs from BCC (it's our turn to play host this year). A photographic opportunity that I may not get elsewhere, meeting WACC members who are quickly becoming both friends and enemies and the usual post-shoot brief and wine at the local pub. It's a great day and I wouldn't miss it.

I look forward to catching up with you all again on the 16<sup>th</sup> August. Just remember – we've already made friends with them ghosts at the asylum (add spooky tone of voice – hahahahaha) and I'll leave you to ponder how that happened!

**Brian Paatsch** remembers: Saturday night, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2012 in the City of Ballarat.

The formal functions of the annual VAPS convention dinner had concluded and it was time for me to invade a nearby table and help the occupying group consume their remaining bottle/s of wine. It so happened that this friendly group were from the Benalla Camera Club.

In conversation with their then president, Jen Fawkes, there was mutual agreement that a closer social relationship should be established between Wodonga/Albury and Benalla Clubs. If so, such a link had to have some firm foundation on which to grow. Perhaps an annual photographic competition in conjunction with a

#### Diary Dates

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

@ Boomerang Hotel

**7:30pm** General Meeting

Judging - Open

Entries due - Open

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**6:00pm** Opening Night of WACC

Annual Photographic

Exhibition @ GIGS

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**10:00am** Paatsch Shield @

Beechworth

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**7:00pm** Committee Meeting @

residence

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Final day of WACC

Annual Exhibition

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

@ Boomerang Hotel

**7:30pm** General Meeting

Judging - Rust

Entries due - Backlit

social outing was mooted as a possibility. All drank to the idea which would be taken back to each club for further development.

The plan was tabled at the next WACC committee meeting and got the green light: an annual photographic competition, with entries to be in EDI format and all club members given the opportunity to be involved. Furthermore, our club would provide a special shield which would record the winning club and be held until the following year. Images would have to be taken at an annual combined social outing arranged alternatively by each club. Benalla club agreed and so the seed was planted.

When I requested the committee give a name to this event I was informed that it had already been set and approved. "The Paatsch Challenge Shield" Lost for words is the only way one can feel receiving such an honour. My immediate challenge was to find the first venue. A day of Highland Games at the Amulet winery, Beechworth was selected and the rest is history. Members of both clubs returned to this venue 6 weeks later for the first shield presentation day over lunch. This presentation day has added another annual outing for members of both clubs to enjoy socially.

2013 we photographed at Winton with the presentation day at Vines Hotel, Wangaratta

2014 we photographed at a vehicle junk yard in Howlong with the presentation day at the Wangaratta Club.

2015 we will photograph at two venues in Beechworth.

A bonus to these combined photographic /social outings is the great deal of interest and involvement within the membership at both clubs, which can only be a great positive for all concerned.

Whilst the winning of the shield may be the icing on the cake it is the ingredients that make up the photographic social event for members of both clubs and will ensure this event that will continue on into the future.



### Future Competitions:

#### September

Judging: Rust  
Entries Due: Backlit

#### October

Judging: Open  
Entries Due: Open

Happy Photography!

Garry

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**September**  
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