



As we all know, themes play an important part in photography and last January's top entries definitely captured the stories each photographer wanted to convey. Last month, water seemed to be big in the themes tackled by our top enthusiasts. Back-to-back Master Photographer of the Year for 2015 and 2016 Jijo de Guzman started the year with a big bang!



First Place: Jijo de Guzman

His entries – a creek that seems to flow down from Mount Mayon and a calm rocky seaside sunset – went to first and fourth place in the judges' score sheets making him January 2017's top photographer.



Second Place: Kakai Arroyo

Kakai Arroyos' second place entry was taken by the shore in Basque Country in Spain and was recently – just last week – chosen as top photo for the day in National Geographic's Your Shot webpage. On Kakai's Facebook post, she said "para na rin akong nanalo ng Miss Universe!" Her other entry that went to fifth place was a magnificent night view of the Hong Kong skyline. In the third spot is Paul San Pedro and both his shots featured reflections – one was an image of a quaint town by the lake with red gable-roofed houses against a blue and green background created by the aurora borealis. Paul's other entry was a majestic rocky mountain at sunset that was perfectly reflected on a small pool of water.

Placing fourth as top photographer is Adel Samson with his two entries showcasing the

TOP PHOTOGRAPHERS FOR JANUARY

By Jimmy Hermogenes

beauty water in different settings. One is an image of ice melting on a beach that seems to gently recede at sunset and the other, of an old man on a bamboo raft in Ha Long Bay against the dramatic background of limestone islands at sunrise. Next, Joey Antonio's entries were taken from two very different worlds. One is a shot of a sandstone canyon rendered in red and purple that seems to turn something that's rock solid into something that's fluid and flowing. His other entry is almost entirely in white with sprinkles of bright colors from skis and snowboards in a winter resort.

Another entry with water as a backdrop was from Dindin Lagdameo that caught a flock of birds landing and feeding on water, wings spread, one perfectly and vertically aligned on top of the other. "Frozen" seems to be the theme of Tony Cancio's entries that put him in seventh place. A snow-covered rocky mountain range bathe in early morning light



Fourth Place: Adel Samson



Third Place: Paul San Pedro



Sixth Place: Dindin Lagdameo



Seventh Place: Tony Cancio



Eight Place: Bob Sison

evokes the calm of a very good morning for photography. His other entry tells the story of a solitary home by the sea in winter time.

In eighth position is Bob Sison with his landscape shot of a Buddhist temple on a rocky cliff in Bhutan that invites one to pack his gear and head off to the Himalaya mountain range and shoot the day away! A different take on the mother and child theme may describe Master Photographer Rey Ortiz's entry. A mother with obvious joy on her face carries her child on her back right where light and shadow divide the image and seems to allude to the journey into the unknown that both of them are to just starting to make.

Finally, Manny Gaite's silhouette of a boy fishing on calm water wonderfully captures the ripples made by his fishing rod that extend all across the photo and seems convey the effect each one plays in this world.

So there you go folks! This year's Master Cup is off to an exciting start with the January Open Competition. With the upcoming themes already published, let's get our gears packed and ready and explore the world through photography!

CONTEST

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CCP Meeting
January 2017

RANK	PHOTOGRAPHER	ENTRY 1	ENTRY 2	TOTAL
1	De Guzman, Jijo	4.7335	4.6002	9.3337
2	Arroyo, Kakai	4.7087	4.4725	9.1812
3	San Pedro, Paul	4.2022	4.4220	8.6242
4	Samson, Adel	4.3685	4.0920	8.4605
5	Antonio, Joey	4.1507	4.0897	8.2404
6	Lagdameo, Dindin	4.3470	3.7987	8.1457
7	Cancio, Tony	4.6177	3.4055	8.0232
8	Sison, Bob	4.3455	3.5972	7.9427
9	Ortiz, Rey	3.7662	4.0970	7.8632
10	Gaite, Manny	4.0275	3.7562	7.7837
11	Garbanzos, Gino	3.9015	3.8652	7.7667
12	Yu, Philip	3.8327	3.8432	7.6759
13	Flores, Javi	3.7205	3.9415	7.6620
14	Aliling, Jan	4.1585	3.4767	7.6352
15	Del Rosario, Fred	4.3615	3.2737	7.6352
16	Asedillo, Ruben	3.8657	3.7452	7.6109
17	Santos, Raffy	4.0335	3.5210	7.5545
18	Montifar, Miko	3.6652	3.8682	7.5334
19	Reyno, King	3.6650	3.7540	7.4190
20	Ang, Garrick	3.4662	3.9002	7.3664
21	Balagtas, Kiko	3.9542	3.3325	7.2867
22	Gutierrez, Gutch	3.7460	3.5137	7.2597
23	Chavez, Annabelle	3.6132	3.5827	7.1959
24	Galvez, Rengie	3.4315	3.7427	7.1742
25	Riingen, Leo	3.3892	3.7550	7.1442
26	Castillo, Quincy	3.5907	3.5042	7.0949
27	Velasco, Nitoy	3.8820	3.1535	7.0355
28	Benitez, Manette	3.6715	3.3592	7.0307
29	Cruz, Gino	3.3300	3.6945	7.0245
30	Littaua, Raoul	3.7402	3.2297	6.9699
31	Guingona, Jojo	3.3135	3.6345	6.9480
32	Villanueva, Val	3.5460	3.3995	6.9455
33	Buenaventura, Jorge	3.4402	3.4297	6.8699
34	Ner, Rene	3.6722	3.1902	6.8624
35	Montifar, Raul	3.6142	3.2357	6.8499
36	Bautista, Bien	3.8090	3.0377	6.8467
37	De Leon, Rudy	3.1080	3.7297	6.8377
38	Dejos, Esse	4.0492	2.7742	6.8234
39	Ocampo, Nesty	3.3647	3.3875	6.7522
40	Burgos, Mark	2.9957	3.7450	6.7407
41	Villarica, Udsie	3.3537	3.3740	6.7277
42	Viñas, Chito	3.6205	3.0935	6.7140
43	Mills, Vicente	3.3327	3.3210	6.6537
44	Apuya, Armand	3.6255	3.0197	6.6452
45	Lagonera, Jake	3.3462	3.2815	6.6277
46	Sonora, Jeff	2.9915	3.5935	6.5850
47	Cachero, Eric	3.0487	3.5110	6.5597
48	Hermogenes, Jaime	2.9122	3.6220	6.5342
49	Uy, Patrick	3.3605	3.1687	6.5292
50	Samson, Juni	2.8407	3.6535	6.4942
51	Jaucian, Jay	3.0747	3.3652	6.4399
52	Barlund, Anna	3.3850	3.0525	6.4375
53	Cumagun, Jaime	3.2117	3.1792	6.3909
54	Mondoñedo, Billy	3.1700	3.1887	6.3587
55	Venturina, Nap	3.2557	3.0985	6.3542
56	Lilles, Tony	2.8520	3.4050	6.2570
57	De Vera, Arps	2.9477	3.3067	6.2544
58	Yuson, Fred	3.2427	2.9395	6.1822
59	Fidelino, Boyet	3.2042	2.9047	6.1089
60	Camarillo, Sonny	2.9272	3.1180	6.0452
61	Carnero, Henry	2.8152	3.1952	6.0104
62	Dela Merced, Melissa	3.0975	2.8760	5.9735
63	Santos, Tito	2.6952	3.2650	5.9602
64	Velasco, JR	3.1372	2.7830	5.9202
65	Paraan, Renee	2.9540	2.9102	5.8642
66	Risma, Vicoy	3.3257	2.5242	5.8499
67	Dela Merced, Narcing	2.6942	3.0992	5.7934
68	Montalban, Joey	3.0325	2.7485	5.7810
69	Abad, Mon	3.0282	2.7345	5.7627
70	Gozum, Lito	2.6525	2.7642	5.4167
71	Serrano, TG	4.0115	0.0000	4.0115
72	Garrido, Jun	0.0000	4.0012	4.0012
73	Tieng, Jerry	0.0000	3.6535	3.6535



Our judges for the competition



Patrick Uy and Mme Pres Marivic Silva with CCP group



Top Three Photographers Jijo De Guzman, Kakai Arroyo and Adel Samson



January Winners Paul San Pedro, Jijo De Guzman, Kakai Arroyo, Adel Samson and Tony Cancio, represented by Bien Bautista



Exhibit of our very own Adel Samson in the Residence of the Swiss Ambassador. Adel Samson with Amb Andrea Reichlin

NEW YEAR'S TOAST TO HOPE

Swiss Embassy partners with CCP's Doc Adel

Last January 11, New Year's Toast to Hope opened. It is a fund-raising exhibit hosted by Swiss Ambassador to the Philippines, her excellency, Madame Andrea Reichlin.

Aside from Adel's photos which were exhibited and sold during the event, it also featured products from different Fil-Swiss business partners in the Philippines such as Swiss watches, Swiss chocolate, and Swiss cheese.

Says Adel: "The Swiss embassy needed a photographer to shoot their project about the beautiful sights there. It needs to sell the photos to their benefactors to raise funds for the buildings and school children's shoes."

"Leica being a major sponsor tapped me to go and shoot between January 11 and 12, 2017. I shot and framed eight photos and put them on sale. I donated all the photos for the benefit of the project."



Master Photographer Kiko Balagtas, Lifetime members: Bimbo Mills and Narcing dela Merced.



Raoul Littaua, Master Photographer Rudy De Leon, Past Pres. Philip Yu



Raul Echivarre's Art in the Park 2017



Pres Marivic Silva and
e Prudente Sta. Maria



Val Villanueva, Jijo de Guzman, Chito Vinas, Fred del Rosario; standing-Eric Cachero, Garrick Ang, Nitoy Velasco, Lito Gozum

hibit by CCP's Dr. Adel Samson,
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se more funds for the school

2 and January 5. We printed
eir projects. I didn't charge them



CCP members with the Swiss Ambassador_Paul San Pedro, Mme Pres
Marivic Silva, Amb Andrea Reichlin, Philip Yu and Adel Samson



CCP members with lady guests and Mr. Hans Sy
with Mme Pres Marivic Silva and Philip Yu

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Mon Marcos: Time for Real Fellowship

Mon Marcos's face would light up whenever he reminisced about the good old days of the Camera Club of the Philippines (CCP).

In the early 1970s, he would relate, a group of young photography hobbyists would meet in coffee shops to discuss about forming a photography club. At that time, there already was a Camera Club of the Philippines (CCP) with only 20 to 30 relatively old members. The Club then did not have a probationary period. The young photography enthusiasts would eventually join the Club and become the core group of the "new CCP." Mon Marcos was one of them.

Back then, there were also infighting and heated debates during the Club's monthly meetings, but everything always worked out in the end. Fellowship events were especially memorable because the Club held plays and musicals which involved the members' whole families.

Mon and Bobby Paterno were put in charge of these performances. They would compose and write the plays which were usually three to four fairy tales rolled into one story: Sleeping Beauty, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, The Three Little Pigs, and Little Red Riding Hood. They also had turn-of-the-century stories with characters depicting Hitler, Mussolini, Franco, and the Maharaja. Even when Mon became the Club President, he still actively participated in these plays. In one such play, he played the Narrator, dressed as an English soldier in knee-length short pants and beret.

He and Bobby made sure that each CCP member, wife and child would have a part in each play. Roles -- from the leads to the supporting characters -- were diligently assigned to suit the capability and personality of the Club member or relative. The Chinese members, for example, who found it difficult to enunciate well the English dialogue were given the roles of the seven dwarfs because they could effortlessly warble "Hi-ho, Hi-ho!" Mortifying roles were given to prestigious members. Doc Amado Castro, who was at that time the esteemed Dean of the School of Economics of the University of the Philippines, was assigned the role of one of the Three Little Pigs.

Behind the closed doors of the Hotel InterContinental Ballroom, away from public view and the prying paparazzi's eyes, everybody let their hair down to give life to their assigned characters. No matter how peculiar or comical they may have looked, they would nonchalantly walk around the banquet hall in their oftentimes uncomfortable costumes. Even Don Jaime Zobel, Dr. Lizardo, Vic Valenciano, Manu Legarda had no qualms dancing the limbo rock during such events.

Indeed, those were halcyon days for CCP lifetime members like Mon Marcos. It is his fervent wish that such activities be revived to give both old and new Club members opportunities for real fellowship. He believes that promoting fun and fellowship would help strengthen the CCP as one family.



Ramon Marcos



Mon Marcos with Bien Bautista, CCP President Marivic Lopa Silva and Remy Bautista



Jaime Cumagun, Mme Pres Marivic Silva, Manny Gaite, Rene Ner, Tony Lilles



The CCP Girls Anna Barlund, Melissa Dela Merced, Manette Benitez, Necy Juat, Mme Pres Marivic Silva, Renee Paraan and a Peeping Tom



Gutz, Fred, Raymond, Nesty, Patrick, Rey, Melissa and Armand



CCP with Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Tan



Manny, Joey, Mang Rudy, Eric and Fred.

