

## Nesty Eyes the Prize

by Anna Bärlund

"Yes!" was all April Top Photographer winner Nesty Ocampo could muster! He was both surprised and in disbelief of his win. His entries garnered a total of 8.8080 and bested the rest of the 65 members who submitted for the theme "Eyes – Windows to the Soul". His highest scoring entry which got second place in the photo contest was originally shot for the theme Emotion. His model was actually fellow member Abe Abesamis' house help Toto. His other entry was a portrait of a child from a monastery in Siem Reap, Cambodia taken in one of the club's OTS.

Dindin Lagdameo and Jijo de Guzman won second and third place Photographer of the Month respectively. Dindin's portrait of an elderly man was taken in Sabtang, Batanes way back in 2008. His strong stance was what captured her attention as he walked towards her. She used her trusty bazooka telephoto to capture the portrait. Her other photo was of a school girl from Baguio. Together with photo buddy Tony Cancio, they chanced upon the girl and her friends on the way to school.

The top five photo winners were Dindin, Nesty, Jijo, Paul San Pedro and Belle Chavez.

Speaking of Paul and Belle, all eyes are on both of them. They are currently 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placers in the Mastercup Ranking. They trail current leader Javi Flores by less than two points.

At this stage of the competition, any entry



landing in the top ten is a big help in keeping the dream alive. Incidentally, Paul and Belle chose non-local subjects for their entries. Paul's photo was of a Kenyan girl who was in tears after being left alone by her friends to play. The photo was taken with his Nikon D300 back in 2010. Belle on the other hand had 'Laurence of Arabia' as an inspiration. His Arabian Warrior portrait was shot using a Nikon D610.

Congratulations again April Winners!

P.S.

Congratulations to our First Conference Winners - Javi Flores (first place), RUDY DE LEON (second place), and Leo Riingen (third place). Of the three, only Leo is a non-Mastercup title holder. As we all know, Rudy is the title holder having **SIX** cups while Javi earned his feather back in 2014.



# CONTEST

Eyes: Windows to the Soul

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RANK	PHOTOGRAPHER	ENTRY 1	ENTRY 2	TOTAL
1	Ocampo, Nesty	4.2520	4.5560	8.8080
2	Lagdameo, Dindin	4.5772	4.1985	8.7757
3	De Guzman, Jijo	4.5270	4.2100	8.7370
4	Chavez, Annabelle	4.3500	4.3640	8.7140
5	Galvez, Rengie	4.2577	4.3537	8.6114
6	San Pedro, Paul	4.4700	4.0807	8.5507
7	Flores, Javi	4.0002	4.2405	8.2407
8	Samson, Adel	4.0735	4.1280	8.2015
9	Montifar, Raul	3.7805	4.3262	8.1067
10	Tan, Teejay	4.0555	4.0282	8.0837
11	Montifar, Miko	3.9540	4.0997	8.0537
12	Burgos, Mark	4.2160	3.8012	8.0172
13	Arroyo, Kakai	3.9112	4.0682	7.9794
14	Cancio, Tony	4.0552	3.8030	7.8582
15	Yuson, Fred	3.7152	4.0840	7.7992
16	Sison, Bob	3.6535	3.9157	7.5692
17	Viñas, Chito	3.7120	3.8430	7.5550
18	Aliling, Jan	4.0962	3.4492	7.5454
19	Dela Merced, Narcing	3.8497	3.6332	7.4829
20	Apuya, Armand	3.4845	3.9592	7.4437
21	Antonio, Joey	3.5952	3.8355	7.4307
22	Roxas, Manolo	3.8335	3.5902	7.4237
23	Roces, Miles	3.6025	3.7997	7.4022
24	De Leon, Rudy	3.9362	3.4537	7.3899
25	Garbanzos, Gino	3.0560	4.2905	7.3465
26	Benitez, Manette	3.7790	3.5637	7.3427
27	Arellano, Eddielu	3.7395	3.5912	7.3307
28	Montalban, Joey	3.7462	3.5272	7.2734
29	Lagonera, Jake	3.3497	3.9170	7.2667
30	Littaua, Raoul	3.6895	3.5535	7.2430
31	Santos, Raffy	3.3247	3.8985	7.2232
32	Sonora, Jeff	3.5752	3.6112	7.1864
33	Guingona, Jojo	4.2055	2.9235	7.1290
34	Ortiz, Rey	3.5902	3.5385	7.1287
35	Villarica, Udsie	3.6530	3.4572	7.1102
36	Lilles, Tony	3.5755	3.4430	7.0185
37	Dela Merced, Melissa	3.3117	3.6982	7.0099
38	Uy, Patrick	3.4910	3.4525	6.9435
39	Balagtas, Kiko	3.5030	3.4247	6.9277
40	Del Rosario, Fred	3.3892	3.5267	6.9159
41	Reyno, King	3.3982	3.5060	6.9042
42	Mondoñedo, Billy	3.4845	3.4185	6.9030
43	Gutierrez, Gutch	3.0922	3.7740	6.8662
44	Bautista, Bien	3.7582	3.1077	6.8659
45	Venturina, Nap	3.5790	3.2462	6.8252
46	Quimel, Lito	3.4740	3.3407	6.8147
47	Riingen, Leo	3.1287	3.6127	6.7414
48	Cumagun, Jaime	3.0452	3.6110	6.6562
49	Ofrin, Chris	3.1647	3.4555	6.6202
50	Santos, Tito	3.5512	3.0687	6.6199
51	Ner, Rene	3.3420	3.2690	6.6110
52	Barlund, Anna	3.1297	3.3710	6.5007
53	Villanueva, Val	3.4440	3.0560	6.5000
54	Lim, Vidal	3.2055	3.2840	6.4895
55	Risma, Vicoy	2.8620	3.5857	6.4477
56	Ang, Garrick	3.3075	3.1115	6.4190
57	Jaucian, Jay	3.6602	2.7565	6.4167
58	Hinlo, Paul	3.1992	3.2072	6.4064
59	Gozum, Lito	2.9617	3.3887	6.3504
60	Carnero, Henry	3.1102	3.1842	6.2944
61	Gaite, Manny	2.8825	3.3442	6.2267
62	Serrano, TG	3.3552	2.8115	6.1667
63	Castillo, Quincy	2.9127	3.1102	6.0229
64	Banaga, Ed	3.0422	2.9410	5.9832
65	Menor, Gene	3.3862	2.5610	5.9472
66	Torres, Aster	2.9567	2.7987	5.7554

# BAGAC PILAR LIMAY BALANGA



# MARIVELES ORION MORONG

ON-THE-SPOT PHOTO COMPETITION





# MASTER PHOTOGRAPHER'S CUP APRIL

RANK	PHOTOGRAPHER	TOTAL
1	Javi Flores	33.1009
2	Paul San Pedro	31.6507
3	Annabelle Chavez	31.2283
4	Jijo De Guzman	31.1568
5	Rudy De Leon	30.7518
6	Mark Burgos	30.7341
7	Tony Cancio	30.1562
8	Leo Riingen	29.9526
9	Bien Bautista	29.8968
10	Raul Montifar	29.7919
11	Nesty Ocampo	29.7364
12	Kakai Arroyo	29.5871
13	King Reyno	29.5675
14	Rengie Galvez	29.5367
15	Joey Antonio	29.5325
16	Dindin Lagdameo	29.4563
17	Jay Jaucian	29.4090
18	Billy Mondoñedo	29.3607
19	Raoul Littaua	29.2843
20	Jake Lagonera	29.1861
21	Fred Yuson	28.9785
22	Vidal Lim	28.8282
23	Gino Garbanzos	28.7549
24	Eddielu Arellano	28.6304
25	Bob Sison	28.6167
26	Kiko Balagtas	28.5835
27	Manette Benitez	28.5255
28	Adel Samson	28.5044
29	Narcing Dela Merced	28.4822
30	Nap Venturina	28.4129
31	Jan Ailing	28.2426
32	Armand Apuya	28.1803
33	Rey Ortiz	28.0939
34	Miko Montifar	28.0769
35	Fred Del Rosario	27.9835
36	Tito Santos	27.7850
37	Miles Rocas	27.7201
38	Manolo Roxas	27.5601
39	Paul Hinlo	27.3951

RANK	PHOTOGRAPHER	TOTAL
40	Udsie Villarica	27.3736
41	Chito Viñas	27.3661
42	TG Serrano	27.3463
43	Joey Montalban	27.2733
44	Quincy Castillo	27.2665
45	Tony Lilles	27.2533
46	Rene Ner	27.1136
47	Anna Barlund	27.0008
48	Gene Menor	26.7778
49	Garrick Ang	26.7768
50	Lito Quimel	26.6724
51	Patrick Uy	26.5140
52	Melissa Dela Merced	26.3192
53	Manny Gaité	26.1201
54	Vicoy Risma	25.8975
55	Henry Carnero	25.8287
56	Ed Banaga	25.7143
57	Lito Gozum	25.4366
58	Aster Torres	25.3697
59	Chris Ofrin	24.5339
60	Jaime Cumagun	23.0957
61	Val Villanueva	22.9954
62	Raffy Santos	21.0828
63	Jojo Guingona	20.8450
64	Gutch Gutierrez	19.9446
65	Arps De Vera	18.0255
66	Jerry Tieng	15.8870
67	Jun Garrido	14.7466
68	Teejay Tan	14.7425
69	Philip Yu	14.4684
70	Juni Samson	14.0051
71	Jeff Sonora	13.0264
72	Aimee Bernardo	7.8928
73	Nitoy Velasco	7.7081
74	Vicente Mills	7.2401
75	Mon Abad	7.2300
76	Reggie Reyes	7.2245
77	Gerry Castro	6.9256
78	Jorge Buenaventura	6.9007
79	Ruben Asedillo	6.6900
80	Jan Vytopil	6.3920
81	Sonny Camarillo	6.0886

# The Bataan Challenge

by Javi Flores

The first thing once notices in the last OTS of the Camera Club is how Bataan greets you warmly. About 36 degrees warm, although it feels like it was hotter than that. It was an enervating and all pervasive heat. The memories of chilly Hanoi are now but that.

Bataan has slowly been capturing the imagination of landscape photographers initially due to Sisiman in the town of Mariveles. Sisiman is in a unique position as it opens itself up to photographic treatment from all four directions. Towards the east, a sunrise or a moonrise may be framed against a power plant, a lighthouse or boats. To the west, at sunset, there is always the possibility of an orange sun interplaying with unique rocky foregrounds. Las Casas de Filipinas de Acuzar in Bagac has also been giving off buzz as a viable photography venue.

For this OTS however, the members went beyond Sisiman and Las Casas. The coverage was expanded to seven towns per advise of the Bataan Tourism Council. The timing of the OTS also coincided with a very visible full moon which meant that the Milky Way adventurism prevalent during the Calatagan OTS was not possible, although the full moon did not disappoint as it lent itself to many compositions.

The members explored the wetlands of Balanga which some swear is a great sunrise spot. The members also discovered a placed called Porto in Mariveles, a rocky beach that is also a jump off point to other "buwis gear" rock formations in the area reachable via boats.

The members congregated in two places: Balanga, which is the capital of Bataan, and Mariveles. Between the two, Balanga was chosen as the base of the OTS as it is central and has access to most other OTS venues. Consequently, most members were billeted at the Plaza Hotel, across the Balanga Cathedral. In Mariveles, the members stayed at Mt. Tarak Hotel or at the newly opened The Oriental Bataan.

About 66 members registered for the OTS. Bataan Governor Albert Garcia hosted the common lunch but could not attend due to flu. At the lunch, the members were serenaded by Koro Bangkal Mabigkin, a group of Aeta children who were also scholars of the province. The children were joined by Manny Gaité, Rudy De Leon, Narcing dela Merced and Raymund Sto. Domingo when they sang the song "Kahit Maputi na ang Buhok ko." At the end of the serenade, the members contributed the amount of P8,880 to the scholarship fund of the children.

Probee Leader Kakai Arroyo was one of the first to arrive and the last to leave. Perennial OTS frontrunner Manny Gaité got a chance to test drive his someday-will-be-allowed drone. Member Jun Garrido went off the radar when he climbed Mt. Tarak and re-appeared the next day, which did not really give the members a scare as Jun is an experienced mountaineer. Rengie Galvez gave up his Nikon D7000 to the waters of a wharf in Mariveles while Probee Jeff Sonora sent his Canon 5D Mark 3 swimming in Dunsulan Falls. Mark Burgos, King Reyno and Jay Jaucian displaced the singer of The Oriental Bataan as they sang the night away.

For many members, Bataan presented a challenge, as it tested their endurance against heat, and their mettle in coming up with compositions that will present Bataan the way only the members of the Club could. One can only wish the best of luck to the participants of the OTS in the judging of their photos this coming Monday.

