

OTS: Siargao: "The OTS King Returns!"

Siargao has a lot to offer even if you're not a surfer. We learned this well as we had 2 other full days traveling around by sea and land. We went to almost all the attractions to see everything this island had to offer and to compare with similar islands like Siquijor, Coron, Busuanga or El Nido. Siargao has its share of picturesque island hopping, fine, light sand, sand dunes that snake around reefs and river rides as well as hidden lagoons and natural pools within reefs. Not to mention the country's 2 top surfing beaches in this island. Then there's the nightlife that seems to really starts shaking around 11pm to the wee hours. Makes us wonder how they wake up to start surfing at 530AM when the high tide sets in which sets the time when its best to surf.



Manny Gaité: Best OTS Photographer of Siargao



Manny Gaité proves a point again in this last OTS of the year by winning as the best OTS Photographer of Siargao. He always strives to make the best of his time traveling to new destinations primed by the light hearted challenge of trying to maintain the "OTS King" monicker given him by fellow members.

Not to be out shown, however, the highest scoring photo went to **Rey Ortiz** who reluctantly set out to use his 500mm Nikon super lens albeit with the another challenge of how to keep steady such a long and fixed lens.

Everyone knows how difficult that may have been in shooting at a moving subject and in rushing waves and wakes of ocean. Behind the scenes in Siargao, there was this expected focus on Raffy who decided to self-impose yet another challenge to win or to better his OTS scores here because of the added pressure of suddenly becoming 2nd place in the Masters Cup standings this late in the game. Rey Ortiz teamed up with Raffy and became his cheering squad and motivator and we even bet on Raffy to win who truly found a well-composed, thought-out and artistic entry. But as these things go, it's all up to the judges and their mood that night.

Honorable mention must go to **Fred Yuson** for coming up with the second best photo and photographer for this OTS despite our late night tours and while cutting his trip short when we all stayed behind to shoot another day.

OTS ANNUAL: "The Best of the Best, for the OTS!"



Manny Gaité

The Best OTS photos chosen from the accumulated best of 5 OTSes of the year belong to **Manny Gaité, Evan Gabrador and Rudy de Leon** consecutively. The Best OTS Photographers of the Year are composed

of **Raffy Santos, Armand Apuya and Manny Gaité**. There were a total of 49 members who joined at least one or more OTS destinations this year.

The viewing of the best of all the OTSes in one go delighted the judges and viewers and we all wished we invited representatives of the Department of tourism to show them what we could do over a prescribed time and location. Maybe next time, we should.



Evan Gabrador



Rudy de Leon

We had **8 judges** for the 2 final competitions which involved over **240 entries** because this included an annual competition. **Jun Montifar**, an advertising photographer and impressionist painter is also **Raul Montifar's brother**. **Jam Ramos** teaches at I-Academy as photographer and multi-media arts and is a **TOP GEAR Phil.** photographer. **Betty Lalana** is the administrator of the Ortigas Foundation and has done a coffee table book documenting heritage churches of the Phil. **Doi Rosete** is a former dean of the college of Fine Arts of UP. **Redemtor Bitantes** is a renowned and multi-awarded furniture designer and teaches at the UP Fine Arts. **Architects Norman Garden and Rolly Mercado** have master planned several new developments country wide including the Davao Global Township. **Eames Demetrios** is the steward of the design legacy of American artists *Charles and Ray Eames*.

CCP ANALYTICS: THE YEAR IN NUMBERS"

It's a time to crunch the numbers. What do the numbers reveal? What made the difference? Aside from the big demand in participating monthly comes some highlights and tips on how to make your participation count.

66 members competed in the **Master Cup (MC)**. Finally, in the end, **Boyet Mesuga led Raffy Santos by 1.3774 points** with best OTS scores included. Raffy could not have overtook Boyet even if there were bonus points for the Best of Annual competitions which would have issued 0.600 points, 0.300 points, and 0.150 points each for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placers for each of the Annual competitions.

On the other hand, **Raffy (2nd) led Manette Benitez (3rd) by a whopping 2.9802 points and Manette led Evan (4th) by 0.9920 points.**

In comparing the 3 Conferences (composed of grouping the total of 9 competitions into 3 consecutive groupings or so-called Conferences), once can see how hard a contender worked to win or gain placement in the MC. The top 3 in the **1st Conference were led by Bob Sison, Boyet Mesuga and Tony Lilles.** By the 2nd Conference, Boyet continued on his consistent lead while **Chito Viñas** climbed from 50th ranking of 61 participants in the 1st conference to become 2nd Place in the 2nd Conference. **Jun Garrido** became 3rd by climbing from 18th place.

Raffy on the other hand was ranked 10/61 in the 1st Conference, 15/53 in the 2nd Conference, and caught up as 3rd/41 in the 3rd Conference!

"The OTS Scores: Why OTS participation and Scores earned can make the difference...in the Master's Cup (MC)"

If you count all 5 OTSes in (that's 4 OTS+1 bonus), only **Raffy and Armand** managed to religiously attend each of the 5 OTS destinations. But since only 4 OTSes are really counted, 5 members managed the 100% OTS Qualifier Distinction which includes **Manny, Rey and Patrick.** Only 39 of our over 100 members attended at least 1 of the 4+1 OTSes.

The biggest difference for any participant to make from the highest combined score from 2 OTSes goes to **Manette Benitez.** who climbed to 3rd place in the MC from 5th place with her highest 4 OTS entry scores added. Others whose OTS scores also boosted them to the top 10 are **Jaime Cumagun, Gino Garbansos, Bob Sison and Tony Lilles.**

Raffy also got a boost for consistently and persistently trying to upgrade his OTS scores to reach the top, or more likely, to maintain his 2nd place MC standing. Note that **Boyet** ranks 9th to Raffy's 1st place in the OTS full-year standings.

CONTEST				
SIARGAO OTS				
DIGITAL FILE				
RANK	PHOTOGRAPHER	ENTRY 1	ENTRY 2	TOTAL
1	Manny Gaité	4.5025	4.0150	8.5175
2	Fred Yuson	4.0125	4.4900	8.5025
3	Rey Ortiz	3.7000	4.5500	8.2500
4	Jaine Camagun	3.8750	4.1450	8.0200
5	Raffy Santos	3.6375	4.2250	7.8625
6	Armand Apuya	3.9900	3.7825	7.7725
7	Tony Lilles	3.4425	3.9725	7.4150
8	Patrick Uy	3.3625	3.7950	7.1575

Boyet's OTS scores remained average in all 3 of his 5 OTS participation but his consistent high scores in the monthlies ensured his lead.

It was unusual that there were some failed entries during some OTS competition judging. This affects your score dramatically especially if

you participated in only 2 OTSes. This affected 7 participants in their final MC standing. Having 1 failed entry among your only 2 OTSes means the cumulative score will drop significantly vs. those with scores for 4 passing entries. Chances for climbing up rise when the highest scoring entries from several of your attended OTSes are automatically chosen. So if you want to participate in the MC competitions, the minimum rule is to attend and pass both entries in 2 OTSes. If you can only make time to enter 2 OTSes, join the early ones right away. If you fail in one, you have to join another to make up for a failed entry. There will be no leeway anymore if the 2nd OTS you attend is the last for the year and we get tough judges that give failing marks.

2020 will only have the standard 4 OTSes. This means you should attend at least the first 2 and have 2 OTS back-ups to complete 4 OTS entries or to better your existing OTS scores for the MC. Again, don't wait and miss an OTS opportunity because you may run out of OTSes to make up for a failed entry or a low score.

An example of this is **Jun Garrido (8th)** or **Leo Riingen (6th)**, who dropped down the MC due to only 1 attendance each in the OTS competitions. In the case of **Joey Antonio (11th)** who joined 2 OTSes but had a failed entry in one of them and could have had another chance but was not able to attend the last bonus OTS in Siargao to better complete at least 4 scoring OTSes. **Emir Bautista (18th)** also fell to 32nd in the MC due to a failed OTS entry.

OTS Winners



1. Philip Yu: UP OTS



2. Gutch Gutierrez: EL NIDO OTS



2. Manolo Roxas: EL NIDO OTS



3. Rudy de Leon: MYANMAR OTS



4. EVAN GRAVADOR: QC CIRCLE OTS



5. REY ORTIZ: SIARGAO OTS

Monthly Winners



JANUARY: Tony Cancio



JUNE: Tito Santos



FEBRUARY: Tony Lilles



JULY: Bob Sison



MARCH: Bob Sison



AUGUST: Jaime Cumagun



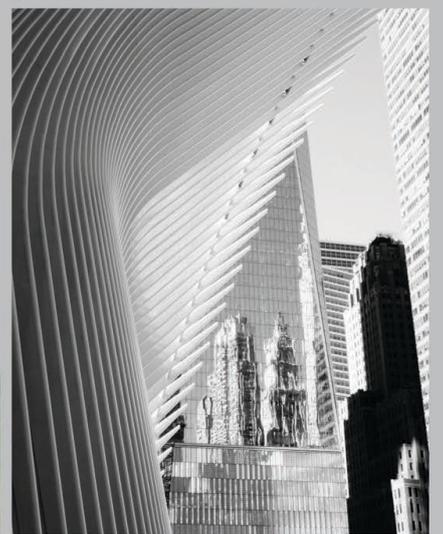
APRIL: Boyet Masuga



MAY: Erikk Cruz



MAY: Jun Garrido



SEPTEMBER: Manny Gaité

The Philippine Cancer Society's (PCS) 2019 Best Dressed Woman of the Philippines, Sixteenth Annual Awards Ball

held at the Okada Manila Grand Ballroom
September 25, 2019.

Since 1956, the PCS has focused its efforts in the Filipino's fight against cancer. Our beloved late Dr. **Roberto M. Paterno** was the Chairman of the PCS until his death in 2016. It was during his term that the Best Dressed Women of the Philippines was conceptualized. Dr. Paterno actively participated in the implementation of the project as it became one of the biggest fund-raising sources for the PCS's life-saving initiatives. The Paterno Awards memorializes Dr. Paterno's commitment to the ongoing Filipino fight against cancer. Through this, the Best Dressed Women of the Philippines recognizes individuals who have consistently been Ambassadors for Life for a minimum of eight years. They are lauded for their consistent and passionate pledge to ensure that the PCS's advocacy lives on.

This year the awardees include our very own **Cecilio "PSP" San Pedro** as 2019 Man of Extraordinary Influence for helping the underprivileged by giving them a college education through scholarships. **Ang Yong Tan Yu**, wife of our past President **Philip Yu**, is a 2019 Best Dressed Awardee who also keeps herself grounded by engaging in Charitable works such as initiating pro bono vision screenings and medical missions.



Erratum last month:

The Article "Raffy Come Lately!" in the October Viewfinder issue is for the Annual Competition for the Color Print Photo of the Year with **Raffy Santos** in 1st Place, **Boyot Mesuga** in 2nd Place and **Tony Lilles** in 3rd Place.



Raffy Santos: CP Global-Finals, First Place

Boyot Masuga: CP Global-Finals, Second Place

Tony Lilles: CP Global-Finals, Third Place