

Adel Samson: First Place



Chin Wai: Second Place

Elderly

BMW P1: Print Unrestricted Editing

Where Unrestricted Editing didn't Give an Edge...

By Tony Liles

As a guest of Master Roy Ortiz, hobbyist and avid photographer and videographer, Tin Galmanan, is from San Francisco and works at the Grand Hyatt San Francisco.

In such a generic theme like "Elderly", judging can be challenging due to this singular theme. "Technical expertise makes the difference" in such one-minded themes which is essentially a portraiture in this case". Sure, composition and lighting make a difference but "giving the right blur to emphasize" an elder's "character lines" can do the trick. So this is what was given weight. For the winning picture, the fluidity of the smoking cigarette "captures the moment" and gave Adel's entry "that winning touch".

Raffy's younger brood, as is trained to be an architect by profession, Ed Sumco, is a Unilver Vice President and Director in corporate communication and head of Media. For Ed, his main criteria for choosing amongst a multitude of elderly people is the storyline in the photograph. For him, "The Story in the picture is number one".



Mark Burgos: Second Place



Gino-Gebanes: Third Place

Known in the Club more as a persistent Golf Champion than a photographer, Veteran judge David Hodges is actually a freelance sports photographer that recently covered the Rugby World Cup in Japan. In his youth, this Englishman started his career as a film photographer for British tabloids (as they used to be called) as well as in sports media agencies in roaring Fleet St., old London. As outspoken as they usually are, this Englishman has had many instances in judging and calibrating the rich capabilities and caliber of the members in this club. His typical response to my interview is not surprising: Aside from the usual objectives such as "to evoke a message or story while adhering to the high standards in terms of photography" he also had to point out that "while some had good intentions, the final execution and output was lacking...". Again, with this theme being the opposite of diverse where it is somewhat limited in what you can do, David was

"looking for a natural feel" to the composition and depiction of an elderly. With the time to look over the entries over and over again, he searched for "who made the extra effort...". He also paid attention to Lighting because it makes the difference in showing the age, character of the person, and whether the person is aging well, or if the subject seems to have gone through a lot..."

Elderly...

What is remarkable for David compared to other competitors he's judged before is that "the full artistic use of unlimited and unrestricted editing didn't seem to get an edge in this competition". Everybody seemed to have strove to achieve through conventional photographic wisdom out of respect for the art of portraiture. Tempting as it may have been to push digital exuberance to its limits, participants seem to have constrained themselves out of respect for our medium, allowing our cameras to achieve a raw rendition of the physical Man or Woman.

Adel Samson wins best picture (4,4000 points) and best photographer for Elderly. A lie (4,2250) for 2nd place goes to Mark Bungos and Chito Vilas while 3rd place goes to Gino Gargansos (4,1825). This competition makes Mark's biggest leap in the competitions in a while as he is 2nd Best Photographer of the Month. Bob Bacon is definitely in the Master Cup running as he is on top and is 3rd place best photographer for Elderly. 55 members are in the Master Cup race and we hope the lockdown will not deter the Club from finding new platforms to keep our art alive through friendly practice and competition. There were 45 Attendees composed of 7 Lifetime members and 38 regular members. Guest Emil Santos was courtesy of Past President Lito Cruz.

We look forward to this Club's inaugural Digital Competition in June as our post-lockdown sails into new epoch of online photography competitions, viewing and judging.

Dinagyang OTS Winners



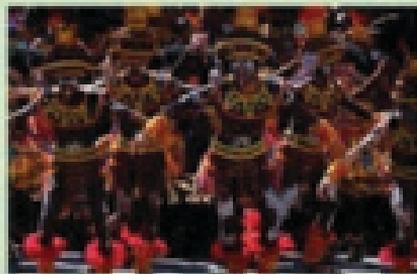
Chito Vilas: First Place



Adel Samson: Second Place



Ray Ortal: Second Place



Charmaine Valmonte: Third Place

Not being able to get a vantage at the Grand Stand during the Dinagyang presentation, as the place was full to the brim, I decided to content myself with getting my photos elsewhere. The participants had put in a lot of hours of practice and obviously woke up early that morning to perform their best for folk. I saw the contingent of young ladies with their attractive orange banga and I started to "shoot" them while waiting for their turn to present. They laid down their banga in line and sat beside it. I noted their tired faces but I was gratified to see the "frontliner" giving that famed "Monsieur" smile as I took the shot! The photo was taken with a Leica M240, 50mm summorum lens at F2.8, shutter 1/60 and ISO200.

- Chito Vilas



CONTEST

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Rank	Member Name	Score	Points	Total
1	Samson, Jon	4,075	4,000	8,075
2	Burgos, Mark	3,800	4,000	7,800
3	Deen, Jon	3,475	3,000	6,475
4	Alvarado, Gabe	3,000	3,000	6,000
5	Reyes, Eric	3,000	3,000	6,000
6	Hernandez, Ray	2,950	3,000	5,950
7	Moraga, Jose	2,900	3,000	5,900
8	Hernandez, Olan	2,800	3,000	5,800
9	Hernandez, Jose	2,800	3,000	5,800
10	De Leon, Mark	2,750	3,000	5,750
11	Oliver, John	2,600	3,000	5,600
12	Samson, Jon	2,500	3,000	5,500
13	Reyes, Maribel	2,500	3,000	5,500
14	Fuente, Eric	2,475	3,000	5,475
15	De Leon, Maribel	2,400	3,000	5,400
16	Hernandez, Jay	2,350	3,000	5,350
17	Delacruz, Eric	2,300	3,000	5,300
18	Samson, Jon	2,250	3,000	5,250
19	Reyes, Ray	2,200	3,000	5,200
20	Reyes, Eric	2,150	3,000	5,150
21	Samson, Mark	2,100	3,000	5,100
22	Reyes, Eric	2,050	3,000	5,050
23	Samson, Mark	2,000	3,000	5,000
24	Reyes, Eric	1,950	3,000	4,950
25	Samson, Mark	1,900	3,000	4,900
26	Reyes, Eric	1,850	3,000	4,850
27	Samson, Mark	1,800	3,000	4,800
28	Reyes, Eric	1,750	3,000	4,750
29	Samson, Mark	1,700	3,000	4,700
30	Reyes, Eric	1,650	3,000	4,650
31	Samson, Mark	1,600	3,000	4,600
32	Reyes, Eric	1,550	3,000	4,550
33	Samson, Mark	1,500	3,000	4,500
34	Reyes, Eric	1,450	3,000	4,450
35	Samson, Mark	1,400	3,000	4,400
36	Reyes, Eric	1,350	3,000	4,350
37	Samson, Mark	1,300	3,000	4,300
38	Reyes, Eric	1,250	3,000	4,250
39	Samson, Mark	1,200	3,000	4,200
40	Reyes, Eric	1,150	3,000	4,150
41	Samson, Mark	1,100	3,000	4,100
42	Reyes, Eric	1,050	3,000	4,050
43	Samson, Mark	1,000	3,000	4,000
44	Reyes, Eric	950	3,000	3,950
45	Samson, Mark	900	3,000	3,900
46	Reyes, Eric	850	3,000	3,850
47	Samson, Mark	800	3,000	3,800
48	Reyes, Eric	750	3,000	3,750
49	Samson, Mark	700	3,000	3,700
50	Reyes, Eric	650	3,000	3,650
51	Samson, Mark	600	3,000	3,600
52	Reyes, Eric	550	3,000	3,550
53	Samson, Mark	500	3,000	3,500
54	Reyes, Eric	450	3,000	3,450



Rank	Member Name	Total
1	Bob Deon	24,900*
2	Adel Samson	24,900*
3	Mike Morillo	24,400*
4	Raul Morillo	24,200*
5	Ruffy Santos	24,000*
6	Quinn Gutierrez	24,000*
7	Reidy Ocampo	23,800*
8	Marissa Ode Marzal	23,700*
9	Joey Antonio	23,600*
10	Armand Ayala	23,600*
11	Orin Garbarino	23,500*
12	Ray Ono	23,500*
13	Fred Yuzon	23,500*
14	Rudy De Leon	23,500*
15	Willie Ponce	23,200*
16	Chito Vilas	23,200*
17	Joey Morillon	23,200*
18	Boyet Mungui	23,100*
19	Jimie Comagan	23,040*
20	Jepi Guingona	23,000*
21	Ever Onibador	22,900*
22	Marcelo Rivera	22,917*
23	Ulises Novales	22,800*
24	Stephen Valera	22,800*
25	Gino Cruz	22,700*
26	Eric Bautista	22,600*
27	Mark Burgos	22,600*
28	Tim Santos	22,600*
29	Quincy Castillo	22,200*
30	Tony Liles	22,110*
31	Fred Del Rosario	22,100*
32	Art Samson	22,100*
33	King Rayno	22,000*
34	Eric Cruz	22,000*
35	Marvin Gallo	21,800*
36	Ed Bermejo	21,700*
37	Marcelo Santos	21,600*
38	Jon Garcia	21,500*
39	Cher Valmonte	21,200*
40	Leo Ringen	21,100*
41	Yogi Santos	21,000*
42	Rubi David	20,900*
43	Patrick Ly	19,812*
44	Ray Ventura	19,410*
45	Gerry Castro	19,300*
46	Lito Quiral	19,200*
47	EJ Legaspi	18,900*
48	Bo Villanueva	18,800*
49	Mark Bautista	18,200*
50	John Legaspi	12,900*
51	Eric Cochran	11,800*
52	Nancy Ode Marzal	7,710*
53	Jimmy Hernandez	7,812*
54	Joey Tang	3,500*