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Cumagun, Jaime



Lagonera, Jake



Lagonera, Jake

The Opening Salvo!

OPEN: Color, Global, Projected.

Simplicity and Ambivalence!

By Tony Lilles

In the end, beauty was in simplicity. With all the exotic locations here and abroad, from all the angles, textures, landscapes and peoples, the winners exemplified simple beauty. Of course, participants were ambivalent with the varying scores given but with an OPEN theme, it is expected that judging is very arduous as there is no theme to follow, guide or restrict the judges. Visual Impact can be diminished as each entry is characterized by a different idea, vision and story with skies-the-limit topics. You have images capturing a brief moment in time or in a deep set up in a studio. Lighting is either captured naturally or painstakingly created in a studio setting. So many factors come into play and we know that scoring is subjective to the individuality of the judge. Take the tie for first place as an example. Jaime Cumagun's and Master Photographer Jake Lagonera's top scoring Photographs have different characteristics. While Jake goes on to become Photographer of the month, Jaime places 5th in total scores category. Erikk Cruz and President Bob Sison place 2nd and 3rd in the Photographer of the Month standings.

Judges are all landscape and travel photographers Edwin Martinez, Francis Ansing who is also a graphic designer, multi awarded Red Ognita who is now based in Beijing, and Nicco Valenzuela who is also an architectural photographer as well as a writer for Fstoppers, a camera review site.

Contest Themes for 2021: Let's Accept the Challenge... for Creativity!

By Tony Lilles

Sensitive and careful consideration was taken in confirming the chosen themes for 2021. With full acknowledgement of limited travel and continuing restrictions, it was agreed upon after long debate that we must continue to positively channel our artistic creativity to new heights. This is integral for our psyche in coping with the effects of physical and intellectual confinement.

While taking in recent and past competition experiences of the usual, common but pre-Covid monthly themes despite the impending lock-downs last year, we want to renew and encourage creativity within ourselves while at the same time promoting contact, albeit virtually, amongst members while keeping within our private spaces and environment. We rose to the occasion last year so why not continue this new year?

"Macro Still-Life" in COLOR, GLOBAL for July 6 allows us to experiment at home, or in our safe places or in our garden settings. Remembering our rich past and visiting an old theme allows us to experiment with today's digital technologies to see how things have changed or evolved. "B&W + 1" in PRINT, GLOBAL for March 2 was chosen to encourage participants to try something new, positively, while visiting an old theme.

Challenging oneself is encouraged so we can learn and improve our skills, develop technique and maybe even discover new avenues of creativity. Only in competitions like these do we personally challenge ourselves to perhaps re-discover or re-ignite our passion for creative photography every month, something that gives us the satisfaction from our art by exploration, especially in these times when so much of our life is so restricted. Let not our art, our release, our love for photography be diminished by this pandemic. Instead, let the challenges set us free. "Before and After" in COLOR, PRINT, UNRESTRICTED form for August 3 likewise was chosen to bring out our creativity at home, in our laptops and desktop computers. We want members to interact with fellow members by sharing techniques to inspire one another in our chosen art form by practicing with new in-camera or in-device features available in our cameras and cellphones today. Capturing "Street Entertainment" with our MOBILE, UNRESTRICTED on May 4 using our cellphone cameras is great way to practice our skills and these in-device features on the go. While "Nature's Wrath" in B&W UNRESTRICTED on June 1 keeps our keen eyes in chronicling the power of climate change wherever we may be.

Let's welcome this creative challenge and learn new skills while keeping safe in our private spaces. Similarly, "Night Photography" in COLOR GLOBAL by Sept. 7 can also be done at home or in your private spaces. It is practically an "open" theme! Accept the personal challenge to make art out of creative lighting in any setting. This can even be a macro exercise.

For our upcoming centennial celebrations, we want to prepare and start accumulating prints once again for future exhibitions.

Prints and exhibits after all have been an institutional part of the CCP Master Cup history and Club activity and we want to be ready when things normalize. We also want to continue and prepare to resume our contribution to Philippine tourism especially when its promotion will be needed most post-pandemic. "It's More Fun in the Philippines" in COLOR, GLOBAL form for April 6 was also incorporated precisely for us to delve in our vast existing bodega collection of beautiful local and exotic sites if we cannot shoot these anew! Let's not under-estimate our bodega and this competition was designed to make us finally dig-up the best of our travel files. Nothing makes our search more urgent than a competition. And finding these will surely be rewarding as we reminisce in our local OTS sites.

TOP PHOTO 4 TO 10 - OPEN



Erikk Cruz #4



Evan Grabador # 5



Bob Sison # 6



Rey Ortiz # 7



Manolo Roxas # 8



Raffy Santos # 9



Chito Vinas # 10

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6	Samson, Adel	28	4.0140	72	3.7502	7.7642
7	Yu, Philip	14	3.7707	58	3.8597	7.6304
8	Vinas, Chito	2	4.0727	46	3.4505	7.5232
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10	De Leon, Rudy	4	3.4202	48	4.0272	7.4474

TOP PHOTOGRAPHERS OPEN 2021



2) Entry #84_Cruz Erikk Entry 2



3) Entry #29_Sison Bob Entry 1



4) Entry #51_Grabador Evan Entry 2



5) Entry #47_Cumagun Jaime Entry 2



6) Entry #28_Samson Adel Entry 1



6) Entry #72_Samson Adel Entry 2



7) Entry #14_Yu Philip Entry 1



7) Entry #58_Yu Philip Entry 2



8) Entry #46_Vinas Chito Entry 2



9) Entry #37_Valera Stephen Entry 1



9) Entry #81_Valera Stephen Entry 2



10) Entry #04_de Leon Rudy Entry 1



10) Entry #48_de Leon Rudy Entry 2

DECEMBER AWARDS



Incoming 2021 President Bob Sison awards CCP plaque of appreciation to outgoing President George Buenaventura who's birthday was the next day after our Dec.7 Christmas Party and Awards Night.



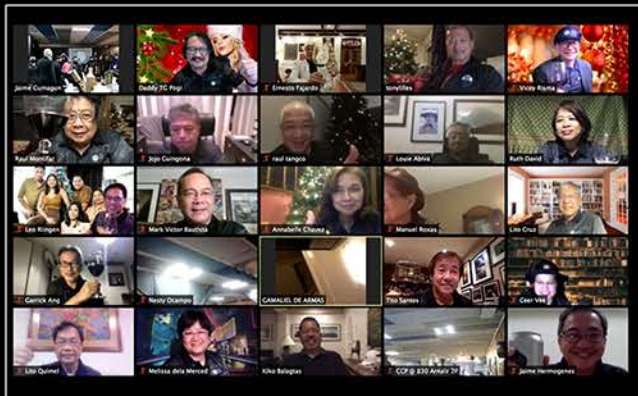
Incoming 2021 Board Members Gutch Gutierrez, Fred Yuson, Pres. Bob Sison, Emir Bautista, Miles Rocas and Bern Siy (in Virtual screens) being inducted by LM Patrick Uy.



Other 2021 Board inductees George Buenaventura (ex-Officio), Jaime Cumagun, Gutch Gutierrez, and Pres. Bob Sison.



15 magnificent awardees



As many as 56+ members attended virtually at zoom while 15 members where in APOSENTO LIVE!



LM and Master Rey Ortiz with his set of CCP Year 92 outfit and Fred Yuson's coffee table book.



Congratulations to the new lifetime Member Gus Tambunting with the Aposento Christmas gift pack courtesy of Fred Yuson and George Buenaventura.



TY Pres Jorge and Prez Fred Yuson Y for the delivery. From Party Master of Ceremonies and Organizer Jaime Cumagun.



Viewfinder Zoom correspondent TG Serrano, dawning the 92nd CCP Commemorative shirt hat covering his 9 month long uncut hairdo!



The Magnificent 15 awardees and 2020 and 2021 board members at Aposento, LIVE!



Invocation

Lord and Father,
As we are about to end this year,
We thank you for guiding and inspiring this club, its members, its outgoing officers,
And all who have contributed to this year of accomplishments.
We thank you all the prayers and blessings you have so generously provided the Camera
Club of the Philippines for the last nine decades.
We affirm all the positive moments,
Of insight, of the excitement of learning,
Of accomplishment, of creativity,
Of laughter, of a sense of fellowship and camaraderie.
We recognize the times of struggle,
Of difficult work, of misunderstanding,
Even of failure, as we give these
To you for transformation,
So they can become seeds
That will find fertile soil.
As we head into the next year,
Bless our incoming officers,
That they fulfill their duties and functions
To the best interests of the members and the club as a whole.



Congratulations CCP Artist Manong Eric Cachero as new Lifetime Member who made such a touching speech thanking his CCP "family" for helping him in his time of need as well as bringing his artistic craft to its highest, award winning height!

Chiqui Paterno, son of the late Master, Club Historian and LM Bobby and the late Dette Paterno gave a heartfelt thanks to the Club for honoring his father in last year's Memorial Master Cup citing his father's life long dedication and legacy to the CCP.



Behind the scene.
Nesty Ocampo directs and presides over the
visual presentations and slide show of the Zoom
Awards night.

Invocation for the January 2021

General Membership Meeting Jan 11, 2021

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year, we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So, help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end" (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year, we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. These we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come. Amen.

This prayer is from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008.

“The 2021 Presidential Incoming Speech by Bob Sison”.

Good evening to all.

First and foremost, allow me to express my thanks for the trust that my friends in the club have given me for allowing me to serve as the Club's 93rd President.



I remember the frustrations and disappointments I had during my first year as a probee, six years ago. And I remember how the late Mon Abad, my sponsor, and my good President Philip Yu, encouraged me to hang on. And of course, that interview by the Board. I was asked how I could serve the Board. “Could you serve as President?” I think was the question. Or something like that. I thought if they could ask me that question, and I gave an affirmative answer, I will be in their good books.

Now I am here. The challenge has begun, and I together with my distinguished Board members accept the challenge.

I am blessed with a good lineup of young and highly qualified and energetic officers in the 2021 Board. Along with that I am bringing with me into 2021 the support of the outgoing directors and some outstanding past officers and lifetime members

Let me give you again the backgrounds of the 2021 team.

Our incoming Vice President Miles Rocas, a Lion, Rotarian and a retired politician/ex-congressman, will be the Contest Committee chairman, and has already started working with Emir Bautista, an expert photographer through and through. Our corporate secretary will be the affable Nitoy Velasco who brings with him years of corporate and socio-civic organizational experience. Finance will be managed by Bern Siy, a seasoned manager, entrepreneur and businesswoman, and leader of several civic and educational organizations and foundations. Doc Gutch, a practicing dentist, professor and Professional Association leader will handle responsibility for membership. Joining us will be our usual go-to guys Tony Lilles who will continue editing the View Finder in the e-format, the indefatigable and generous Fred Yuson, who will continue our CSR activities, external relations and special projects. Jaime Cumagun, who will be serving in his third term, will handle the job we have known him well for, organizing and managing the programs of the club and emceeing our events and meetings. Last but not least, and I will not yet let him go, is our outgoing President, Jorge who will continue to help us as ex-officio member of the Board and adviser. Eric Quiazon and Manolo Roxas will continue to help us in legal matters.

A behind the scene important continuing contributor to past and future boards will be our good old Nesty, the Club's trusted chronicler, historian, archives manager, data manager, webmaster and email administrator.

I wish to give special thanks to Fred Yuson for arranging CCP to hold office in CWC Arnaiz. I think this will be convenient for everybody, especially that Aposento, the roost of CCP musicians and drinkers will be that building as well.

For our plans, let me just state in broad strokes the areas of concern we discussed in our first meeting: the new Board will work to restore the Mastercup competition to include prints and OTS, as soon as allowable, even with a hybrid contest schedule and format; we have released the themes for next year and hope they will be challenging enough to increase interest and participation among members... we will maintain a robust financial status through management of collections and income vs disbursements, we expect to resume the dinners in our meetings and we have to work up a budget that would not burden the members ...we will continue with external activities like CSR, outreach or club affiliations, perhaps one golf tournament, and other novel projects, ...we will work to increase attendance whether physical or virtual, ...we will revive educational/skills upgrading projects for members through webinars and seminars and I have had preliminary talks with some members to spearhead this initiative . We will come out with detailed announcements of specific projects later as we go along.

In closing, let me state that it was indeed a pleasure working with Jorge and his Board and I thank them for letting me get closer to the Club and giving me an initiation rite. I hope and pray the members will give this new Board all the support and cooperation and most importantly participation for a successful 2021.

Thank you and Merry Christmas to all.



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15	Sison, Bob	29	3.8747
16	Valera, Stephen	37	3.8722
17	Yu, Philip	58	3.8597
18	Grabador, Evan	51	3.8245
19	Serrano, TG	61	3.8215
20	Ocampo, Nesty	38	3.8080
21	Gutierrez, Gutch	88	3.7985
22	Del Rosario, Fred	54	3.7902
23	Lilles, Tony	65	3.7852
24	Garbanzos, Gino	1	3.7802
25	Yu, Philip	14	3.7707
26	Hermogenes, Jimmy	57	3.7597
27	Samson, Adel	72	3.7502
28	Montifar, Raul	60	3.7422
29	Mesuga, Boyet	15	3.7075
30	Valmonte, Cha	8	3.6845
31	Lilles, Tony	21	3.6450
32	Apuya, Armand	26	3.5997
33	Bautista, Emir	78	3.5990
34	Stephen, Valera	81	3.5862
35	Montifar, Miko	68	3.5835
36	Castro, Gerry	35	3.5555
37	Garbanzos, Gino	45	3.5490
38	Riingen, Leo	42	3.5422
39	Hermogenes, Jimmy	13	3.5205
40	Valmonte, Cha	52	3.5170
41	Gutierrez, Gutch	44	3.5070
42	Garrido, Jun	55	3.4825
43	Montalban, Joey	27	3.4697
44	Santos, Tito	22	3.4625
45	Vinas, Chito	46	3.4505
46	Tangco, Raul	83	3.4487
47	De Leon, Rudy	4	3.4202
48	Cumagun, Jaime	47	3.4115
49	Montalban, Joey	71	3.3987
50	Bautista, Emir	34	3.3980
51	Riingen, Leo	86	3.3785
52	Burgos, Mark	9	3.3482
53	Ang, Garrick	33	3.3475
54	Lagrimas, EJ	69	3.3422
55	Uy, Patrick	23	3.3300
56	Risma, Vicoy	41	3.3147
57	Ocampo, Nesty	82	3.3130
58	Risma, Vicoy	85	3.3100
59	Castro, Gerry	79	3.3045
60	Montifar, Raul	16	3.2877
61	Uy, Patrick	67	3.2820
62	Fidelino, Boyet	74	3.2787
63	Castillo, Quincy	5	3.2615
64	Serrano, TG	17	3.2360
65	Mesuga, Boyet	59	3.2277
66	Antonio, Joey	80	3.2127
67	Santos, Tito	66	3.1875
68	Ortiz, Rey	20	3.1797
69	Guingona, Jojo	43	3.1690
70	Burgos, Mark	53	3.1640
71	Fidelino, Boyet	30	3.1637
72	Del Rosario, Fred	10	3.1295
73	Castillo, Quincy	49	3.1017
74	Lagrimas, EJ	25	3.0812
75	Tangco, Raul	39	3.0685
76	Gaite, Manny	56	3.0680
77	Gaite, Manny	12	3.0667
78	Roxas, Manolo	31	3.0612
79	Guingona, Jojo	87	3.0495
80	Yuson, Fred	19	3.0255
81	Montifar, Miko	24	3.0067
82	Apuya, Armand	70	2.9830
83	Benitez, Manette	76	2.9230
84	Yuson, Fred	63	2.8730
85	Santos, Raffy	50	2.8222
86	Ang, Garrick	77	2.8177
87	Garrido, Jun	11	2.7442
88	Benitez, Manette	32	2.6091

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15	Hermogenes, Jimmy	13	3.5205	57	3.7597	7.2802
16	Antonio, Joey	36	4.0040	80	3.2127	7.2167
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23	Mesuga, Boyet	15	3.7075	59	3.2277	6.9352
24	Santos, Raffy	6	4.1052	50	2.8222	6.9274
25	Riingen, Leo	42	3.5422	86	3.3785	6.9207
26	Del Rosario, Fred	10	3.1295	54	3.7902	6.9197
27	Montalban, Joey	27	3.4697	71	3.3987	6.8684
28	Castro, Gerry	35	3.5555	79	3.3045	6.8600
29	Santos, Tito	22	3.4625	66	3.1875	6.6247
30	Risma, Vicoy	41	3.3147	85	3.3100	6.6500
31	Uy, Patrick	23	3.3300	67	3.2820	6.6120
32	Montifar, Miko	24	3.0067	68	3.5835	6.5902
33	Apuya, Armand	26	3.5997	70	2.9830	6.5827
34	Tangco, Raul	39	3.0685	83	3.4487	6.5172
35	Burgos, Mark	9	3.3482	53	3.1640	6.5122
36	Fidelino, Boyet	30	3.1637	74	3.2787	6.4424
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42	Gaite, Manny	12	3.0667	56	3.0680	6.1347
43	Yuson, Fred	19	3.0255	63	2.8730	5.8985
44	Benitez, Manette	32	2.6091	76	2.9230	5.5321

February Birthday Celebrants

Arroyo, Kakai	February 05
Burgos, Mark	February 05
Chan, Rocky	February 23
Davocol, Emil	February 23
De Leon, Rudy	February 26
dela Vega, Benny	February 03
Reyes, Reggie	February 02
Siy, Bern	February 09

MONTHLY THEME AND CONTEST RULES

Month	Theme	Deadline of Entries	Gen Membership Meeting
January	Open GLOBAL	5-Jan	11-Jan
February	New Normal BW UNRES	2-Feb	8-Feb
March	BW+1PRINT GLOBAL	2-Mar	8-Mar
April	Its More Fun...COLOR GLOBAL	6-Apr	12-Apr
May	Street Entertainment MOBILE COLOR UNRES	4-May	10-May
June	Nature's Wrath BW UNRES	1-Jun	7-Jun
July	Macro Still Life COLOR GLOBAL	6-Jul	12-Jul
August	Before and After COLOR PRINT UNRES	3-Aug	9-Aug
September	Night Photography COLOR GLOBAL	7-Sep	13-Sep