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## *It's More Fun in the Philippines... And in Our Bodega!*

Color, GLOBAL.

By Tony D. Lilles



April showers bring May flowers as they say but this month's 74 entries were more like a flood of blossoming and colorful display of *flora and fauna*, of an island archipelago rich with happy people enjoying a diverse culture in a naturally scenic setting. We have entries from above and below, from land to sea, as well as underwater and within a Volcano cauldron! We have sky-biking, bridge-jumping, kite-flying. Sites from Batanes to Davao, to parades and festivals! And *only from the Philippines*. This collection alone, from one monthly competition, in one event of many in the year, and from one Camera Club of the Philippines, can stand-alone, as is, as an advertising campaign portfolio for our country.

After all, this joint project with the TBP (Tourism Promotions Board Phil.) which started in 2019 to help the country in its quest to re-invigorate local travel even before the pandemic is composed of diverse destinations, local festivals and natural, outstanding landscapes on and off the beaten track. To borrow from their favorite and internationally acclaimed advertising slogan: "It's more Fun" to dig into our "Philippine bodegas", local OTS files or archives during this lockdown. This is the board's way to encourage us to dig into and search for possible entries from our rich collection of field trips to various locales, and even unknown or newly discovered destinations and events.



Our gracious April judges who were meticulously chosen also have the credentials to be the proper scorers for this tournament like Tourism Promotions Board COO Maria Anthonette Velasco-Allones (<https://www.google.com/amp/s/orangemagazine.ph/2020/tpb-welcomes-new-coo/%3famp>).

**Claude Evangelista** (<https://inspirefilmcreate.com/welcome-7#showreel-7-section>) is a Professional adventure filmmaker with experience working for DOT Philippines and Cebu Pacific. He is a USPA-licensed skydiver, an underwater photographer and cinematographer and has done features for the DOT. We attached their links here because they have work worth viewing for our own inspiration.

When **Arlene Donaie** is not working as a developmental economist (who has degrees from UP and Harvard), she is a travel and street photography enthusiast. She is a member of several camera clubs and has published works in travel including from *Manila Bulletin's Picture Perfect Magazine*.



## *It's More Fun in the Philippines...*

Photographer, Director and Cinematographer **Christian Halili** first received his photography training under Master Photographer **Raul Montifar** and was under the tutelage of Roberto "Boy" Yniguez in cinematography. He has GMA7 MTV Awards from 2007 for Best Videography, Honorable Mention for his work entitled "Liquid" at the PX3 Photographie de Paris 2008, Anvil Awards of Excellence 2009, Anvil Awards of Excellence Happy Tummies 2012, Asia Spike Awards 2018, Quill Award to name a few.

There are many insights in this April competition and the way these scores changed the *Master Cup Standings* as we start the *Second Conference* of 2021. Unlike previous norms in past months, a lot of shuffling is going on in the race board. This is because scores in the first 4 month's contests were so varied (partly by judges giving a wide band of scores) and with many different winners, some of which have not been in the podium in a while. There is a pattern of usual winners brewing but varied scores continue to bounce members up and down the Master Cup tally every month!

In this month of April, **Rey Ortiz** (Top Winning Photo and 3<sup>rd</sup> as Photographer of the Month), **Chito Viñas** (Top 5<sup>th</sup> Photo), **Boyett Mesuga** (Top 7<sup>th</sup> Photo), **Manette Benitez** (Top 9<sup>th</sup> Photo), and **Jun Garrido** (Top 10<sup>th</sup> Photo) all shot up by several positions!

While last month's winners Fred del Rosario, Stephen Valera and this writer's standing dropped down by considerable margins for simply garnering lower numerical scores each for both entries. Oh, well.

"It's more fun" for **Evan Grabador** this month as Photographer of the Month for April by placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in photo rank. **Adel Samson** comes in at 2<sup>nd</sup>. A rewarding night it was as Evan also started our meeting with the first of a series of *webinars in Lightroom education* exclusively for our fellow members as part of the project of the *Continuing Education Committee of the Board*. There is scheduling ongoing for a zoom session on *Part II of Evan Grabador's tutorial on Processing on Friday April 30 at 6:30 pm*. There will be a hands-on workshop on Lightroom processing. Please post in Viber or email your interest to join this class.

So, keep joining the monthly's! It's still anyone's Cup at this time. It's not too late to enter and climb the race board!



**RUBEN G. ASEDILO**  
1936 - 2021

Ruben is a gentleman and has a kind heart. He served in our CCP as a legal mind for decades and saw to it that CCP was protected from legal harm.

Ruben loved to take photographs even when he already had difficulty walking.

He became famous in CCP as he had a rare talent of making photographs of compositions of bottles that were very striking and unique. The bottles were always perfectly placed and masterfully lit.

He won many awards with his photographs of bottles.

Very recently, he shared his family with us *Lifetime Members*. He has a son who is an accomplished surgeon, and his family is a beautiful family. Ruben has grandchildren and I am sure he was so happy for them to be around him.

Ruben, we will miss you, but I look forward to seeing you again when my time comes.

R.I.P. Manong Ruben. You lived a good life.

**From Quincy Castillo**

I fully agree with you Quincy. We will miss his warm smile and gentle ways. When I was new in the Club, he even invited me to his office. I know him as a genuine and principled person. Sincere condolences to Ruben's family.

**From Gam de Armas**

Ruben was a gentle and generous person. He loved his family and was very proud of his apos. He also loved to show his favorite photographs to friends. He took a liking to KD (Korean drama) during the pandemic and we exchanged notes on which titles were good to watch.

I will miss Ruben and our private chats. Thank you for the memories, dear friend.

**From Joey Montalban**

"Rest in Peace, Ruben!"



# FAREWELL TO OUR BELOVED LIFETIME MEMBER RUBEN GUINTO ASEDILLO

"Rest in Peace, Ruben!

Ruben was always egging me to embrace digital technology in my photography, like he had! Truly, his mind remained young and adventurous until the end.

Last Monday, I came across the CCP announcement that coach Evan Grabador was giving a webinar on Lightroom basics that day. For some reason I felt the urge to attend and I did. I guess I now have a patron saint in my journey to digital photography. Thanks Ruben."

**From Kiko Balagtas**

**From Leo Riingen:**

Ruben gave me the longest and most touching birthday greeting last year. No wonder I didn't get one this year. I will sorely miss you Ruben. **From Leo Riingen** I'd like to share it with you:

*"Happy birthday! Leo. May your joys be as bright as the morning and your sorrows merely be shadows that fade in the sunlight of your family's love.*

*May you have enough happiness to keep you sweet,  
enough trials to keep you strong,  
enough sorrows to keep you human,  
enough hope to keep you happy,  
enough failure to keep you humble,  
enough success to keep you eager,  
enough friends to keep you comfort,  
enough faith and courage in yourself to banish sadness,  
enough wealth to meet your needs, and one thing more:  
enough determination to make each day a more wonderful day than the day before.*

*And most of all, on this special day: may you live as long as you want and not want for as long as you live.*

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY" ~From ruben84 asedillo*

**From Udsie Villarama:**

I am deeply saddened with Ruben's passing. Whenever he would travel, he would Viber photos to me to show me where he was during lockdown and he would send me photos of flowers taken in his garden. I will truly miss him. Here are some of Ruben's pictures.



**From Fred del Rosario:**

Ruben sent me this message in May last year. I now whisper it back to him in prayer:

*"The Lord bless you and keep you:  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you  
The Lord bless you and keep you:  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you  
The Lord lift up the light  
Of His countenance upon you,  
The Lord lift up the light  
Of His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace,  
And give you peace,  
And give you peace,  
And give you peace."*







# Ruben Asedillo Tribute



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The very first "OTS" in Tagaytay, 1929

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Dozens of people from all walks of life started viewing the photo... Lifetime member Alejandro Legarda and 1983 Miss Maja Phils. cut the ceremonial ribbon opening the 1983 Camera Club of the Phils. photo exhibit

what Don Miguel calls "pic  
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Judges Committee Castro, Reidenbach and Asedillo brief "Child portrait" Judges Mantaring, Gutierrez and Arroyo, as Contest Chairman Echaz looks on.



Bert Lozada of the Intramuros Administration with Ruben Asedillo.



Maya, CCP President Louie Abiva and Bobby Paterno relaxes in the shade of Puerta Real garden.



Lunch was hosted by the Intramuros Administration

# "INTRAMUROS TODAY" ON - THE - SPOT COMPETITION FEBRUARY 19, 1983



... after a sumptuous dinner to prepare for the afternoon



Bert Lozada of the Intramuros Administration with Ruben Asedillo.





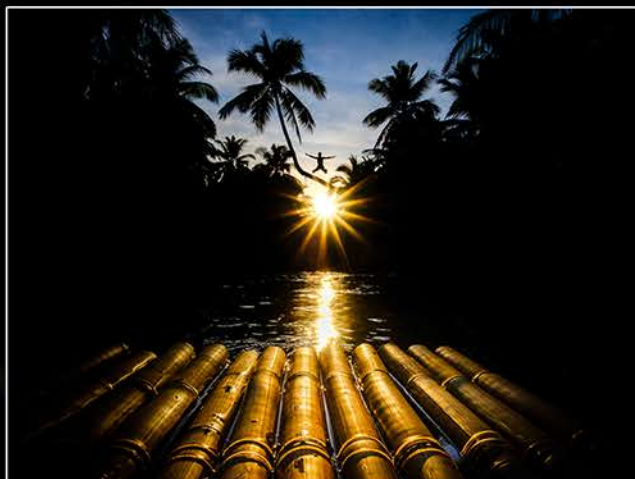
# It's More Fun in the Philippines...



5<sup>th</sup> Viñas, Chito #1

## Top Photo 4 to 10

- 4. Evan Grabador
- 5. Chito Viñas
- 6. Jake Logonera
- 7. Boyet Mesuga
- 8. Philip Yu
- 9. Manette Benítez
- 10. Jun Garrido



4<sup>th</sup> Grabador, Evan #2



6<sup>th</sup> Lagonera, Jake #1



7<sup>th</sup> Mesuga, Boyet #2



8<sup>th</sup> Philip, Yu #2



9<sup>th</sup> Benítez, Manette #1



10<sup>th</sup> Garrido, Jun #1





2nd Adel Samson



3rd Rey Ortiz

# Top 10 Photographers It's More Fun in the Philippines...



4th Leo Riingen



4 Leo Riingen



5th Manette Benitez



6th Jun Garrido



7th Boyet Mesuga



8th Chito Viñas



9th Lagonera Jake



10th TG Serrano



10th TG Serrano

Rank	Name	Entry #1		Entry #2		TOTAL SCORE
		Entry #	Average Score	Entry #	Average Score	
1	Grabador, Evan	21	4.3528	58	4.2303	8.5831
2	Samson, Adel	31	3.8931	68	4.3472	8.2403
3	Ortiz, Rey	8	3.7890	45	4.3959	8.1849
4	Riingen, Leo	30	3.9197	67	4.0062	7.9259
5	Benitez, Manette	5	4.0297	42	3.8822	7.9119
6	Garrido, Jun	29	4.0093	66	3.8740	7.8833
7	Mesuga, Boyet	2	3.7784	39	4.0559	7.8343
8	Viñas, Chito	37	4.1300	74	3.5984	7.7284
9	Lagonera, Jake	4	3.6053	41	4.1000	7.7053
10	Serrano, TG	34	3.9822	71	3.6562	7.6384





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## Top Photos by Rank It's More Fun in the Philippines

Rank	Name	74	# of Entries
		Entry #	Average Score
1	Ortiz, Rey	45	4.3959
2	Grabador, Evan	21	4.3528
3	Samson, Adel	68	4.3472
4	Grabador, Evan	58	4.2303
5	Viñas, Chito	37	4.1300
6	Lagonera, Jake	41	4.1000
7	Mesuga, Boyet	39	4.0559
8	Yu, Philip	40	4.0447
9	Benitez, Manette	5	4.0297
10	Garrido, Jun	29	4.0093
11	Riingen, Leo	67	4.0062
12	Serrano, TG	34	3.9822
13	Santos, Tito	15	3.9784
14	Riingen, Leo	30	3.9197
15	Cruz, Erik	18	3.9062
15	Valmonte, Cha	38	3.9062
17	Cumagun, Jaime	12	3.9022
18	Uy, Patrick	65	3.8953
19	Samson, Adel	31	3.8931
20	Benitez, Manette	42	3.8822
21	Garrido, Jun	66	3.8740
22	De Leon, Rudy	44	3.8718
22	Sison, Bob	56	3.8718
24	Hermogenes, Jimmy	43	3.8500
25	Ortiz, Rey	8	3.7890
26	Burgos, Mark	54	3.7884
27	Apuya, Armand	47	3.7797
28	Mesuga, Boyet	2	3.7784
29	Ocampo, Nesty	16	3.7731
30	Samson, Juni	23	3.7687
31	Garbanzos, Gino	62	3.7375
32	Roxas, Manolo	57	3.6718
33	Ocampo, Nesty	53	3.6565
34	Serrano, TG	71	3.6562
35	Burgos, Mark	17	3.6190
36	Lagonera, Jake	4	3.6053
37	Yuson, Fred	9	3.6047
38	Viñas, Chito	74	3.5984
39	Garbanzos, Gino	25	3.5956
40	Lagrimas, EJ	72	3.5943
41	Tangco, Raul	22	3.5812
42	Cruz, Gino	11	3.5772
43	Yuson, Fred	46	3.5553
43	Guingona, Jojo	69	3.5553
45	De Leon, Rudy	7	3.5290
45	Sison, Bob	19	3.5290
47	Samson, Juni	60	3.5187
48	Cumagun, Jaime	49	3.5093
49	Cruz, Gino	48	3.5062
50	Apuya, Armand	10	3.4912
51	Lilles, Tony	73	3.4781
52	Del Rosario, Fred	14	3.4362
53	Guingona, Jojo	32	3.4178
54	Valera, Stephen	50	3.4040
55	Antonio, Joey	70	3.3968
56	Del Rosario, Fred	51	3.3718
57	Yu, Philip	3	3.3603
58	Antonio, Joey	33	3.3593
59	Cruz, Erik	55	3.3515
60	Tangco, Raul	59	3.3431
61	Uy, Patrick	28	3.3353
62	Montalban, Joey	61	3.3343
63	Hermogenes, Jimmy	6	3.3322
64	Valmonte, Cha	1	3.3312
65	Lilles, Tony	36	3.2697
66	Lagrimas, EJ	35	3.2281
67	Montalban, Joey	24	3.1843
68	Valera, Stephen	13	3.1193
69	Fidelino, Boyet	63	3.0812
70	Santos, Tito	52	3.0781
71	Roxas, Manolo	20	2.9697
72	Risma, Vicoy	64	2.9018
73	Fidelino, Boyet	26	2.8725
74	Risma, Vicoy	27	2.7125

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10	Serrano, TG	34	3.9822	71	3.6562	7.6384
11	Ocampo, Nesty	16	3.7731	53	3.6565	7.4296
12	Cumagun, Jaime	12	3.9022	49	3.5093	7.4115
13	Burgos, Mark	17	3.6190	54	3.7884	7.4074
14	Yu, Philip	3	3.3603	40	4.0447	7.4050
15	De Leon, Rudy	7	3.5290	44	3.8718	7.4008
15	Sison, Bob	19	3.5290	56	3.8718	7.4008
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18	Samson, Juni	23	3.7687	60	3.5187	7.2874
19	Apuya, Armand	10	3.4912	47	3.7797	7.2709
20	Cruz, Erik	18	3.9062	55	3.3515	7.2577
21	Valmonte, Cha	1	3.3312	38	3.9062	7.2374
22	Uy, Patrick	28	3.3353	65	3.8953	7.2306
23	Hermogenes, Jimmy	6	3.3322	43	3.8500	7.1822
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25	Cruz, Gino	11	3.5772	48	3.5062	7.0834
26	Santos, Tito	15	3.9784	52	3.0781	7.0565
27	Guingona, Jojo	32	3.4178	69	3.5553	6.9731
28	Tangco, Raul	22	3.5812	59	3.3431	6.9243
29	Lagrimas, EJ	35	3.2281	72	3.5943	6.8224
30	Del Rosario, Fred	14	3.4362	51	3.3718	6.8080
31	Antonio, Joey	33	3.3593	70	3.3968	6.7561
32	Lilles, Tony	36	3.2697	73	3.4781	6.7478
33	Roxas, Manolo	20	2.9697	57	3.6718	6.6415
34	Valera, Stephen	13	3.1193	50	3.4040	6.5233
35	Montalban, Joey	24	3.1843	61	3.3343	6.5186
36	Fidelino, Boyet	26	2.8725	63	3.0812	5.9537
37	Risma, Vicoy	27	2.7125	64	2.9018	5.6143

## Mastercup scores Jan - April 2021

Table V: Mastercup Scores Jan-Apr 2021						
Alphabetical Name	Viewfinder Name	April		Mastercup January - April		
		# of Members	Contest Rank	MC Standing	MC Rank	Movement
Grabador, Evan	Evan Grabador	8.5831	1	32.3819	1	1
Samson, Adel	Adel Samson	8.2403	2	32.5756	2	1
Cruz, Erik	Erik Cruz	7.2577	20	32.0832	3	-2
Sison, Bob	Bob Sison	7.4008	15	31.4676	4	1
Cumagun, Jaime	Jaime Cumagun	7.4115	12	31.3165	5	1
Ortiz, Rey	Rey Ortiz	8.1849	3	31.2324	6	9
Mesuga, Boyet	Boyet Mesuga	7.8343	7	31.2028	7	5
Yu, Philip	Philip Yu	7.4050	14	31.1609	8	-1
Serrano, TG	TG Serrano	7.6384	10	31.0072	9	2
Lagonera, Jake	Jake Lagonera	7.7053	9	30.9316	10	3
Del Rosario, Fred	Fred Del Rosario	6.8080	30	30.9072	11	-7
Viñas, Chito	Chito Viñas	7.7284	8	30.5900	12	4
Hermogenes, Jimmy	Jimmy Hermogenes	7.1822	23	30.5870	13	-3
Burgos, Mark	Mark Burgos	7.4074	13	30.4905	14	0
Garrido, Jun	Jun Garrido	7.8833	6	30.4248	15	5
Lilles, Tony	Tony Lilles	6.7478	32	30.1933	16	-7
Valera, Stephen	Stephen Valera	6.5233	34	30.1766	17	-9
Garbanzos, Gino	Gino Garbanzos	7.3331	17	30.1020	18	0
De Leon, Rudy	Rudy De Leon	7.4008	15	29.6297	19	4
Benitez, Manette	Manette Benitez	7.9119	5	29.6263	20	6
Antonio, Joey	Joey Antonio	6.7561	31	29.5623	21	-4
Lagrimas, EJ	EJ Lagrimas	6.8224	29	29.4088	22	-3
Roxas, Manolo	Manolo Roxas	6.6415	33	29.1304	23	-2
Riingen, Leo	Leo Riingen	7.9259	4	29.0773	24	8
Valmonte, Cha	Cha Valmonte	7.2374	21	29.0725	25	0
Apuya, Armand	Armand Apuya	7.2709	19	28.6839	26	1
Yuson, Fred	Fred Yuson	7.1600	24	28.5483	27	1
Uy, Patrick	Patrick Uy	7.2306	22	28.5298	28	1
Fidelino, Boyet	Boyet Fidelino	5.9537	36	28.2271	29	-7
Tangco, Raul	Raul Tangco	6.9243	28	28.0878	30	1
Santos, Tito	Tito Santos	7.0565	26	27.8656	31	2
Guingona, Jojo	Jojo Guingona	6.9731	27	27.6936	32	2
Risma, Vicoy	Vicoy Risma	5.6143	37	27.5776	33	-9
Ocampo, Nesty	Nesty Ocampo	7.4296	11	21.8338	34	3
Gaite, Manny	Manny Gaite	-	38	21.2207	35	-5
Montalban, Joey	Joey Montalban	6.5186	35	20.9383	36	0
Samson, Juni	Juni Samson	7.2874	18	15.4044	37	4
Gutierrez, Gutch	Gutch Gutierrez	-	38	15.3531	38	-3
Abejo, Tim	Tim Abejo	-	38	13.9685	39	-1
Castro, Gerry	Gerry Castro	-	38	13.5262	40	-1
Ang, Garrick	Garrick Ang	-	38	13.4959	41	-1
Cruz, Gino	Gino Cruz	7.0834	25	7.0834	42	-1
Montiflar, Raul	Raul Montiflar	-	38	7.0299	43	-1
Bautista, Emir	Emir Bautista	-	38	6.9970	44	-1
Santos, Raffy	Raffy Santos	-	38	6.9274	45	-1
Montiflar, Miko	Miko Montiflar	-	38	6.5902	46	-1
Castillo, Quincy	Quincy Castillo	-	38	6.3632	47	-1