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## PHOTOS FROM NEAR AND FAR CATHY LOCKLEAR (UK, BELGIUM, PARIS)



From Cathy (**STILL** on her trip):

The water photo is Weymouth UK. It was our first port of call. It took my breath away the moment I saw it!

The shot with swans is in Brugge, Belgium. It was a place of true magic! Quickly became one of my favorite places visited ever!

We arrived in Paris yesterday. This was my first shot of the Eiffel Tower! More amazing than I'd even imagined. Touristy, yes, but an icon for sure- but deserving!



# PRESIDENT’S NOTES – *JACQUES WOOD*

## September Review!

Our Club continues to have an active and eventful year. We had 47 members in attendance (29 in-person and 18 on Zoom) for the entertaining and informative “RAW vs JPEG” presentation by Gary Friedman at our September general meeting. There were also 5 guests present. Our membership now stands at 109 and is “International” in scope.



JACQUES WOOD

## “Travels Near and Far” Exhibit

I did not make an official count, but I estimate that a majority of our members attended the opening reception for the “Travels Near and Far” Exhibition at the Campbell House on September 8. I did hear an Arts Council representative comment “that this has to be a record [number] for an opening.” Thanks to **Shari Dutton, Exhibition Chair**, and members who either submitted photos for the exhibit or assisted in set-up or refreshments for this event.

## One Cancellation; One Opportunity

In part because of the timing of the Campbell House exhibition, the Board decided at its September meeting not to participate in the Southern Pines Autumn Fest on October 7. Anyone who planned on dropping by the Club booth at Autumn Fest should consider attending the Club outing at the Scotland County Highland Games. This event takes place on October 7 in Laurinburg from 8:30 am to 5 pm (for more information, see Outings Report on p. 7). Kilts are optional!!

## Elections

At our next general meeting on October 9 the Nominating Committee shall report the following 2024 SPC Officers’ slate:

President:	Bonny Henderson
Vice-President:	Susan Bailey
Secretary:	Susan Batts
Treasurer:	Frank Lipski

- **Bonny Henderson** has served on the Club’s Membership Committee; served as Club Treasurer; and, for the last three years, served as Co-Chair of Competitions.
- **Susan Bailey** has been the Club’s Outings Chair for a number of years and previously held leadership positions in other photography organizations.
- **Susan Batts** is the current Club Secretary; we are very fortunate that she has agreed to serve another term in that capacity.
- **Frank Lipski** has served two terms as Workshops Chair; he has served as Treasurer for other non-profit organizations, and he has used the Quicken financial software that will be used for Club finances going forward.

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**President's Notes, continued:**

According to Club By-laws, nominations for any officer position can be made from the floor at the October meeting provided "such nominees must have previously signified a willingness to serve if elected." Election of officers will take place at our General Membership Business Meeting on November 15, 2023.

Fall is here! The days and of course the natural light is shorter but color abounds. All you leaf peepers get out there and shoot some glorious autumn colors.



Come little leaves said the wind one day.  
Come over the meadows and we will play.  
Put on your garments of scarlet and gold  
For Summer is gone and the days grow cold.

Till then, keep on shooting!!

*Jacques*



*Photo of Jacques by Brian Osborne*

**Treasurer's Report - FINANCIAL REPORT 2023**

<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		
	<b>Checking</b>	<b>\$5,781.18</b>
	<b>Savings</b>	<b>\$3,916.21</b>
<b>Grand Total of all Accounts</b>		<b>\$9,697.39</b>



**JUDY NAPPI**

# Congratulations to our Bill Buss!!

One of our members, **Bill Buss**, won **three awards** at the **Lee County Fair!**

Please congratulate him next time you see him.



All Tucked In – Animals  
1<sup>st</sup> place



Bristlecone Stands Alone – Landscapes  
2<sup>nd</sup> place



Desert Wonder – Flowers and Plants  
1<sup>st</sup> place



BONNY HENDERSON

## COMPETITION COMMITTEE

### BONNY HENDERSON & JERRY KOZEL

Join us on Monday, October 9 for our competition “Something Involving Water.” Our judge will be Kim Critchfield of Twin Falls, Idaho. He is a Master Photographer and a lifetime member of the Professional Photographers of Idaho. If you’d like to see some of his fine art photography, go to [www.critchfoto.com](http://www.critchfoto.com)



JERRY KOZEL

Our final competition of this year is “Sports” and the galleries will open on November 11 and close on November 18. This competition is judged by member voting and the winners will be announced at the Holiday Dinner. There will be no judge’s comments, but members are encouraged to leave helpful comments on the voting form. More information to follow about member voting.

We are pleased to announce that a new Competitions Committee has formed and they have been working with us on the current competition, learning the ropes and getting prepared for 2024. Mike Sassano and Eugene Cottrell will be the new committee and we know they’ll do a fantastic job! Mike, who currently resides in Tennessee, is learning the technology duties and Eugene will handle the “front man” chores. They are both experienced photographers and bring a lot of expertise to the committee.

#### The topics for 2024 are:

<b>FEB</b>	<b>Shapes and Patterns</b>
<b>APR</b>	<b>Worm’s Eye View (get low)</b>
<b>JUN</b>	<b>Go With the Flow (moving water)</b>
<b>AUG</b>	<b>Close-Up</b>
<b>OCT</b>	<b>Abstract</b>
<b>DEC</b>	<b>Rows of Things</b>

The laminated cards for years 2024 and 2025 will be available soon at the Membership table. The holidays are coming, but don’t forget to use your camera and focus on upcoming competitions!

*Bonny & Jerry*

**Pilot Mountain  
FALL FIELD TRIP**  
October 31 – November 2

**2 Rooms left at our  
discount price!!!**

Hotel: **Hampton Inn and Suites Shelton Vineyards**

Dobson, NC  
336-353-9400

**ROOMS ARE RESERVED, SO  
GET YOUR RESERVATION NOW!!**

Rate: \$130 per night  
Group name: **Sandhills Photo Club**



Gary Magee



Contact Gary Magee with questions at [garymagee86@gmail.com](mailto:garymagee86@gmail.com)

Subjects: Fall Color, Mt Airy sites and more!

Schedule: Tuesday: arrive by 1pm for afternoon outing and dinner  
Wednesday: Pilot Mountain Day and dinner  
Thursday: on your own

Extra day on your own – Stone Mountain State Park (32 minutes), Blue Ridge Parkway for Doughton Park and Brinegar's Cabin (about an hour)

**Gary Magee**  
Field Trip Chair  
[garymagee86@gmail.com](mailto:garymagee86@gmail.com)



Susan Bailey

# Scotland County Highland Games October 6 - 8, 2023

OCTOBER OUTING  
Scotland County Highland Games  
**Date: Saturday, October 7**  
Time: starts at 8:30 and runs all day - check the schedule

Please arrive and stay as long as you want

There may be good possibilities for our next competition, "Sports".

Where: Scotland County Highland Games  
NC Rural Heritage Center  
13043 X-Way Road  
Laurinburg, NC  
Website: <http://www.carolina-highlandgames.com/schedules>  
Directions on website - 35-40 minutes

Fee: \$20 per person

Highland Games Schedule – Saturday, October 7	
8:00 a.m.	Field opens to the public
8:30 a.m.	Scottish Athletic Events (Games Field)
9:00 a.m.	Competitions begin in Solo Piping and Drumming (west of Games Field) and Highland Dance
10:00 a.m.	Sheep Dog Demonstration Entertainment Stage Opens (A3 on map - see schedule at the Stage) Currie Cultural Tent Opens (A1 on map - see schedule at the tent)
11:45 a.m.	Opening Ceremony Assembly
12:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies (Games Field) Massed Pipe Bands Parade of Tartans
12:45 p.m.	Competitions resume in Solo Piping and Drumming, Highland Dance and Scottish Athletics
1:00 p.m.	Kids' Games
2:00 p.m.	Pipe Band Competition: 2023 EUSPBA Southern Branch Championships for Grade IV. Competitions for Grades III & V also offered Sheep Dog Demonstration
5:00 p.m.	Closing Ceremonies and Awards Presentations (Games Field)

PLEASE RSVP TO [susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com](mailto:susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com) and I'll send a list you of who is attending so we can try to coordinate.

## From Susan Bailey and Nina Drinko:

### 2023 Outings Survey Results

Thank you to the 41 members who responded to our Outings Survey. This gives us great information for 2024 regarding Outings and Workshops.

#### Gardens

Gardens, Local	28
Gardens, Raleigh-Durham	23
Waterlilies	25

#### Animals

Birds	22
Dog event	15
Horse show, Pinehurst	12
Horse Show, Raeford	10
NC Zoo	19
Aloha Safari Zoo	19

#### Transportation

Trains	21
Airshow	14
Cars	15

#### Events

Parades	10
Sporting event	14
Jordan Lake Boat	17
Highland Games, Scotland County, Laurinburg (October)	16
Ederville Train & Tractor Show (November)	17
Blessing of the Hounds (Thanksgiving)	12
Hounds on the Grounds, Weymouth Center (January)	22

#### Other

Street Photography	26
Architecture	28
Portraits	15



## PROGRAMS – *BOB MOBSBY*

November 13, 2023:

### **The Holy Trinity of Landscape Photography: Light, Subject and Composition by Joseph Rossbach**

In this presentation, landscape and nature photographer Joseph Rossbach would like to discuss how light and subject selection along with a compelling



composition can create dynamic and thoughtful

images. He will be going over a variety of lighting conditions and talking about how they each create their own mood, how to select the proper subject matter, and how to better compose images around the natural light we are given when out in the field shooting.

[www.josephrossbach.com](http://www.josephrossbach.com)



**BOB MOBSBY**

**Bob Mobsby, Vice President / Programs**



*Happy Fall Y'all*

## EXHIBITS, *SHARI DUTTON*

### **Our exhibit has been a great success!**

When I stopped by last week, we had **12 sales on the books!** That is more than we can remember in recent history. When I did the exhibit 2 years ago, we had 3 sales!

If you participated, this is a reminder that the photographs **need to be picked up after 2:00 this Friday or between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday the 2nd.**



Shari Dutton

Also, after discussing with the board, we have decided **not** to participate in **Autumnfest** this year. We do have a great photography opportunity that day with the outing to the **Highland Games in Laurinburg**. We hope you'll attend!

Any questions? Feel free to contact me!

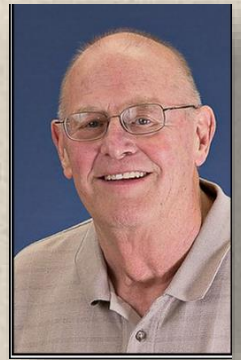
Shari Dutton  
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910-585-2037

## MEMBERSHIP – JACK MATHEWS

We currently have 110 members, consisting of 90 individuals, 18 family members, and 2 honorary members.

### Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome new member Sylvie Chartrand to SPC. Sylvie is a resident of Pinehurst. She was referred to the club by a friend. Her photographic interests are wildlife and nature.



JACK MATHEWS

Welcome to Philip Lewis our newest member. Phil rates himself as an advanced amateur photographer. His favorite photography interest is birds. He is a retired podiatric surgeon and lives in Vass.

### Last Meeting's Attendance

At our September meeting, we had 29 members attending at the Ball Center and 18 members attending on Zoom. This amounts to 43% of our membership attending. There were also 5 guests attending.

### Membership Directory

We are still missing a few photographs of members for the Directory. If you have not yet provided your photograph, please forward your selected one to John German at [website@sandhillsphtoclub.org](mailto:website@sandhillsphtoclub.org).

### Do-It-Yourself Meeting Registration and EZ Badge

At our next meeting, want to avoid waiting in line at the Registration Desk and help the Membership Committee at the same time? Once you are in the Ball Gardens Visitor Center lobby, follow the Do-It-Yourself procedure outlined below. There will be copies of this procedure available at the Registration Desk.

Using your smartphone go to:

- **Settings > Wi-fi > EZ Badge** (Not a problem if you see No Internet Connection)
- **Open your Browser** (Safari, Google, etc.)
- **Type in <http://ez.com>** Brings up EZ Badge Registration Form
- **Start typing your first name...** It may automatically complete your name.
- **Select** either Member, Board Member, or Guest
- **Select** Print Badge
- **Select** Finish
- Your stick-on EZ Badge will be ready for you at the Registration table.
- **Turn off or Silence** your phone before entering the meeting room.

*Jack Mathews*



## SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

[WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG)



### Website Notes for September:

This month's featured member's gallery on the club website is by [Michael Sassano](#). Click his name to view his website or the link to his website is on our website homepage.

### Club Directory

You may view the club directory at: [Club Directory](#). If you would like to have your photo added to the directory, or change the one in the gallery, just send a favorite to me at [John German](#). I will add it to the gallery. If you need the password, please email me and I will provide it. It hasn't changed and has gone out in an email blast to the membership. It and the Member's Only page are the same.

### Member Galleries

Members who would like a personal gallery should let me know at [website@sandhillsphotoclub.org](mailto:website@sandhillsphotoclub.org), and I will send an upload link for their use.

See the website "Member Galleries" page for instructions on sizing, etc. **This link will continue to work but if you wish to change images, I must delete the old ones. You can upload at will. If you have lost your link, just let me know and I will resend it to you.**

### Member Websites

**If you have a personal website**, please let me know and I can provide a link on the "Member's Galleries" page for you. Please view the member's websites & galleries on this tab on the club website.

PS: Please email any errors that you may notice on the website. I will correct them as soon as possible. [website@sandhillsphotoclub.org](mailto:website@sandhillsphotoclub.org)



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