## EVERY YEAR, AT ABOUT THIS TIME

These people brace themselves for an upcoming struggle of titanic proportions

It is the ....

### Maritzburg – Westville Camera Clubs'

## INTERCLUB CHALLENGE!

For any visitors present, this is a friendly cut-throat competition between the Maritzburg and Westville Camera Clubs. It has been running for at least 30 years.

The two clubs take turns to nominate the subjects for the challenge. In the past we have had a huge variety of topics which recently have included:

Contre Jour Walls Windows, Doors and Gates Zen Juxtaposition and others

Each of these has been challenging and bragging rights have gone to both parties.

So .....
Where to from here?

What challenge does the future hold?

# The subject for next year is...

#### Ta Daaa!!!

## MONOCHROME WITH SOME RESIDUAL COLOUR

Well, that should be easy enough!

This challenge breaks with tradition to a certain extent in that a part of the requirements must be done in the course of post-processing.

It was chosen so as to challenge participants to consider the content of their images carefully so that they will be suitable for monochrome conversion but will also have to rely on colour to some extent.

The subject of the image is open and may fit within any of the usual PSSA genres although there is, of course, only one category in the competition.

While the post-processing requirement is relatively simple, the residual colour must be used with some specific intention in mind.

While the subject matter is open, judges will be asked to consider the following points:

- Quality of the monochrome conversion.
   Tonality, relevant use of pure blacks and pure whites, textures of the subject matter.
- Quality of the residual colour areas. Saturation, clarity, tonality, etc.
- The manner in which the colour is used to create depth or to bring out the story of the image.

#### The rules are as follows:

- The images must be taken at some time between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 and 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
- The monochrome conversion may be to either black-and-white or to a single colour tint.
- The residual colour may either be in a single area or may be in a number of areas.
- The image area must be predominantly monochrome.

Editing is allowed but must not be excessive. The following apply:

- Exposure, (moderate) colour and tonal changes may be made.
- Lens corrections, sharpening, and cropping may be done.
- No merging or copying and pasting of multiple images, or parts of images, may be done other than in-camera multiple exposures, HDR, panoramas, and focus stacking.

- Erasing dust spots and limited cloning of blemishes may be done.
- Moving or copying and pasting significant elements of an image is not acceptable.
- Images may be flipped horizontally or vertically.
- Entries must be in the usual club HD format (Up to 1920 x 1080. Up to 2 Mb).

### Some examples....







