

What Are PSA Interclub Competitions?

The Saint Louis Camera Club is a member of the Photographic Society of America. On their website they report that over 500 camera clubs from around the world enjoy membership in the organization. The PSA offers a unique opportunity for member clubs to compete against each other by entering Interclub Competitions each year. These competitions allow both the St. Louis Camera Club and individual members to receive international recognition for their photography. All members of the St. Louis Camera Club are eligible to submit entries. An individual membership in PSA is NOT required.

PSA Digital Competitions Fall Into 5 Divisions:

Projected Image Color (PID Color)
Projected Image Monochrome (PID Mono)
Nature (ND)
Photojournalism (PJD)
Travel (PTD)

The same rules and restrictions used in Wednesday competitions apply to Interclub competitions. For now our club does not participate in the Interclub Prints competitions.

How To Participate In A PSA Interclub Digital Competition.

PSA Interclub competitions coordinate with the Wednesday competition theme as much as possible. Images are entered the same way as the weekly club competition. The size and 35 character limit remains the same. Under Submit Images to a Competition look for Interclub in the title of the competition. The deadline for submission is always on a Friday at 11:59 pm. Voting begins at 12:01 am the next Saturday and stays open until the following Tuesday night at 11:59 pm.

How Interclub Is Different From Club Competitions.

- All club members are eligible to enter Interclub competitions and all entries compete against each other. In Interclub there are no classes. Salon members compete against Class B and Club A members. You don't have to earn your way into competing in Interclub.
- **There** is no single judge. Winners are chosen by votes and everyone in the club is encouraged to vote, even if you haven't enter a photograph.
- **Each** winning entrant must sign a permission form before their image can be submitted to the international competition. (Good for 3 years)
- **The** 6 club images (chosen by member votes) compete against between 100 to 150 images per competition. The judging is done by a 3 member panel comprised of photographers from another camera club. Judges determine the best 20% from the total number of entries and separate those into the very best 10% for Award of Merit recognition and give the remaining 10% Honorable Mentions. It takes about 2 months to get back the results of the judging starting from the time the images are submitted into competition.
- **The** PSA places participating clubs into groups of 25 clubs each. Group A includes the highest achieving clubs and entry level clubs start in Group E. Clubs earn their way into higher groups through competitions results. The number of Groups in a division depend on how many clubs participate. Our club competes in Group A in all 5 divisions. We have been participating in Interclub for the last 15 years. We compete against only other Group A clubs and the judging is done by clubs from Group B.
- **There** are 3 rounds of competition in each division (15 in total) held between September and March. Club members who win recognition receive either a ribbon or a certificate. Winning images are displayed in a slide show posted to the PSA website. Winning images can also be featured in the PSA Journal monthly magazine. You need to have a membership to receive/view the magazine.
- **Winning** images from each round compete in EOY competitions in each division and winners receive either medals, ribbons, or plaques. Over the years competing St Louis Camera Club members have enjoyed a lot of success in Interclub and many members who have placed in EOY competitions.
- **Interclub** is also a competition between clubs. The vote total for each club per round becomes the club's score and is used to create club standings in each division. At the end of the competition season the 3 rounds of scores are tallied together to determines the final ranking of each club in each division. Here again our club has enjoyed success and has finished in first place in multiple divisions over the years.

Participation in Interclub helps promote the Saint Louis Camera Club throughout the world and showcases the many talented photographers in the Saint Louis region.