

Scoresheet for _August_2023_Marville_Challenge Leoni

Club Star Rating	Title	First	Last	Score	Award	Comment
1S	Poser	wynand	lens	8	Silver	What a proud fella! Good sharpness in and around the eye. Unfortunately there is not much detail in the feathers and crest. Lovely muted background.
1S	Shocked	wynand	lens	10	Gold	Lovely expression in the monkey's face, it tells a story of disbelief. Good focus on the eyes. The blurred branch in the foreground is a bit disturbing and the busy background is distracting from the monkey. Some work to blur the background could improve the image. A moment well captured
3S	Bee-eater Buddies	Andrew	van den Berg	11	Gold	What a lovely moment. You wonder what they are chatting about. The eyes have lovely twinkles, despite the dark area surrounding them. A pleasing neutral background. The image is a bit bright and to possibly improve the image overall one could bring down the highlights and lift the shadows which will give more overall detail. A lovely story!
3S	Call of the Wild	Mags	Vosloo	5	Bronze	A very earnest call which makes you wonder what the story behind it is. Unfortunately the eye is not sharp and there is not a lot of detail in the feathers and the very bright white feathers are disturbing. The image could be improved by including the claws and some work to recover the detail in the feathers.
3S	here I am	Jan	Lens	8	Silver	This lady has personality and she is enjoying her moment in front of the camera. The skin tones are handled well and the focus is good. Would have been great if we could see a little bit more of her right eye. The dodging of the brightness of the railing and possibly the building in the background is overdone and distracting which has affected the score. The mood of the race day/event is well captured.
3S	On Gaurd	Mags	Vosloo	9	Silver	Lovely attitude portrayed in this capture. Good sharpness in the eye. There is good separation from the background. Some detail in the feathers and the beak is lost.
3S	Purple on purple	Jan	Lens	12	Gold	Confident and happy... a great capture of a day at the races. Good focus and exposure. The shine on her forehead and nose could possibly be improved in editing which will give a more cosmetic feel. A slight crop on the right-hand side to get rid of the pink and the dark triangle on the bottom of the frame will clean up that edge. The styling definitely worked towards the success of this image.
3S	Rocking It	Meleney	Naik	8	Silver	A good action shot showing attitude! A bit more sharpness could improve the overall shot... Maybe a faster shutter speed... A bit of experimenting with the exposure levels could improve the image, i.e. darkening the background to make the image less flat. A good vibe.

3S	Sassy	Meleney	Naik	9	Silver	A colourfull story and the background adds to the vibe. The girl is confident which shows in her body language. Greater DOF could have improved the overall sharpness of the image. The image seems to be a bit over-exposed and if this is adjusted the image could be improved. The central composition and the repetition of colours in the background and dress works well.
3S	Wisdom	Andrew	van den Berg	6	Bronze	A very moody capture in Black and White. There is a lot of contrast in the image. It might be worthwhile to re-visit the exposure and tone levels to improve the image. Try and get more detail in the eye which is the focal point of the image. Good idea that needs a bit of work.
4S	A beautiful soul	Denise	Harvey	8	Silver	Yes, this guy looks like a kind soul and the essence of who he is has been beautifully captured. Unfortunately there is a lack of sharpness in the photograph. A greater DOF overall would have improved the image. The image could further be improved by blurring the background and removing the bright spot on the left. Lovely glint in his eyes which would have popped even more if they were tack sharp. Adjusting the exposure to reduce the brightness might improve the image.
4S	Portrait of two zebras	Denise	Harvey	11	Gold	The close up of these two Zebras shows how unique they are in that their markings are similar, yet very different. To improve the image one could tone down the background which is quite bright. Good detail overall. Lovely to see them side by side.
4S	the Thobeka smile	Liesl	Couperthwaite	9	Silver	A lovely capture of an infectious smile. The light from the top is unfortunately creating very bright areas on her cheek and forehead. Her left side is uncomfortably close to the edge of the frame and the composition could be improved by moving her slightly to the right. The bright area top right of frame could be toned down as well as the very bright areas on her face. Skin tone could be corrected by adjusting white balance. Thobeka's personality comes through well. Well done
5S1	Kirsty 5059	Terry	Burne	12	Gold	A well presented image. Good composition with the repetition of triangles working well. Good focus throughout. Image a little flat. The colours are pleasing. Maybe if her glasses were on top of her head and her eyes made contact with the viewer it would have been a stronger image, but that is just a thought. A lovely shot of a confident lady.
5S1	Little Miss Poser	Heidi	Taylor	13	Merit	She is enjoying the moment! The focus is good and the pose is striking. The exposure could possibly be increased ever so slightly but that is only a suggestion. Lovely lighting on her face..... A special little lady. Try flipping the image horizontally.. the stripes on her dress might create an interesting leading line. A very emotive photograph. Lovely!

5S1	Rachel 5096	Terry	Burne	13	Merit	Rachel is in charge of this bike even though it is bigger than her. She exudes confidence and there is good eye contact with the viewer. Great use of DOF which is blurring the background. A slight yellow cast which is affecting the skin tones and the colour of the grass, which could be adjusted by correcting the white balance. The white underwear is distracting and could easily be removed. A very successful portrait.
5S1	What a good boy	Heidi	Taylor	9	Silver	A sweet little fellow who wants to please his human. Unfortunately the image is underexposed and the details in the darker areas are lost, especially around the eyes. If this is corrected the image would score much higher. Would be nice to see all of his beard. There is good focus on the eyes and nose. A lovely moment.
5SB	Jessie What Was In That Bottle	Maxi	Holder	8	Silver	This made me smile. Without the title it is difficult to know the story. The nose could be sharper and the monkey's coat is a bit bright. Good separation from the background. A fun image.
5SB	My Mommy	Maxi	Holder	10	Gold	A very endearing story of mommy and baby. The eyes are sharp and it would be great if it extended to the hand of the monkey. A lot of the picture in the foreground is not in focus and that is a bit distracting. The strength of this photograph lies in the story it tells and the emotion it evokes.
5SD	Biker Boy	Leon	Heyes	6	Bronze	A very sweet moment capturing the gentle confidence of this little guy. Good eye contact with the viewer. Facial features not as sharp as it could be and the bright side light is a bit disturbing. The composition could be improved by cropping quite a lot from the top through the helmet which will move the eyeline to the top third of the photograph.
5SD	Staying Close	Leon	Heyes	13	Merit	This image has a lovely graphic feel. There is good separation between the subject and the background. Focus and exposure is well handled. A little bit of lightning of the eye could improve the image and maybe a slightly looser crop on the bottom and the left.... Merely a suggestion. This image has great impact.
5SP	Perilous parlour	Rob	Hart	7	Silver	A unique creature... one that I have not had the pleasure of meeting. Good sharpness on the face and eyes. A faster shutter speed might have rendered more of the crab to be in focus. The very bright object in the foreground is disturbing and will unfortunately influence the score.
5SP	Rutting season is starting	Rob	Hart	7	Silver	A beautiful set of horns. Good sharpness and exposure but unfortunately the background is a bit disturbing. The composition could be improved by including more of the neck and chest of the buck.

5SS	Meerkat Portrait	Ronelle	van den Heever	13	Merit	Beautiful light on this cute little meerkat against a lovely calm background. Good sharpness and detail throughout. The crop on the bottom is a bit tight and it would have been lovely to see the rest of the tail. Great capture showing Meerkat's personality.
5SS	Peterbald Cats	Vicki	Street	15	Merit	This photograph is elegance personified. All the elements have been considered with care to deliver a beautiful piece of art. The cats are paying attention to their human.. All eyes and ears. They are nestled in a wool- like nest because these babies get cold easily. The story well told. Technically flawless, soft, pleasing lighting, with styling and choice of colours that work beautifully, I can only applaud the author. Congratulations.
5SS	Read all about it	Vicki	Street	14	Merit	A beautiful portrait, with all the elements contributing to a very pleasing end product. The graded backdrop, the sensitive lighting that moulds his face and hands, the styling, the make-up.... Every single element has been chosen and executed with care. Well done!
5SS	Rhino Family Portrait	Ronelle	van den Heever	9	Silver	An interesting story of this Rhino family staying close in the heat. Unfortunately the little one is standing in the mom's shadow. Good texture on their skin. There is a lens spot top right which could be easily removed. Apart from the sky which is looking a bit grey in comparison to the foreground, it is a good conversion to black and white.