

CRESCENT BEACH PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

CLUB HISTORY

The first meeting of the photography club was held on May 19, 1982. The founding members were Stan Fricker, Vic Bentley, Jack Howe and Jan Myberg. Meetings were initially held in the members' homes. On September 16, 1982 the first meeting at Camp Alexandra was held.

The first year at Camp Alexandra was mainly a concentration on darkroom work. As the club grew and progressed it brought in guest speakers, on occasion, to help the members improve their photographic skills. The club continually searches for guest speakers, as there are many benefits to be learned from these noted individuals.

Darkroom work has become a "thing of the past" as the digital age has pushed many old methods and procedures aside.

Activities now include various competitions with other clubs as well as amongst the club's members, informal outings to challenge and motivate, and guest speakers who are always willing to share their expertise.

Competitions include the North Shore Challenge, the Pacific Zone Print Competition, the Fraser Valley Invitational, various CAPA (Canadian Association of Photographic Arts) competitions as well as our own Black and White Print Competition. Both print and digital challenges are included.

Our field trips take us to various locations primarily in the Lower Mainland where we can expect to be challenged to bring out our artistic abilities. Some outings are to view other's works of art but mostly they are a fun way to grow our photographic skills.

Various locations in the South Surrey – White Rock area are receptive to displaying member's prints. Foto Source in White Rock has been a major supporter of the club for many years and proudly displays our work in their window. These prints are changed monthly enabling many members the opportunity to showcase their work.

The club initially started with 4 members in 1982 and it grew slowly during the '80s to 36 members by 1989. Since that time it has increased to an average membership of between 55 and 65.

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New members are always welcome.

Visitors are also welcome at any time. We encourage people to come out to visit the club and see what makes it “tick”. Many visitors have become members who have brought new interest, ideas, suggestions, and talent to the club.