

# **Evaluation Groups**

## **(Updated November 2021)**

### **Purpose of Evaluation Groups**

Evaluation Groups provide the opportunity to share photos in an informal setting, and to receive comments on your work from the members of the group and the mentor. It is also an opportunity for each member to look more critically not only at their own work but at the work of others. Generally the input will focus on a photograph's impact, composition and technical aspects. The members/mentor may share ideas as to how to improve the image. There is usually a member in each group who is a judge. He/she can add a judge's perspective of the image. It is not imperative that Evaluation Group members enter competitions.

### **Organization**

The meetings formerly were held at Edithvale Community Centre or in a member's home but they are now being conducted via Zoom. There are presently 6 groups. The group sizes vary from about 8-14 members. Evaluation Groups provide an opportunity to get to know members of the club, share photographic experiences and improve your skills. Meetings are generally arranged on a particular evening each month throughout the year or at least from September through May. The schedule of meetings may be decided at the beginning of the club year. There is a group coordinator who organizes the schedule, sends out reminders and may act as host for the virtual meeting. The members of the group decide how many images are reviewed at each session, anywhere from 4-10. The coordinator will decide the method to upload the images.

While the Evaluation Groups are self-governing they do run under the auspices of the TDPC. There is an Evaluation Groups Coordinator who will try to place member(s) in an appropriate group. It is the responsibility of the group coordinator to notify the Evaluation Groups

Coordinator should there be a change in the group. The makeup of the groups will be reviewed at the beginning of the club year.

## **Cost**

When the meetings were held in a member's home or at Edithvale there may have been a small cost associated with the operation of the Evaluation Group. At this time most of the groups are operating without an extra fee. As in person meetings resume this may change.

If a member is interested in joining an Evaluation Group he/she should contact the Evaluation Groups Coordinator.

**This document has been updated due to the changes that the club has experienced due to Covid. Some of the information will not be relevant once we fully resume in person meetings.**