

The Wanaka Camera Club

Newsletter December 2025

NEXT MEETING

8th December 2025 6:30 pm
St John rooms, Link Way, Wanaka.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

8th December 6.30pm NOT 7.30pm !!

This will be our final Xmas and awards night and so we will have an earlier start time of 6.30pm so we can enjoy a chat and catchup prior to the meeting start time at 7.30pm (Competition results and awards)

PLEASE bring your own refreshments and finger food to share. We will have a Xmas cake to enjoy !

2026 MEETINGS

There will be no meeting in January but we will still have our competition running.

First meeting will be February

Monday 9th February 2026

MONTHLY COMPETITION RULES

The committee has decided that all monthly competition photos from 2026 must be a maximum of 2 years old and Best Image of the Year must be taken in that year. Please note this as you think about your submissions going forward. The rules page online will be updated to reflect this. The reason behind this was that committee felt that the club photography submissions should be kept current.

January 2026 COMPETITION

Set subject: Big sky



Big Sky photography

From deep, moody skies filled with dark storm clouds, to light, sunny images filled with a blue backdrop and white fluffy clouds, there's no shortage of opportunities to capture amazing sky images –each one completely unique.

Far from simply being a background element, when captured effectively, the sky can prove to be a key feature in your landscape images, serving as a main point of interest and even taking center stage in your photos.

You'll want to pay attention to where you place the horizon and consider how it impacts the rest of your image. Having the horizon line dead center is generally considered to be a bad idea, and could result in the image looking like it's being cut in half. Instead, look to move the horizon line lower to include more of the sky in your image.

Don't forget that while the sky may be your main focal point, there are other elements that play a big role in the composition as well. In most cases, you'll want to include some land in your sky shots, to help set the stage, add some context, and make for a more visually interesting image.

While the clouds can look threatening, they can result in some spectacular sky images. The type of clouds that are found just before, or during a storm can present a great chance for some dramatic images. On the opposite end of the spectrum, you could also look for opportunities to capture a vibrant blue sky filled with soft, fluffy clouds. Different types of weather can convey different moods, so be sure to keep that in mind when composing your images.

New Sizing rules are changing for the monthly competitions

Competition image sizing rules until now have been a maximum of 1620 (width) x 1080 (height) pixels.

As of 2026 this will now be 1920 x 1080 pixels and the width by height can be interchangeable.

IMAGE SUBMISSION DEADLINE

January - Big sky

Images to be submitted to the club website by 11:30pm

Monday 12th January 2026

Height 1080 pixels

Width 1920 pixels

Height x Width Interchangeable

*CHRISTMAS DINNER
AWARDS NIGHT*

8TH DECEMBER 2025

6:30 pm

BYO DRINKS

BYO FINGER FOOD TO SHARE

(Finger food only please)

Club will provide paper plates and serviettes

Christmas Cake

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

AND PARTNERS