

**Tidewater Camera Club  
Competition Score Sheet**

Month/Year: November 2017

Theme: "Smiles and Laughter"

Title		Comp Impact		Tech	Total		Placement
1	a_peach_blum_girl	4	4	3	11	girl is prepping flowers that will make someone smile; background could be blurred a little more so as not to distract.	
2	Alex_and_Finn	5	4	4	13	good bokeh, DOF, good tight crop	
3	caleb	4	5	5	14	tight crop, great eye sparkle, toothy grin; if flash was used, it was done effectively	
4	carnival_cheer	5	5	5	15	great sparkle, glitz, and glam; definitely caught in the moment, subject is having a ball! Good crop, dark background	
5	dinner_date	3	3	4	10	it's only the use of the title that makes this humorous; without it, I would have wondered why it was included; good sharp eye on each bird. Crop a little tighter.	
6	eli_and_tucker	5	5	5	15	A fun family portrait that captures the energy of young boys; effective use of DOF, good bokeh	
7	erring_on_the_side_of_caution	5	4	4	13	in the right place at the right time; good detail on shadow side of hawk's head	
8	fun_and_in_love	5	4	4	13	joy and love; good complementary colors that repeat throughout; inclusion of Eiffel Tower conveys place; on my screen, focus is a little soft	
9	girls_just_wanna_have_fun	5	5	5	15	great stop action; clear joy on faces of girls	
10	guatemala_girl	5	5	5	15	penisive, shy; red dress is key; Mona Lisa smile; nice reflections in eyes; even though the girl has dark hair and the background is dark, there is still some separation between the two.	
11	happy_first	5	5	5	15	this shot is so typical of what we expect to happen with a smash cake vs what usually happens. Good colors, nice tight crop. Every parent of a toddler can relate to this!	
12	happy_paddle_boarder	5	4	3	12	Shot captures skill of paddle boarder; it could use a levels adjustment to darken the colors a little and perhaps some sharpening.	
13	hide_and_seek	3	3	4	10	Again, the title is needed to understand this photo, otherwise I am not sure that I would have gotten the point. Shooting from a lower perspective may have made the dog appear more to be hiding under the leaves.	

14	its_called_camo	3	4	3	10	Unusual capture of a turtle with duck weed; could crop more to bring attention to turtle, and use a shallower depth of field to blur background. Grasses behind turtle appear sharper than turtle's eye. Sharp eye is key in any animal portrait.	
15	jimmydog	5	4	5	14	Dogs in costumes usually do elicit smiles; dog looks happy; bit of blur conveys movement; good sharp eye on dog.	
16	jolly roger	5	4	4	13	A tall, imposing, one-eyed pirate clutching a sword is not any child's definition of jolly! However, capturing it in place with ferris wheel conveys location, so it is in a happy place. Remove the wire running from arm to right of photo, just above ferris wheel.	
17	laura_a_little_bit_of_everything	3	4	5	12	Sweet portrait, good light, nice pose, great eye contact; object to right of shoulder is distracting; move child to cleaner background.	
18	look	5	5	5	15	Nice tight crop; good skin tones; good DOF blurs background; might be more effective if child was looking at mother, but clearly he is taken with something out of the frame, resulting in a natural, unposed look. Was negative clarity added to soften the overall look?	
19	look at me	5	5	5	15	Who can't help but smile seeing this cutie? Good DOF blurs background well. Effective angle, shooting photo level with child.	
20	my_new_best_friends	5	5	5	15	One really has to study this shot to see how many birds are in his hands, and then you see the one on his shoulder, and you can just hear his amazement at what's happening. Good lighting and fun capture. It would be interesting to see this at a slightly slower shutter speed to induce a bit of movement blur in his hands.	
21	nicholas_with_friend	3	4	3	10	Shy smile, boy is either happy he has this toy or he is happy to be offering it to viewer; use the radial filter to darken the background, reducing distracting elements, or go for a vertical crop.	
22	nose_bubbles	5	5	5	15	Great stop action; well done background blur; great colors, pop of red. Girl is already happy with graduation, and even happier with funny accident. This is a shot any girl would be happy to make her profile shot on Instagram.	
23	post_meal_smile	5	4	3	12	If a great blue could laugh or smile, this would be the look; love the ruffled head feathers; image needs to be sharper; faster shutter speed? Good blurred background. Highlights a little blown out.	

24	proud_to_be_an_american	3	4	4	11	I'm not sure if the blur in the foreground is due to shallow DOF or movement on part of child, but it is not distracting. Were the dark shadows around the top and sides added in post processing to hide distracting elements? Try a tighter crop to focus on face and flag in hands. That would remove some of the distracting elements around the boy.	
25	redneck_drive_in	5	5	5	15	This is funny even without the title. The use of a filter to make it more painting like is effective, because it increases the "grunginess" of the toilets and the TV. Someone had a sense of humor in placing these objects in a yard or by the roadside. Definitely a "stop the car" kind of scene on a country road.	
26	relationship	5	5	5	15	Such a natural shot of the way kids behave in the presence of adults they are not familiar with or who want them to pose. Great color coordination of clothing. Good crop; focus is on child but that is clearly his mother, with her loving, protective hand.	
27	showing_off_my_teeth	4	5	4	13	Great light, cute pose, good eye contact; pinks are a little hot on my screen; try to tone down the brightness of the yellow behind child. Perhaps a little tighter crop.	
28	shuck_and_taste	2	4	3	9	I can imagine this woman thinking, "Seriously? You're going to take my picture when I'm about to eat this?" White hair is blown out. Man is irrelevant to photo, so a tighter crop would give more focus to woman and her "look."	
29	simply_jessica	5	5	5	15	You have to admire a teenage girl who is willing to smile so broadly with all those braces! Kudos to the photographer for getting such a broad smile. Nice tight crop, good pose, great colors. Eyes nice and sharp.	
30	sir_david	5	4	4	13	It takes a brave man to wear an outfit like that. It certainly can't be comfortable! The sunglasses are a good anachronistic element. I like the repetition in the surrounding elements.	
31	smile_twofer	5	5	5	15	Great tight crop; kid is having a lot of fun, and his makeup is great! This shot epitomizes a "toothy grin." Captures childhood joy.	

32	smiling_turtle	4	5	5	14	What turtle wouldn't be happy with a beautiful cheerleader in his arms? Girl has the look of surprise on her face, but a happy surprise. Good use of color balance, since indoor shots can be very yellow, especially in gyms. Crop in a little more on left to remove person on left, add some vignette to draw attention to center.	
33	special_moment	4	5	5	14	One of my favorites. I have tickled my grandson in this way, and he always says "More!" Consider a square crop on this image. Nice lighting.	
34	surfs_up	5	5	5	15	Wonderful father/son capture, beautiful bokeh, lots of movement in water, but sharp people. Even though water is overexposed, the rest of the image is not, so the whiteness acts like a vignette.	
35	the_gift	4	5	4	13	Something as simple as a giant bubble brings lots of joy. Great colors, nice setting, fun repetition with arms on grandfather and on child. White vignette is a good choice, but a little overdone.	
36	these_are_for_you	3	4	4	11	I can imagine the recipient of these flowers smiling. The perspective shot from above indicates the presentation is to an adult. Clearly shot in a crowd, but consider removing foot and leg on right, and hand on left. Shallow DOF, but focus is where it needs to be, on eyes of child.	
37	three_stooges	5	4	4	13	A fun capture with unexpected runners. Not sure why it is a little blurry. Needed a faster shutter speed? Gotta admire guys like this.	
38	tough_nut_to_crack	5	5	5	15	Beautiful light, nice reflection, good concept. Without the title, the viewer needs to study this a little to see the humor in it, and I like when I need to think about it a little and then "get" it. Although it is the "normal" look of a nutcracker to have that jaw dropping look, it is very effective here, Lends emotion to an inanimate object.	
39	twin_smiles	5	5	5	15	Nice poses, sharp front to back, nice light, well done background.	
40	Virginia	4	4	4	12	Another of those Mona Lisa smiles. This woman has an aging beauty, and this was probably taken under some sort of shelter or in a tent. She needs a little more light on her face. If it was a posed portrait, a reflector may have helped to bounce light back in. Software may be able to add more light.	
41	watching_the_20_mule_team	2	2	2	6	Unfortunately, this image is of such low resolution it is difficult to see much detail. She has a smile, so it fits the theme. Was it a phone image?	
42	we_did_it	4	5	5	14	Happy graduation shot. Good mid-air capture. Good lighting. Consider a tighter crop, coming in from left and top a little.	

43	wet_kisses	5	5	5	15	The golden tones of the dog's fur, the girl's hair and skin, and obviously her outfit all work together beautifully with the contrasting blues. There is joy in this image. The lighting is beautiful, and although posed, there is still spontaneity. This is truly nit-picky, but remove the tiny white line at the top right of the image.	
44	youre_kidding_me	5	3	5	13	I wish I knew what this girl is looking at. Clearly she is amused, but the reason is lost on me. Perhaps the photographer knew, but I don't. Although she is surrounded by lots of distracting elements, they are nicely blurred, and her hands and face are pleasingly sharp. Good colors, well shot in a busy location.	
45	yummy	5	5	5	15	This shot reminds me of the toddler with the smash cake. A face full of frosting can elicit a variety of emotions, all within a few seconds of each other. The way this looks like a beard is also humorous on a female. Good colors, blurred background, sharp eyes. Crop well done.	