

## WHAT DO THE NUMBERS IN FRONT OF THE IMAGE INDICATE?

The numbers identify entry and competition levels. Competitions are divided into groups intended for photographers of different levels. The new member decides which level of entry is appropriate for his/her skill level.

**Discussion 1**- all members may enter up to two images in this category, images will not be scored. Judges/ peer reviewers may use any desired criteria for comments. Please note that if there are too many images in the competition categories, time may not permit these images to be viewed and they may be resubmitted.

**Evaluation 2** – Beginner/intermediate - Judges may show leniency when scoring. Judging includes focus, exposure, basic composition (e.g. rule of thirds, diagonals etc). In addition to the basics this level will be judged on depth of field, appropriate use of light, avoidance of unnecessary elements in an image.

**Evaluation 3** – Advanced – The highest standards are applied. Images should be of exceptional quality and display technical mastery of the medium and evidence of an understanding of the “wow” factor (e.g. use of colour, mastery of lighting, contrast, subject selection, superior composition, etc.).