

• Sports & Events SIG Meeting Notes for November 7, 2011

Bob, Cyndi, Guy, Harry, Mike, Rich, and Steve present.

- 1) We defined Sports and Events in the broadest sense, beyond team ball games and music concerts to include any activities that could spur some club members' interest to get out and photograph, for example, rodeos and equestrian events, rafting and Scottish games, balloon festivals and carnivals, etc.
- 2) Our mission is to provide the FCDCC with a month-by-month informational calendar of photogenic events in Northern Colorado to spark spontaneous interaction by members interested in organizing an outing among themselves with little advance planning.
- 3) We will also provide the club with a photo Theme, Presentation Speaker, Morning (coffee), Evening, and Weekend photographic outing for the months of June and August, 2012.
- 4) In addition, as members of a focused Sports and Events SIG, we are interested in pursuing mutual education and support, on the following subjects:
 - a) How to capture action in our photography.
 - b) How to photograph concerts and other stage lit events, outdoors and in theaters.
 - c) How to gain special (press) access passes to events at, for example, the Ranch, Lincoln Center, Bas Bleu, Symphony dress rehearsals, local dance studios, Downtown Business Association (DBA) sponsored events, Budweiser Center, etc.
- 5) Individual SIG members will research events to forward the information to Mike to publish on our website. For example, Cyndi will research equestrian events, Harry will research cycling events, Bob will research Re-enactments and Cowboy action events, etc. Mike will investigate embedding a Google Calendar on our FCDCC website that SIG members can update, and he will put out a call to the general membership for Sports and Events calendar dates.
- 6) Major public events scheduled for June, 2012, include:
 - a) First Friday Gallery Walk
 - b) Colorado Brewers Festival
 - c) Taste of Fort Collins
 - d) Junior League Garden Tour
 - e) Fort Collins Art Studio Tour
 - f) Old Town Car Show
 - g) Fort Collins Bike-to-Work day and other Bike Month events
- 7) We all agreed to research inviting a local outside sports/action photographer to do a presentation at our June, 2012 club meeting (topic for discussion at our next SIG meeting)
 - a) June Theme: Dramatic Action
 - b) June Morning (coffee outing) To be Determined
 - c) June Evening Outing: Fort Collins Foxes Baseball Game at City Park
 - d) June Weekend Outing: Poudre River Rafting
- 8) August Weekend Outing: Bohemian Nights at New West Fest
- 9) Other outings and events will be determined at our next scheduled Sports and Events SIG meeting, early next year.