

PADRE TRAILS CAMERA CLUB

Nature Competition #1- 2015

October 26, 2014

GROUP AA

- 01. American Black Oystercatcher with just-hatched chick still with egg shell (Haematopus bachmani)** – Second Place – Good nature story, unusual capture, Rocks in front could be toned down.
- 02. Black Forest Landscape** – Not really a nature image. Building and such in the background.
- 03. Blue heron (Ardea herodias) captures prey in heavy moss** – Third Place – Tells a great story. Could be cropped a bit.
- 04. Bobcat in Morning Light (Lynx Rufus)** – Honorable mention – Very clean image with nice light.
- 05. Great Egret - Ardea alba - hunts Pocket Gopher – Geomyidae** – Honorable Mention - Good story and great capture. Loss of detail on the egret.
- 06. Honey Bee (Apis mellifera) pollinating yellow flowers** – Good exposure, bee is a bit centered.
- 07. Julia butterfly (Dryas iulia)** – Good exposure, body of butterfly is not sharp.
- 08. Lined Shore Crab (Pachygrapsus crassipes), Weston Beach, Pt. Lobos** – Too tight and hard to read.
- 09. Lunar Eclipse nearing half completion** – Moon should be sharp. Very small in the image.
- 10. Osprey (Pandion haliaetus) with Fish Tail** – First Place – Good composition, very sharp, clean background. A very good nature image.
- 11. Small tidal eddy patterns in sand at Asilomar Beach** – Nice pictorial image. The nature story is not easily discerned.
- 12. Spinning on the Railing** – Hand of man. Hard to read.
- 13. Staring down Photog** – Need more of a nature title. Good composition. Lacks sharpness.
- 14. Tarantula (Arachnida theraphosidae) raises abdomen - and hair in warning** – Tarantula is sharp. Hard to read. Contrasty lighting.

15. Turkish Towel (red Alga) Chondracanthus exasperates – Nice Colors, good composition.

16. Wary Pelican – Nice detail on the pelican. The head of the bird is a bit blown out. Needs more base and less on the top.

17. Western Honey Bees (Apis mellifera) find plenty of pollen in pumpkin blossom – Domestic blossom. The bees are not sharp.

18. Western side-blotched lizard (Uta stansburiana) blends in to surroundings – Good nature story, harsh Lighting and the tail of the lizard is cut off.

Winners:

HM:- **Bobcat in Morning Light (Lynx Rufus)** Jeff Hobbs

HM:- **Great Egret - Ardea alba - hunts Pocket Gopher – Geomyidae** Janet Beaty

3rd Place:- **Blue heron (Ardea herodias) captures prey in heavy moss** Ken Jones

2nd Place: - **American Black Oystercatcher with just-hatched chick still with egg shell (Haematopus bachmani)** Jeff Hobbs

1st Place: - **Osprey (Pandion haliaetus) with Fish Tail** Jeff hobbs