

## **PTCC - 2018 Nature 1**

Returns 11-15-17

### **Group AAA Comments**

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#### **01-Alces alces- AKA -Junior.jpg**

*Wonderful close-up of a moose which I know is difficult to do. Could be a tad sharper.*

#### **02-Butterfly.jpg**

*Great feeling of depth with the daffodils in the foreground and trees in the background. I might crop out the top of the trees more to give more emphasis to the daffodils and butterfly.*

#### **03-Elegant Terns of Moss Landing.jpg**

*Really great shot with all the terns and their reflections in the water.*

#### **04-Flamingo.jpg**

*Nicely backlit to yield that bright orange color.*

#### **05-Great Blue Heron (ardea herodias) taking off-2.jpg**

*Wonderful shot either just landing or taking off. I do find the background a little competitive.*

#### **06-Great Blue Heron (ardea herodias) taking off-3.jpg**

*Another wonderful heron shot. I'd crop from the upper right to be tighter on the bird and rock.*

#### **07-Great Blue Heron (ardea herodias)-1.jpg**

*I'd crop tighter on the bird for this one.*

#### **08-Jellyfish.jpg**

*Wonderful color combination. The composition gives the feeling of motion.*

#### **09-Majestic Elk.jpg**

*Great simplicity with this almost high key image. Good composition as well.*

#### **10-Monarch Butterflies (Danaus plexippus) clustered in a Cypress tree.jpg**

*I like the complimentary colors and framing of this image.*

#### **11-Monarch Butterflies (Danaus plexippus) lining a Cypress branch.jpg**

*Again great color combination. My eye wanders a little with the hole in the mid RHS of this image.*

#### **12-Monarch Butterflies (Danaus plexippus) on a bottlebrush.jpg**

*I had to search a little to find the subject of this image. I'd go a lot tighter on the butterflies.*

#### **13-Pair of Snowy Egrets.jpg**

*Wonderful stop action.*

#### **14-Portrait of a Black-crowned Night Heron - Elkhorn Slough.jpg**

*Very well done with good separation from the background.*

**15-White Annas Hummingbird.jpg**

*Another great action shot. I know how fast these guys move and the challenge of obtaining an image like this.*

**16-Yellow Lilly 1.jpg**

*Nicely done with all the flow in focus. I like the soft color of the lilly.*

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**Winning Images:**

***First Place:***

**03-Elegant Terns of Moss Landing.jpg**

***Second Place:***

**13-Pair of Snowy Egrets.jpg**

***Third Place:***

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