



John Hawkins, Club CEO

John's Picture Perfect Contest

WIN \$25 Walmart Card
 NEXT DEADLINE: April 15
 Happy Snapping!



"This is an American bald eagle. I was on a cruise of Alaska last July and, at a stop in Katchikan, I took an excursion on a fishing boat, where we were able to throw small fish in the water, and the bald eagles would swoop down and catch the fish. This is a 'Picture Perfect' of an American bald eagle."

- Adam Elstein, DWP

John's comments: "Picture Perfect" indeed! Just like Bruce's photo of the fish and the duck, a split second makes all the difference in the world! Thanks, Adam!



"Here is a photograph from my most recent trip to Guatemala of a beautiful sunrise over the Atlantic Ocean in Livingston. At a distance you can see the fishermen's boats waiting for the perfect catch over the tranquil waters. Peace and serenity at its best."

- Jose Alvarez, LAPD

John's comments: I'm a real sucker for sunsets, and this one is truly beautiful. Everything about it is perfect: the sun's height, the boats, the tree and land. I love it! Thank you, Jose!



"I captured this image with a Nikon D200 while vacationing in southern Italy, near the Amalfi coast."

- Yves Didier, Airports

John's comments: I have to tell you, Yves, that this is a phenomenal photo, almost surreal in its beauty - and I just saw *Cavalia* (the horse show in Burbank) this weekend, so the timing is perfect!



"I was feeding some Koi fish at a lake in Pacific Palisades when this angry-looking swan came swimming over to steal the food. I love the surprised look of the fish."

- Bruce Howell, Public Works/Street Services, Retired

John's comments: Duck vs. fish... I love it! It's split-second photos like this that are really intriguing! Thank you, Bruce!

RUNNERS-UP:

Eusebio G. Terronez, Retired; Carlos Rodriguez, Harbor; and Ken Kochakji, Retired, Transportation.

RULES:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo.
- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for *Alive!*
- Paper prints can be mailed to:
 Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*,
 City Employees Club of Los Angeles,
 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- When you send digital photos through the Internet, please send the full, original digital file yourself, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print.
- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.



"I took this picture of our boat guide while he was maneuvering us out of the shallow waters to visit a fish sanctuary on one of the islands in Cebu, Philippines."

- Glenn Abellanosa, LAPD

John's comments: Glenn, what a peacefully beautiful photo. You really captured the simplicity of island life. Thank you!