

# On the PSA Website

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## Navigating the PSA Website

We've all been there—working our way through a website only to find we're totally lost. Other than hitting the back button (which is usually the best solution to being lost), we may find ourselves having to start from scratch.

We hope that's not the case with the PSA site! We've built in many ways to navigate throughout the site.

Think of the main content of the site as the information you will find in the big gray box. And think of the information surrounding the box, in black or red, as the skin of the site. The PSA website skin has navigation on both the top of and to the left of the gray box.

### Main navigation buttons

There are 24 main navigation buttons that are presented in three rows on the top of the page. Each of these lead to a main overview page relevant to the topic with subtopics listed in the left pane (column) of that overview page. For example, if you click Member Areas, you will get to an overview page that gives a description of PSA's member areas. The left pane has a list of areas: Africa, Asia, Central America, etc. Clicking any of those links will get you to the overview page of that specific area.

### Left Pane

The left column of each page usually contains subtopics of the main topic you are on. It also contains big gray navigation buttons that change depending upon if you are logged into the site or not. If you are not logged in, you will see two

gray buttons: Renew Membership and Member Login. This will allow you access to Members only benefits (via MyPSA). If you are logged in, you will see buttons to get to MyPSA, Renew Membership, See your Account (the place you go to change information such as email or address), do a Member Search, or Logout.

### Breadcrumbs Area

Think of breadcrumbs like the trail that Hansel and Gretel left as they were walking through the forest. This is the same for the website; it represents the trail (webpage topic and its subtopic) that you took to get to the page you are now on. The PSA website has breadcrumbs directly above the gray box on each page. For example, if you go to the following address: <http://www.psa-photo.org/index.php?divisions-nature-interclub-competition>, which is the address for the nature division's interclub page, the breadcrumbs read as follows: Divisions: Nature (ND): FOR CLUBS: ND Interclub—representing four levels or subcategories—ND Interclub resides in “For Clubs,” which resides in “Nature (ND),” which resides in Divisions. The great thing about breadcrumbs is that you access any of the levels in the breadcrumbs simply by clicking on it. In the above example, you could get right back to Nature by clicking “Nature (ND) in those breadcrumbs.

### Navigation on the Gray Box

Often, a subject can be even further subdivided. It might be a section of a division (such as an activity for individuals, for clubs, to earn awards, or just give general information), or it may list several months or years worth of information. This string of subtopics is usually seen horizontally and often does not become “red” until you move your cursor over it. If you see information on top of the gray page that is separated by a vertical line, it is linked to a subtopic. In some cases, such as in galleries, you may see a string of related subtopics on both the top and bottom of the page. Competition pages often list linked Results in the middle of the page.

### The PSA Logo

Every page of the PSA website has the PSA logo on the top left. If you ever want to get back to the home page quickly, click the logo and you'll be back to the home page. Of course you can always click the word “Home” on the top row as well. ■

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