

Astronomical Society of Southern Africa Deep-Sky Section

Deep-Sky Section report of 2018 activities for the 7 August ASSA AGM hosted by ASSA the Durban Centre.

The Deep-Sky Section is pleased to report the following achievements this past year:

The Deep-Sky Top-100 Achievement Award was awarded to Michael Poll of the Durban Centre,

Big Five Observing Certificates and pins went out to Piet Strauss, Jean Senogals, Claire Odhav, Debbie Abel, Brian Finch, John Gill, Mike Hadlow & Sihle Kunene, all of whom were nominated by Piet Strauss of the Durban Centre. Dirk Rossouw in the Cape also received his certificate, based on observations submitted to the Deep Sky Section.

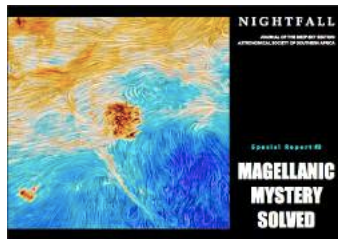
The Deep-Sky journal *Nightfall* issued 5 publications, whose covers are reproduced below, with links to the full online editions.



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In the regular issues of *Nightfall*, ASSA members Magda Streicher, Barbara Cunow, Carol Botha, Dirk Rossouw, and were featured in profile pieces. Dirk Rossouw's private observatory build was featured in an illustrated report.. Martin Heigan and Johan Moolman provided images and interviews for full-length articles on their astrophotography.

The Deep-Sky Sections plans to carry on as before, and looks forward to a fruitful and productive collaboration devoted to the advancement of the ASSA in the astronomical community and to the public.

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