

# Top shooter

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Amateur photographer Leonard Rhodes is a cyber hit after his photograph was voted tops by members of an over-50s website.

The Belfast man's shot, *Winter Reflections*, was placed third in the scenery category of lifestyle website [www.grownups.co.nz](http://www.grownups.co.nz) nationwide amateur photography competition, earlier this month.

A selection of photographs was picked by professional photographer Jo Currie and voted on by members, attracting 5000 votes.

It is the second year running Rhodes' talents have been recognised — last year he won.

However, it was still a surprise to pick up a prize this time, he said.

Rhodes, who is retired, snapped the photograph of his son and a friend's daughter at Lake Lyndon. "They were sitting there talking and I thought that's an excellent photo. I'll just take that."

He took up the hobby when he was just a "wee lad". At one time he had his own darkroom.

"Now we're into digital. It's a lot easier."

Rhodes, who started competing in 1998, enjoys all types of photography, including landscapes, portraits and macro shots of insects.

He's always ready to snap a shot. "I take my camera with me every time I go out."



Lake scene: Leonard Rhodes' winning photograph.