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What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	jrj 🗳️ (34259)	::	2008-12-18 3:13
<p>Moderator note - it's only a 7-day ban for Polonaise and ScottHale not permanent ban. They are baiting and fighting publicly and it's affecting the tone of the site.</p> <p>The above is moderators note to a locked thread about George.</p> <p>I'll wait 7 days to do my next post and urge other members to do the same - NO NEW POST FOR 7 days!</p>			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	noborders 🗳️ (13807)	::	2008-12-18 3:24
<p>Of course, I'll do the same - I am already halfway out, so not very hard for me (did not plan to leave totally, but could do it if the climate does not improve).</p> <p>So, no more photos for one week, but participating to any forum related to the problems that TE is facing now.</p> <p>Really have to go now, see you back (only on the forums for me).</p> <p>Great idea, Jack : a strike, for the return of Polonaise !</p>			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	pablominto 🗳️ (32693)	::	2008-12-18 3:25
<p>...and not a soul is rising the voice against the scott hale ban?</p> <p>Make it a lifetime and you will hear cheers...!</p>			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	Davids 🗳️ (1012)	::	2008-12-18 3:25
<p>I hardly ever post . . . so little time! But in protest I'll find the time and post for 7 days . . . 7 days of protest</p> <p>Let me be the only one here to post Fotka's for 7 days . . . to celebrate the ban of SH who thinks that 20 years of hard humanitarian work by a fellow member is just a way to get attention!!</p> <p>George . . . I expect some wonderful pictures in 7 days, put on those comfortable shoes :))</p> <p>see you all in 7 days!!!</p>			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	Merline 🗳️ (5784)	::	2008-12-18 3:29
<p>Yes, I am all for it. No posting, no critiquing, but expressing ourselves here.</p> <p>Long live Polonaise!</p>			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	kajenn 🗳️ (2287)	::	2008-12-18 3:49
<p>I'll second that...</p>			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	delkoo 🗳️ (26962)	::	2008-12-18 3:50
<p>I am with you, no post for 7 days. didier</p>			

Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	Gessle 🏠 (1867)	::	2008-12-18 3:57
<p>Yes, no photos for 7 days!!!!!!! It is pathetic, that you - admins - do things like that.... Anna</p>			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	Clairedelune 🏠 (4765)	::	2008-12-18 4:04
<p>Like I said in the other thread:</p> <p>7-day ban? If this is the case, what a Christmas party that would be!!!!!!!</p> <p>So guys and girls... prepare your most funny, colorful, original, weird, or festive post to welcome him upon his return! I'm sure George will be back as well! He is a tough man! :))</p> <p>Remember: against adversity (and stupidity), PROTEST AND LAUGH!!!</p> <p>Claire (Mmmm.... to wait 7 days to do my next post would never have been so easy! :))))))</p>			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	avene 🏠 (7218)	::	2008-12-18 4:07
<p>I'm in, no posts/critiques for 7 days. except for my nice black frame today :)</p> <p>Kristine</p>			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	BennyV ★ (2248)	::	2008-12-18 4:15
<p>OK, I'm with you too.</p> <p>What makes TE work different AND BETTER than other photo sites I know, is some of the personalities/characters on it. Please don't turn it into it another nice and neutral picture storing site, that would leave me indifferent.</p> <p>I'm already looking forward to George's first picture after the ban.</p> <p>Benny</p>			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	BennyV ★ (2248)	::	2008-12-18 4:17
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Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	mortijo 🏠 (10468)	::	2008-12-18 5:56

<p>OK, I'll follow this. Jack, tell me...from when till when?????</p> <p>Regards and Joyeuses fêtes.</p> <p>John</p>			
<p>Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]</p>	<p>ninal 📧 (16669)</p>	<p>::</p>	<p>2008-12-18 6:05</p>
<p>I strike until all photographs of Polonaise will be back, and himself, too...</p>			
<p>Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]</p>	<p>jrj 📧 (34259)</p>	<p>::</p>	<p>2008-12-18 6:07</p>
<p>Hi John</p> <p>Should be from today until Dec. 25th.</p> <p>..still some time then for some christmas greetings I think ;-)))</p> <p>I just hope many will follow the suggestion for a 7 days action to not post or critic as this is probably the only way we can have an understanding from the site admin that the real resources of TE is the members - and that we would like to see some improved democratic behavior from their side - regardless to who <i>owns</i> the site.</p> <p>Presently the site admin seems to wish that TE should be a Disney World of happy fotkas... a dream world with only beautiful photos and the kindest of notes...</p> <p>Jack</p>			
<p>Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]</p>	<p>fkostas 📧 (471)</p>	<p>::</p>	<p>2008-12-18 6:19</p>
<p>There goes my Hanukkah theme, then. I think I can be open minded to a Christmas thing, though.</p>			
<p>Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]</p>	<p>zmey 📧 (5942)</p>	<p>::</p>	<p>2008-12-18 6:30</p>
<p>I'm in: no post, no critiques</p> <p>After those 7 days, I expect George's old posts back too</p> <p>However, I'm afraid it won't be really noticed other than by us who are subscribing to this thread...</p> <p>--</p> <p>by the way, the lock seems to have been removed from the original thread.</p>			
<p>Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]</p>	<p>jrj 📧 (34259)</p>	<p>::</p>	<p>2008-12-18 6:34</p>
<p>Hi Kristaps</p> <p>THIS is the locked original thread...</p> <p>.</p>			
<p>Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]</p>	<p>zmey 📧 (5942)</p>	<p>::</p>	<p>2008-12-18 6:37</p>
<p>hi jack, thank you</p> <p>since an exact duplicate (title) thread appeared, i assumed the other one was locked.</p>			
<p>Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]</p>	<p>AROBNS4 📧 (8425)</p>	<p>::</p>	<p>2008-12-18 6:42</p>
<p>Works for me.... there will be no new posts from me for these 7 days.</p>			

Would be nice if the whole site would do it, but they don't all read the forums.

Too bad.

Shelly

The original thread that banned Polonaise
[[Post Reply](#)]

[zmev](#) 🗳️ (5942)

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2008-12-18 7:55

The following comes **from Polonaise himself**; I am posting this on his request:

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This is the link to the story that banned me from TE
<http://www.trekearth.com/viewphotos.php?l=3&p=990535>

Scott Halle went a bit off course in attacking Jose Diogo.

And, I decided to defend the guy by the only way Scott will understand.

Not a sarcasm or intelligent irony or mockery, but sharp, sound reprimand...

Like a man to man...

Like saying: Enough is enough...

Jose Diogo looks to me like such a defenseless, meek guy... He does marvelous job within that Africa rescue project. He is a GREAT human being.

Scott attacked him – I attacked Scott...

Just one, single time...Ever...

Never publicly argued or fought... Not even continuing my disagreement with Scott about Jose !

Re: The original thread that banned Polonaise
[[Post Reply](#)]

[sayeed_rahman](#) ⭐ (962)

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2008-12-18 8:24

The MODERATORS - Youve made a mistake..was totally unnecessary..The "Polonaise" link is like a shrine for most photo enthusiasts who aspire to make a difference with the camera..like myself..i think George sets the tone of the site..bring him back..all his photos and notes.

The Polonaise - Sit back..just a bad dream.

Fellow memebers..he's coming back..before the seventh day :)))

Peace
Sayeed

Re: The original thread that banned Polonaise
[[Post Reply](#)]

[jrj](#) 🗳️ (34259)

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2008-12-18 8:33

The thing here Kristaps is that this thread was about:

Can we (members) display some reaction to the moderators of this site? Take a 7 days strike, pause, from TE. Post no photos, make no critics... both in solidarity to Polonaise for his forced 'time out' and then for just too say:

Hey there moderators or owners - be careful how you run this site - as we are the real resources here.. and we do not accept your ways of operating

But now: I'm afraid also this thread ends up in the usual whining choir...

For everyone not a complete addict to TE - become a part of the action: Join the boycott of TE until Dec. 25th...

Re: The original thread that banned Polonaise [Post Reply]	Leonie 📧 (8362)	::	2008-12-18 8:43
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Im take part in the 7 day strike! Too many excellent photographers have been banned or have left the site for others being banned and this is really sad as this site had so much potential when I first joined it. Now the overall quality seems to have really decreased which is a pity and too many people are in angry moods!

Re: The original thread that banned Polonaise [Post Reply]	zmey 📧 (5942)	::	2008-12-18 8:44
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my apologies Jack
I had three threads open and posted George's quote here by mistake. It was meant for the twin threads titled as "Why was Polonaise's account disabled??" . Unfortunately, it is impossible (or at least not known to me) to edit/delete one's own forum posts here...

Re: The original thread that banned Polonaise [Post Reply]	KevRyan 📧 (21039)	::	2008-12-18 10:20
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I just posted an image today before I read this thread and was responding to a private e-mail i received about the ban - I am happy not to post images - but I was hoping with finally some time off after such an intense year - to catch up with the posts of others.....but there is always a Plan B on thatby the way if you are reading these threads George we are only kidding about how much we love you and how important we think you are! ;-))))))keep your feet on the ground and your powder dry mate there is plenty more battle to be done!

An alternative approach might be a Celebrate George Festival for the next 7 days on TE - but hey would George ever get his head through a door again if we did that? ;-))))))

I love him just the way he is!?

bw Kev

Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	faubry 📧 (29261)	::	2008-12-18 10:24
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Te isnt TE without polonaise.....i dont understood why?? its a shame. polonaise is a great photographer, i am learning a lot from him; like clairedelune, LAUGH..

Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	bantombuju 📧 (45032)	::	2008-12-18 10:45
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i'm in, 7 days!

Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	jasmis 📧 (40611)	::	2008-12-18 11:18
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7 days...

Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise?			
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[Post Reply]	Merline 🏆 (5784)	::	2008-12-18 11:20
I suggest we keep on the strike. And then, when George is back, we celebrate ! We post in dedication to him, and for seven days, or seven photos consecutively, for him ! :-) Deal ?			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	Wandering_Dan 🏆 (3691)	::	2008-12-18 11:46
Yeah, I'm in. George is one of the best photographers around here, and even if he weren't, he was slapped for standing up for another photographer who was unfairly slammed. The language may have gotten a little rough, but that calls for a warning at worst, not a "time-out."			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	ninal 🏆 (16669)	::	2008-12-18 13:31
<p>http://www.trekearth.com/gallery/photo1006291.htm</p> <p>Damn, if this is not the best photo posted on TE about the Polonaise's affair (and there are (were ?) dozens of them !!!)</p> <p>Exactly that's what our Polonaise is all about A sharp, spicy addition to the (otherwise dull) - TE</p> <p>A jerk won't digest him, a connoisseur – will love it !!!</p> <p>J))))))</p>			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	jrj 🏆 (34259)	::	2008-12-18 14:35
<p>The thing here grazyna is that this thread was about:</p> <p>Can we (members) display some reaction to the moderators of this site? Take a 7 days strike, pause, from TE. Post no photos, make no critics... both in solidarity to Polonaise for his forced 'time out' and then for just too say:</p> <p><i>Hey there moderators or owners - be careful how you run this site - as we are the real resources here.. and we do not accept your ways of operating</i></p> <p>So far some seems to have sensed the idea: An alternative for whining and complaining in the forum: Reducing activities - display some strength vs. the <i>ruling elite of TE</i></p> <p>But of course: Many is not at the forum - and many thinks: Whats the idea - I am only -1- one. And a solidarity campaign is politics - nothing for me:</p> <p>For the rest of you: YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE CAMPAIGN!"</p> <p>(...and grazyna there is no need to post the same message in 3 threads - it doesn't get 3 times better by that...)</p>			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	thea0211 🏆 (3629)	::	2008-12-18 14:46
<p>just like cath, i was slowly but surely on my way out anyway</p> <p>still as a last try ... "7 days" is a deal - i'm in, of course</p>			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	quillo 🏆 (5511)	::	2008-12-18 14:54

NO ENTIENDO BIEN LO QUE HA PASADO.... SI ALGUIEN ME LO PUDIERA EXPLICAR EN ESPAÑOL SE LO AGRADECERÍA.			
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THAT IT HAS HAPPENED... SOMEONE THE PUDIE TO EXPLAIN IN SPANISH?... GRATEFUL.			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	ninal  (16669)	::	2008-12-18 15:10
To Quillo : Ayer por la tarde, Georges cuenta se ha eliminado sin ninguna explicación. Todo el mundo pensó que era una decisión final de administración. Hoy en día, tras un animado debate sobre la foro, un moderador ha cerrado un thread y dijo que George fue desterrado sólo por una semana debido a su actitud provocadora, sin dar la razón. En los últimos comentarios de George y los debates en que participó, no hay nada de provocación.			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	polter  (4450)	::	2008-12-18 15:14
Seven days out from TE - no posts and no critics of course - till Polonais won't be back - I'm in			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	MiguelP  (13466)	::	2008-12-18 15:37
THIS IS AN ABSOLUT NO SENSE... I want George Polonaise back. I have just uploaded a photo and then find out about the polemic. Of course I ´m not going to post and/or critic any photo during a Week... What the hell is going on here? Stepan, Bertolucci, Polonaise... What happened in TE?			
Miguel			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	Merline  (5784)	::	2008-12-18 16:02
I forgot in my last msg, a little reminder to the mods, gavs, or whoever: -)			
The first amendment : "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."			
Best regards - one of the people.			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	quillo  (5511)	::	2008-12-18 16:05
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(Gracias Grazyna por la explicación)			
. . . . PUES LAMENTO ESTA DECISIÓN DE LOS ADMINISTRADORES DE (te), HOY MÁS PEQUEÑA QUE NUNCA, SOBRE TODO PORQUE.... NOS MERECEMOS UNA EXPLICACIÓN CLARA DE LO QUE HA PASADO.			
MIENTRAS TANTO YO TAMBIÉN CIERRO MI EMISORA EN CRITICAS ... COMENTARIOS.... COMO EN PUBLICAR FOTOS HASTA DENTRO DE 7 DÍAS.			
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Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	noborders (13807)	::	2008-12-18 16:11
<p>Jack, there are still things that I don't understand (and sorry if only the 2 last paragraphs are really connected to your thread, but I fear that the other one, initiated by manub will be locked before this one) :</p> <p>- "Moderator note - it's only a 7-day ban for Polonaise and ScottHale NOT permanent ban" : why the NOT in that sentence ? Did (s)he mean GOT, rather ? (I guess so...)</p> <p>- More importantly : Polonaise is banned now, does this mean that his photos have been deleted ??? this I really would like to know, you wrote here that they are only "removed" and not permanently deleted, ... but I have my doubts, after his "smiling infectivity 15" disappeared the 1st time !</p> <p>I still feel sick, sad and angry about all what happened since last night but also about some strange, unpleasant atmosphere on TE, it's getting too personal - for instance, for those who did not read it, here is the reason why another great photographer, Traczewska left this site with her 300th (great) photo... If I were leaving, it would be for another reason : there are so many more interesting photos to be seen on other sites + being regularly on various photo sites in the same time takes too much energy - for the moment, I'm happy in posting here only once in a while, not sure that I'll be as regular as before next Feb.)</p> <p>Anyway : my next (and maybe, last - at least for some time - I'll be travelling in Jan. anyway) photo will not be posted the day of Christmas as I'll have some 16 persons at my home, will be busy till late probably ! ... I'd like to join the party (if hopefully there is one), but I'll come with some delay, probably on the 26th.</p> <p>And in the meantime : I've modified my intro according to my mood and to what happened during the last 24+ hours, this could maybe inform some other persons as well !</p>			
Re: The original thread that banned Polonaise [Post Reply]	vapours (7814)	::	2008-12-18 16:48
<p>After reading that thread, I think some action by TE was definitely required.</p> <p>Arguments and debate are healthy, but the tone of that argument was a complete personal attack and I don't think thats something that we should allow and not the path that we want to be sending the site down. Please note I have and never have had anything against George.</p> <p>The biggest problem I find here has been the lack of communication from TE moderator(s) explaining the decision.</p>			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	Wandering_Dan (3691)	::	2008-12-18 16:49
<p>Merline -</p> <p>First Amendment is a nice sentiment, but it only applies to government actions, not to private forums. It's a common misconception; I used to hear it all the time when I was a supervisor on a Compuserve forum.</p> <p>That said, any forum that wants to continue getting customers needs to be sensitive to the issue. But that's a matter of good business practice, not law.</p> <p>Dan</p>			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise?		::	2008-12-18 16:49

[Post Reply]	faubry (29261)		
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Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	noborders (13807)	::	2008-12-18 17:02
<p>... But in the meantime, even if many here will respect the strike/boycott, other ones have preferred to express themselves with (what else ?) photos, (Davids having announced one photo for each day !),</p> <p>>>> I've found sofar 6 photos "Waiting for Polonaise" that I've regrouped in a group theme : feel free to add the other ones in there if they are related to the subject !</p>			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? [Post Reply]	Merline (5784)	::	2008-12-18 17:13
<p>Yes, Dan, about the 1st amendment, that is right and I know it does not apply to private forums etc. Thanks nevertheless for pointing it out:-). But I was meaning that in a kind of black humour way, as a joke, my English does not allow me, and I regret it, to be more fine-tuned...I thought it fitted the general idea. :-)</p>			
Re: What about a 7 day strike for Polonaise? new [Post Reply]	jrj (34259)	::	2008-12-19 1:04
<p>The 7 days locking of Polonaise's account:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Of course his photos is there, only temporary excluded from being displayed. 2. Why show solidarity and not post or make critics: Because if we could turn the tap of the source for the owners ability to have an income from TE - it would sure signal that enough is enough. Own the site - but don't f**k with the members in a way we do not find acceptable. 3. To make a 7 days locking of an account is a childish and immature way to behave. Either you allow for a minimum of democracy or you just delete accounts. You don't punish members you don't like in such a way. (Should you like to know a little bit more of this moderator - just look to his participation on the site here: http://www.trekearth.com/threads.php?filter=JuCo) 4. This initiative to display some members strength vs. the mods and/or owners will probably fail as so many is not in the forum, does not believe in the idea, is to polite, don't like to get involved or simply is so addicted that a week without posting and criticing is unbearable. <p>Whatever for me, even if I am only -1-. It feels good just to have initiated the campaign to display: I for one do not accept the kind of censor- and dictarship that is presently developing at this site which I know as an active member from Sep. 2003 .</p> <p>Thank's so far to others who have joined :-)</p> <p>Jack</p>			