

Lions Gate: First Place

Victoria Camera Club Takes First Place in Competition

The Lions Gate Celebration of Nature Photographic Competition is one of the premier natural history contests held in Canada. As opposed to most photo competitions, Lion's Gate is only open to camera clubs and photographic societies – submissions by individual photographers are not permitted. Each club enters eight nature/wildlife images by eight different members. In January this year, we received the results of the eleventh annual LGCN, in which twenty-nine clubs from BC and the Yukon submitted 228 entries, the largest number since inception.

The Victoria Camera club has a distinguished history at Lions Gate. In the last six years, the VCC has finished second twice, third once and no worse than 6th. This year, we finally finished first, ahead of the Lion's Gate Camera Club and the North Shore Photographic Society. It was a close finish, with less than 4% separating first and third places.

Three of VCC's members won individual awards. Peter Koelbleitner was awarded first place in the Mammals category with his Sea Lion image which also took second place in Best in Show. James Kissinger won second place in the Mammals category with his Grizzlies which also won third place in Best in Show. Neil Boyle was awarded an Honourable Mention in the Mammals category with his Vampire Bat photo.

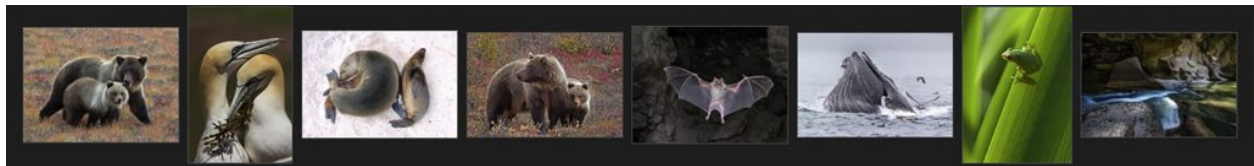
All of the winning entries by the Victoria Camera Club can be viewed on the VCC website at

>> VictoriaCameraClub.ca > Competitions > External Competitions > Lion's Gate

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The VCC currently competes in twelve external interclub competitions, including a unique annual event with the Eastwood Photographic Society of Glasgow, Scotland.

The Victoria Camera Club has been in existence since 1944. The club is very dynamic and active in its pursuit of learning, executing and celebrating all aspects of modern photography. The open, lively environment almost guarantees that membership will bring improved photographic skills. Currently there are around 250 members who participate in weekly meetings, competitions, field trips, prints shows and special interest groups. Please visit our website (VictoriaCameraClub.ca) for further information.



Winning images from Lion's Gate Celebration of Nature