

External Comps Report I

The 2018 External competition year started off well, with 9 CAPA competitions, 10 PSA competitions and 5 additional competitions, for a total of 24 competitions. A busy year..

PSA Nature Round 1 (Oct., 2018)



Lioness Flushes Guinea Fowl – Honorable Mention

See the [YouTube video](#).

The year started out with PSA Nature, due for VCC members on October 5th. There were 69 clubs from around the world competing, with 29 of those in our group A, which we were promoted to from last year. We came in a respectable 5th (tied) with a score of 69 in this first round of three. We

tied for 5th overall, with both groups A and B included. See the Youtube Video

The six images (chosen from 37) were:

- Eastern Bluebird with Berry – Mike Wooding
- Garter Snake Friend and Meal – Daniel Rondeau
- Leafnosed Nectar Bats Feeding – Suzanne Huot
- Lioness and Guinea Fowl – Leah Gray – Honorable Mention
- Running Side by Side – Steve Smith
- Just Holding On – Margarita Huang

CAPA Fine Art (Oct. 2018)

[See the YouTube Video](#)

The Victoria Camera club placed 26th out of 37 clubs with 125.5 points. Guest Judge Barbara Burns was in attendance. The six images (chosen from 28) were:

- Night Vision – David Axford
- Geometry in the Night – Evan Guengerich
- Flute Player – Kim Smith
- Trio in Black and White – Lois Burton
- Return Journey – Michael Murchison
- Neptune's Boathouse – Stephen Jakes

CAPA Nature (Oct. 2018)



CAPA #2 Merit Award (Sibling Rivalry, Evan Guengerich)

[See the YouTube Video](#)

We placed 21st in this competition after having an image disqualified (there were 19 images disqualified in the competition). The bright spot was a Merit #2 (2nd place overall) for Evan Guengerich for his image Sibling Rivalry (congratulations!). The five images that were judged by CAPA (chosen from 39) were:

- Bristlecone Pine at Night – Jonathan Adams
- Insolence – Leah Gray
- Sibling Rivalry – Evan Guengerich MERIT #2
- Social Grooming Bliss – Judy Johnston
- The Garter Snake its Friend and Their Meal – Daniel Rondeau

PSA Open round 1 (Oct., 2018)



Peter Koelbleitner

Honors Award – Peter Koelbleitner

See the [YouTube video](#).

We selected some great images for PSA Open round 1. Guest Judge Normand Marcotte was in attendance. Peter Koelbleitner's image "Don't stick your head out the window" received an Honors award. Suzanne Huot's image Just Hanging in there and Michael Murchison's image "Tracks" both garnered Honorable Mentions. This put us in 2nd place, behind 1st place by one point – a great start to the competition. The six chosen images (from 45) were:

- Bristlecone Pine Under the Stars – Jonathan Adams
- Don't stick your head out of the window – Peter Koelbleitner Honors
- Flute Player – Kim Smith
- Just Hanging in There – Suzanne Huot Honorable Mention
- Sibling Rivalry – Evan Guengerich
- Tracks – Michael Murchison Honorable Mention

CAPA Photojournalism (Nov., 2018)

[See the YouTube Video](#)

We placed 10th out of 35 entries this year with a score of 120. We have not traditionally done well in this competition, but have improved over last year's placing of 16th. The guest judge was Ian Crawford. Our selected images (from 31 entries) were:

- Concentration – Carole Valkenier
- The Preacher – Don Peterson
- Remembering – Garry Schaefer
- Atlas Mountains Berber Girl – John Clarke
- Carrying the Throne – Peter Reid
- Sourdough Rendezvous – Bucking Up Wood Rea Casey

PSA Creative round 1 (Nov., 2018)



Honorable Mention – Dan Takahashi

See the [YouTube video](#). The decision to enter PSA Creative was made last year, and we started with some great images. Dan Takahashi and Pearson Morey both earned Honorable Mentions. The guest judge was Kevin Keliher. We tied for 5th place in the first round (63), 6 points behind 1st place.

The images (chosen from 25 entries) were:

- Welcome to my World Dan – Takahashi Honorable Mention
- Mushroom Whirl – Jennifer Carlstrom
- Taking Off by Moonlight – Lorna Zaback
- Wavy Penguins – Pam Irvine
- Blur Zoom Special – Pearson Morey Honorable Mention
- The Portal – Richard Webber