

VIAHA 2017 Annual Report

As we have done for many years now we started the year with the Awards Banquet. The food was wonderful and there were lots of smiles from the highpoint champions and reserve champions. There was a great selection of items in the silent and live auctions. The 2016 Year in Review slideshow was great, thanks to the members who sent in photos and to Wendy who put them together. Everyone pitched in at the end of the evening and cleared the banquet room very quickly

Open shows were held in April, May and July. We probably had the best year for Western entries in 2017. The walk/trot division remains strong and is a great way to start out horses and riders. The culmination of the show year was the Saanich Fair. This year everyone had to manage the extreme heat over the Labour day weekend.

At the June Classic show we had the opposite weather of the Fair and everyone had to bundle up. The barbecue was enjoyed by all and maybe the Grillverado was the best place to hang out. We will continue to hold this show even though it is small so our members have an inexpensive way to qualify for Regional and National shows. We always have lots of TBA classes to accommodate our competitors.

Thanks to all of the executive and volunteers for supporting VIAHA in 2017.

We look forward to 2018 and would like input from all members.

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