

VNCS JAPANESE CULTURAL FAIR

2023 REPORT FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



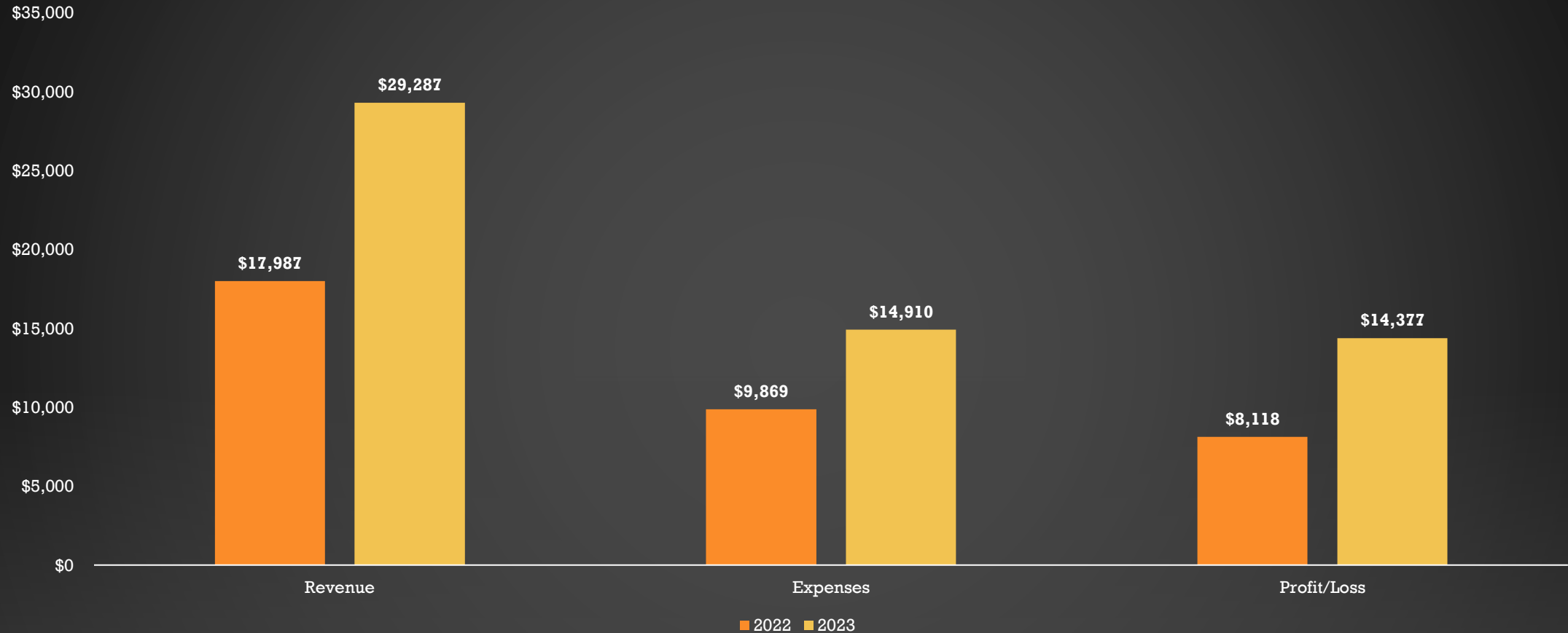
SECOND YEAR AT THE NEW LOCATION



Esquimalt Gorge Park Pavilion

FAIR FINANCES

2022/2023



Expenses this year included several capital expenditures (e.g., Square Sale Terminals, new Walkie Talkies, Secure Mobile Internet, Donations Boxes, Sandwich Board Signage etc.)

CLASSIC CAR EXPANSION



We welcomed some Japanese Classic Car enthusiasts to show off their rides.

COMMUNITY SHOWCASE EXPANSION



We invited many other Japanese Canadian organizations to have a tent in our new outdoor Community Showcase area.

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The Japanese Friendship Society ran a Yukata Dressup tent in the Community Showcase area.

THE LOCKER BIKE VALET



We welcomed the Capital City Bike Valet service in 2023 sponsored by Think Communications Inc.

NEW & RETURNING FOOD PARTNERS



Satomi & Shino of Cozi Koji joined us this year as well serving a Fried Tofu & Udon Salad with Yuzu Chili Miso Dressing.



Chef Moto and Team from Hide N' Seek joined us this year to serve Beef Bowls, Vegetable Salad Rolls and their BBQ Teriyaki Corn on the Cobb.



Morgan and the Oni Oni/Sakura Grocery team were back for their second year with us and were serving their many types of Onigiri (rice balls), Kara'age (fried chicken) and other snacks/drinks!

Full list of sponsors available in the Nov/Dec Newsletter on the VNCS Website.

EXPANDED FOOD SALES



We expanded our food options this year with Chef Moto of Hide N Seek, Satomi & Shino of Cozi Koji, with Morgan and the Oni Oni team returning.

SPECIAL GUESTS



Southern Wave (Okinawan Music and Dance Society) was a big hit!

KONGO DOJO EXCITES WITH FULL SAMURAI ARMOUR



Kongo Dojo was able to showcase their passion for Ninjutsu & Jujutsu Koryu Karate.

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteer requirements were scaled back up for the 2023 Fair as we expanded outside on the field beside Gorge Park Pavilion. Volunteers were needed in the following areas and more:

- **Food (manju) preparation work party**
- **Setup work parties (night before, morning of)**
- **Silent Auction**
- **Fujinkai/Things Japanese**
- **Food preparation**
- **Food and drink sales**
- **Presentation room coordination**
- **Indoor/outdoor coordination**
- **Parking management**
- **VNCS table/donations**

COMPARISON OF VOLUNTEER NUMBERS

Details	2023	2022	2018
Number of registered volunteers	95	98	127
Total person hours - work parties + Fair Day	738	400	681
Total person hours – Fair Day only	506	316	417

THANK YOU TO OUR PLANNING TEAM LEADS

Audio Equipment, Graphics, Posters, Signage and Support: **Lorin Goshinmon**

Community Showcase: **Craig Mercer & Yukari Peerless**

Decorations: **Amanda Gaunt**

Donation Solicitation: **Jo Brooks, JO Caragata, Lily Yee, Marlene Howell, Maureen Bird, Patti Kagawa, Rebecca Barnard, Tsugio Kurushima, Yukari Peerless.**

Fair Ambassador and roving Donations: **JO Caragata**

Finance Coordination: **James Harada-Down**

Food and Drinks: **Amy Kawano & Kana Mercer**

Food Sales Coordination: **Lily Yee**

Indoor Coordination: **Jo Brooks**

Insurance, Contracts and Permits: **Debbie Ibaraki**

Kids Coordination: **Val Watanabe**

Outdoor Coordination: **Donovan Aikman**

Parking Coordination: **Kyle Armour**

Performers and Presenters: **Tsugio Kurushima**

Silent Auction: **Patti Kagawa & Cristina Shore**

Things Japanese: **Reyna Goshinmon**

Volunteer Coordination: **Yumiko Mizuno & Maureen Bird**

If you would like to join the planning team email us at info@vncs.ca.

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THANK YOU!

Full fair report available in the Sep/Oct Nikkei Forum Newsletter ([Volume 31, Issue 5](#)) on the VNCS Website.