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ANTARCTIC SLIDE SHOW
by Quinn Runkle
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

at the
Halfmoon Bay Elementary School
8086 Northwood Road, Welcome Woods

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting.
3. Business arising from the minutes.
4. President's Annual Report.
5. Financial Report.
6. Membership Report.
7. Election of Directors.
8. Any other business.
9. Slide show.

Slide Show

Last fall, Quinn Runkle, a Grade 9 student at Chatalech and daughter of one of our directors, was accepted to join a group of students from across Canada in the "Students on Ice" program. As a result, she spent the turn of the year on the Antarctic Peninsula, studying the unique ecology of this most pristine of continents, and many other aspects of Antarctic research. She has agreed to talk about her adventure and show some of her pictures at the AGM.

Having myself traveled to the subAntarctic islands, south of New Zealand, in December, and seen penguins in the tens of thousands, I can vouch for what a spectacular sight this is. I have no doubt Quinn's presentation will "knock your socks off". Come and join us, and share in her experience of a lifetime. Don't let the AGM turn you off. It will be short and leave enough time for the slide show.

Summer Program

Elise Rudland has again organized an interesting program of spring and summer events in the park.

Plant Identification Walks; Sundays, April 9 and 30

Meet in the parking lot at 10:00 a.m. and join local botanist Kye Goodwin on a walk along the berm and onto The Rock at Sargeant Bay. The spring flowers should be in all their glory. Please note the time of these walks is half an hour earlier than last year.

Birding by the Bay; Sunday May 14

Spring migrants will be back in residence in the wetland and nesting will be in full swing. Join local birder Tony Greenfield to learn more about our local birds and their songs. Meet in the parking lot at 10:00 a.m. This is an hour later than last year.

Owl Release

A barred owl, injured in a collision with a vehicle in Halfmoon Bay on January 7, was nursed back to health by Clint and Irene Davy of the Gibsons Wild Life Centre. Permanently blind in one eye, the bird was transferred to Orphaned Wild Life (OWL) in Delta for an assessment of its hunting ability. Owls rely less on sight than sound to hunt down their prey and OWL gave this bird a good shot at making it on its own back in the wild. It was released at Sargeant Bay on February 4, an event that drew a fair number of spectators.



Photo: Joop Burgerjon

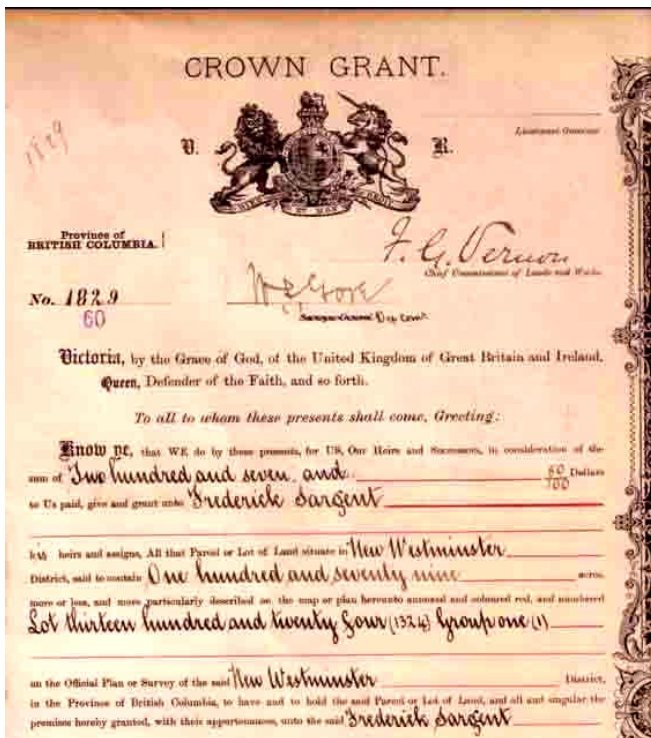
Everyone got a chance to see this bird close up and share in the joy of seeing it regain its freedom.



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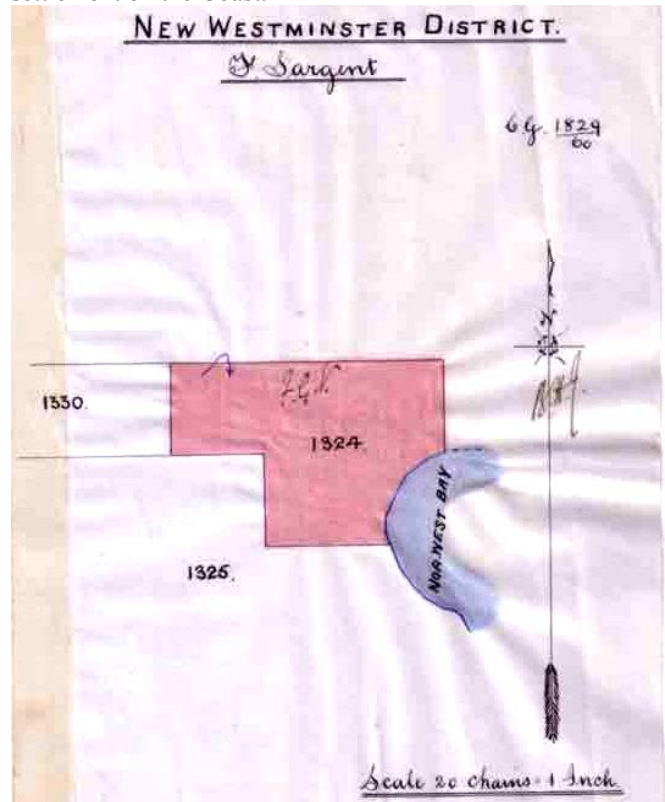
History

History buffs will be fascinated by two documents passed on to Joop Burgerjon by Gary Little. They are the original Crown Grant whereby Frederick Sargent acquired 179 acres at the head of Sargeant Bay in 1892, for the princely amount of \$207.50. This must have been a tidy sum over a hundred years ago. I suspect that inflated into 2006 dollars it might not be all that far removed from the price a similar piece of property would command today. The fine print is probably not legible at newsletter scale, but the top half of the Crown Grant document is reproduced below.



The attached map, showing the property boundaries, is basic to say the least, but provides an interesting insight into what

was required for a legal document in the early days of settlement on the Coast.



Triangle Lake Trail Extension

The Society is exploring the possibility of obtaining financial support for extending the trail system within the park around the north side of Triangle Lake. The initial phases of this project are already complete. The proposed route was scouted on a very wet day in December (see below) and a survey of the route has since been completed. The cost of the project is estimated to be in the order of \$11,600, of which the Society would contribute a little under half.



Feedback

Finally, the customary note that feedback is always welcome. As you received this newsletter by e-mail, it is easy for you to let us have your comments: Just click the reply button, or: sargbay@dccnet.com