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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015 – 7PM
COOPER’S GREEN HALL**



Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes of 2014 AGM
3. Business arising from the minutes
4. Annual Report, Rand Rudland/President
5. Financial Report, Maggie Marsh/Treasurer
6. Membership Report
7. Election of Directors
8. Other business

Summer Program – Mark your Calendars

Please join us on one or more of the following popular events sponsored by the Society.

1 - Birding on the Berm

Once again Tony Greenfield will lead this annual welcome-to-spring birding event on **Monday, May 18th**. Meet at the main parking lot at 9 AM. This event was well attended last year and all present continued to increase their knowledge of the birdlife in the Park.

2 – Triangle Lake Botany Hike

Join local botany expert Kye Goodwin on **Sunday June 28th** to explore some of the unique plant life around Triangle Lake. Meet at the Trout Lake parking lot at 10 AM for this annual 2-hour walk along the trails to Triangle Lake and the upper reaches of Sargeant Bay Provincial Park.

3- Intertidal Explorations with Lee-Ann Ennis

Join naturalists from the Sargeant Bay Society and the Iris Griffith Interpretive Centre on **Saturday July 4th, 2015** to observe and document the marine life of the intertidal portion of Sargeant Bay. Saltwater aquaria will be set up to display specimens

4 – 25th Anniversary of Sargeant Bay Prov. Park

Concurrent with the intertidal activities on **July 4th**, we invite you to join us in celebrating the history of our Society and the official opening of Sargeant Bay Provincial Park, March 20, 1990. Bring a friend!!!

New Garbage Cans Installed:

April 25th saw Park staff installing the long-awaited garbage cans near the lower parking lot entrance to the berm. This was made necessary by the continued lack of cooperation by Park visitors in removing their own garbage, and was



compounded by regular unwanted materials arriving on the beach on high tides. The local Park contractor will now be responsible for regular removal of garbage from the new bear-proof containers. For now, the small garbage can near the fish ladder will remain, as it appears that is largely a repository for “dog-dirt”. Thanks to the dog walkers that actually use it!!!

Phragmites – not Invasive!!!

We received very good news about the large *Phragmites* presence in the wetland west of the island in Colvin Lake. It would have been next to impossible to eradicate.

“I have just received the results of the DNA analysis for the *Phragmites* sample collected from Sargeant Bay. I'm very pleased to say that it has been confirmed as the native variety and no further action is needed. I appreciate your time in making the collection and following up. We are lucky to have your eyes on the ground!”
Becky Brown, P.Ag.
Invasive Plant Specialist - Provincial Early Detection Rapid Response Coordinator

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Repairs to Winter Trail Damage:

Due to new drainage patterns on adjacent properties there has been a significant increase in water damage to the side trail by Colvin Creek above Redrooffs Road.

After an assessment by SBS Director Jeff Muckle and volunteer Michel Frenette, a plan to address this has been presented to BC Parks. The plan will include construction of a collecting swale, a small settling pond, two additional culverts and trail upgrades at the site of the washout pictured here. A decision to fund this project by BC Parks is pending. In order to minimize any damage to the fern understory in the area where the work is to be carried out, it has been recommended that we complete the project in mid-September.



Sightings in the Park:

The following photos have been taken within the past few months in the Park and once again demonstrate the broad range of activities in the Park, and the variety of birdlife that can be seen - some with more difficulty than others.

(2 Photos by Joop Burgerjon)



Equestrians in spring



Snow Geese on the beaver dam

(4 Photos by Rand Rudland – April 25, 2015)



Tree Swallow



Red-winged Blackbird



American Goldfinch



Virginia Rail

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