



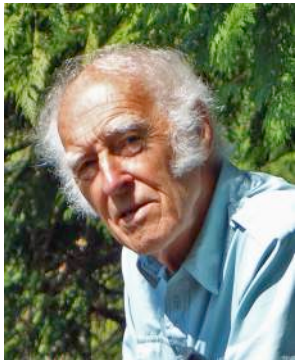
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SBPP 25th Anniversary Event July 4th, 2015

This was a very special day in the history of Sargeant Bay Provincial Park, as well as the Sargeant Bay Society (SBS). Around 400 people celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Park. We



celebrated the long involvement of the Sargeant Bay Society in the successful process culminating in the Park dedication, and we celebrated the immense contribution of recently deceased Joop Burgerjon (May 27, 2015) to the Society, the Park, and the Sunshine Coast community as a whole.

We did this with dignitaries from the SCRDR (Garry Nohr, Chair), from local BC Parks (Rod Dalziel), and from upper management of BC Parks based in Squamish and Victoria. Vicki Haberl, Planning Sec. Head, BC Parks, South Coast Region and Brian Bawtinheimer, Exec. Dir., BC Parks, both worked closely with Joop on this file and we were delighted



(L to R) Vicki Haberl (BC Parks), Rand Rudland (SBS), Rod Dalziel (BC Parks), Brian Bawtinheimer (BC Parks), Don Basham (SC Comm. Foundation), Garry Nohr (SCRDR Chair)

to see them attend these festivities. All spoke highly of Joop’s drive and commitment to the Park from the early days of the Sargeant Bay Property Association (1978), through the formation of the SBS (1982), the negotiations culminating in the dedication of the Park (Mar. 20, 1990), and the subsequent addition of the Triangle Lake watershed to the Park (2005). SBPP is now 150 hectares in size.

Also in attendance was Paula Burgerjon, Joop & Jessie’s daughter, as was Rosemary Hoare, wife of Eric, a Past Director who worked tirelessly as the membership secretary during the early years of the SBS.



An annual contributor to the overall celebration of the Park and our inter-tidal exploration program was Lee-Ann Ennis and her staff from the Iris Griffith Interpretive Centre (IGC) with their intertidal beach



Lee-Ann Ennis (in blue), Aquavan staff (in red), and IGC staff (in yellow) during set-up of the Aquavan display. (IGC photo)

exploration activities, hands-on critter tanks, and educational activities for all.

The biggest attraction for the day, however, went to the Vancouver Aquarium Aquavan. This mobile aquarium drove to site, set up their outside wet displays, and provided a great opportunity for all to get a close-up, and often hands-on, look at many of the marine animals that are present in our intertidal waters and shoreline. Many thanks to Garry Nohr and the entire SCR D Board for contributing to the fund that allowed the SBS to bring this very successful event to our Anniversary celebrations.



During the celebrations the SBS invited Don Basham, a past director of the SBS, and past-president of the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation, to announce the initiation of the “Joop & Jessie Burgerjon Endowment for the Sargeant Bay Society”. This endowment will provide stable funding for SBS projects in education and maintenance within the Park. The Society is proud to announce that we have surpassed our initial \$5,000 goal, which will be matched by the Foundation. Further donations always accepted – please contact us at srgntbay.soc@gmail.com.

Thanks to the Iris Griffith Centre for bringing the



The Wood Duck Bus from the Iris Griffith Centre

Wood Duck Bus to transport visitors from overflow parking at the HMB Elementary School to the Park. Special thanks to Sharlynn McClelland & Rick Kobus for driving the bus during the event.

At the end of the anniversary celebrations, there was a large and delicious “25th birthday” cake, as well as a toast supplied by the Welcome Beach Community Association. Thank you to all volunteers who made this day a success.

(Event photos courtesy of Marcia Mason)

Salmon Spawning Season:

November and December are the 2 months that we anticipate returning Chum (November) and Coho (December) to the fish ladder and up into Colvin Creek. Numbers vary greatly from year to year. There have been sightings in the first few days of November, but so far only small numbers. None have been recorded in the spawning beds of Colvin Creek at time of printing this Newsletter.

If you are visiting the Park and observe any fish in the fish-ladder or at the base of the beaver dam, please take a moment to notify us. This can be done as follows: by phone – 604-885-4642

by email – srgntbay.soc@gmail.com

Or by filling in the observation sheet at the fish-ladder. There will be a poster at the fish-ladder to assist in identifying salmon species.

Your Sargeant Bay Society Executive for 2015-16 is as follows:

- Rand Rudland – president
- Tony Greenfield – vice-president
- Maggie Marsh – treasurer
- Heather Newman – secretary
- Katie Caple – membership
- Jeff Muckle - director-at-large
- Garry Paulson – director-at-large
- Elise Rudland - director-at-large

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