

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**MAY 17, 2016 – 7PM**  
**COOPER'S GREEN HALL**



**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes of 2015 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 – May 22nd**

Once again Tony Greenfield will lead this annual welcome-to-spring birding event on Sunday, May 22nd. This event was well attended last year and all present continued to increase their knowledge of the birdlife in the Park. Meet at 0900 at the main parking lot in Sargeant Bay Provincial Park.

**2 – Intertidal Explorations - Lee-Ann Ennis – June 5th**

Be sure to mark low tide on June 5th on your calendar for the annual Intertidal Exploration with Lee-Ann and the crew from the Iris Griffith Centre. The event will run from 11-3, and will include wet tanks with opportunities to have some hands-on experience with the critters that live in the intertidal waters of the Bay. This year one goal is to do a few beach plots, digging, identifying and counting clams, all the while keeping an eye out for the Green crab, *Carcinus maenus*.

**3 - Botany Hike – May 7th**

Join local botany expert Kye Goodwin on May 7th to explore some of the unique plant life around the Truman Loop Trail in Halfmoon Bay. Meet at 10:00 AM on roadside trailhead at the crest of Truman Road 0.5 km from Brooks Rd and off Highway 101. Moderate hike. Slow pace.

**Salmon Spawning Season - 2015:**

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.

This year 7 volunteers – Tim Dayton, Peter Bogardus, Don Basham, Rick Walters, Tony Greenfield, Dave Spicer and Rand Rudland – checked the spawning beds on a daily basis from Nov. 9 – Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. In addition, there were many visitors who attended the fish ladder during the season, and documented a few salmon. Overall it was a very low year, with no witnessed spawning activity in the creek, and less than 10 salmon seen around the fish ladder.

Hopefully 2017 will be a more productive year!!!

**Invasive Plant Control Measures**

Sporadic occurrences of Himalayan Blackberry continue to be found on the berm primarily, and are removed as they are found. The Yellow Flag Iris that was removed in 2014 from the island in Colvin Lake appears to be under control. A site visit this summer will be undertaken and any new growth removed once again. The St. John's Wort on the berm is slowly succumbing to our efforts of regular cutting, followed by spraying of a salt and vinegar solution.

**Nootka Rose Control**

Jeff Muckle, Elise Rudland, Carole Poole and Val Marus trimmed and hauled away a truckload of trimmings from the Nootka Rose bushes that

have increasingly obscured the view from the double benches into the marsh and beaver dam area. This now provides a more open view for visitors to observe the activities in the marsh and pond. Good work all.



**During**



**Colvin Creek Trail Repairs**

The heavy rains have played havoc with the Colvin Creek trail over the winter, but two volunteer work parties have started to bring the problem under control. With the assistance of Rod Dalziel of BC Parks, (right in photo) and equipment provided by Jeff Muckle (on tractor in 2nd photo), a group of 7 volunteers ignored the Sunshine Coast drizzle and redirected much of the flow off the trail. In addition numerous small culverts were installed under the trail to further reduce the rain impact on the walking surface.



Jeff's tractor & trailer unit was very useful in carrying all the equipment and materials into the worksite.

A log berm was covered with dirt and ferns to direct water parallel to the trail





The steep portion of the trail that had been eroded away around a large tree root was revised and resurfaced

### Winter Storm Debris

Thanks to the walkers who cleared up debris after the winter storms.



Unfortunately more work still remains to be done to complete the repairs, with additional culverts required, and more diversion



Now too bad we can't do anything about the masses of logs that wash up after these storms.



of water flow on the high side of the trail. Look for a work party announcement soon.

**Feedback:** We are interested in your comments. Please call us at 604-885-4642 or e-mail to: [srgntbay.soc@gmail.com](mailto:srgntbay.soc@gmail.com)  
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## **Trail Dedication**

Signage has now been posted on the newly renamed Joop's Triangle Lake Trail in memory of Joop Burgerjon, and for all the work over the many years of his involvement with the Sargeant Bay Society.



The Colvin Creek Falls are worth a short walk during and after some of these heavy rain events.



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A breeding plumaged male Hooded Merganser was trying to get a good handle on this luncheon item, and in the meantime sent a spray of water into the air at just the right time to be caught in the act.

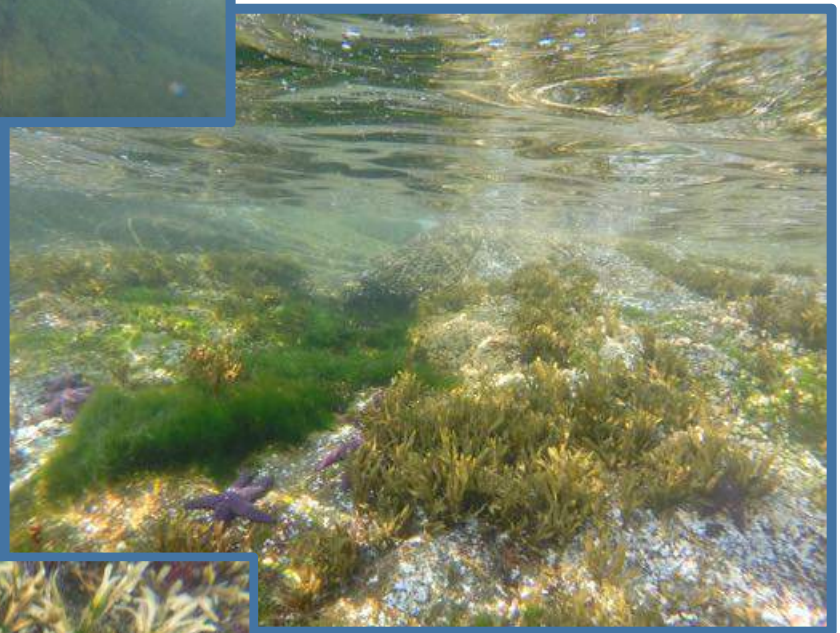
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## Underwater in Sargeant Bay



**Dave Spicer** sent along these photos from a snorkel outing last September from the base of “The Rock”, along with the following comments:  
“It was surprising how colourful (*the area was*) and clear the water was. My friend has dived in many local locations and said visibility was incredible compared to many places in Howe Sound/ Vancouver.”

“We saw many Dungeness Crabs, and a few 8-10” crabs that I believe were young Tanner Crab. Also small to quite large Perch & Rock Cod hovered under ledges. Many colourful purple starfish. The rock cliff seems to be a healthy area/ shelter for much plant and sea life.”



If you photograph any interesting events or activities in the Park, please send along for inclusion in the Newsletter, with a short description of what you saw.  
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