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Newsletter #108 – Spring 2023

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AGM 2023 – Wednesday, June 7th, 7:30 PM

Members will be sent a Zoom link in advance of the meeting date. As of Jan. 1, 2023, our membership stood at 81 individual &/or family memberships. Those whose memberships will expire in 2023 will receive a notification by email. Please ensure your membership is up to date.
<http://sargbay.ca/index.php/become-a-member/>

Sargeant Bay Society AGM Agenda June 7th, 2022 – 7:30 PM by Zoom

1. Call to order – 7:30 PM
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Adoption of 2022 minutes
4. Business arising
5. Reports
 - a. President's – Rand Rudland
 - b. Finance – Garry Paulson.
 - c. Membership Report
 - d. Salmon Update – Dave Spicer
 - e. Burgerjon Endowment update
 - f. Fish Ladder replacement update
6. New business
 - a. Dates for educational activities
7. Election of directors
8. Adjournment

Educational Activities – 2023

1 - Birding on the Berm - May 13th

Join Tony Greenfield at 0900 hr. for our annual birding walk from the upper parking lot.

2 – Botany Walk in Sargeant Bay Provincial Park with Kye Goodwin – May 21st – 0900 hrs.

Once again Kye Goodwin will enlighten us on botany topics during our annual Botany Walk, this year visiting trails between Trout lake and Triangle Lake. Meet at the southern Trout Lake parking lot at 0900 hrs.

3 – Intertidal Exploration with Lee-Anne Ennis This date under review due to timing of tide:

Bring the family—and sand shovel & bucket—to explore the intertidal areas of Sargeant Bay with Lee-Anne and SBS volunteers. Email to follow.

Sargeant Bay Society Scholarship 2023

High school students graduating from any Sunshine Coast high school in 2023 and planning a career in Environmental Studies, Forestry or Fisheries Biology can now apply for a \$500 bursary to assist with tuition at the institution of their choosing. If you know of any students that this may help, they can ask the School District or email SBS about how to apply. Application deadline is April 30th. The bursary recipient will be decided upon by the SBS Bursary Committee and presented to the SBS Board for approval based on financial need, academic standing, and community involvement.

Berm Invasive Species and Trail Cleanup

A spring clean-up was well attended on Nov. 6th, with another large load of blackberries and Nootka Rose being removed from the trails and view corridors on the berm. Thanks to all the volunteers.

March 11th, 2023 at 0900 will be another spring berm clean-up for invasives—Himalayan Blackberries are still present in some areas—as well as clearing the rose bushes, etc. on access trails to the wetland viewing points.

Also on March 11th at 1230 we will see a dropping tide and an opportunity to clean up the intertidal area of the Park. Thanks to Shirley Jackson and her volunteers for spear-heading this effort. Bring gloves, dress for the weather, and if you have “pick-up-sticks”, bring them as well. See you there.

Trail Maintenance Activities

Thanks to the hikers who provide Rick Walters with up-to-date information on trees down on the Park trail system. Any issues within the Park boundaries can be reported to the dedicated email SBStrails@gmail.com and Rick will advise our volunteers of the details. In 2022 our

volunteers contributed over 35 hours of tree cutting and culvert clearing within the Park. Locations outside the Park between Highway 101 and Redrooffs Road should be reported to the Halfmoon Bay Environmental Society email trails@HBES.ca.

For all reporting, an accurate location, size of trees, and if possible, a photo should be included.

Fish Ladder Replacment

BC Parks is overseeing the replacement of the aging fishladder structure. A new manager for the project has been assigned within BC Parks but at time of release of this Newsletter it seems unlikely that this will be completed in 2023.

Park Trail Map Updates

The signs at the Trout Lake and Redrooffs entrances to the Triangle Lake trail systems have been corrected to show the updated Triangle Lake watershed boudaries, showing clearly that there is a portion of Little Knives within the Park and therefore off-limits to all motoized vehicles.



Invasive Species Control Program

Once again this summer SBS volunteers will continue efforts to control the spread of this Yellow Flag Iris within the wetland ecosystem.

It is hoped that there will be some BC Parks assistance for future efforts to control this species.

Another species of concern is Bull Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*) photo right, which has been rapidly spreading along the berm. This spring there will be a concerted effort to remove flower heads or plants of both species before seed development begins.

Veteran Sitka Spruce Protection

Some of you will have noticed that there have been some changes in the lower parking lot at the Park. Thanks again to Daiton Craig (Coastal Groundworks) who volunteered his time and excavator to place some large rocks to protect the roots of this massive Sitka Spruce from continued compaction by vehicles being parked under the tree. This tree is the only large spruce remaining near the parking area as the other Sitka Spruce that guarded the access to the water at the bottom of the access road eventually died, largely due to its proximity to the heavily travelled road and subsequent root compaction.

