

Newsletter #106 – Spring 2022

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AGM 2022 – May 4th, 7:30 PM

The 2022 Sargeant Bay Society AGM will be held as a Zoom meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members will be sent a Zoom link two weeks in advance of the meeting date.

As of Jan. 1, 2022, our membership stood at 84 individual &/or family memberships. Please ensure your membership is up to date.

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Sargeant Bay Society AGM **May 4th, 2022 – 7:30 PM by Zoom** **Agenda**

1. Call to order – 7:30 PM
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Adoption of 2021 minutes
4. Business arising
5. Reports
 - a. President's – Rand Rudland
 - b. Finance – Garry Paulson.
 - c. Membership Report
 - d. Salmon Update – Dave Spicer
6. New business
 - a. Fish Ladder replacement update
7. Election of directors
8. Adjournment

Joop & Jessie Burgerjon Endowment Update

As of year-end 2021 the total endowment established to benefit the Sargeant Bay Society was valued at over \$31,000. The annual income of around \$1,000 generated by this endowment supports Society activities, so all donations large and small are much appreciated. Tax receipts are provided.

Educational Activities – 2022

1 - Birding on the Berm - May 15th

Tony Greenfield will lead a birding walk from the upper parking lot starting at 0900 hrs.

2 – Botany Walk in Sargeant Bay Provincial Park with Kye Goodwin

Join others interested in local botany in an exploration of flowering plants, ferns, and other taxa on a tour of the berm, as well as the forested areas between Redrooffs Road and the marsh. Meeting location will be at the upper parking lot. Meet at 0900 hrs. The date will be announced by email to the membership closer to the chosen time.

3 – Intertidal Exploration with Lee-Anne Ennis Sat., July 16th. 12:30 – 3:00

Always a popular event, bring the kids and grandkids to seek out the marine inhabitants of the lower tidal reaches of Sargeant Bay. Wet tanks will be onsite to allow everyone to have a closer look at the fish, starfish, molluscs, shrimps, nudibranchs (if we are lucky) and other animals that constitute this important ecosystem. Bring your nets and recycled ice-cream buckets to collect samples from the beach area. All specimens will be returned to the intertidal area.

Berm Invasive Species and Trail Cleanup

April 7th saw 9 volunteers clearing invasive Himalayan Blackberries, some of which had grown to small tree-size. Some trails margins were trimmed by removal of the ever-expanding Nootka Rose. Two loads of invasive



blackberry were removed.



Trail Maintenance Activities

The winter storms resulted in major windfall activity throughout, and all around, the Park, with trees large and small blocking access to many of the trails in the Triangle Lake Loop area.

Any downed trees within the Park boundaries should now be reported to the dedicated email SBStrails@gmail.com and Rick Walters will advise our volunteers of the details. Locations outside the Park between Highway 101 and Redrooffs Road should be reported to the Halfmoon Bay Environmental Society email trails@HBES.ca. An accurate location, size of trees, and if possible a photo should be included.

Before



After



Fish Ladder Replacment

BC Parks is actively pursuing funding to replace the aging fish ladder. Applications have been made to various funding agencies by BC Parks, as well as supporting applications by our Society to provide back-up funding should they be required. If funding is obtained, the hope is to install the new structure during the salmon window in the late summer.

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Photo Gallery of some of the avian visitors to the Park this spring.

Chipping Sparrow is a relatively uncommon Sunshine Coast species.



Song Sparrows are year-around residents.



Golden-crowned Kinglets are often present in mixed flocks with our Chestnut-backed Chickadee and Red-breasted Nuthatch species.

