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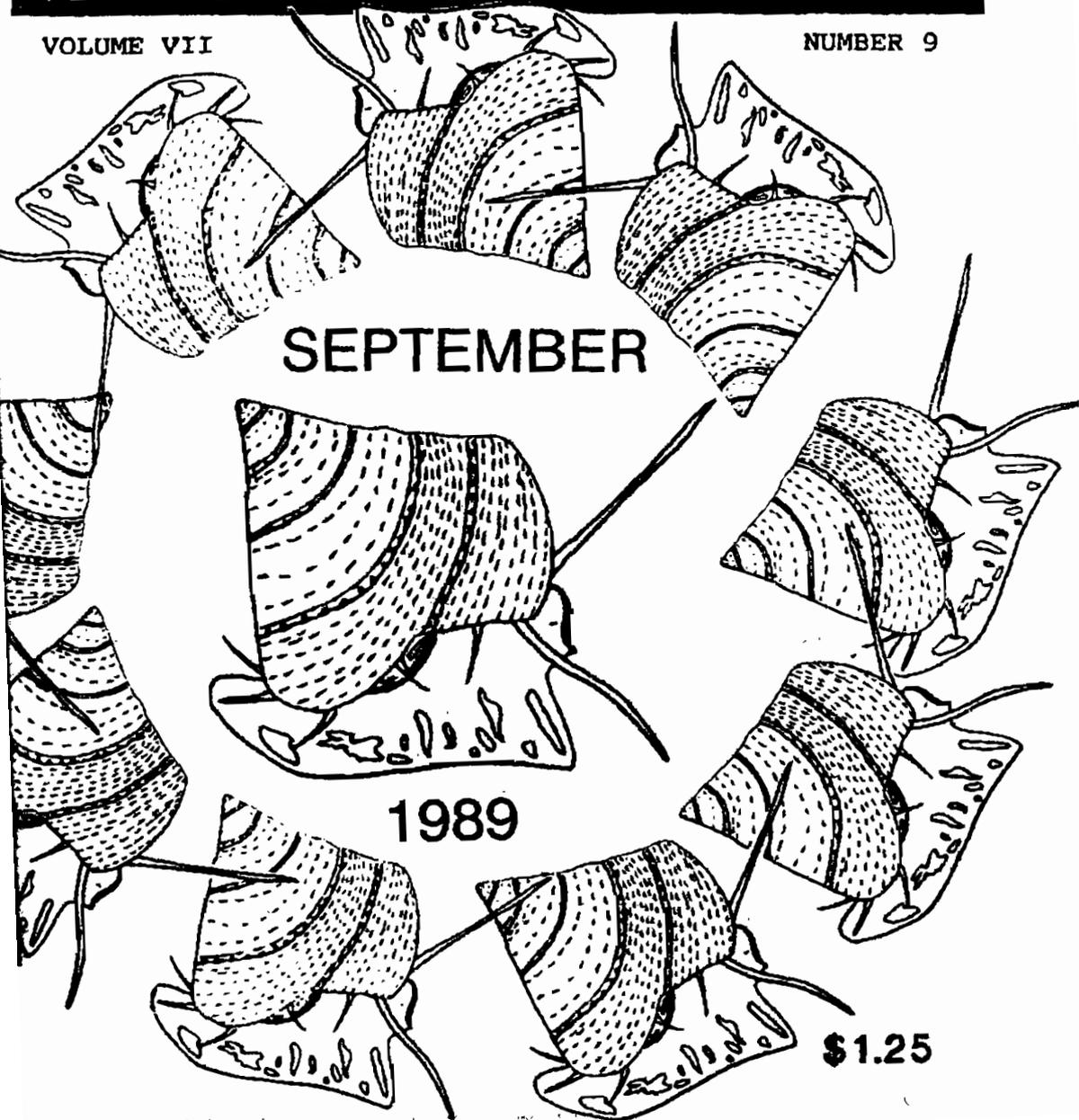
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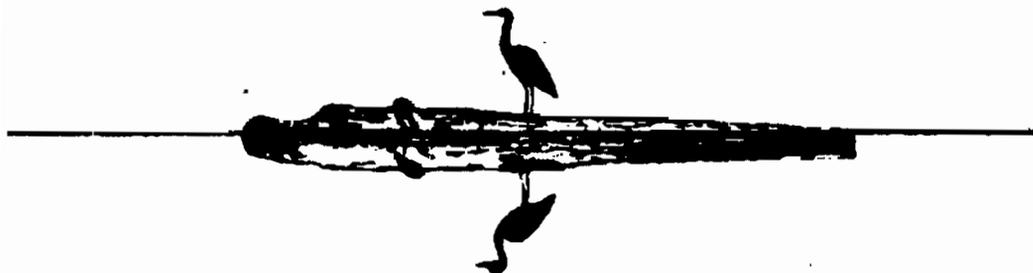
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THE MASTHEAD

by
Jeanne Ferris, Coeditor

We sat in the bright but not hot noontime sun at the Marine Station yesterday and listened to the maple leaves crackle in the wind and go crunch as they rustled to the ground. Fall is here, with its Indian Summer days and invigorating nights.

Our September cover was designed using the marine snail *Acmaea gibberosa* drawn by Gregory Shaw. Thank you, Greg.

North Island College

North Island College is offering an array of interesting and informative courses this fall. All of the courses classified as "O" in the Fall Calendar are "Open Learning", which means you can start at any time. The correspondence courses come with a complete package of all the books and assignments you will need to complete them. The

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Dr. McInerney has generously offered NIC students use of the Marine Station library and computer facilities over the winter months. And I am available to help you with course selection and registration, as well as for tutoring (if I can't tell you the Japanese word for 'hello', I can at least help you get in touch with someone who can).

We already have students interested in Biology 060 (an introduction to modern biology offered at a less intimidating level than the first year university credit course), Spanish, and computer courses. Call me if you think you might enjoy learning about something new this fall. Education is addictive, and fun.

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FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE

by
Eva Brand

PUMPKIN SPICE COOKIES

- ½ cup shortening
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup puréed pumpkin
- 2 cups flour
- 1 Tablespoon baking powder

- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon allspice
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

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and sugar.
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add the pump-
kin and mix
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IN MY OPINION

by
James Ferris, coeditor

Elsewhere in this journal you will find information about the appointment of Jeanne Ferris as local tutor for North Island College. It is a wonderful opportunity for those who would like to upgrade their skills or increase their education. It is also a fine way to use the long winter evenings productively. Give it some thought.

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The issue of a road to the West side is still being debated and causing friction between factions in the community. In the final analysis, the decision to build or not build the road will be made by the Dept. of Highways. They do not need and probably do not want a referendum. The power and glory are theirs alone.

I am sorry to hear that Larry and Lynda Myres are leaving Bamfield. Aguilar House has been sold. Larry and Lynda added much to the community and they will be missed. I wish them the best of luck in their new endeavours in Vancouver.

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It has become obvious that Bamfield is becoming a Mecca for sports fishermen and boaters and there is little that we can do to change this. Al Benton, in his column this month, comments on the lack of facilities for boaters and campers. The expansion he speaks of will have to take place up the inlet towards #9 reserve and I am not ecstatic about that idea. Those who suffer the most inconvenience from the expansion of boating and sports fishing in the community are the ones who benefit the least from it. The people living up Grappler Creek can attest to the truth of this statement.

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SCHOOL

School has started and the children are eagerly pursuing their studies. There have been some changes at the school. Ed Para is the new principal. Many of you will remember Ed from his previous term at Eric Godson. In addition to Ed, Kathy Stewart and Pat Lindsay are on the teaching staff again this year.

The position vacated by Bev Dayton has not been filled but the search for a good replacement is on.



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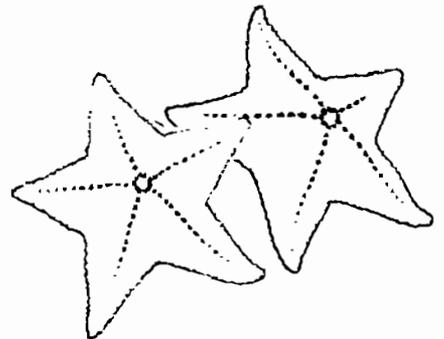
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We feel there is an obligation on the part of our company to the Ministry of Transportation and Highways, to the communities we serve and to our customers to continue this service. In fact, the B.C. Ferry Corpor-

ation has no legal authority to cancel this service.

As a valued customer of the *M.V. Lady Rose*, we ask you to take a few minutes to write to the Hon. Neil Vant, Minister of Transportation and Highways at:

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Yours very truly,
M.V. Lady Rose
Capt. Brooke George



REGIONAL DISTRICT REPORT

by
Al Benton, Director

September at last, and we have survived another August. Every year August seems to get busier. It seems that we must give some attention to providing more accommodation for campers and motor homes -- the situation was almost intolerable for people living along Grappler Creek Rd. and up to the cross-roads.

The Provincial Government has just passed Bill 19, new legislation governing the operation of Regional Districts. I'll get into other changes in future columns, but one that is of more than passing interest is what is called a "Local Community".

Although there has been a similar provision in the old Municipal Act, this is a much less restrictive concept than the old one. Basically, it allows the Regional District to set up one or more local communities to be administered by a "local community commission". This com-

mission will consist of "...4 elected commissioners, all of whom shall reside in the local community and have the qualifications to hold office as a director, and b) the director for the electoral area in which the local community is located."

In effect, the commission could function as a quasi municipal council. Elections would be held either every year or every three years, and responsibilities could be delegated to the Commission by the Regional Board, e.g., Water System, Parks Commission, possibly even the Advisory Planning Commission.

If there is enough interest in this concept, I would like to suggest a Community Affairs Meeting to discuss it, perhaps in October. I would arrange to have someone from the Regional District here to explain some of the more technical points. One of the main drawbacks to the old system was that it was primarily designed as a transitional phase on the way to incorporation. Although the new "local community" can also be such a transitional phase, incorporation can only follow as a result of a referendum. Please let me know what you think.

RED CROSS TEA

Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Red Cross Outpost in Bamfield was held on Sunday, August 13. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and it was necessary to hold the Tea in the Community Hall instead of outside on the lawn at the hospital. That did not diminish the enthusiasm at all. There was a large crowd in attendance and the sale of baked goods and arts and crafts was very successful.

The Arts and Crafts were produced at the Veteran's hospital in Victoria. Profits from each sale provide extra income for the individual veteran who did the weaving, woodworking, silk screening etc.

1989 is the fiftieth anniversary of the Outpost Hospital. Molly Fullerton, the first nurse assigned to the hospital, attended the celebration. Margaret Pardy, the nurse who served the Outpost longer than any other

nurse, was also at the party. Nancy Molloy, Manager of Outpost Hospitals and Community and Health Services for the Red Cross was also in attendance.

The local volunteer workers provided an excellent selection of sandwiches and cakes for the tea, serving over 90 people.

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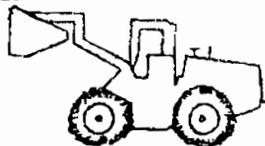
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Editor
Barkley Sounder
Bamfield, B.C.

Is our Regional District properly represented? Last month, in the August edition of the Barkley Sounder, our Regional Director in his report concerning the East-West Bamfield road connection, made statements that in our opinion were misleading.

Al Benton has been most adamant that the connection road issue should be determined by only the residents of West Bamfield. In the 1987 petition, which was presented to the Regional Board in December 1987, the numbers quoted were 43 in favour of the road and 15 opposed. Of these 43 in favour, there were 4 names of people living on the east side. Since then, 6 of the 43 people have left the region, and 3 have changed their minds and decided against a

road. This would reduce the number of residents wanting the road to 30. There are also 4 persons whose names are on that 1987 petition whose properties are now up for sale.

After learning of the presentation to the Transportation Task Force which was made in March 1989, a group of concerned citizens, who could not believe that there were only 15 opposed to the road connection, decided to petition the people of West Bamfield to find the number who were opposed to the road. The result of this petition was that those opposed numbered 32 resident owners, 28 part-time resident property owners (some who are here more than three months of the year), as well as 5 persons who are full-time residents of Burlo Island. There are also 5 American West Bamfield property owners who have voiced their opposition to the East-West road connection. These numbers clearly show that twice as many people are opposed to the road con-

nection as there are people who want it.

These facts indicate that the majority of residents in West Bamfield are not in favour of a road connection. How, then, does our Regional Director remain convinced that the majority of West Bamfielders want a connecting road? In July of this year at the Regional Board meeting in Port Alberni, Mr. Benton stated that he, personally, was in favour of a road connection. It still stands that the Regional Board endorsed and supported the 1987 petition and this was sent to the Minister of Highways.

At the Community Affairs meeting in the fall of 1988, Mr. Bob Skelly and Mr. Gerard Janssen were present. Mr. Skelly stated emphatically that before a connecting road was built, there would have to be a referendum. He was wrong - a road issue does not require a plebiscite.

We, as concerned citizens of West Bamfield, realize that the road issue is the most im-

portant issue facing us. All considerations for a connecting road should be taken. The effect on our taxes, maintenance, parking, garbage, toilet facilities, and the likely damage to our present water system, are but a few of the problems that would have to be addressed. If this road goes in, which it could do as early as this fall and next year, there will be no turning back. Let us be certain what is best for West Bamfield!!!

Should the Regional Director not keep the community cognizant of all the steps being taken regarding any issues, particularly the East-West road connection? We hope so!!!

Margaret Andrews
Lindsay Quane
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Dean Cariou
Lisa and Kevin Munson
Amy Phillips
Kay and John Monruffet
Hannelore Evans
Annie Comeau

WHITHER THE WASTE?

MacMillan Bloedel has applied to Waste Management branch for permission to close down the disposal area being used by Bamfield. M&B wants to maintain it only as an industrial disposal site for the waste from their dry land sort. They want to totally shut the dump down for municipal garbage.

At a meeting with our Regional Director, Al Benton, the Waste Management Branch said that they are very dissatisfied with the situation and want the disposal area closed down as soon as possible.

They have agreed to extend the life of the dump until July 1 of 1990. Al Kilpatrick, our planner, feels that it will take that long to get another system in place.

John Hornquist, the building inspector, asked M&B for an estimate of the cost of maintaining the dump for a year. According to Benton their cost

is estimated at \$60,000 per year for accepting the community garbage. M&B has their trash taken to Port Alberni and only uses the dump for dry land waste.

Community garbage comes from Bamfield, Anacla and Poett's Nook. The communities were taxed this year at the rate of 50¢/\$1,000. This brought in a total of \$14,000. That amount came from every property owner in the area, including MacMillan Bloedel.

The proposal for future disposal involves building a transfer station somewhere near the old Hydro site. This would entail construction of a building that would house a 45 cubic yard tote that is completely enclosed to protect it from predators, etc. The entire thing would be enclosed by a chain-link fence. The tote would be a roll-on tote that could be loaded onto a special truck for transportation to the landfill area.

The tote would be taken to the landfill area about 34 times a year, at three week intervals during the winter, two week intervals during May, June, July and September and weekly in

August. This schedule could be adjusted depending on the amount of trash that is created. There is no reliable estimate of cost, but the Transfer Station would probably cost about \$40,000. Trucking would be in the vicinity of \$20,000 but the actual cost depends on the amount of trash involved.

Two parties have indicated an interest in trucking the waste. Art Vail, who maintains the Alberni Valley Landfill, and J&L Trucking, who have the contract to haul M&B's trash.

There is one fly in the ointment as far as this proposal is concerned. It has not been possible so far to obtain permission from the Alberni Valley Commission to use their landfill.

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The State of our forests

In all my travels, I've come across only one person who thinks B.C.'s forests, our most important resource, are in top shape. Unfortunately for us all, he happens to be the Socred forests minister, Dave Parker.

Despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, Parker insists "the state of our forests is excellent" -- a comment he made after a recent speech I gave on forestry to the Terrace Chamber of Commerce.

Parker is no stranger when it comes to being out of touch with reality; witness his comments on everything from AIDS sufferers to a secret plot to wreck the economy by British Columbians concerned with the environment. Yet the evidence on Socred forest mismanagement

is clear and understood throughout our province.:

- * forest jobs lost and forest communities faced with an uncertain future because of continued overcutting.
- * watersheds threatened and clean drinking water for our families placed at risk.
- * the chairman of the minister's own forest resources commission, Don Munroe, bailing out in an apparent effort to distance himself from the minister.
- * ongoing confrontation between loggers, environmentalists, and Aboriginal people whom this government has failed to bring together.

Whether Mr. Parker can understand it or not, the fact is we continue to cut down more trees than we replace. This Socred government has surrendered the stewardship of our forests to multi-national companies. And without better forest management and reforestation, our families and communities remain vulnerable to a boom-and-bust economy.

We can do better. As I've told communities from 100 Mile

House to Nelson, Terrace to Kimberly, we can have a growing future for our regional economies. But we have to get serious about the sustainable development of our natural resources, and we must bring British Columbians together to achieve a balance between the economy and our environment.

That means real action, not words. Concrete action like the initiatives put forward by New Democrats involving fresh approaches to responsible resource management and resolving land-use conflicts.

And we can start right now with a Royal Commission into the state of our forests. We need a full and public review of all aspects of our forests, including a comprehensive inventory, committing ourselves to managing the whole forests so as to get the most jobs without damaging the environment, and controlling corporate concentration by returning decision-making and control of our public lands to the public.

B.C. forests belong to us all, not to this out-of-touch Sacred government or their friends in

the giant forest companies. It's time to take back our forests. And step one is getting a new forests minister.

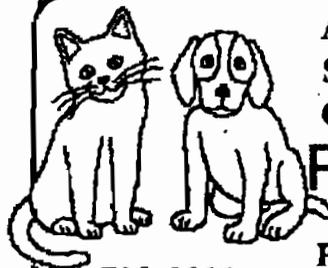
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by
Bernice Stewart

The Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department held its Annual Fire Week July 29 to August 5, to raise funds for renovations and improvements to the Fire Hall.

The first event of the week was a two day Fishing Derby. The entry fee was \$10 per person. The prizes were a percentage of the money from the tickets sold. The first prize of \$130 went to Tom Martin of Victoria who weighed in a 40 pound Spring Salmon. Second prize of \$78 was won by Dick Sandiland of Edmonton with a 35 pound Spring Salmon. Third place was a tie between Pat Merriman of Portland, Oregon and Wayne Ridley of Chilliwack weighing in 34 pound Springs.

The hidden weight prizes were won by the following: Ben Clappis won an adult life jacket, donated by the Trails Motel and Sky blazer flares from the Port Boat House.

Wayne Earthy won a down-rigger donated by Kingfisher Marine.

Dick Sandiland won a propane tank donated by Breakers Marine.

An Air Horn donated by P.Y. Marine was won by Doug McKillop.

Gordon Pierce won a Japanese cookbook donated by the Bamfield General Store.

A drink holder from Port Boat House was won by Margaret Pierce.

Janice Dwolinsky was awarded Dinner for Two from the Tides and Trails Cafe.

A fishing rod donated by Ostrom's Machine Shop was won by Tom Anderson.

A compass donated by Kingfisher Marine was won by W. Finnegan. Doug Ferguson won \$50 from the Sea Beam Fishing Resort and Wayne Ridley was awarded \$25 worth of fishing tackle and \$25 worth of freezing by the Captain's Landing.

The final prize, dinner for two at the Bamfield Inn, was won by W. Heyman.

The Children's Derby was open to children twelve years or younger. There was a \$1.00 entry fee for each child. Not many children entered this year. Lonnie Nookemus won for the largest fish caught. His prize was a children's life jacket donated by the Tides and Trails Motel. He tied with Andy Clappis for the largest Cod caught. Heather McLeod caught the largest Perch and the smallest fish entered. The prize for the most fish caught went to Brandy Bozak. Lonnie Nookemus and Benjamin Bozak tied for second place. The prize for the least fish caught went to Gary Bozak. The largest bullhead was caught by Matthew Petch and the largest Bass was caught by Brandy Bozak. The prize for the most Rock Cod caught went to Gary Bozak and Andy Clappis. Prizes for the children were donated by Kamshee Store, The Bamfield General Store, Alberni Pacific Charters and P.Y. Marine.

Many thanks to Kingfisher Marine for the many hours spent in helping with the weigh in of the fish caught and for the use of the dock. The fishing derby

dance at the Fire Hall was well attended.

Monday, July 31 was an evening of competition in darts and pool. A dart board and darts were won by someone unknown. The pool tournament was won by Gary Dwolinsky who received a pool cue as a prize.

On Tuesday, August 1, the Kid's Midway was held. The children won prizes from a fish pond, dart throw, ball throw, ring toss, and an obstacle course. A certificate of completion was given to anyone who completed the course. The children could have their faces painted and buy helium balloons from a clown. The highlight of the events for the children (and many adults) was the water drop. Everyone wanted a

chance at putting Syd Baker in the tank of water. This event was so popular that a very wet Syd spent a lot of time in the water. Everyone seemed to



have great aim. Guy Dybdal took over from Syd and got his share of being in the water. Many thanks to both Syd and Guy for the entertainment this event gave everyone.

Later in the evening Bingo was held and was well attended.



Thanks to Roger Demontigny for calling the numbers and to Loretta Amos for collecting for the

cards and paying the winners.

On Wednesday morning, August 2, the Woman's Auxiliary had a sand castle building at Pachena Beach. The members of the department would like to thank the ladies of the auxiliary for adding this to the weekly events. There was great activity on the beach as everyone started building their creations. The prize for the Best Castle for senior children went to Tina Charles and Jessica Hicks. The best non-castle for seniors went to Sean Cashin, Kyle Cashin and Alex Cameron. The best castle

for intermediate children went to Sherella Wyton, Sasha Hall and Karin Sarri. The prize for best pre-school castle went to Marcie and Tammy Gray, who were helped by Judy. For building an individual castle the award went to Matthew Myres.

Thursday, August 3, brought Water Baseball at the Marine Station Dock. This year the weather cooperated and those who participated in the game provided great entertainment to the many spectators. A very special thank you to the Marine Station director, Dr. John McInerney, for allowing us the use of the dock and for the tank used for the water drop at the Midway. Many of the Marine Station students participated in the game and all players and spectators enjoyed the barbecued hamburgers, potato salad and green salad.

Friday, August 4 was Casino Night. For \$10 you could purchase \$100 in play money to use at the various games of chance. During the evening \$2 bought you a 1-75 lottery ticket and a chance to win \$75. The winner of the lottery was Susan Bozak.

24 Saturday, August 5 was the date of the famous Intertidal

Golf Tournament and barbecue. There was a greens fee of \$15 which made you eligible to play in the tournament and included a complimentary golf hat and entry to the salmon barbecue. Par for the course was 63, with 58 players participating in the tournament. Kevin McKay and Tony Christney tied for first place with scores of 39. Second prize went to Eugene Romaniuk who had a 45 and third prize was won by Steve Nairn with a score of 46. Honourable mentions went to John Lindsay and Sean Cashin with scores of 47, Brian McKay with a 48 and George Shipley and Cindy Mather with 49's.

Our golf tournament would not be complete without the many costumes that our golfers wear. This year the prize went to Rick McLeod and his brother Dan who were costumed as ducks. They received \$50 donated by Pacific Eagle Charters. Second prize went to Chris Baker, who came as a pregnant lady. He won a dinner for two donated by Aguilar House. Two large House Special Pizzas were won by Gayle Hawkins, Marguerite Hall and Tish McPhee

who were costumed as pirates.

Salmon for the barbecue that followed the tournament was donated by J.S. McMillan Fisheries and the salads were provided by the many good cooks in Bamfield. Those who did not golf paid \$5 a plate for the barbecue and children under six paid \$2.50. 167 dinners were served. The evening dance was a huge success. Many thanks to Roger and Hedy Demontigny for tending bar. Thanks also to Annette Westwood for the music.

The Fire Week could not be the success it is without the many prizes donated by businesses in both Bamfield and Port Alberni. I have tried to thank everyone and if you were missed, I apologize. Many thanks also to the newly formed Ladies Auxiliary. Your help at all events was indispensable. Many thanks also to John and Bev McInerney, Tom and Judy Schmidt, Mike and Liz Hicks, Joyce Mather, Doug Riley and L. Cook for your donations.

The officers and members of the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department would again like to thank all sponsors and all who made our Fire Week a great success.

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NOVEMBER 11 - 13, 1989

The cost of the programs is \$220. for two nights.

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by
F.J. Welland

News Release, London Economist: "AZT, the only drug discovered to date that is effective against the AIDS virus, is derived from herring sperm."

Two kinds of herring swim in the sea
A buck and doe
A he and she
And this is as it has to be
To keep them on the go.

Now the Japanese eat more than rice
And high up on their diet
Is herring roe, at such a price
You'd not believe did I tell you thrice
How much they pay to buy it.

Roe of course from the female comes
And hence she's always wanted.
Huge seine boats with great seine
drums
Go after all the herring mums.
The dads? They're left quite daunted.

For this is really a blow to pride
To find yourself as surplus
And even worse, no blushing bride
To come a-spawning by your side -
Seems Life's lost all its purpose.

The Lord looked down from the skies
above
And saw his fish weren't matin'.
He sat himself down on some cumu-
lus fluff -
Thought over the problem - it sure
was tough
Then called for Mr. Satan.

Satan had worked for the Lord of old
Right early on he'd hired him.
The trouble was, he'd got so bold
He knew it all and wouldn't be told
The Lord had finally fired him.

Satan came in
with a smart-ass
grin
And said "Lord, I
hear you've trou-
bles.

Something to do
with scales and fins
And a little touch of Original sin
Mixed in with a mess of bubbles."



The Lord swallowed hard and poured
some wine
And said "Satan, it's good to see you.
Now where in Hell did you hear that
line?

Everything here is going fine
Indeed, just like it ought to."

"Well," says Satan in a musing way
"I think I was in Reception.
Some brandnew sinners came in today
Two of them seemed to be really gay
Didn't even try for deception.

They laughed and giggled and twit-
tered like birds
And said they'd both been ministers.
Some Church down there has forgot-
ten your word

They've carried forgiveness to the very absurd
Better Mary had remained a spinster."

The Lord reared back; now this was news!
He'd not had a trace of an inkling
But there's no accounting for peoples' views
He could see this one ending in empty pews
And all in the space of a twinkling!

"Satan" he says, "Quick, close that door
We've got a problem here!
If this catches on like it did before
In the towns of Sodom and Gomorrah
We've each a lot to fear!

You may not remember, but my auditor does
How much those two towns ran me.
A simple slum clearance, that's all that it was
By the time I had finished and paid off the fuzz
I was broke, stony broke, not a penny.

And today it's far worse to do business in court
The paperwork's gone through the ceiling.
You file Environment Impact, a Pollution report
Statements and papers of all kinds and sorts
Not to mention the wheeling and dealing!"

Satan said nothing at first, just sat back and smiled
An evil sort of a grin.

The he spoke and said "Lord, I can see why your riled.
I s'pose in your place I'd be just as wild
But now really, where do I come in?"

If this is the ways things finally turn out
Then I'm in for a big surge in trade.
I'll turn up the ovens 'till the bastards burn out
I'll handle them all without a shadow of doubt
By Gawd, I've at last got 'er made!"

The Lord's countenance went black,
somewhere thunder rolled

A lightning bolt seared the sky.
The day grew dark, the wind blew cold
The dogs all howled, the bells all tolled -



Satan covered his eyes.

There was quiet, dark quiet, and he ventured a peek
From his fingers clasped tight.
The Lord stood there glaring, not mild and not meek,
Lightning sparks crackled on the floor round his feet
As he towered there in all of His might.

With a visible effort, He put on a smile
And said "Satan, lad, this won't do.
There's a lot here at stake, a hell of a pile
(if you'll excuse the expression) and it's no time for guile
For believe me, it will affect you. ◊

Let bygones be bygones, there's work
to be done!

We must all pull together or lose.
You said "What's it to me? - I'll tell
you, my son,
Here's just one example of how it
could run
Maybe this thought'll alter your views.

Your position's quite clear and will
stand up in court
Your zoning is "Tourist - Commercial".
What you have down there now is a
tourist resort
Your clientele transient, just there for
some sport
Indeed, there's nothing too special.

"Conditions of Use" - now there's the
pill.
You're packing too closely already.
When your business increases the way
that it will
If this thing catches on, every room
will be filled
And they'll still keep coming in steady.

You'll have to rezone, no two ways
about it
You'd better apply right away.
You'll get your rezoning, there's no
doubt about it
For you can't do business at all with-
out it -
It'll probably take but a year and a
day."

Satan leaped to his feet, his mouth
opened to holler
Sulphur fumes filled the air.
A wisp of smoke trickled from under
his collar
The Lord saw these signs and stood
up even taller -
Satan slumped back in his chair.

"Guess you've got me, oh Lord," he
said with a grimace.
"Thought sure she was going to pay.
Well, what shall we do to avert all this
mess?
Pave the whole thing over and start
again is my guess.
But Lord, please, don't ask me to
pray."

"Lad" said the Lord with a forgiving
smile
"I'm sure we can see this thing
through.
Let's give it some thought, brainstorm
it awhile.
I admit at first glance it looks perfectly
vile
But there's little that we two can't do."

So they sat there and pondered in
fierce concentration
Their foreheads all furrowed in
thought.
Alas it was nothing but gloom and
frustration
With occasionally a cry in great jubila-
tion
"I've got it!" then "Oh drat, I guess
not!"

Finally Satan said "Lord, I'm no help
at all
With my work it just doesn't fit.
It's more for the likes of Saint Peter or
Paul
Or one of those guys from the main
hiring hall
Not someone just up from the Pit.

Lord, I can barter in souls, and make
compacts and trades
But this thing's right out of my line.

Now, you once used to stock a great set of plagues.
There were fevers and chilblains and all kinds of agues
Wouldn't one of those fit in just fine?"

He smote His brow, crying "My God, what a clot!
What am I saying? That's me, I forget!
Satan, there's something We've already bought
Let Me think just a moment, it's something We've got
Damn this Alzheimers, I'll remember it yet!"

His face lit right up and a lightning bolt flashed
A Heavenly choir hummed in praise
He pulled out a joint from where it was stashed
And said "Lucifer, lad, quick, give us a match!
A fast toke and then we'll do AIDS!



You'll like it, I think, it's a brand new production
Tho 'till now we've not been so proud.
We were trying for something to discourage seduction
But somehow we erred in one main deduction
And targeted the limp-wristed crowd.

But all's well that ends well, you just wait and see
It's a marvellous sort of a germ.
It's species-specific, and mean as can be

Only thing that can touch it is old ATZ.
Its source - get this, lad - herring sperm!"

So the good guys all won and nobody lost
Excepting the ones who talk funny.
The herring dads smiled, they'd gone up in ~~cost~~
The Lord once again had come through as the Boss
And the drug outfits raked in the money.

What about Satan, you say? Did it do him much good?
Well, there's a funny sort of a thing.
He called a staff meeting as soon as he could
There was Mammon and Abaddon and old Beelzebub
And the rest of the down-fallen Kings.

What was said at that meeting's unknown, it seems
It was locked-door sort of a case.
But Satan's appointed a high-power med team
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While he gets on with rezoning the place.

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Minimum .. 9.0° C
on 8 August

Precipitation for the month was 45.3 mm (1.8 inches) of measurable rain with 22 days without any rain.

In 1988 the Mean Maximum was 16.5°C. and the Mean Minimum was 11.3°C. Precipitation was 49.3 mm (2 inches) of rain with 23 days without any rain. Last year was a bit warmer than this year during August. The rainfall was very similar.

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BAMFIELD WEATHER

by
Peter Janitis

Finally the troops are starting to pull out, just like in Afghanistan. But it will be only for another year. The circus is practically over. The ugly tents remain, ready for use next year. Some useless and regretful exhibitions of spending were very evident. The big buck guys are staying up late to check on their cash registers. The mortal locals are appreciating return to their accustomed normal life.

Mother Nature was taking all the performances in and as a result was subdued. She could only produce one day of over 20 degrees Centigrade (68°F). That was 21.5°C on the 12th of August. So, no heat wave like in Toronto. No ice cubes in the bathtub. The low of 9°C (48°F) was on August 6, 7 and 8.

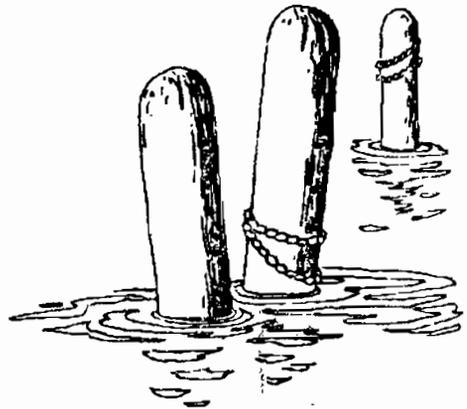
Mean Maximum 17.6°C
Mean Minimum 12.4°C
Mean Temperature 15.0°C

Precipitation

Dry. Only 6 days with some rain, totaling to 1.45 inches. Average for the month of August is 2.75 inches.

So, for the year so far we have 51.15 inches. Last year we had 64.17 inches.

No So'easter as yet. More fog than normal.



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