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Local gathering brings people and knowledge together for a brighter future for Barkley Sound

By Jake Martens

The Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (BMSC), Huu-ay-ahit First Nation, and West Coast Aquatic (WCA) recently co-hosted the launch of an exciting new initiative that's bringing together knowledge and observations about Barkley Sound.

Held February 9-11, the first Barkley Sound Knowledge Symposium brought together over 80 scientists, resource

and Huu-ay-ahit, on their historical use and management of their marine territory and their outlook towards the future.

Once docked at the station, over 40 presentations and discussions took place over the three-days under the themes of: understanding long-term changes in the Barkley Sound ecosystem and expectations for the future; determining distributions of natural resources, human uses, and related



values; and developing objectives and indicators of the health of Barkley Sound marine ecosystems and communities.

The many presentations covered a wide range of topics, from sea bird populations and climate change impacts to the effects of sea otters on fish. These diverse subjects were highlighted by two evening sessions which gathered local users and elders to share their unique insights.

While the symposium kicked off this knowledge gathering initiative many locals have already been contributing their ecosystem knowledge through a new online tool called 'Barkleypedia'. Modeled on 'Wikipedia', the popular online encyclopedia, 'Barkleypedia' brings together the knowledge and observations from different people around the region. This information will be useful for many purposes, including improving management, identifying opportunities and issues, creating new technologies, and planning. "This is a great opportunity for people to create a personal and collective legacy of knowledge that can be used now and in the future," said West Coast Aquatic's Dr. Tom Okey.

Both Barkleypedia and the symposium were organized by West Coast Aquatic's ecological sciences team, led by Dr. Okey and his colleague Katherine Wallace. A former scientist at BMSC, Okey says the symposium has launched a growing community of knowledge-holders who are creating an evolving picture of the health and use of Barkley Sound's marine environment.



(L-R) Dr. Louis Druehl, Dr. Jane Watson, Dr. Terrie Klinger, Dr. Mairi Best and Denis St. Claire

A network has also been set up on-line for knowledge holders to create their own profiles and connect with other people with similar interests. The network has been created as a resource to continue conversations from the symposium and start new ones for anyone with an interest in the Barkley Sound ecosystem. Coupled together, Barkleypedia and the knowledge network provide a vehicle to create new collaborations and partnerships.

"Over the last century Barkley Sound has been the focus of hundreds of research reports, studies, inventories and analyses, but no one has brought all these together with the vast amount of local and traditional knowledge held within each of the surrounding communities" said Okey.

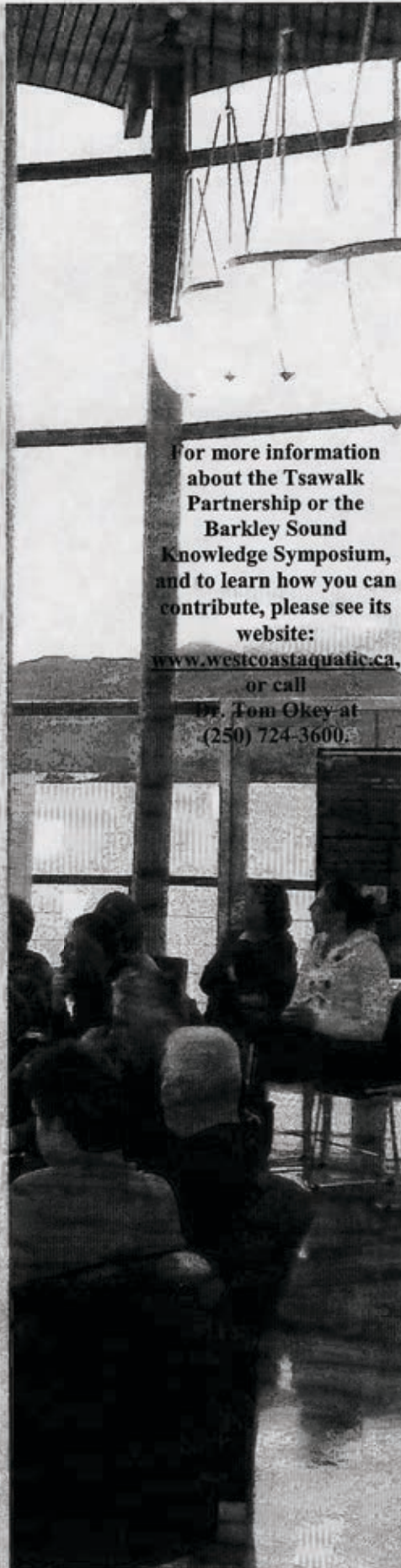
By creating an integrated picture of the Barkley Sound ecosystem, West Coast Aquatic is building a foundation for coastal health and wealth in the area. Through its planning process, called the Tsawalk Partnership, WCA is helping those who live, work and enjoy the region to make decisions about its future. 'Tsawalk' means 'one' in Nuu-chah-nulth and draws from the guiding principles of Hishukish Ts'awalk, meaning 'everything is one'. A modern equivalent of this principal is 'ecosystem based management,' a term that describes a balanced way of managing resources while taking the surrounding ecosystem into account. This concept is far cry from what many would say is current practice, where control and management of various activities and environments are dealt with in

separate processes and administered by separate government departments despite the interconnections.

Whether its Hishukish Ts'awalk or ecosystem based management, these are concepts very much at the heart of West Coast Aquatic. The organization was formed nearly a decade ago by local communities, businesses and First Nations putting their differences aside and coming together in the spirit in sustainable resource management and shared decision making. As a nationally unique co-management board, West Coast Aquatic established itself as a forum for communities and users to participate more fully with governments in all aspects of aquatic resource management. Continued concerns surrounding the health of salmon, herring, and water have all heightened the need for different communities, businesses, and governments to work together.

The Tsawalk Partnership is bringing these groups and others together to develop a vision and plan for the protection and future development of Barkley Sound and the entire west coast of Vancouver Island.

By working in partnership with west coast communities the Tsawalk Partnership will help governments, communities and individuals to stabilize and grow the local economy, restore and protect the environment, enhance the fantastic recreational opportunities in the area, and develop individual capacity and community partnerships.

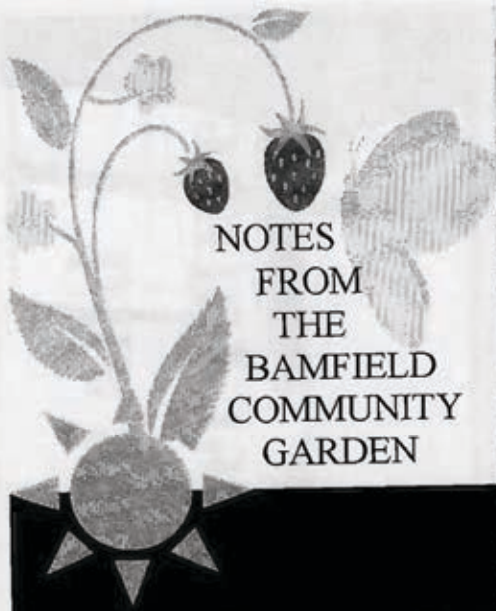


For more information about the Tsawalk Partnership or the Barkley Sound Knowledge Symposium, and to learn how you can contribute, please see its website:

www.westcoastaquatic.ca,

or call

Dr. Tom Okey at
(250) 724-3600.



NOTES FROM THE BAMFIELD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our first year all fifteen plots were planted and, in spite of the late start, crops were harvested. I saw my first broccoli on a branch (Marie's plot). Bamfield corn with kernels on the cob (Bamfield Community School plot), enjoyed the peppery taste of cress (Hamish's plot), and saw rich purple cabbages (Meadows' plot) and la cucaracha gourds (Erin and Tanya's plot). The school kids raided the garden for veggie snacks and I suspect the passing tourist, too.

A sixteenth plot has been constructed and a box for Andrea's fig tree will be placed near the benches in the meditation corner. Some plots may become available in the near future... if you are interested, please let me know.

There is a barrel of lime in the tool shed, like the Meadows say, "Lime, its all about lime." Anyone wanting cress plantings, please help yourself from Hamish's plot.

Credos: thank you David Miller and Jim Spencer for many yards of cedar chips, Gordie Hawkins for bench planks and lumber for the bridge, and Chris Neufeld for relieving over burdened plots.

Louis Driehl, 728-3297



Anacla Community Garden 2010



In the spring of 2009 community members, with the support of the Maintenance Department and the Work Opportunity Crew, developed the idea of a garden into a surprisingly productive vegetable plot, that participants were allowed to harvest on their own as well as supplying the Paawats kids and staff with produce and fun filled educational outings. We were also able to distribute fresh broccoli and carrots to our elders, and supply some vegetables for meals at community gatherings.

On Thursday the 11th of February the Community of Anacla had gotten together to discuss what our vision of the community garden is for 2010. During a potluck lunch we discussed what grew best last year, what we want to grow this year and how we want our garden to work for us. Everyone was in favour of using the garden as a single plot, that is to say it was agreed that as a community, each person's needs from the garden was generally the same; to get fresh healthy food for our families. We also recognized the fact that we would all be looking to grow the same things, so instead of breaking the available space into individual plots, we would develop a single plot with generous quantity of each vegetable crop, the garden soil will be worked by the Maintenance department the seeding and planting will be done by interested community members and the Paawats children. The weeding and summer maintenance will be done by folks

who are on Social assistance as incentive hours. On March second

the community came together to seed the first of our crops as transplants, Broccoli, cabbage, kale, Red and white onion, leeks, cauliflower, and lettuce all met the soil. In about one hour 400 transplant blocks were set on the heat mat for germination!

We will be meeting in three weeks to do it all over again, planting the more moderate crops like tomato, peppers and an assortment of flowers as well as getting the hardy seeds into the soil, like the carrots, beets, potatoes and peas. We know from our experience last year, that hot weather plants like tomatoes, peppers, and cucumber really suffer in the fog of August, just when they really need warm temperatures... of course these crops are high on our list of things we want to grow.

This year we have plans to purchase a simple medium sized greenhouse, we expect to be able to have this ready to plant by the end of May. A green house would allow us to raise all of our own transplants, vegetables and flowers; we could have successful crops of tomato cucumber and peppers throughout the summer months and a continuous supply of greens during the winter months, not to mention a great place to spend active outdoor time out of the rain.

Rodney Murray

Nuu-chah-nulth Fishing Guides Enter Cyberspace

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and Joe were raised in the small fisheries department (Uu-a-thluk) is pleased to announce a new website promoting Nuu-chah-nulth fishing guides on Vancouver Island's west coast: <http://www.uuathluk.ca/bcsporfishingguides/index.html>.

and Joe were raised in the small community of Kildonan, and have spent much of their lives on the sea.

"I'm very experienced with the local area, and we have all the safety procedures on board. We also have a lot of stories to tell, so our clients should expect to have a lot of fun."

Like the other fishing guides listed on the site, Bill belongs to one of the 15 Nuu-chah-nulth Nations whose traditional territory stretches from Brooks Peninsula in the north to Sheringham Point in the south. Nuu-chah-nulth people have been a distinctive genetic group for over 40,000 years and have long relied on fishing for food, culture, and economy. Bill's ancestry adds to his fishing toolkit, bringing with it a cultural history rich with fishing knowledge.

"We can share all the history from the good old days and will take care of everything," said Ginger. "Our clients just need to enjoy themselves."

All of the fishing guides listed on the website operate fishing charters in Nuu-chah-nulth traditional territory on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. Many also offer other charter services, such as whale watching or wildlife tours, water taxi services, and more.

Created to help boost the economic benefits that fishing brings to Nuu-chah-nulth and neighbouring communities, the website features fishing guides from Nitinat Lake to Kyuquot, including two working in and around Barkley Sound.

"I was a deckhand during my teenage years and in my twenties, and was herring fishing in my forties..." said Bamfield guide, Bill Ginger. "I learned the guiding ropes from Larry Johnson [another Bamfield fishing guide], who is a very good teacher."

Along with his brother, Joe, Bill runs Silver Creek Tours from the Bamfield dock. Bill



Larry Johnson, a member of the Huu-ay-aht First Nation and long-time sports fishing guide, demonstrates one of his client's catches for the camera.

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by
Darryl Milne

Alright, we're back for set two of this gig. A new choir has appeared on the Bamfield musical horizon. After five rehearsals they sang at the Literacy Day event at the community school and tore the roof off the sucka. Get on facebook and type in Bamfield Community School Assn. and catch a killer cover of "My Girl" and also "The Lion Sleeps Tonight". Rehearsals are every Tuesday at 4:00 in the school library. All are welcome to come out and stretch those pipes. Soulstice is coming up fast and the Broken Group will be leading the troops on to Paclena Bay for another riotous pagan celebration. This year is guaranteed to blow away all past attempts at mediocrity. Early reservations for campsites are recommended for the best sites next to all the festivities, or the distant quiet ones. Your hosts Clifford and Rose Charles will be pleased to accommodate you. They can be reached at Paclena Bay Campground (250)728-1287, or email at huuyah! org. Rumors of a new band in Bamfield are true. Myself and Dan from the Broken Group have started the funk machine from hell and have gigs booked. Stay tuned.

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TECH TIP :

Guitar strings should be changed every month, and bass strings every two months. This tip is from Chris at NOTEABLE MUSIC SERVICES. By the way his lovely wife Krista (who is expecting baby no. 2) is the personal vocal coach for members of the choir. (250) 724-3867.

Treble In Paradise

"Play the music, not the instrument" -author unknown



The latest addition to the growing Bamfield music scene - "the choir"
Performing at 'SING FOR LITERACY' event
L. to R.
Chris Neufeld, Malcolm Richards, Bob McVic, Yours truly, Eileen Scott, Anne Stewart (behind mask), Fay Bennett, Cheryl Mass, Rac Hopkins, Trisha Girard, Kat Peace.



The kids choir - L. to R.
Yours truly, Riven Giles (top) Jason Nookemus (bottom), Donovan Williams, Dillinger Williams, Samantha John, Sabrina Williams, Korry Needham, Leonard Nookemus, Ms. Marnic Cameron.



My Green Thumb

~Tales of a West Coast Gardener~

by Michelle van Boven

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A little fun in the garden is good for your soil!

This is also a good time to organize or unearth gardening equipment into something called "Potting Shed Essentials". These include: **pruners** (I currently have 3 varieties of Friskars & am not fully happy with any of them), **gloves** (I go through at least 2 heavy duty pair a year), **lightweight rake** for leaves, small rocks & piles of weeds (currently, mine is broken), **garden spade** (which is a square shape with a sharp edge for getting into tight places when dividing plants versus a shovel which has a curved & pointed shape), **garden hose** (you can never have enough), **lawn mower** (gas-electric-battery-reel), **hand trowel** (for transplanting seedlings & bulbs), & **plant markers** (for labeling rows of veggies).

Spring (April, May & June) gardening checklist:

1. Spread finished **compost** on beds & start a new batch with kitchen scraps & yard trimmings.
2. **Divide** mature perennials such as sedum, bee balm, herbs & phlox.
3. **Harden off** seedlings & transplant to garden once danger of frost is over (see side bar).
4. **Stake** tall perennials: peonies, delphiniums, helenium & daisies.
5. **Plant out** tomato & pepper plants once soil is warm (17 degrees Celsius).
6. **Tidy up** spring-flowering perennials (phlox, pinks, thyme), pinch off seeds heads from rhododendron & azaleas, prune spring-flowering shrubs (forsythias & lilacs).

All too soon we will be dusting off the **hummingbird feeders**, opening our windows & performing the yearly ritual of spring-cleaning. Make sure to include your **houseplants** in this—their leaves will be dusty, so on a nice warm & sunny day, take them outside & lightly hose them down. The soil could also do with a bit of topping up with sterile potting soil. This is also a good time to start fertilizing them again with half strength food. Trim off dead leaves, water well & rotate the pots for even growth. If necessary, divide pot-bound plants & share with your friends!

Happy planning this year's veggie plots! **Eat local—grow food.**

It's a typical rainy winter day today & I'm trying to **predict what spring will be like** this year. An almost impossible dream, but we have seen salmon berry blossoms arrive early this year (early January), so I would like to think that means we will have an early spring as well!

I've already received my seeds for this year's gardens & I've gone through & made note of my left-over seeds from last year & all the seeds I managed to collect in the fall. I just need to **make my plan** for the actual gardens. I'm using **crop rotation** techniques this year in an effort to have better success with my vegetables. Even though I said I was going to use **West Coast Seeds** for my supplier for this year, I went with **Salt Spring Seeds** instead. I'd love to hear about your success or failure with either company as I do believe quality of seed plays a bigger factor in gardening than the colour of one's thumb...



I just want to say "THANK YOU" to our **West Coast deer** for being so small. These (in above picture) were sighted in my sister's green space in Okotoks, Alberta in January. Bamfield's gardens would not exist if these monsters roamed our back roads!!

I'm busy trying to organize my spring chores & am **continually distracted** by a plethora of seed & plant catalogues & gardening magazines that keep finding their way to my mail box. I am now creating a wish list/scrapbook of wonderful looking plants that might one day make an appearance in my gardens, but for now must reside inside a binder.



Michelle gardening at 2 1/2 years old

"If you breathe, you will get a kick out of gardening.
If you can hear, you will get a lift from the songs of the birds in your garden.
If you can feel, you will sleep better having nurtured & grown clean air machines that we call plants in your own yard.
If you can see, you will pause during your 'work in the garden & be come temporarily breathless as you observe a hummingbird sucking nectar from a flower.
If you still don't get it, go back to the top & re-read."

Mark Cullen

Author & host of *Gardening Tips* on CTV's Canada AM
(www.markcullen.com)

According to the **Canadian Zone Map**, we are located in **Zone 8a**.

After a bit of searching, I found some excellent information on HGTV's website (hgtv.ca/gardening/plantzones) which shows that our average winter minimum temperatures range from -6 to as low as -12 degree Celcius. **Our growing season is about 7 months (or 215 days) with the first frost free date of April 6th & the last frost free date on November 9th.**

The website also provides information on plants, flowers, shrubs, vines & trees that will do well in our climate. Take some time this spring to explore this website (as I will!) to gain useful 'profession' tips & ideas for your gardens.

Check out my blog:

bamfieldgreenthumb.blogspot.com for a more detailed & in-depth discussion of various topics: gardening by the month, garden challenges & garden experiments, as well as photos of some of my fun & not-so-fun projects during the year. Comments are welcome.

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Port Renfrew (ites)

When local "Renfrewites" discovered I was writing an article for the Bamfield newspaper they simply laughed and said "Winter in Port Renfrew". Rain. Rain. And more Rain. I beg to differ as it was only yesterday that I was mucking in my garden in bare feet and a tee-shirt. It is hard to believe that our West coast daffodils are blooming in February and the village smells of spring and not wood smoke.

2010 in Port Renfrew has gotten off to an exciting yet familiar start. It would not be a small town winter without local gossip, a great super bowl party, and a crazy hillbilly stealing the town fire truck. Outsiders looking in may no doubt wonder what draws us to the community at the "end of the road"!

So what does draw thousands of tourists and a couple of hundred permanent residents to Port Renfrew year round?

The now complete (and paved!) **Pacific Marine Circle Route** has made Port Renfrew's eco-tourism accessible to the world. From tide-pool exploration on Botanical Beach to trout fishing at Lizard lake their truly is no limits in this outdoor playground. Throw in some of the best halibut and salmon fishing in North America with a couple of those perfect white sand camping beaches and famous hiking trails and kazam.....a very desirable destination.

And so it is February and the local business owners are now

scurrying around building and expanding to accommodate more hikers, fisherman, lovers, surfers, families, and good old island folk who want to make the day trip to experience the new "Tofino". It is an exciting time to be a Renfrewite.

Locally speaking, there is also much to be excited about. The Port Renfrew Elementary School has 16 children from K-5. The Monday & Friday Strong Start Program for babies and moms has over 14 little peoples (including my daughter Sarita) and a record was broken in January with three new babies being born. Wednesday night badminton has been a huge success for those with cabin fever as well as Yoga with Rosland on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The biggest addition to Port Renfrew is the brand new Fire Hall. The post and beam structure is stunningly beautiful. Port Renfrew has received over 1.2 million dollars for much needed re-vamping in our Community Centre, Refuse Station and new Fire Hall. The Pacheedaht First Nations have also had an extremely productive winter, overhauling a handful of local homes and designing and building a new health centre.

The summer season of 2010 is too soon on the horizon. Gone will be the days of long walks on our empty beaches and quiet evenings in our cafe's and pubs drinking a beer or few. Soon we must share the beauty of Port Renfrew with peoples from all corners of the world. And we know in our hearts that our little secret is out. We have certainly entered the 21 century with

Broadband cable internet and the possibility of Telus cell service! What next? A bank machine?



Look for more Port Renfrew advertising and local interest articles in upcoming quarterly issues!

Jessica Hicks

Springs are upon us

Spring is upon us, or as I like to say "Springs are upon us". I love this time of year. The bulk of the best fishing of the year is just around the corner, and is picking up almost every week. For many years, there was an invitational derby put on by Tim Harrison of Cigarette Cove Lodge, later called "Harrisons Cove"

My Dad and I attended every year for 13 years, from the very first one in April 1993, where we were lucky enough to take 1st place, with a beautiful 24.5 Chinook

There aren't many other boats out at this time of year for some reason, but I'm gonna let you in on a little secret. THE FISHING IS AWESOME !!!

Starting in February, the Herring start to arrive in numbers in Barkley Sound, bringing with them many migratory Feeder Chinook, and they gain a lot of weight over the next several weeks. This derby consistently produced some very nice Chinook over the years, and although we only won it the one year, we were able to take home prize money for one of the top 3 fish several of those years. The big

winners, 5 years in a row, were Bamfield locals, Nick Yanchuck, and friend, Matt Olcen. I believe 3 of those winning fish were over 30 lbs! Not bad for early Spring fishing! I'm actually glad that derby is over. I got tired of contributing to Nick and Oly's winter vacation!! All kidding aside, they deserved to win every time, as they were putting in the time in some of the roughest water you could imagine on the outside edge of the Broken Group Islands, when everybody else was turning tail, and looking for calmer water

to fish, yours truly, included.

The derby actually took place after the bulk of the good fishery in Feb, and March, which is when I believe it is the best.

It is not uncommon for 20 plus pound Chinook to bite your gear at this time of year, but the average is a very feisty 8 to 12 pound bundle of energy!

The largest I can remember being caught in Feb. was a beauty 37 lb Feeder Spring that Nick Yanchuck Caught early one winter morning quite a few years back, in Vernon Bay, one of my favourite places to fish at this time of year. (Oops, did I just say that out loud?) The water is

nice and calm, and the bait usually stacks up in the bay, drawing a lot of Springs in there with them. If you get the chance to wet a line out there this spring, Anchovy is the bait of choice, behind a Hot Spot flasher and trolled as close to the bait as you can get, finding it on your Sounder. On the weekends, there are usually a few boats out

there, so look for the fleet, and you will be sure to find a few fish for the BBQ... Oh man, my mouth is starting to water with all this talk of fresh fish and BBQs.

Best of luck out there, and I hope to see you on the water. Keep your tip up.

Ian Macdonald.

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Let summer begin!

The 37th year of Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre university classes starts May 3. This summer the Centre is offering fifteen different courses. The season starts off with a bang, six courses in the first six weeks. BMSC is happy to welcome back some wonderful instructors and welcome new faces as well. Many of the instructors will be giving public seminars on their research while here in Bamfield. These summer seminars are open to everyone. They begin at 7pm in the Rix Centre for Ocean Discoveries. Most seminars will be held on Wednesday evenings, but please check our web site for current times and lecture topics. www.bms.bc.ca

Block I, May 3 - June 11, 2010

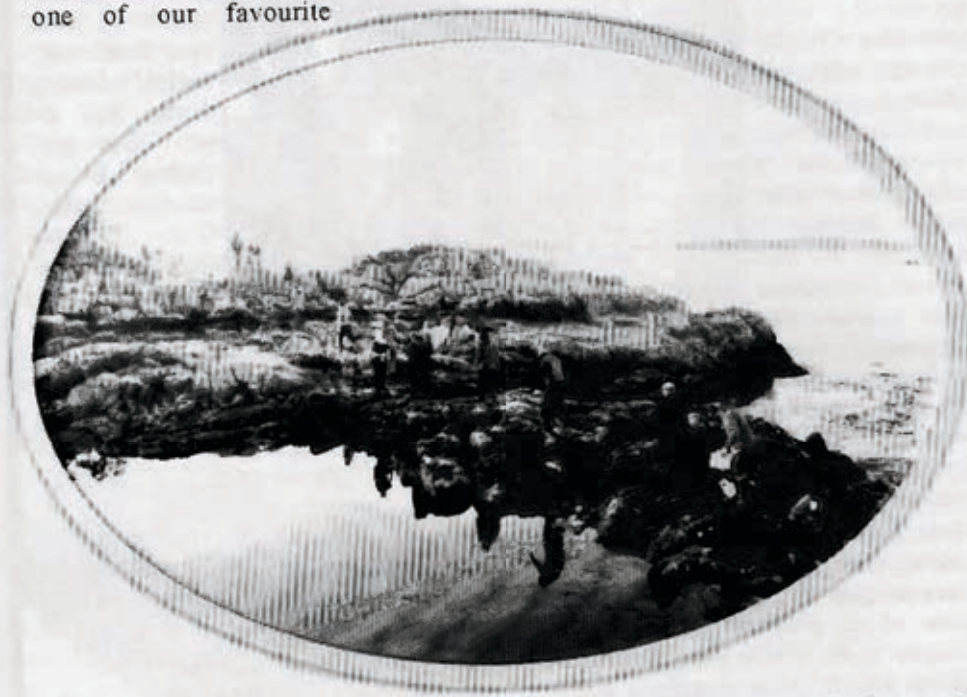
Biological Oceanography. Instructor: Dr. Ed Buskey (U of Texas)

Biological Oceanography presents an introduction to the organisms of the open sea and coastal zone, their adaptations to the environment, and the factors that control their productivity, distribution and abundance. It is a pleasure to have one of our favourite

instructors back again. We are hoping Dr. Buskey is willing to share his seminar on zooplankton swarming and schooling in the mangrove cays of Belize.

Biomechanics. Instructor: Dr. Tim Higham (Clemson U)

How do fishes swim and capture prey? How do hummingbirds hover? How do frogs jump? How do snakes slither? This course will address how organisms function mechanically in their environment. Dr. Tim Higham is a BMSC student alumni, and is now a professor at Clemson University in South Carolina. Dr. Higham's research aims to understand how animals function mechanically and physiologically in their environment. His recent published work on gecko tail autotomy was featured in the New York Times. He also studies the functional morphology of feeding in sculpins and taught Marine Fishes at BMSC last summer. We welcome Tim and his family back to Bamfield.



Photograph courtesy of Yvonne Sui



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Terrestrial and Freshwater Conservation: Instructor: Dr. John Reynolds (SFU)

As with most BMSC courses, conducting independent field research projects is a major aspect of the course requirements. In Conservation, student projects will include biodiversity surveys, environmental impact assessments, and restoration techniques. Reynolds is an internationally recognized expert on biodiversity and fish ecology. He currently holds the Tom Buell BC Leadership Chair in Salmon Conservation at SFU. John joins BMSC every second summer and can often be found surrounded by a lab of enthusiastic graduate students.

4. Limnology: Instructor: Kerri Finlay (U of Regina)

Limnology students will examine the physical, chemical, and biological characteristics of our local lakes and how they affect in-lake processes and water quality. We welcome Dr. Kerri Finlay as a first time instructor at BMSC. Her personal research examines the cycling of nutrients in lakes, and their implications for global Carbon and Nitrogen budgets.

Ecology of Marine Symbiosis: Instructor: Dr. Amanda Bates (U Otago)

Symbiotic associations between invertebrates and microbes are found in habitats from coral reefs to deep-sea vents. New symbiont-hosting invertebrates continue to be discovered. A recent example is a "bone-eating" worm that hosts dense bacterial populations in root-like structures specialized to grow on sunken whale bones. Dr. Amanda Bates is a BMSC alumni as well as former BMSC staff member and researcher. Her current research in New Zealand seeks to assess the role that environmental variation plays in regulating the distribution, abundance and functioning of invertebrates that host symbionts.

6. Scientific Diving: Instructors: Dr. Isabelle Cote (SFU), Tom Bird, and Siobhan Gray

One of our most popular courses, Scientific Diving teaches students essential skills and methods used in underwater research, including surveys using transects and quadrats, underwater size assessment, tagging and species identification. Upon successful completion, students obtain CAUS- Scientific Diver 1 Status. Isabelle, Tom and Siobhan make a dynamic and enthusiastic teaching team. Isabelle Cote heads the tropical marine ecology lab at SFU, while Tom and Siobhan both bring years of underwater experience as Dive and Safety Officers at BMSC.

Your friendly neighbourhood Safety Officer here with a reminder about the speed limit on the BMSC access road.



There is a 20km speed limit on the BMSC access road.

This road is also a walking path, full of blind corners and can be poorly lit.

I would like to remind us all to take this in consideration as we travel to and from work with our daily tasks on our minds.

Please take care and travel slow while coming and going from the Centre.

Our Safety is in our hands.

**REVIEWING
THE ORIGINS
OF THE
MULTIPURPOSE
BUILDING:
A CHRONOLOGY**

1999

Original Plan for House of

Huu-ay-aht calls for a Community Centre (Administration offices, Daycare Centre and Museum to be attached to the existing House of Huu-ay-aht). Decision postponed until more funds available.

July, 2001

Official opening of House of Huu-ay-aht

Fall, 2005

Huu-ay-aht Council agrees to start planning of a new Multipurpose Building as part of the response of Huu-ay-aht Physical Development.

Winter, 2007

David, Nairne & Associates (Architects) meet HFN representatives in preliminary discussions on planning of a new building to meet the changing needs of Huu-ay-aht First Nations.

Spring, 2007—Fall, 2008

Planning for capital projects; Community Consultations Rounds, membership updates, Huu-ay-aht Reunion. Treaty Ratification

ANOTHER HISTORIC PROJECT FOR CHARLIE CLAPPIS

Charlie Clappis is the son of Zelta and the late Chester Clappis and has two brothers and two sisters, Andy, Chester Jr., Crystal and Charmayne. His first seven years were spent at home in Anacla but then his family moved to Coombs where he graduated from Kwilikum Secondary School 1998 before working for a year at the Coombs Bakery.



Charlie returned to Anacla in 1999 and worked as a labourer on the House of First Nations to work as Project Huu-ay-aht. This would prove to be a pivotal experience in his life. This work not only opened the door for Charlie to contribute his skills to an historic community project, but also allowed him to work alongside many Huu-ay-aht members including his sister Crystal and the late Herbie Nelson (Peters) – a journeyman carpenter.

Charlie credits Herbie for inspiring him to pursue a career in carpentry. After completing work on the House of Huu-ay-aht, Charlie and Nelson worked together for a year on the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre. From there, Charlie continued his apprenticeship at the Nanaimo Superstore and working in Mehtunii (Victoria) where he gained broad construction experience at schools and industrial buildings. Since 2004, he has



worked in the construction a n d his work and personal life thus far: "Life renovation of residential homes. In 2005 he obtained his Red Seal Carpenter journeyman papers and in 2009 registered as sole proprietor his own small construction company.

Charlie was hired by the Huu-ay-aht Building (Administration Building and Medical Clinic) overlooking Anacla at Pachena Bay. "It is great for me to be working back in Anacla, and to see and record the daily progress on this building. It has been just about ten years to a month since I worked on the House of Huu-ay-aht, and I'm so pleased to see that beautiful building standing proudly just a few hundred feet from the new Multipurpose Building".

Upon reflection, Charlie remembers receiving a carpenter's tool belt for his twelfth birthday and building a tool box with his step father, Jack Buss. Since then, he has known that he enjoyed a passion for wood working and even at that early age was considering a carpentry career. He also remembers the principles of hard work taught by his mother and the following bit of wisdom that has guided his work and personal life thus far: "Life takes on meaning when you become motivated, set goals and charge after them in an unstoppable manner".

In 2005 he Charlie and his partner Lesley Woods own a home in Duncan that they share with her two wonderful daughters, Calista (10) and Myah (9).

MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING UPDATES



There are some key environmental features that will be incorporated into the HFN Multipurpose building to reduce the ecological footprint and energy use of the building (technical information provided by DNA engineer Ashley Stowkowy).

Energy Source~

The heating and cooling system uses a vertical geo-exchange field to act as a heat source and heat sink for the building energy. This means that in the summer the ground absorbs heat from the building to



provide cooling, while in the winter the ground gives heat to the building to provide heating. The system uses a water-to-water heat pump that further heats or cools the water used for the radiant system inside the building to the appropriate

Mechanical System~

A radiant in-floor system will provide heating and cooling to the building, and will work together with the Natural Ventilation strategy for the building. The Natural Ventilation for the building is driven by the wind coming off the water and will be assisted by five wind towers that "pull" the air through the building.

Plumbing Fixtures~

Toilets are dual-flush, urinals and faucets are low-flow, and most are sensor faucets to reduce water use.

*Article courtesy of Huu ay aht Uyaqhmis
Photographs courtesy of Charlie Clappis*

Summer, 2008

Design stage begins with Chief and Council, HFN Management and staff, and ongoing community consultation & updates

Summer, 2009

Design stage completed, budget and design approved by Chief and Council

Fall, 2009

Construction bids tendered

Winter, 2009

West Coast Island Developments for General Contractor awarded constructions contract by HFN Chief and Council

October, 2009

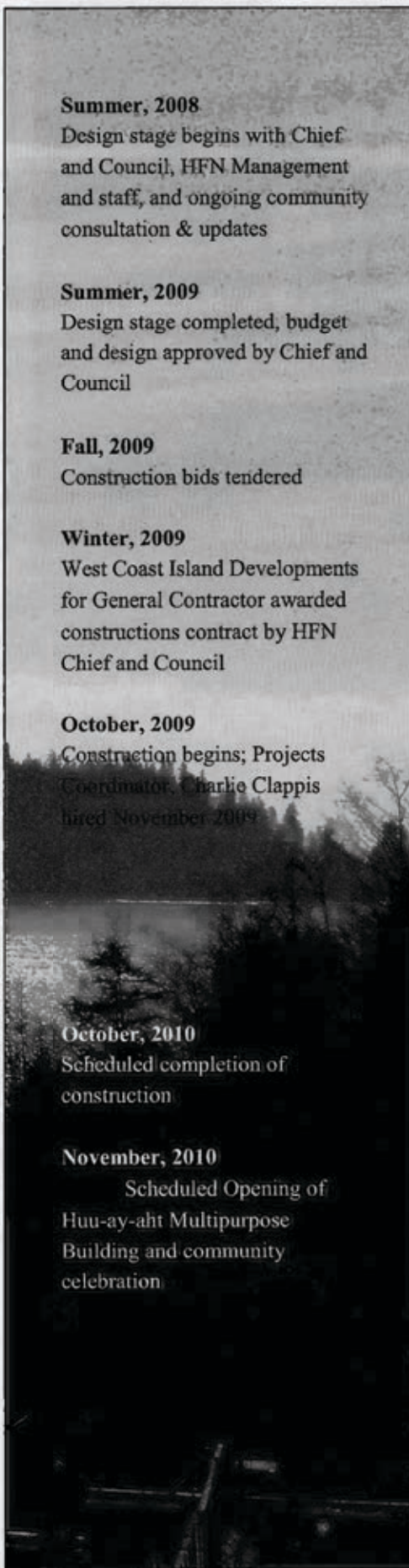
Construction begins; Projects Coordinator, Charlie Clappis hired November 2009

October, 2010

Scheduled completion of construction

November, 2010

Scheduled Opening of Huu-ay-aht Multipurpose Building and community celebration



Events on the Edge

**Edge to Edge Marathon
June 13th, 2010**

The 11th Annual Edge to Edge is a destination race unlike any other. The Marathon and Relay take place between the two towns of Tofino and Ucluelet on the Pacific Rim of Vancouver Island. The race is a mixture of hard packed sand on Chesterman's Beach and a road portion through the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. Surround yourself with the rustic beauty of old growth forests and spectacular views all on the Edge of the Pacific Ocean. The Half Marathon takes place in Ucluelet and features the world famous Wild Pacific Trail. You will experience our temperate rainforest, lush ferns, mosses and lichen to ensure you the purest air quality. The E2E is your next destination race.

Contact: Jon Schaffer

edgetoedgemarathon.com
250-726-4641

edgetoedgemarathon.com

**Ukee Days
July 24-26, 2010**

The annual Ukee Days festival is a weekend of fun for the whole family! The festivities of Ukee Days kicks off with a scrumptious Salmon BBQ. The next morning begins with a pancake breakfast and parade. Enjoy two event-filled days of Logger Sports, kids games, face painting, live entertainment, great selections of food and crafts, contests, prizes and much more!

Contact: Abby Fortune or KK Hodder
afortune@ucluelet.ca

250-726-4772

http://www.ucluelet.ca/residents/parksrec_ukeedays.php

Wild Pacific Trail gathers world press

The impossible dream of one man has created an exciting reality for thousands. Ucluelet's Wild Pacific Trail has become famous as a world class hiking trail. Even life long residents of Vancouver Island are amazed by the views that emerge at every twist in this hand hewn trail along cliffs and beaches. Where the rainforest meets the open pacific, trees become sculptures depicting the fierce wind of storms past, set to the music of a restless surf.

This uniquely accessible 8.5km trail was recently recommended by the **New York Times on their list of '31 places to go in 2010'**. The list of magazines and newspaper reviews just keep growing, and visitors are making the trip from far and wide. Standing awestruck is a standard occurrence on the Wild Pacific, even if you walk the trail every day.

On March 13th the non-profit trail society will unveil the newest jewel in the crown, the Terrace Beach interpretive trail. This beautiful finger of the trail adds on the "Lighthouse loop" at He Tin Kis park and travels past the sands of Terrace Beach. This section passes by a First Nations midden that is as old as Stonehenge. There will be interpretive signs that explore the First Nations use of the land. Section by section trails are planned all the way to Pacific Rim National Park. Of course a lot more fundraising is needed for every metre of trail, but folks who walk the trail have been very generous with donations. Sponsors can donate via the website at www.wildpacifictrail.com

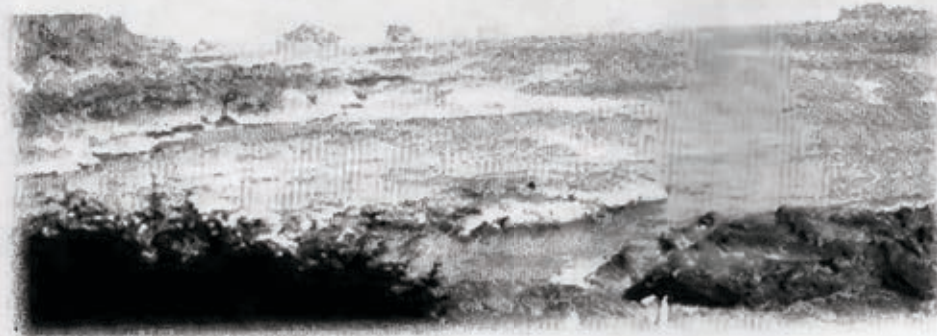
"We have this diamond in the rough and

here I am polishing away at it. I can't believe I have this palette that I am able to carve on. I have encountered many people out on the trail crying ... they are so excited to be on the trail and taking in these views."

- Oyster Jim Martin (trail visionary)

Consider a visit to this free year-round attraction. Winter brings the thrill of storm watching, an experience that will quite literally blow you over. Spring brings in a parade of whales past the rocky shoreline just in time for Whale Festival, and Sunny summer days bring cool ocean breezes to refresh and rejuvenate the body and the soul.

The Wild Pacific Trail is perfect for young and old to truly experience "Life on the Edge".



Memorial Tree

Original Lino Cut by: Tanya Porter
Carver: Al Porter



Allan Christopher Porter (1952-2006)

Al was born on May 14, 1952 in Montreal, Que. Al's dad was in the navy so they lived on both coasts and a few places in between. Al was known for his dedication to the Cubs and Brownies and for his coaching of the Piranha Swim Team in Sidney, B. C. Al was a carver, fisherman, teacher, triathlon, expert swimmer, hunter, and lover of nature and the ocean. A 15 foot diver that Al carved is displayed on Sidney waterfront, where he lived for many years. The diver was on the front cover of the 2005 Telus phonebook. Al moved to Bamfield in 1994 after long time friend Malcolm Richards had invited him up for a bit of fishing. Al's love of coaching and the ocean came together in Bamfield when he had the opportunity to learn the fish guiding trade with Mike Hicks formerly of Tyee Lodge. Guiding in the summer allowed Al to give over to his carving in the winter months. Leading up to Christmas it would be Santa's workshop getting Christmas gifts ready for friends and family and the extras for the

Christmas Craft Fair. After Christmas Al would take a month or so and carve whatever his heart desired and some very special pieces came out of that time. I still have an amazing medieval chess and checker set and Mike Hicks has a replica of one of his Tyee boats, carvings from the heart that we treasure. Al enjoyed working with children and Bamfield gave him the opportunity to continue working with students at the Bamfield Community School where he shared his love and skill as a woodcarver. Al helped them to handle a knife and chisels and to understand the value of sharing their work by ensuring that each group had a project that was either for the school (sea life series on display) or staff (replica of school boat for retired boat driver Syd Baker) or sending a message out into the vast ocean with the Peace Boat series that BMSC's John Richards, in the Alta helped them to send off on their journeys. Al was at home in Bamfield and felt strongly about the community. As you drive in to town one of the first things you see is the Welcome to Bamfield sign and map, a collaboration he did with another artist. Al's talents were ever broadening. He had begun writing a fishing guide. Friends and family are all proud of Al for his accomplishments. He touched many lives who will share memories and pass on talents for many years to come.

Would you like to have a loved one included on the Memorial Tree?

Contact:
Nancy Hendry
Memorial Tree Society
250 728 3119
hendrynancy@yahoo.ca

Emergency Preparedness Week
May 2—8, 2010

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ACRD Regional Directors Report

by Stefan Ochman

Waste/Recycling Transfer Station

The 2010 budget for the Bamfield Waste/Recycling Transfer Station is \$62,640. Details are as follows: Waste pick up Lady Rose 36 pick-ups at \$290/bin: \$10,440, Rayner & Bracht Bin Rental at \$260/month: \$3120, Rayner & Bracht 24 pick-ups at \$760 per bin: \$18,240, tipping fees: 3 tons per bin, 24 bins, \$95 per ton: \$6840, Contractor \$350 per month: \$4200, for a Total Waste Expenses: \$42,840. Sun Coast Bin Rental: \$250/month: \$3000, Sun Coast 12 pickups per year at \$900 per bin: \$10,800, Tipping fees: 12 bins, 2 tons per bin, at \$75 per bin: \$1800, Contractor \$350 per month: \$4200, for a Total Recycling Expenses of \$19,800.

In 2009, Bamfield paid \$20,000 in taxes for this service. Actual costs in 2009 were \$33,693 for waste disposal and \$8,532 for recycling for a total of \$42,226. After much discussion during an ACRD budget meeting in February 2010, the Board agreed that Bamfield pay \$40,000 for the waste/recycling service. In comparison each household in Cherry Creek and Beaver Creek pay personally \$264 per year for garbage pickup as this is not a service offered in those areas. Port Alberni residents pay \$115 per year on top of the tax requisition.

Fire Strategic Plan: Alberni Valley and Bamfield

The following is a summary of the terms of reference of a Fire Strategic Plan for the Alberni Valley and Bamfield, which may end up being beneficial for the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department. The ACRD is the governing body for three volunteer fire departments: Bamfield, Sproat Lake and Beaver Creek. Two other departments operate in the Alberni Valley: Port Alberni Fire Department governed by the City of Port Alberni and Cherry Creek Fire Department governed by Cherry Creek Waterworks District. Fire Departments in the Alberni Valley and Bamfield have developed and evolved autonomously over the years. Mutual aid agreements exist between the four Alberni Valley fire departments. There is however, no central coordinating function to facilitate partnering and/or synergies. Significant changes have occurred in the areas

of risk management, occupational health and safety and litigation and new approaches are required to meet the new standards of due diligence. A clear vision is required to establish a governance model that will result in consistent leadership, improved communication, and coordination between departments and identify and clarify roles and responsibilities. Some Regional Districts in B.C. have Fire Services Coordinator (FSC) positions to help with issues such as a common level of firefighting proficiency; development and coordination of a training program; assistance with operational guidelines and standard operating procedures; assessment and monitoring of compliance with WCB regulations; development of group initiatives (purchasing, insurance, newsletters); assistance to Fire Chiefs, administration and elected officials with long-range planning. The ACRD supports the *Public Safety in British Columbia: Transforming the Fire/Rescue Service* report published by the Fire Liaison Group in 2009. The ACRD is particularly interested in exploring recommendations 7 and 8 of this report, specifically.

Recommendation 7: Investigate Local and Regional Efficiencies including shared services, shared resources (regional training facility), shared support services (records management, report filing, administration)

Recommendation 8: Provide Administration and Management Support to Volunteer Departments. That local governments, with the support of the Office of the Fire Commissioner, ensure volunteer departments have the necessary administrative and management support. The contract to carry out the work summarized above will be awarded to a consultant at the ACRD Board meeting on March 24, 2010 and a report completed by July 28, 2010.

Federal Gas Tax Revenues

The balance of the Gas Tax Revenues is now \$1,202,455 for electoral areas. These funds have to be spent before 2015. For now, the Electoral Areas Directors are examining options for investing this money (for example in a run-of-the-river hydroelectric project) as to generate revenue for the electoral areas in the future. I will keep you updated...

The 2010 total tax requisition for Electoral Area "A" Bamfield is \$330,623.

The 2010 Regional Hospital District tax requisition for Bamfield is \$76,919 which represents 3.65% of the total 2010 Regional Hospital District tax requisition of \$2,107,364.

The total 2010 Bamfield tax requisition (\$407,542) represents 6.64% of the total ACRD tax requisition (\$6,131,311).

Tofino, Ucluelet and Area C agreed not to participate in the grant-in-aid request of \$2000 by Music by the Sea. A total of about \$70,000 Grants-in-Aid will be distributed Region wide.



Stefan Ochman
Regional Director

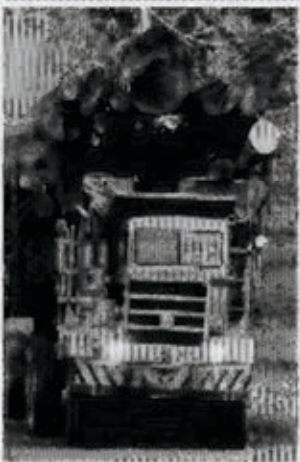
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Regional District

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Bamfield Road Association



Well it looks like we've pulled through another winter all but unscathed. Little to no snowfall was reported on the Bamfield Road. This has allowed for a more consistent level of maintenance, although

grading down this way on the Bamfield Spur Road is still spotty. Currently there are negotiations underway between the Ministries of Forests and Ministry of Transportation to come to an agreement on wording of a new road maintenance agreement. Unfortunately that does not guarantee improvements. The road continues to be classed as a Heavy Industrial Road. With this classification maintenance provided need only be to a level that insures the movement and transport of heavy industrial equipment. We at the association are working diligently along side of the Huu Ay Aht First Nations and our Regional Director to improve the road and make it safe for travel for all users.

As of late, Ben Clappis, Stefan, and myself went out with representatives of the MOF to take a look at how they spent the over \$800,000.00 allocated for road safety improvements on the Bamfield Road over the past year. We were picked up at Franklyn Camp and worked our way through a number of areas that they had worked on. Of course their numbers added up to all but a small amount of remaining emergency funds that were being held back for snow removal. Now we are seeing a little more grading on the

road this month as those funds are being used up in an effort to provide continued safe passage. Note that the money has to be spent before the end of March or be returned to government coffers. So their grading up a storm. Nice to see the improvement on the road. Now what happens after the end of March is still up in the air. We are keeping our fingers crossed as to the associations input to the agreement as was promised to us by the Deputy Minister of Forests. No formal invitation as of yet to review the agreement before it is put to pen. We will see, and will keep everyone informed. That information will become available on our web page at www.brsa.ca or alternatively at bamfieldroad.com. Remember that you can get road information on our hot-line at 250 731 3223.

Now these thing cost money to operate and that's where you come in. Your support is needed to keep this web site operating and the hot-line up and running. This web site and hot-line is offering up to date road information to travelers and students who drive this road year round and even more so in the summer when they come down to do business at some of your lodges. A donation can be made safely throughout website via PayPal. Any assistance in keeping the road Association financed for the up and coming year will be greatly appreciated. Also on the website you will find our contact information. Please feel free to let us know of your road concerns and any emergency problems you find on the road. We will make an effort to get the work out as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your support
Bamfield Road Safety Association.

Road Safety
Hot line
250 731 3223

About the Bamfield Road Association

Responsibilities

- Provide a mechanism for communication, coordination and collaboration among Members
- Address road safety issues on the Bamfield Road
- Educate Bamfield Road users about the Rules of the Road and requirements for safe operation/use of the road
- Develop a Road User model which will include a shared costs formula, maintenance standards, and member responsibilities
- Link Members with the broader provincial resource initiatives
- Maintain this website with up to date information about road condition and timing of activities involving use of the Bamfield Road
- Explore external partnerships for testing new safety technologies and methods which will explore communication and safety for road users
- Explore external partnerships for funding capital upgrades

All decisions made by the working group are by consensus.



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As I write this in mid February of 2010, the weather is wet. That's no surprise as it is mid-winter on the west coast of Vancouver Island; known as a Rain Forest. But the last 3 days have been kicking up some stormy weather that has been noticeably lacking most of this winter.

For the most part it has been noticeably balmy for this part of the world this winter. Early flowers are here including crocuses and daffodils are blooming. Brunhilde even had a rhododendron blooming in early February—can you believe that! I've even had to dead head some dandelions and other weeds are showing a strong start. Extra grass mowing this year.

Things were very wet the start of this winter stormy season. November had 22.73 inches of rain—in one 10-day period we had 15.5 inches of rain including 3 days that came close to 3 inches of rain each day; 26 straight days of rain and 27 out of the 30 days of measureable rainfall. Now that is pretty wet. People got a little grumpy I noticed. Normal rain for November is 14.64 inches.

Then right as December came, so did some nice winter weather—13 straight days of no rain and often nice and sunny. Then 7 straight days of rain which dropped 4.21 inches of rain—2.21 inches fell on the 20th alone. After that rainy week, back to nice winter weather for the Holiday—no white Christmas this year but rather clear and only slightly cold. December ended up with only 4.84 inches of rain and a low temp of minus 3.3 C.

For the 2009 record, high temperature was 28.9 C. (84 F.) and that was on June 3rd. Low temp was minus 3.3 C. (26 F.) on the 8th of December. It was a good beach year—the summer was lacking in the normal fog and temperatures were up (there might be something to that Global Warming thing). People were doing some serious tanning down on the beach. Big wind for the year 2009 was 40 miles per hour in March (exact day unknown) and biggest day rainfall 2.96 inches on the 25th of November.

January turned out to be a pretty average type January. Rainfall was 14.14 inches where a normal January is 13.76 inches. There was 25 days of measureable rain during the month with 2.22 inches falling on January 14. But the temps for January were very mild with the low temp only 2.2 C.—no frosty beach the entire month. And a noticeable lack of storm winds—I can't remember any power outages other than 1 scheduled outage.

We've had some pretty high and low tides at the Brady Beach with the surf into the bush several times. The logs of Brady Beach have all been floating around but for the most part have stayed put—so far no storm damage to the beach. All in all, it's been a very pleasant stay—nice and quiet and no big storms that have fallen trees all over the place and no power outages.

That brings us back to February which at mid-month has 4.92 inches of rain but 3.18 inches falling in the last 3 days which have come with storm winds. But as I look out the window—it's sunny and beautiful, yeah!

Jerry Baird

She Locked the Door at the Bamfield Cable Station Katherine P. Wallace (Kay)

Katherine P. Wallace (Kay) was born in Edinburgh, Scotland to Janet and John Young. Her family moved to Montreal in 1927 when Kay was five years old. At the time Montreal was the most sophisticated city of Canada, and it was here that Kay would grow into adulthood. Early photos indicate that Kay was every ounce the city girl in her gowns and fur-trimmed coats fit for dancing in that Big Band era of the forties.

Kay married the love of her life, John Wallace, in 1948. They spent their honeymoon traveling across Canada by car on their way to Bamfield. John, her new husband was a telecommunications technician, and with a spirit of adventure had accepted a job at the Cable Station. Kay and John would spend ten amazing, memory-filled years at the Cable Station in Bamfield. Those years were truly life-changing.

Imagine this urban, newly married couple, arriving in Bamfield. The young girls in town used to think that John and Kay were the most romantic couple with their public displays of affection. But what was Kay to do when John went off to work? Apparently older couples took them under their wing. Kay repaid these early kindnesses by being a generous person to others throughout her life. Kay became very active in the community, with a particular interest in Brownies and Guides. With Montreal geographically and figuratively well behind them, Kay and John could be seen taking a putter out to Cable Beach, dugout canoe towed behind for a paddle ashore. With arrival of baby Ian in 1951, Kay might be seen taking a canoe across the inlet complete with bassinette and Labrador retriever. Soon enough Kay bonded with the members of the community including the Huu-ay-aht as everyone lived side by side. Care packages from Montreal would mean passing along clothes to grateful neighbours.

John and Kay were the last couple at the Cable Station, the last cable being

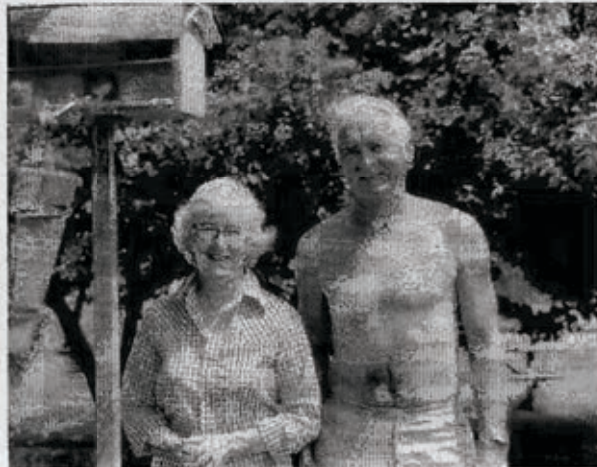
sent in July 1959. Despite the opportunity to relocate elsewhere, they loved the people and the feel of the west coast, so when it was finally time to leave Bamfield they moved to Port Alberni. The Wallaces maintained close ties to friends in Bamfield and would return often to visit or to camp at Cable Beach.

In her later years, Kay truly enjoyed spending time at the Echo Centre doing Scottish country dancing, taking her back to her Scottish roots. Her passion for dancing survived up to her last days. Her other passion was her family.

Kay was predeceased by husband John in 1992. She is survived by sons Ian (Susanna), and Rick (Linda), and five grandchildren – Cameron, Matthew, Lauren, Gavin and Keely. Kay passed peacefully surrounded by her family at West Coast General Hospital after suffering a stroke. But she was granted her wish to live independently in her own home until she died.

Son Ian was able to entice Kay back to Bamfield only once in the recent past. It was awkward for her in many ways due to her lack of eyesight. She was plagued with cataracts, glaucoma, and then macular degeneration to the point of being legally blind. But her mind and memory were sharp as a tack. And even though she never admitted to it, one wonders if Kay just found it too difficult to be in Bamfield without her beloved John. We loved you Kay, we will miss you, but you will always be remembered by your friends in Bamfield.

Submitted by Nancy Hendry on behalf of the Bamfield Historical Society



Kay and John Wallace

Park Assistants/Hosts

The Bamfield Community School Association and Bamfield Centennial Park are currently accepting applications for the positions of

Park Host and Park Assistant

for a 10 week period commencing
June 28th, 2010
35 hr./week \$9/hr

Duties and Responsibilities

Please see the Community Portal
[\[http://mybamfield.ca\]](http://mybamfield.ca)
for further details

This job may be available pending acceptance of funding application.

Bamfield Community Museum and Archive Museum Assistant Position

The Bamfield Community Museum and Archives requires a Museum Assistant for the 2010 summer months to assist with the Museum exhibit research, planning, creation and archives cataloguing. The position will include docent responsibilities.

This job may be available pending acceptance of funding application.

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Neptune News

We would like to invite you to the marriage of



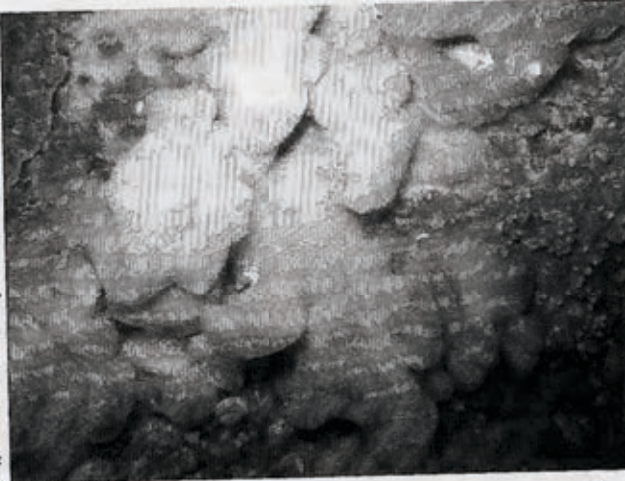
Ali Griffiths
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February 2010 saw Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre's Siobhan Gray and Erika Grebeldinger along with three commercial divers from Pelagic Diving ready themselves to enter the water off shore of Folger island in support of the Neptune project.



Compound tunicate - Erika Grebeldinger

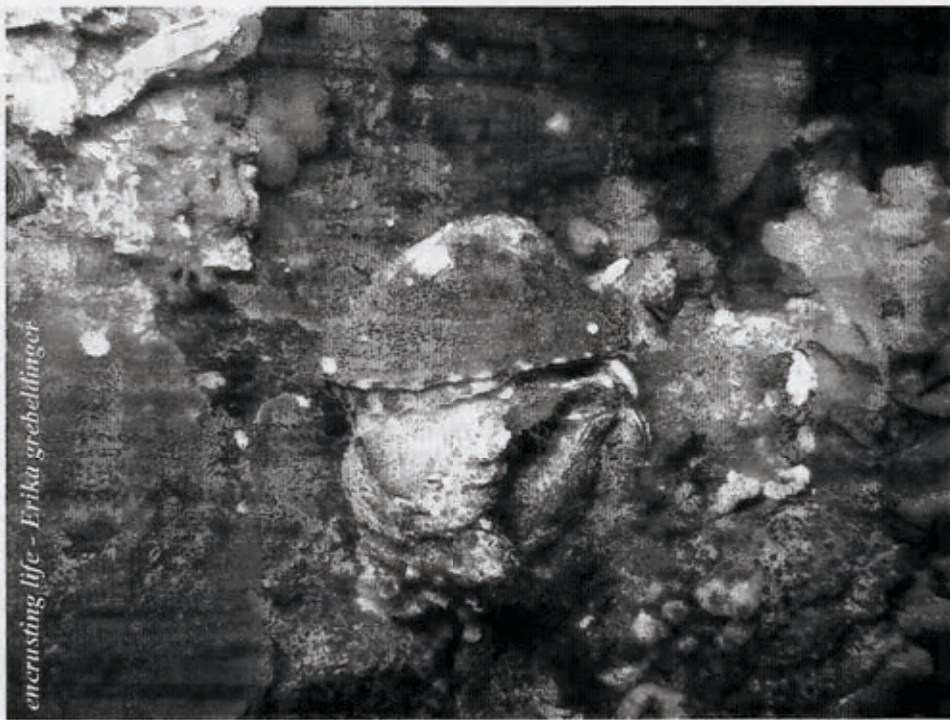
As we set out in the Barkley Star to work on the shallow Neptune node in front of Folger island excitement mounts. This is a dive not many will experience first hand, but soon all will be able to view it from their homes. The decent is through blue (or green rather) water, with no sign of rock or bottom for approx 18m/60ft. The currents are multilevel and varying. Even on a calm day at an 80ft depth open pacific swells are felt and the divers' senses are alert, truly feeling the power of the pacific while searching for the cable.

somewhere special, at least this diver does. The rock is absolutely covered with encrusting life despite the harsh conditions that a pinnacle in the mouth of Barkley sound is subject to. Hot pink and purple hydra coral, compound tunicate in creams and lavenders, low lying anemones in shades of red and pink, hot orange finger sponges sway and deep sea mussels 8-10" in size cling to the rock. This is an incredible example of the Pacific Northwest, natural and untouched. Despite the beauty surrounding us we have a job to do, to relocate the end of the Neptune fiber optic cable left by ROV ROPOS ~www.ropos.com.

The substrate is rolling rock coming to several pinnacles with deep drop offs. Peering over the edge into darkness we continue our search for the cable. It is a spectacle, where one feels they have been



China rockfish, Acorn barnacles, hydroids, hydracoral - Erika Grebeldinger



encrusting life - Erika Grebeldinger

This fall the cable was secured by commercial divers on the pinnacle at approx 24m/80ft before the onset of the winter storms. We venture out amongst heavy shore surge to locate the end of the cable and raise it to 20m/66ft where we will choose the organism the world will see and study. Commercial divers will secure rock pins to hold a subframe on which will be mounted a 3-D camera array, an HD video web camera, ADCPs, current meter, light sensor, and backscatter/fluorometer. Once in place the 3-D camera array will focus on an organism for scientific study. This data along with that from the rest of the instrumentation will be sent via the 800km

Neptune Canada cable system and will be available via Neptune Canada's website ~www.neptunecanada.ca.

The Web cam will be positioned above the array and transmit a constant video feed available to the public both on the Neptune site and at Bamfield Marine Sciences Center. As this is a shallow site and in the photic zone all lighting will be natural, no lights will be mounted to the web cam and therefore no light pollution created.



BMSC proudly provides support to the Neptune project through the efforts of BMSC skippers John Richards and Janice Pierce running the Barkley Star as well as BMSC's ROV and Scientific Divers. Once the hard work of locating and securing the instrumentation is complete, BMSC will install a monitor in the BMSC main lobby that will broadcast the web cam feed. BMSC's commitment to support the Neptune project will continue beyond the installation to include regular maintenance of the instrumentation, and cameras. As the Diving and Safety Officer at BMSC it is my great pleasure to be part of the ongoing Neptune project and the discovery it brings to us all.

**Erika Grebeldinger
& Andrew
McCurdy**

Siobhan Gray



Erika Grebeldinger and Andrew McCurdy

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Community Futures Alberni-Clayoquot is a non-profit organization, guided by a volunteer board of directors that has been providing entrepreneurial assistance to residents in the Alberni-Clayoquot region, including Bamfield, Port Alberni, Tofino and Ucluelet throughout its evolution starting in 1984. Whether you are just starting out or you are already operating a business, we have a broad range of programs and services that may be able to help you. CFAC offers knowledgeable business advice from experienced business consulting professionals. Our team can provide direction and feedback for such business challenges as:

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Of course, we are a community organization with staff committed to helping our communities prosper so you are most welcome to contact our staff directly at (250) / (877) 724-1241.



ACRD Employers and Job-seekers

Even during lean economic times, there are still jobs out there. And as we think ahead to the summer hiring season, it's good to know there are services available to help connect employers and job candidates.

The Alberni Valley Employment Centre, operated by Steele O'Neil and Associates, Inc., serves employers and job-seekers throughout the Alberni-Clayoquot region. For employers, AVEC can post job ads free of charge on its office job boards and website (receiving more than 200,000 hits per month), or collect resumes to be picked up at the employer's convenience.

For job-seekers, AVEC provides resource centres where clients can copy and fax job-related documents, make job-related phone calls, and access computers for work-related activities. Clients can also meet with an employment counsellor for ongoing, one-on-one support with

developing a job search, career development or skills-training plan. Residents living in remote communities can access services by telephone.

The Alberni Valley Wage Subsidy program, also run by Steele O'Neil, offers partial wage recovery as an incentive for employers to hire a new employee with an EI attachment. The employee gains hands on work experience in a new career field, and the employer gains a willing worker for a reduced cost -- a win-win combination!

For more information on AVEC services, please call the Ucluelet office at 250.726.4243 or the Port Alberni office at 250.724.4560. For Wage Subsidy info, contact Lori at 250.720.8911. When jobs are tight, you need extra support to find the right one... let Steele O'Neil's programs help you along the way!

CANADIAN GIRL GONE GREEN

<http://canadiangirlgonegreen.blogspot.com>

By Lesley "Tink" Kennedy

"Be the change you want to see"

~Mahatma Gandhi

As some of you know, I have been spending some time away from Bamfield taking some more Marine Training to further my employability in the industry. During this time, I have been in Ucluelet and Tofino and surprised myself by the awakening that came along with it. In our neighbors to the northwest I see the old adage "living green" as a way of life everyday. So then I thought, why not me? If I don't do it, who will?

With this new self-awareness, I had a wonderful idea. WHY NOT live green in more ways than I am doing now? (Of course I recycle, compost and wash my laundry in cold water, but is it enough?) Why do I buy products made in China of synthetic and non-sustainable materials when I could be buying green and Canadian-made products? Why am I not supporting our Canadian economy by buying locally? (meaning actually local or Canadian-made) Maybe I am the reason the majority of Canadians are out of work! Maybe I am the reason this planet is going to *!#%!

I have realized that I do not need to go out and spend thousands of dollars that I don't have to "live green". I don't even have to go out and change my lifestyle all in one day. All I have to do is become educated and make conscious choices in the products I buy and use in my everyday life. That being said, I am becoming educated through electronic media and books. I am making conscious choices by introducing green and Canadian-made products into my life.

With this realization, also came sadness. I am only one girl. My conscious choices aren't going to change the world. But then I thought, "if I can get the word out, maybe my friends will also try it and then maybe their friends will also try it".

My mission is to GO GREEN-BUY CANADIAN.

My goal is to introduce "green" and Canadian-made products into my life, one product at a time. With each "green" product I invest in, I will post on my blog to give you information about the product, price, quality, durability, etc. The process may be a slow one....let's face it, not all of us can afford to buy "green" or Canadian-made products all at once.

Maybe one day we can help our environment by buying green and help our economy by buying locally.

So along with "going green" I have also started a blog site and stated my personal mission:

Overall, my mission is to become the "green/Canadian-made" product tester for the every-man/woman and to promote buying locally. My blog site will give you some of the information you need to make your own conscious choices when buying everyday products. I will also be linking informative sites, news, tips and tricks to "go green-buy Canadian". My site is called Canadian Girl Gone Green. It is located at <http://canadiangirlgonegreen.blogspot.com>. This may be a futile mission and all for not, but I hope you will become a "follower" and choose to make the conscious choices to make your life "green" one baby step at a time.

I thank you friends.

The Bamfield Mushroom Festival committee sends out a warm thank you to the community of Bamfield & all the visitors who made the 2009 Mushroom Festival another successful event! We are already planning the festivities for 2010 and will keep everyone up-to-date with some exciting changes and the official date for the festival (slated for early October once again).

We are also seeking photo submissions from last year's festival and/or any mushroom related photos you may have.

Send them to:
admin@mushroomfestival.ca

Check for notices on the Community Portal (www.mybamfield.ca), the Mushroom Festival's web page (www.mushroomfestival.ca)

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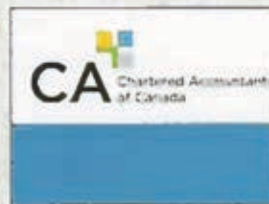
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