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Jack Purdy addresses 80+ Bamfielders at Community Affairs Meeting at school. Photo C. Thompson

Fishing News. With the winter storms over, (my prediction) it's time to get the moss off your boats. Winter spring fishing has improved: lots of small fish and a few in the high teens. Good areas are Bamfield Harbor or Brady's Beach. Try small spoons or needlefish hootchies near the bottom. **Halibut fishing** is open. New Halibut regulations to be aware of: In order to extend the season past mid-August the number of pounds of Halibut kept had to be reduced: 1 per day/2 possession, but only one over 83cm long. 83cm fish is about 15 pounds. If you are a day fisher and return home every night this has no effect. A lot of our Halibut fall into this over under category anyway, but it will, however, keep our visitors from taking two large fish home. Hopefully this lets us keep fishing past the end of September. Tight Lines. Ken Bodaly, Rocky Point Charters

HAPPY 90TH, EILEEN SCOTT, BAMFIELD'S CLASSY QUEEN!!!

Jack Purdy Addresses Bamfield. More than 80 villagers attended the Community Affairs Meeting March 19. Jack Purdy controls 17 significant properties in Bamfield. His stated purpose was, in light of the new Official Community Plan (OCP) presentation this March 26 and his own 1998 plans for Bamfield, to consult with the community and to work with Bamfielders to decide where the village will go in the next several years.

Many excellent questions were asked of Mr. Purdy: Could he do what he wished under the existing zoning? (JP: Yes). Will he finish one project before starting the next? (JP: Yes.). Are his properties currently on the market? (JP: No.). Are these properties his to sell? (JP: Yes). Why has he neglected his properties? (JP: Poor management and distraction by his own other issues.). If he cared about the people who work here, why has he always brought in his own workers from Alberta? (JP: Point taken.). What are his plans for the next 6 months? (JP: A new couple are coming in to see what needs doing. He has a priority list of five.). What if there is no community support for his plans? (JP: He will sell everything.).

Mr. Purdy admitted several times that his younger self may have come into Bamfield a bit too aggressively and that he would now do things differently. He appeared almost humble on several occasions, while at other times he seemed less so, dismissing concerns regarding the cost of repairs as a matter of, say, \$350,000 here, a million there, and insignificant in the giant scheme of things. He also referred more than once to "The Holocaust" which in context appeared to be one or more financial situations in his recent life.

Mr. Purdy appears to want Bamfield's stamp of approval on his enterprises and with that in hand, be it a modified OCP or encouraging words from Bamfield's Advisory Planning Committee to the Regional District, he will seek assorted variances from assorted licensing bodies to make his plans (and his properties) more valuable and presumably more saleable. He would like Bamfield to help, to participate, to buy in.

It was a rather lower key meeting than one might have expected. Certainly it presented fodder to chew on as Bamfield moves into the Spring. Heather Washburn

What two things do these 11 guys have in common? Can you name a 12th with the same 2 things in common? Answer these 2 questions and win a chance at a \$25 gift certificate for Bamfield Builders: reply ldruehl@island.net. Marc Phillips





Bamfield kids frolic with Al Porter's killer whale mural in Smiley Rink... Photo Ali Bowker

Stormy Weather. Our stormy March weather seemed brutal, but really it was normal. With a couple of days left we are hitting our average rainfall of 10 inches. However, we have had a vicious series of storms. Late in the month, a couple of days with sun gave Bamfielders hope, but for the short term we are scheduled for more storm systems to slide by. January was wet and stormy, recording 14 inches of rain, while February was only about 7 1/2 inches, about 4 inches less than normal. For the month of March we had high of 14 degrees, but it was mostly cold with highs of 7 and a couple of freezes. Bamfielders woke up with skiffs of snow about 3 times this month. Last year had a long and cold spring...so enjoy. Jerry Baird



...and swings. Photo Ali Bowker

Bamfield Crime. 100 pd propane tank stolen from Bamfield Trails Motel, 10 March. Avcrimestoppers.ca

Ann Suche passed away Feb 22nd in Calgary, Alberta. Tony and Ann have visited Bamfield for many years frequently staying in Reid Hollow and more recently with friends on the boardwalk. Ann was a Writer and a Lady. H. Washburn

Spring in Centennial Park. The anonymous "Jonny Apple Seed" of Japanese Cherry trees has struck again: two new trees have been planted in the park, bringing the total to four! **Roger Demontigny** has ordered materials to repair the wind-ravaged rink fence. Centennial Park is seeking a year-around manager. **Hana Kucera** (728-3779, kucera.hana@gmail.com), for free plots in the community garden. L. Druehl

Bamfield's Smiley Rink. Four smiling kids enjoyed the warm sun in Centennial Park's Smiley Rink on St. Patrick's Day. The rink needs repair: one wall blew over this winter and the murals need restoration. However, we mom's (**Ali Bowker, Andrea Logan, Megan Myers**) enjoyed watching our kids bike around the rink. Andrea told me that when the rink was first built (1997) there wasn't enough bench room for the hockey players and the audience. The rink still has potential for community hockey and basketball games, even a roller derby. If you haven't been in the rink you should, you might learn something new about the past and how talented locals are. It'll definitely bring a smile to your face! Ali Bowker

Spring Cleaning. A Bamfield work-bee is slated for Centennial Park on Earth Day, 22 April, 10 a.m. Activities to include, raking, brushing, falling, burning, gossiping and carpentry, Contact Eileen (728-3357) if you have a job preference.

Coast Guard Mired. Many of the holes about the Coast Guard Station are related to the very complex infrastructure phase of the project: underground hydro, back-up power, water, storm-water and communications conduits. Work continues on the front lawn (see pic, right) where a single sewage treatment plant will replace the old system of three septic fields. In addition a new fuel tank farm is being constructed to the west of the main operations building. The next "anticipated" phase is the new Workshop/Simulator Building. This will depend on how the federal budget unfolds. Clay Evans



Are you there? The Bamfield Community Hall Phone Directory is being updated. Contact: commhall@mybamfield.ca.

Coming Events by Catherine Thompson:

- April 2: Children's Book Day Buddy Read- call BCSA for details.
- April 2: VAST adult education teacher at School- 9am.
- April 3: CAP Computer Class 5-6pm.
- April 10: CAP Computer Class 5-6pm.
- April 11: Vote on OCP.
- April 13: Writers Workshop- Let's Loosen Up and Write! 6:30pm @ the School.
- April 14: Oysters, Authors & Ale- Tickets \$20 on sale now.
- April 16: Community Affairs.
- April 16: CALP Computer Class @ Anacla Clinic, 7pm.
- April 22: Earth Day Work-bee @ Centennial Park, 10:00 a.m.



Wind rips 100 1/2-inch sheets of plywood off pub roof. One is impaled on a cedar branch. Photo M. Phillips

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