

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

In Support of Anacla and Bamfield Youth

1 September 2012

www.bamfielder.ca

No. 16

Daphne's 1972 Summer of Awe and Wonder. Nature's humour in insisting that I get up before 5:00 AM several days running to pursue the best low tides/ The complexity, diversity and abundance of tide pool life/ The unique sound of surf on each beach/ Brady's Beach caves/ The teeming life on the rocks beneath the Whistle Buoy/ The dark and quiet of boot sponge habitat/ The wave energy rippling through a sea pen bed/ Phosphorescence/ The ability of 30 or so disparate people to live in close quarters without sensitivity training/ The amount of peanut butter 30 or so disparate people can consume in 6 weeks. **D. Stancil (née Williams)** For *Daphne's* full text: www.bamfielder.ca. Daphne is a lawyer in Victoria and vacations with her husband, **Brian Stancil**, in Port Desire, Bamfield.

41 & 39 years ago! I first experienced Bamfield as a SFU student on field trips in 1971. Fifty at a time, we camped on the Community Hall floor which was lab, dining room and sleeping accommodation. In 1973 there were shiny labs with running seawater! A library! And, smelling richly of cedar, the magnificent dining hall with a full kitchen! But the cabins were not yet built, so we slept in army tents in the bush below the tennis courts. Wet? It was the wettest spring in years. Clothes, bedding and books all got mildewed. The dining hall fireplace became a welcome refuge for mildewed students waiting a turn at the dryer. At that time, the compressor and all the dive gear were kept in the Station basement, so dives were always followed by a nice warming trudge halfway up the big hill in full gear. **Heather Washburn** Heather, lives in Vancouver and vacations with her husband, **Curt Smecher**, in west Bamfield.

Bright Future. The Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre has been in operation for 40 years! As we enter our fifth decade we are teaching more students and hosting more researchers than ever before. Our amazing location and staff will ensure that we are here for another 40 years and beyond continuing to train students and solve some of the mysteries of the world around us. **Brad Anholt, Director**

**BAMFIELD MARINE SCIENCES CENTRE,
THANK YOU FOR 40 YEARS OF GREAT
MARINE SCIENCE & INSTRUCTION &
SOCIAL INTERACTION!!**



Bamfield Marine Station students, staff, and faculty celebrate *Fire Daze* (note silly hats) in 1972 at BC Packers where the first courses were offered. Photo Bill Austin (www.bamfielder.ca for names of those above.)

Longest Serving Employee. **Cliff Haylock** retires after 29 years with BMSC. In 1974, Cliff quit log grading and joined BMS. In 1989, he became head of maintenance. Cliff was well qualified: Jack-of-all-skills, M.Sc. in chemistry, SFU, and advanced studies in fish biology, Memorial University, plus a pleasant disposition appreciated by all. **An impressive event:** "The 2006 wind that led to the removal of 14 logging trucks of logs and a 16 hour shut down the seawater system. Students and researchers trucked garbage cans of seawater during the shut-down." **The job's highlight:** "Working with **Dick Peter**." Cliff and **Linda's** retirement home, a Burlo Island home-stead, is paradise only to be vacated when the Mount Washington snows are powdery. Cliff, thank you for all those years of friendly service. L. Druehl **The Marine Station's 'go to' person, Shirley Pakula**, a Notre Dame, BC, graduate, came to Bamfield in 1976 to tutor **Don Amos**. Until 1987, when she became the Station's receptionist, she worked for **R. Saunders** and **G. Lindsay** (aquaculture) and with me on kelp cultivation. **Most impressed by:** "All the amazing people I have encountered at the Station. **Most trying episode:** "The untimely passing of **Dick Peter**." Shirley sees BMSC broadening in scope to meet future challenges. She likes hiking, boating and gardening, and would like to travel in retirement. Shirley and her partner, **Bob Baden**, live in eloquent seclusion in south Bamfield. Shirley, thank you for all the friendly help. *Excelsior!* L. Druehl

Forty years old and still growing. In those forty years BMSC has evolved from a research station with minimal facilities to a world class marine sciences center able to support modern physiological, ecological, genetic and molecular research. The Station has become the major employer in Bamfield as the community has transitioned from a commercial fisheries center to a Mecca for sports fishing. What has not changed is the enthusiasm and commitment of students, staff and researchers who come to study and learn in the varied marine ecosystems that comprise Barkley Sound. The future looks bright as BMSC embarks on its next forty years. **Barry McBride, President**, Western Canadian Univ. Marine Sciences Society

After hitting the beach and sinking very early morning, Aug 1st, a Mainship Pilot 30, the *Bootlegger* was raised by West Isle Marine Aug 13, with the assistance of John and Sheryl Mass. Due to a chart mix-up, the new owner thought he had sunk miles from civilization. Unaware he was only 300 meters from the Bamfield Coast Guard he spent the night on Bob and Rita McVie's beach, until his calls for help were heard. Marc Phillips, photos too



A very busy Summer at Bamfield CCG. Calls are up two fold over last season. Between July 15 and August 15, the station responded to approximately 30 search and rescue incidents, including the sinking of the 30 foot cruiser *Bootlegger* off Aguilar Pt, several offshore tows, a couple of missing persons searches and a surf landing on the West Coast Trail to assist a hiker having an allergic reaction to an insect bite.

Clay Evans

The Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre leads in Canadian marine biological research and instruction. Also, it is the mainstay of Bamfield's economy. Earlier, the marine station was advanced by villagers. **Peter Janitis** hosted university representatives when they "dropped in" for a site visit (other sites visited had been forewarned). Once Bamfield was selected, a non-resident local withdrew his bid for the Cable Station property (an intended trailer park). Many Bamfielders (**Frank Stuart, Ann MacDonald, Roald Ostrum, Ebba Jennings, Erma Cashin**, to name a few) supported the station by entertaining the NRC, the Science Council of Canada, and university administrators (home baking, fresh seafood, and country charm carried the day!). Later, University of Washington **Professor Audrey Gorman** of Rance Island ceased calling his fish lab the "Bamfield Marine Station." Also, in the early years **Joe Garcia** and **Sigard Tviet** made their boats the *Sonora II* and *Leik* available and with their spouses, **Pat** and **Valarie**, established scholarships. Today, researchers and students are welcomed into our homes and activities. Indeed, many residents were earlier station users, in other words they are we! L. Druehl

Catherine's Up Coming, September Events.

1st BMSC 40th Celebrations:BBQ 6pm
lectures and stuff 2:00 pm, The Bills 9pm
11th-Back to School BBQ 4:30pm
17th- Community Affairs 7:30pm
20th- Resume Writing workshop 7pm @
School.
24th Movie under the stars, school.
C. Thompson, Coordinator, BCSA

Bamfielders Score! On August 25, nearly 100 Bamfielders and friends enjoyed hamburgers (beef & veggie) & hotdogs (beef & veggie) & corn-on-the-cob. An auction, Bob Goodwin's 21st, of Native carvings, cinnamon twists, lavender scones, etc. raised \$5257 and raffles (\$, Hedy & Katharine's pottery, kids' fishing poles, etc.) \$478 for The Community Hall Society. A Great event, Company and Community Spirit. Our **Hallowed Hall** is closer! L. Druehl

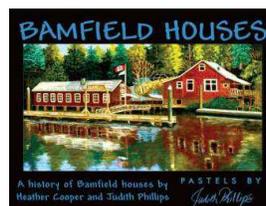
Cinematographers Alert! BCSA and 2 Royal Roads Univ. facilitators will help Bamfielders create 10 digital stories of West Coast life, October 1-5 (3 days of video production, 1 day training in digital storytelling equipment and software). If interested, send a paragraph expressing your interest to: C. Thompson: bsca.ct@gmail.com, 250-728-1220. This project is funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program. C. Thompson

The Bill's new album launch concert is on Sept.1 at the Rix Centre, 9 p.m. Check out **Hallowed Hall!** Our **Chris Frye**, and the band once beat out **Michael Buble** to claim the Western Canadian Music Award for Entertainer of the Year. **Advance tickets only (\$25 adults, \$15 children).** Contact: celebrate40@bms.bc.ca Hana Kurcera

Bamfield Houses, a review. An exploration of Bamfield's origins, illustrated with **Judith Phillip's** delightful pastels with historical notes by **Heather Cooper**. An attractive volume: a nice balance between whimsical art and often tongue-in-cheek script (it could benefit from photograph legends). Read *Houses* and recognize Bamfield's international origin and pioneering spirit. Envision Billy single-handedly jacking up his two-story **Fullerton House** above the boardwalk. Cringe at the thought of a flotilla of confiscated Japanese fishing boats near **Coho Lodge**. Understand the convoluted history of **The Jennings Place**. Celebrate the emotions of lovers, mourners, and players as they passed **Reed-Hollow** onto Bradys Beach. Wonder about the fishes in front of **The Lamb House**. Feel sad **Rance Island** was slighted: **Professor Audrey Gorman** (Pres. Zoological Society of America) operated the first Bamfield Marine Station at his Rance Island residence during the 1960's. This book is a must for friends of Bamfield, all of whom will be looking forward to the sequel.... Louis Druehl

Good O'! Days! On 21 August, Twenty-three Bamfielders, aged 7-75, with three dogs enjoyed the movie "**Up**" on the school lawn beneath the stars while being feasted on by various insects. It was fun; it was free! A long time ago, before satellite TV, when folk got together to celebrate Bamfield life, we'd watch movies on Wickham's lawn. Thank you **Catherine Thompson** & the Community School Assoc. L. Druehl

**To step in dog'spoo
Being good Luck,
Stroll on the boardwalk
And be happy for the rest of your life!
*Roseline's Lines***



Letters and comments are welcome. Submissions will be edited for clarity and taste, and should be brief. Classifieds should not exceed 15 words (no commercial ads). All submissions must have the author's name and telephone number. Submit to ldruehl@island.net. *The New Bamfielder* is a free paper but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl