

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

In Support of Anacla and Bamfield Youth

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**Brady Butler prepares to fire John Evan's famous cannon and herald in 2013, as his dad, Les, looks on. Marc Phillips, photo too.**

**Eric Geall, our Regional District representative**, is restructuring the Bamfield Parks Commission. Henceforth the commission would consist of the Regional Director, 3 District appointees, 2 members elected by Bamfielders and a Huu-ay-aht representative. The existing parks By-Law No. 416 states the commission will consist of the Regional Director, 2 District appointees and 2 members elected by the village. To achieve the restructuring, Eric sponsored motions at the January 9 District Board meeting (these are not clear from the minutes but District officers confirm motions removing 2 of the present park members and appointing 3 park members; the status of Huu-ah-aht representative is not clear). This action was not discussed at Community Affairs nor was the present park commission consulted. To conclude this project's objectives the present by-law must be amended. Considering Bamfield's diminished representation (from 40% to 29%) on its Parks Commission there should be wider discussion. Hopefully, this matter will be aired at the next Community Affairs meeting, 18 February, before the by-law is amended. Louis Druehl

**Thank you generous readers. The mentoring program for our school youth includes sewing (Sheryl Mass) & art (Roseline Fallecker).**

**BAMFIELD/ANACLA TSUNAMI FLOOD CHARTS: Brown-shaded areas are lower than 20 meters and will be flooded. See: TSUNAMI www.bamfielder.ca for details**



**Slipin-en-sliden.** At 12:58 a.m., 5 January, The North America Plate slid alongside of the Pacific Plate (it slides about 6 cm per year) creating a 7.5 earthquake. Unlike the 7.7, October earthquake, off Haida Gwaii, this movement was horizontal and not vertical (low tsunami potential). By 1:05 a.m. the Alaskan authorities had informed BC who used social media to inform hundreds of coastal correspondents at 1:15 a.m. **Larry Myres** posted in Bamfield Community Emergency Program, "Tsunami Advisory CANCELLED for our area at 2:19." It's nice there are folk out there watching out for us! L. Druehl

**A rare event!** The Vancouver Island Health Authority alerted Bamfielders to the closing of the Bamfield Health Centre from 9 am Wednesday, December 19 until 9 am Friday, December 21, December, 2012. For Bamfielders, living 80 dirt-road kilometers from medical attention, this is disturbing. According to **Kathryn Kilpatrick**, Manager of Rural Health/VIHA, this was due to a staffing shortage. Kilpatrick said she was loath to shut the centre; that she tried to find a relief nurse, and that she was aware of only two other such episodes since 2000. L. Druehl

**EDWARD (TED) NEEDHAM**

**November 19, 1930—January 4, 2013**



**Katherine Jennings** contemplates her father, Len's, grapes and possibly Bamfield's first **Ice Wine!** photo R. Hopkins

**Fishing News.** Salmon fishing has been hit and miss this winter with some great days. It will continue to get better. Prawn fishing is good throughout Barkley Sound and Alberni Canal. Spring fishing will be kicked off by the Sproat Lake Loggers Derby hosted at Poet Nook Marina, March 2 & 3. This 25th annual derby will be loaded with prizes and nearly 500 participants. Ken Bodaly, Rocky Point Charters

**New Directors.** Sunday, January 27, 26 Bamfielders oversaw the struggling Bamfield Harbour Authority rejuvenating its board: **Wendy Lukas, Rae Hopkins Eric Geall, Jeff Nish, Jerry Gassner.** Let's hope they can make a success of this opportunity.

**New Officers.** The super busy Bamfield Community School Association has a new slate of officers: **Charlie Clappis** (Chair), **Dave Riddel** (Vice Chair), **Bob Baden** (Treasurer), **Hana Kucera** (Secretary).

## **Classifieds**

**Garden plots available** in the West Park Community Garden (Andrea Butler, [250-728-1260](tel:250-728-1260), [andreabutler6@gmail.com](mailto:andreabutler6@gmail.com)) and in the Bamfield Community Garden (Hana Kucera, 250-728-3779, [kucera.hana@gmail.com](mailto:kucera.hana@gmail.com)).

**Singers wanted** 4:30 pm Tuesdays at the school.

**For sale** a 5600 W generator (in Bamfield), \$500. Call Rick 250-723-3450

**The Bamfield Huu-ay-aht Community Forest** Annual General Meeting will be held at the Bamfield Fire Hall on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 6 pm. Come out and find out what it's all about!  
Stefan Ochman

**Free smoke detectors**, ambitious training and scary expenses, and cooperation with Bamfield Emergency Program are described by Mark Kelly's "Fire Dept. Notes" in [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca).

**Story Telling.** In November and January, 9 community members took a digital storytelling workshop led by **Wendy Drummond** and **Keith Gallant**. It was an amazing experience... I enjoyed watching everyone work and learn together, and seeing the projects evolve into creative works of art. Thank you to everyone who took part. The videos will be shared at 2 community screenings in February. If you want to learn more or in finding out how you can share your story contact me: 728-1220, [bcsa.ct@gmail.com](mailto:bcsa.ct@gmail.com). Catherine Thompson

**Catherine's February Upcoming Events:**

- 4<sup>th</sup>- Computer Class: Microsoft Office, 5-6pm @ School
  - 7<sup>th</sup>- OCP Open House 3-7pm @ School. Liquid Waste Public Management Meeting, 7pm
  - 11<sup>th</sup>- Social Media Computer workshop, 5-6 pm, School
  - 13<sup>th</sup>- Community Lunch @ School. All You Can Eat Pancakes noon \$5
  - 18<sup>th</sup>- Community Affairs @ School 7:30pm
  - 19<sup>th</sup>- Community Screening of Digital Stories @ School, 7pm
  - 21<sup>st</sup>- Community Screening of Digital Stories @ Soaring Eagle, 7pm
  - 21<sup>st</sup> - Community Forest AGM, Fire Hall, 6 pm.
- Catherine Thompson, BCSEA program coordinator

**Bamfield's Christmas Bird Count** had good human participation this year with 17 observers. All together, they counted 2159 individual birds and identified 61 different species. Although there were no official high counts this year, Black Oystercatcher abundance was close to a record with 64 individuals and 60 Bald Eagles were spotted. Trumpeter Swan numbers were low this year with only eleven counted. There will be a few, local, fun birding events throughout 2013. If you want to join and increase your birding skills: contact **Anne Stewart**, 250-728-3469, [keehaconstruction@gmail.com](mailto:keehaconstruction@gmail.com).

**Historical Society** needs a logo! Submit your drawings by February 28th and you could win a digital camera. Submissions to Bamfield Community School Association, the Post Office or [bcsa.ct@gmail.com](mailto:bcsa.ct@gmail.com). Bamfield Historical Society

**"Have just been advised that Jake has been found and is OK!" 8:44am Jan 15. Larry Myres, Bamfield Emergency Program.**

**Bamfield Search & Rescue.** Port Alberni SAR will run a Ground SAR orientation/training course in Bamfield. The training will give the basics of SAR. The training would take place 2 weekends in April, dates to be determined. My hope is that the basic training will be combined with local knowledge to form a Bamfield first response team. If you are interested contact me at 728-1220 or 3800, [bcsa.ct@gmail.com](mailto:bcsa.ct@gmail.com). Catherine Thompson



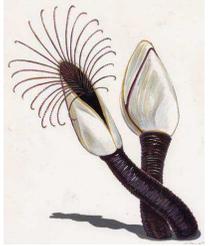
**Dear Bamfielders**, four years ago Bamfield got a waste/recycling station. Since then many improvements have been made, and we can enjoy a functional, user friendly transfer station. These include: extending the ramp, several modifications to the garbage bins, signage, and of course the **New Re-use Shed**. We requested **Raynor and Bracht** to make modifications to the garbage bins to make them more user-friendly. Please take note of the long horizontal bar which closes all lids at once when done. The control arm is on the side of the bin as you approach it. There are also individual bars to prop up each lid separately. The recycling bins can be accessed from both sides and since we have more cardboard than paper in our community, feel free to put cardboard and paper together. Please take note of all **SIGNS** that are posted. We appreciate your co-operation. Call us if you have any questions. **Suzanne Rompre**, Waste/Recycling Contractor, 250-728-3363



Recycle Depot  
photos Rae Hopkins



**Japanese flotsam in Scott's Bay!!!!** A fair damsel - or at least her head - was spotted in Scott's Bay, December 27. She has a serene look about her with an air of faint surprise. Her hair is long gone, but she is developing a fine crop of pelagic Gooseneck Barnacles. **More About Pelagic Barnacles:** Pelagic Gooseneck Barnacles (*Lepas anatifera*) attach with a flexible stalk, up to 90 cm long. Like all barnacles, it uses its fringed leg segments to sweep food into its mouth. The heart-shaped shells can get up to 5 cm long. Each individual is hermaphroditic so in addition to female genitalia each sports a "large protrusible penis" (thus states the U. of Michigan website). This is a common feature of barnacles, who are handicapped in their amorous adventures by being sessile, ie stuck in one place.  
**Heather Washburn**, photo too.



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](mailto: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