

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

In Support of Anacla and Bamfield Youth

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**Rick Deveson**, a new member of the Community Hall Society, of Port Desire, coached **Steve Nash**...in soccer! Know your neighbour; read *The New Bamfielder*. L. Druehl

**Dilemma.** At the February Community Affairs meeting ([www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca), Community Affairs for minutes), attended by 35 Bamfielders, **Eric Geall**, our Regional Director was asked to recommend to the Regional Board that the Bamfield Park Commission be elected by Bamfielders, with the exception of the Bamfield Regional Director, who would be without a vote. This is a reversal of the District's proposal that the commission be composed of three members appointed by the District, the Regional Director, two members be elected by the village, and possibly a Huu-ay-aht representative. Eric stated that he would pass on this request but he would not support it. Which raises the question: Does Eric represent the community or the district? L. Druehl

**Ouch!** Bamfield Community School Association takes a big hit. Over the past few years our funding from **Decoda Literacy** (a Provincial Literacy Organization) has been reduced from \$20,000 to \$0! In part, this reduction results from our lack of viable business relationships with their matching funds. The School Association is seeking alternative funding. L. Druehl

THE NEW BAMFIELDER HAD  
1047 ONLINE HITS IN  
FEBRUARY!!!

**"An aggressive plan is required** to save the Anacla/Bamfield Community Forest," said past chair, **Ben Bozak**. To drive the recreational and educational objectives, and to preserve Anacla/Bamfield control, logging is required, otherwise the lease will fall to other operators, who may use more severe methods and harvest sensitive areas. The community forest is zoned, defining areas to be logged, and areas for recreation, etc. (maps are available at Bamfield Builders). A new board is being created. The public is welcome to all meetings. L. Druehl



**THE HEART & SPIRIT OF BAMFIELD/ANACLA REVEALED.** 85 Anacla/Bamfield residents sobbed, gasped and wiped tears, watching home spun videos: The Drive, **R. Demontigny**; Basket Weaving, **C. Clappis**; The Germanis, **R. Hopkins & L. Druehl**; Centennial Park, **E. Scott**; M. Newfield, **C. Thompson**; Jim Moncur, **H. Cooper**; Pulling together, **A. Stewart**; Community Hall Society, **J. Richardson**; Memories of Bamfield, **S. Clarke**. This is a must see video for those who lay claim to Bamfield/Anacla. Copies will be available (C. Thompson, 728-1220, [bcsa.ct@gmail.com](mailto:bcsa.ct@gmail.com)).

Visit [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for Youtube websites. Photo by **Marc Phillips**.

**Idle No More** is dedicated to improving the lives of First Nations everywhere and we support those aims. However, the **Huu-ay-aht First Nations** does not support the blockading of roads or the disruption of local economies and feel that these actions hurt the overall perception of First Nations. Instead, we support the Assembly of First Nations as an open channel to the Federal Government and our confidence in **Shawn Atleo** as the National Chief. The Maa-nulth treaty grants the HFN ownership of land; access to and control of resources and strong powers of self-government. We have more tools to improve the lives of our citizens now than under any kind of federal oversight arrangement. HFN urges all Members of Parliament to push for meaningful communications with First Nations at all levels. For further information please contact Jeff Cook 250.723.0100 Ext. 234. [Jeff.c@huuayaht.org](mailto:Jeff.c@huuayaht.org) (abstracted release, for full statement [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca), Idle No More).

**Fleming Island Probed.** **Morgan Kennah**, Manager, Sustainable Timberlands and Community Affairs, stated: "I can share with you that Island Timberlands owns private land managed for forestry on Fleming Island. We have recently completed some field-based reconnaissance work of the area."



This handsome bit of rope work on the new Coast Guard building was done by **Gary Deis**, alternate Officer-in-Charge, Bamfield Coast Guard. And, below, goodbye old boat house. photos Marc Phillips

...and out with the old!



**Historical Society** still needs a logo! Submit your drawings by March 31 and you could win a **digital camera**. Submissions to Bamfield Community School Association, Bamfield Post Office or [bcsa.ct@gmail.com](mailto:bcsa.ct@gmail.com).

### **Thank you**

**Chris McInerney** for collecting the garbage littering our road sides.

**One Bamfielder** expressed interest in *Wicca*. Any others? Reply post office.

**Alders Harvested** in Centennial Park. **Malcolm Richards & Eric Kristjan** clean alder debris in park. Presently, Eric is responsible for park maintenance and collecting fees. The park will be looking for help with a general spring cleaning. L. Druehl, photo Jane Morrison

**Brunhilde & Rudolph** are "totally overwhelmed and deeply touched by the sympathy and support that Bamfielders and others have given them. Thanks for being on our side in so many creative ways while we are on our healing path." ([www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca), Brunhilde for full letter.)

### **Our Backbone!**

The School Association, with the Bamfield Historical Society, presents **Women of Bamfield**, a history of the women who have helped shaped our community. The exhibit will be updated periodically, so if you have photos or stories to contribute, contact **C. Thompson** 250-728-1220 or **H. Cooper** 250-728-3143 for updates to this site. Visit [www.virtualmuseum.ca](http://www.virtualmuseum.ca) and search *Women of Bamfield*. Heather Cooper



### **A RARE SIGHTING AT THE MARINE STATION.**

February 19th, courtesy of West Jet, **Lisa Venoit**, a Marine Field Skills student, flew into Victoria from Alberta and was delayed by an hour and 45 min, causing her to miss the bus to the Marine Station. West Jet offered to arrange alternate transport and foot the bill. When they were unable to charter a float plane they called a Victoria taxi company. The meter read over \$743.00! Siobhan R. Gray

**WHERE'S THE FLOTSAM?** Two years later, the promised post-Tsunami wall of garbage has not arrived in any meaningful way. But it's coming. A West Coast Helicopters pilot describes colossal debris on northwest island beaches. To-fino received garbage last winter, but apparently little since. Ocean Networks is promoting "Coastbuster" for android-type phones so beachcombers can submit information to help governments plan for cleanup and pest avoidance. Local tour operator **John Mass** shakes his head however and opines that with all the stuff spiralling around in the Pacific Ocean and coming to shore after storms, the post-Tsunami bulge will be lost in the noise. Heather Washburn

### **HUMMINGBIRDS EARLIER THIS YEAR THAN LAST.**

Media reports of extremely early arrivals of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds in eastern US give rise to concerns about rising temperatures down south and lack of food for early comers. Meanwhile our local Rufous Hummingbird, now arriving mid-February, will snack happily on bugs until the salmonberry flowers bloom. When chilled, Rufouses enter a mini-sleep to conserve body warmth. Rufouses are expanding north and east and giving the Ruby-Throated concern. The dance of Nature goes on. Heather Washburn

**The 3rd Annual Short Story & Poetry Competition has begun!** This year's theme: "**A New Beginning**," youth and adult categories. Enter to win great prizes and share your story at **Oysters, Authors & Ale** in the fall. Please send entries to [bcsa.ct@gmail.com](mailto:bcsa.ct@gmail.com) or drop them off at the BCSA office. C. Thompson

**Seventeen Bamfielders** advanced the Bamfield Official Community Plan (OCP, defines zoning, local government, regulatory by-laws) at a 7 February open house. **Alex Dyer** and **Charity Hallberg Dodds** (Regional District Planners) presented the OCP. Once the OPC is adjusted to reflect recent input, it will be reviewed by the Bamfield APC, then, after first reading by the district and review by various government agencies, on to a public hearing, and provincial government approval. The final step is a by-law vote by the Regional District Board. L. Druehl



### **Catherine's March Events.**

- 5th- BCSA Cooking class, Firehall 5:45pm. RSVP in advance \$5/person.
  - 6th- Art & Games Evening, School 4:30pm
  - 7th- 1st Meeting of Toast Masters. School, 7pm
  - 8th- PALS Preschool Day, School 10am
  - 11th Media Computer Class, School 5pm
  - 13th- Community Lunch, noon, \$5
  - 18th- Community Affairs, 7:30, School
  - 21st- BCSA Spring Break Camp @ Paawats, 1-3pm
  - 25th- Computer Class @ School, 5pm
  - 26th- Toast Masters workshop @ School, 4:30pm
  - 31st- Easter
- Catherine Thompson, Community School Coordinator

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