

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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“Okay, Troops,” says **Suzanne Jennings**, as she dispatches 32 Munchkins in search of Easter Eggs. Good Show **Hall Society**, another Bamfield memorable event! L. Druehl, photo, Jennifer Druehl

Trollers’ Demise! Dan Edwards, Ucluelet, decries the Government of Canada “giving away the lion’s share of Chinook and coho, two species targeted by Pacific trollers, to sports fishermen. This was not a conservation move, most of the fish are American bound hatchery fish and their catch is part of the equity agreement between the U.S. and Canada. The government was advised to compensate the trollers; advise the government choose to ignore.” Abstracted from a letter submitted by **Dolores** and **Bob Bowker**. (For full text go to www.bamfielder.ca, Trollers Demise.)

Pat Byres in front of his store, Bamfield General Store. Photo, H. Washburn



The People Were Heard! BC’s Decoda Literacy decision not to fund Bamfield Community School Assoc. has been reversed from \$0 to \$8000. Well done letter writers. L. Druehl

Bamfield Community Hall AGM
Sunday, May 19, 10 a.m.
Fire Hall.
Memberships available.
Agenda: Recap of progress, Election of Board Members.
Nominations in advance: contact Linda Myres.
Nominations accepted from the floor. Help us build our new hall. Michelle van Boven

Pat Byres (March 8, 1963-April 30, 2013).
Lorrie, Ruby, General Store, Scotch Club Nights and Poker,
The Boardwalk—friends with beers watching the world go by—A New Home in the Woods, Chamber of Commerce, Golf, NY Nights and Mexican beaches.
Pat, Rest In Peace.

The Bamfield Parks Committee welcomes **Brenda Spivey**, our first Centennial Park Manger. Eileen Scott

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Huu-ay-aht purchase the Tides and Trails Market and Café. “...a unique opportunity to revitalize the area and support our citizen needs for training and employment,” says Chief Councillor, **Jeff Cook**. “The purchase...is a first step towards the diversified economy we envision,” says **John Jack**, Chair of the Nations’ Economic Development Committee. “Huu-ay-aht aims to integrate the Nations’ business interests in the larger business community of Anacla and Bamfield,” says **Stan Coleman**, Chief Executive Officer managing the Huu-ay-aht group of businesses. Visit the HFN Market and Café...Grand Opening coming! *HFN news release.* Go to www.bamfielder.ca for full text.



On 16 April, Tides & Trails sold to the Huu-ay-aht. Twenty-two years ago, **Ralf Weber** and **Peter Brown**, while fishing out of Seabeam, discovered business opportunities in Bamfield: Peter, Kingfisher and Ralf, T & T. When Ralf told **Rita** about T & T, she replied, “Are you _____ crazy?” They ran the café and leased the store to the **Mathers**. This didn’t work out and the Mathers moved

across the street and set up Kamshee Store. Ralf had to adjust to working with women (he had run a construction company for 40 years, dealing with rough labourers). Often they felt they were a school for Huu-ay-aht youths: “We’d just get someone trained and off they’d go to work elsewhere.” Ralf and Rita stayed close to home. Rita’s only west side excursion was a visit to the Red Cross Outpost. “I never walked on Bradys Beach,” said Rita, whose fondest Bamfield memories were watching Bamfield kids grow up. Ralf, who was active in the Chamber of Commerce for 10 years, noted, “I’ve never met **Pat [Byres]**. Never felt we were in competition...seeing Bamfielders in Costco seemed strange.” Rita, T & T baker extraordinaire, learned her craft in nursing school in Germany. They were quiet contributors, giving where they saw need. Their promotion of *The New Bamfielder* has raised significant funds for our youth programs. They are fond of Bamfield and thank their customers. They do worry. “Who will **Roger [Demontigny]** take coffee with?” asked Ralf. The Webers will retire to their Qualicum home, travel some, garden some and maybe Ralf will go fishing again. What do you think, Rita? Thank you Rita and Ralf! And Auf Wiedersehen! L. Druehl

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN; THINGS ARE GOING MISSING. REPORT ALL THEFTS TO THE RCMP!

Park fairies strike again. Three Double Japanese flowering Cherry trees (*Prunus shirofugen*) and a Paper Bark Maple (*Acer griseum*) have been planted between the Gazebos and the Bamfield Memorial Pavilion. One noted authority said, "If you plant one tree, plant the Paper Bark Maple. This tree has brilliant autumn colour, a silvery bark and grows to a reasonable size. The trees were donated by **Jane Morrison** and planted with the help of **Suzanne and Katherine Jennings**. The wire cages were fashioned from **Len Jennings's** combination wire. L. Druehl

Perpetual motion in Centennial Park. **Riley Logan** and **Andy Bowker**, supported by mum **Ali**, wheel about the Smiley Rink aboard two of the four PlasmaCars recently purchased by the park, with **Rob Bowker** biking in the background. These cars and other "toys" will be housed in Centennial park for general public use. L. Druehl, photo below left, Jane Morrison



A Jumping Good Time! April 8th was a fun day for 14 preschoolers and 11 parents. Every year School District 70 has run a "Here we come" event in Bamfield; this year SD 70 bussed us to Port, provided us pizza lunch, a visit to the Port Alberni Gymnastics Club and then activities at Maquinna Elementary School. I think the adults had as much fun as the kids in the Gymnastics Club... we may even have some future Olympians! Next, to cool down, the children listened to stories and played with puppets provided by **Maggie** from the Alberni Library. At school we had the "Here we come" event. Health professionals provided information on topics such as : speech, hearing, eye sight and dental health. The kids got to visit a kindergarten room. Thank you, **Catherine Thompson** for organizing transportation and to SD 70 for pizza, gym, and everything. Ali Bowker and photo above, right.



Easter at the House of Huu-ay-aht. E. Bunny instructs kids on fine art of egg finding and **Charlie Clappis** (L) and **Conrad Young** demonstrate egg transport. Photos R Hopkins



Born April 1 to Jon & Cathy Harris two little HARRISES! **Rhian Grace Harris** at just shy of 7 lbs and **Nolan Scott Harris** at 7.1 pounds. Both are healthy and the new parents are thrilled and sleep deprived. Jon and Cathy are now living in Port Alberni. Heather Washburn

Number Please. The continuing saga of Bamfield telecommunications by **Suzanne Jennings**. "In our 'old' house, along the path from Ostrom's shop, the kitchen was a long narrow room that opened from an outside porch. Behind the kitchen door was the telephone located high up on the wall. It was a long rectangular brown wooden box that had a black speaker sticking out of the centre and a hook and black ear receiver that hung on a metal holder on the side. There must have been a crank handle on the other side. I can't remember that part. I do remember that I had to drag a chair over from the table and climb up on it to be tall enough to speak into the speaker. Calls didn't come very frequently. Apparently I answered a long distance call from Port Alberni once that luckily happened to be my mum.

"When you traveled by boat to Port Alberni, Grappler Creek or along the trail from the Cable Station to Pachena lighthouse or from the Lifeboat Station to Cape Beale you saw (can still see) the poles strung with telephone wire and insulators. That was the, new for the time, revolutionary system of communication maintained by linemen. Bamfield had a series of linemen who lived in the village and worked in the canal and walked along the lighthouse trails maintaining and repairing the telephone lines. The lineman's cabin at Connor Creek at the end of Pachena beach was one of several the men could use when out repairing a downed line along the west coast trail." **To be continued!!!**

The Conservative Voice: "I've been a long term advocate of those battered by bureaucracy and I believe the Government's job is to provide essential services; that MLAs must actively listen, be responsive and accountable to the people. Because of that, I determined the BC Conservatives to have the best policies to make serious changes. I am determined to fight to remake Government into a service oriented organization, rather than a self serving, rules oriented, reckless spending machine." **Enid Mary Sangster-Kelly**, BC Conservative Candidate, Alberni-Pacific Rim (The only response from 4 major Provincial parties. Thank you, Enid!)

Marine First Aid course May 4th & 5th at the BMSC. Contact Alberni First Aid ph: 250-723-0974

Catherine's Coming May Events.

- 4th- Aguilar Pig Roast and Fundraiser for our School.
- 7th- PALS Preschool session, 4:30pm, School, RSVP.
- 11th- EPP Evacuation Drill 2 pm and Dinner, Contact Linda Myres.
- 14th **Final Day to RSVP for the June Student Camping Trip.** Bring in forms or call Catherine.
- 14th- SD 70 Public Meeting 6:30pm at the School.
- 19th- Community Hall Soc. & AGM, Firehall, 10 am.
- 21st- Community Affairs & AGM, 7:30pm @ School,
- 25th - Grand Fundraiser for the student camping trip. Noon-2pm, School.
- 28th - PALS session and Celebration. 4:30pm @ School. C. Thompson, Coordinator, Community School Ass.

Comments are welcome. Submissions will be edited for clarity and should be brief. All submissions must have the author's name. Submit to ldruehl@island.net. *The New Bamfielder* is free but we encourage readers contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. L. Druehl