

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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**ReGifted in a Big Way!** The *Genevieve* is **Mike Germani's** latest project. Shallow-drafted for river navigation (16 foot long, 5 foot wide), she was constructed in '42 in Trail, BC, from aircraft aluminum and wing struts, all held together with nuts and bolts. **George S. Stevens**, the builder willed her to **Ted Konings'** sister, who had taken care of the builder. Later sis gave the boat to Ted who gave the *Genevieve* to **Rose Janelle** when she married **Donny Noade**. Fifteen years later Rose gave the boat to Mike who re-powered and refurbished her. Now the *Genevieve* is a Bamfield boat, at least until Mike gives her away.  
*Rose Janelle*



Mark Stokes (L), Nick and Mike Germani inspect freshly launched ( March 2013) *Genevieve*. photo. *L. Druehl*



**Six Bamfielders** attacked our pesty Scotch Broom during the peak season (Apr.-May). Join us next year. *G. Hawkins / J. Morrison* (see [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca), Broom)

**Roseline's Riddles.**

Who is:

1. Bamfield's King of Laughter?
2. Moustache and Camera?
3. Class and Canon?
4. A flower with Smiles?
5. All of Nature in a Family?
6. Beer & Cap?

Answers below

*1. Ken Skarland. 2. Marc Phillips. 3. John Evans. 4. Rose Janelle. 5. Butlers. 6. Pat's store*

**Pat Byres Celebrated.**

The Forth Annual Aquilar Open House Potluck & Pig Roast, held on 4 May, raised \$3300 in Pat's memory for the West Park. Pat was a strong and pioneering supporter of this park. A great party was had by all. Music by **Lance Lapointe's** band. Missing pieces of clothing may be picked up from Aquilar House. Thank you everyone for your contributions, your potluck offerings, your dancing and celebrating, and your help cleaning up.  
*Emily Wenstob*

**60 Bamfielders Survive Tsunami!**

Successful Tsunami Warning Exercise during Emergency Preparedness Week with approximately 60 people participating. *Community Emergency Program.*

**The Bamfield Community School and SD 70**

support the Emergency Preparedness Program and all of their efforts. If any community members or groups need to use the Community School facilities please do not hesitate to contact the School or the Bamfield Community School Association, as much advance notice as possible is appreciated.  
**BCS and BCSA**

**Biofuel!** One of many waste-wood teepees along Bamfield Road. Wasted job opportunities? Wasted carbon credits? photo *L. Druehl*.



**Gastronomics Anyone?** In April, the BCSA held its second cooking class: East Indian cuisine. We made butter chicken, aloo gobi, mango mousse and gulab jamun and then we all sat down and enjoyed a meal together. A great time was had by all and we have started brain storming ideas for the next one. Beware, there was a waiting list. Thank you BVFD for use of the Firehall kitchen.  
*Catherine Thompson*, photo, too.



**Hall's 60th AGM!** 23 members voted in Rose Janelle (pres.), Susan Evans (treas.), Megan Geall (commun.), Louis Druehl (v.p.), Jean Richardson (sec.), Suzanne Jennings, Wendy Lucas, Brenda Spivey, Heather Alexander, Brian MacKay, and Rae Hopkins as members-at-large. *Louis Druehl*



**Fishes out of Water.**

The Bamfield Art Council is pleased to have the return of 4 aluminum fish from the sea. On Sat April 27th the tides cooperated with the rescue efforts to relocate the fish to a more secure piling. *Andrea Butler*, photo too. Note the lovely Giant Kelp. *Ed*.

**120 Bamfield residents/property owners** support the Community Hall Society's petition to the Regional District to access 2 acres (8% of the total park) of Centennial Park for a hall. Mike Erg, ACRD will advance the petition to the Provincial Government. *L. Druehl*

**"Our Green is Blue,"**

is the video that earned The Bamfield Community School Honourable Mention in the BC Green Games (132 entrants!). Go to [www.bccgames.ca](http://www.bccgames.ca) to view the kids' video. *Ed*

**YOUR OPINION COULD BE HERE. SPEAK OUT!**

**Travels with Rae!** Recently on a brief get-away to Port Alberni my family and I enjoyed an overnight stay at the **Hospitality Inn**, which welcomes dogs and has a year-round salt water pool and hot tub. We took in the double feature movie at the quaint and cool **Paramount Theatre** playing recent releases [\$6.50 seniors]. We discovered good food, friendly service and very clean atmosphere at the **Cypress Restaurant** and **Rim Rock Brew Pub** at the Rim Rock Gaming Centre. Breakfast at **Pescadores Bistro** was also pleasant with traditional fare and delicious surprises like black beans and quinoa served with a smile by very friendly people. For a pizza fix we found that the **Pizza Factory** (formerly Harbor Pizza) has moved to Roger Street still run by the efficient and cheerful people from Argyle Street location – they have great pizza! It was a fun, relaxing time, only 80 dusty kilometers away, and no ferries. *Rae Hopkins*

**Number Please.** The second installment in **Suzanne Jennings'** Bamfield Communications exposé. "When we moved across the bridge to our new house there was another telephone. It sat in the hallway and was a 'new' style...black, with a black receiver and a crank and a party line. Our number was 20Y. That meant you answered the phone when it rang--a long and 2 shorts. We could ring people on your line (**Phillips, Yorks, Skogmans** etc.) but needed to ring one long to get the operator to connect you to people not on your line. (Can you remember your ring?)

"The Operator, as I remember, was in the same room as the Post Office and was an exchange. You rang up, operator said, 'number please'. And you said, '16R' and the operator connected you and rang their code ring. Of course, being a party line, you could pick up the receiver and hear someone talking and if they were talking a long time you picked it up lots so they could hear the interrupting 'click'. Or, you could listen in to conversations not for you!

"I remember being fascinated watching the operator plug wires from one numbered hole in the exchange to the other. The telephone exchange was owned by BC Telephone and when the Customs Building was closed it moved to the Post Office at the end of the house on the boardwalk next to **Gwyer's** store where it is now. **Mrs. Stuart** was in charge, as she had been in the federal building, and she worked the exchange with a series of employees. I remember **Sis Lamb, Mary Rock, Frances Stuart,** and more people asking, 'Number please'." **To be continued!!!**

**Prolonged eye contact, prolonged curiosity.** Add the muffled sound of your own heart beat and the exhale of air through water. The relative weightlessness of neutral buoyancy, the metallic shimmer of a silver seal's fur and immense round eyes. It circled, swam overhead, disappeared in the kelp forest and reappeared directly in front of me several times. This one really looked. It stayed in prolonged eye contact, gave me some head nods; I couldn't help but smile. Each time my exhale interrupted our interaction; not always causing it to swim off, but definitely an interruption. Thank you seal and thank you to the creatures/seafood that gave their life to our appetites that night. Feeling grateful and aware. And dinner wasn't bad either. *Siobhan R. Gray*

**Squeaky Wheels get the Grease!** The Port Alberni Telus office feels little urgency when the phone problem is in Bamfield. In January 2013, Roseline and Jean-Luc Fallecker's phone died and they were promised service in two months. When repairmen arrived in only a month the Falleckers were actually grateful. In March, Cliff and Linda Haylock needed service restored and were given a date a month hence. Cliff arranged for the men to come across by water taxi, but nobody showed. Telus set a new date for mid-July so the Haylocks complained loudly to Crisis Management. Service supplied - the following week. *Heather Washburn*



**Betty Stuart** manned the Bamfield telephone switchboard during the 1964 tsunami crises. *Bamfield Archives.*

**Thank you for your efforts in the Centennial Park workbee:** Jane Morrison, Andrea & Brady Butler, Brenda Spivey, John Richards, Hana Sr. & Hana Jr. Kucera, Kelly Clement, Ali & Robbie Bowker (**yes, Robbie and Brady hauled brush!**), Steve Clarke, Rick Sweeting, Catherine Thompson, Jim Spencer, Steve, Paul, & Roger Demontigny, Syd & LaRae Baker, Malcolm Richards, Phil Roberge & his **Bob Cat**, JP Hastey, Louis & Rae Druehl. And thank you Canadian Kelp for the refreshments and the gods of rain for good weather!. *Eileen Scott, photo Jane Morrison*



**Catherine's June Events**

- 1<sup>st</sup> BCSA Photo Contest begins.
  - Deadline for entries July 19th.
  - 7th-9th- Student Camping Trip
  - 17<sup>th</sup> Community Affairs, School, 7:30
  - 21st- Aboriginal Day. Active Living Society Walk/Run and BBQ @ Pachena.
  - 22nd- Strawberry Tea, Centennial Park
  - 25th- Sports Day and BBQ @ the School
  - 27th- School Year End Assembly
- Catherine Thompson, Coordinator, BC*

**Mark Mafti and Mateusz Walcрус (below)** welcome the new year by surfing on Pachena beach. photo *Marc Phillips*



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