

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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Above: Gordy Hawkins takes off as umpire Steve Keleny and catcher Bryce look on. Below: Regional Director, Eric Geall, shows surprising agility, sprinting to first base. photos Rae Hopkins

Batter up! July 1st saw a round-robin of baseball at the Bamfield Community School. Three teams enjoyed the jeers and hurrahs of an enthusiastic crowd. Gordy Hawkins, the event's organizer, served up some pretty fast slow pitches, particularly when facing his son, Clayton. Scores according to Gayle Hawkins: Killer Whales (14) vs Coho (13), Coho (26) vs #3 (9), Coho (17) vs Killer Whales (11). Erin Dyck was the star (she is practically a pro). Eric Clelland, the hero, who suffered being run over and having his watch band smashed into his wrist. And in everyone's opinion, this was a grand event, one that should be repeated. L. Druehl

Bamfield Loses! For the first time in 3 years the Bamfield road failed to make the BCAA's list of top 10 worst BC roads. Jane Morrison

School Bus Finished. After turning over 372,000 km, the Bamfield School bus is retired. Steve Demontigny, who drove the bus part-time starting in 1986 and fulltime since 2004, will miss the kids, who are fond of him. He was famous for stopping for, and explaining wild-life. Steve received an Association for Community Education in British Columbia award for his many contributions to our school. Congratulations and Thank you, Steve. L. Druehl



photo Meaghan Lynch

BEWARE! BAMFIELD BACK-YARD BURNING BYLAW ENFORCED! see www.bamfielder.ca bylaw



Our Loss! Ali, Jim, Andy, and Robbie Bowker are moving to Nanaimo, looking for employment. L. Druehl

Andy Thomas, always helpful, we will miss you. R.I.P.

Catherine's August Events

3-5th Bamfield Fire Dept Salmon Derby
5th- Two Step Dance 7pm @ School*
12th- Yolates 7pm @ School
13th-15th- Kids Dance Camp @ School
13th- Salsa Dance Class 7pm @ School
14th - Salsa Dance Class 7pm @School
15th- Outdoor Movie- Vancouver Island Screening of "BlackFish"
19th- West Coast Swing @ 7pm. & following, Yolates @ 8:15pm. School
20th- Canning Workshop. TBA
24th- Hall Harvest Auction & Dinner @ BVFD
25th- Jennings Pottery Sale
26th- Dance Class, 7pm. Dance Party, 8pm
31st- CAP site no longer open on Saturdays
*\$5 Suggested donation for dance classes.
Catherine Thompson, Coordinator BCSA



244 hotdogs and 4 tubs of sliced watermelon fed Bamfielders and their guests as they celebrated Canada Day in Centennial Park. James Lunney, MP, provided flags and pins, and Eileen Scott led the singing, and Linda Myres marshaled the parade. Highlight: Clara Clappis saying, "I always wanted to sing O'Canada here." www.bamfielder.ca to see Joerg Walter Rosenthal's colourful video of the parade and a blow-up of M. Phillips' collage, above. L. Druehl



Clara by R. Hopkins



Roseline's photo

Number please. The fourth and final installment of **Suzanne Jennings' Bamfield telephone exposé:** Our new dial phone sat in the same spot on the hallway wall and everybody's number started with 728-33 and then your personal number. So, we soon found out that you could do the shortcut and dial 3 for the 728 part and then 33 and the personal number. This system of dial phones lasted for years and connected the whole Creek. There was easy communication and in the event of an emergency, everyone could quickly be informed. Of course, electronics changed fast and furious in the next years. BC Tel men changed, retired and moved on. The local BC Tel trailer of equipment in the village and on Mt. Blenheim became less effective and then redundant. Push button phones replaced dials. Microwave, satellites, fiber optics and cell phones have replaced the old battery and one long and two shorts. Now, the new question is, 'Where can I get cell phone service? My phone won't work! Soon another change in communication is sure to come along. But what works when the power goes out? The old dial phone—still sitting on our hallway wall and a curiosity to those who walk in the door. Does that old thing work? Yup. And then it gets used—just for fun. Thanks for reading my tale, *Suzanne Jennings.* (See www.bamfielder.ca for **Roger Demonigny's** video on his Mount Blenheim telephone experiences. Ed.)



Suzanne Jennings dials out. *Dial, v. a rotary finger action associated with a wheel of numbers.* photo L. Druehl

Community Affairs Grants-in-aid have sponsored the Community Hall Soc. (\$6000) boat floats; Bamfield School (\$475) summer youth program; Bamfield Beautification (\$300) flower boxes; Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department (\$2000) fireworks, Bamfield Community School (\$3976) playground equipment; Memorial Tree Society (\$5000) building materials. These grants are decided by vote at Bamfield Community Affairs meetings. Presently, the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department has a \$2000 grant application for fireworks up for consideration. The monies, \$10,000 for 2013, are derived from property taxes. *L. Druehl*

\$ Well Spent! A Bamfield Community Affairs' grant-in-aid to The Bamfield Community School Association for \$3976, matched by School District 70, provided for the purchase and installation of new playground equipment. The Huu-ay-aht First Nation donated playground quality gravel (\$3600). This equipment gets frequent and joyous use. Come to Community Affairs meetings and help shape Bamfield's future. *L. Druehl*



photo R. Hopkins



Eileen Scott (L) and Nancy Hendry open the Memorial Pavilion. photo *Marc Phillips*

Lest We Forget. Bamfield's Memorial Tree Pavilion opened on Saturday June 22nd, 2013, the break in the first summer rains brought men and women out in straws hats and boaters to the Strawberry Tea and Bake Sale in Bamfield's Centennial Park. This year's tea was hosted by the Memorial Tree Committee to celebrate the grand opening of the Memorial Tree Pavilion. **Louis Druehl** and **Eric Hopkins** designed the pavilion, and **Steve Clarke** oversaw the project. The Memorial Tree Committee is indebted to everyone involved. The funding from a Community Affairs Grant-in-Aid, matched by the Centennial Park Board made this project a reality. Anyone interested in adding a "leaf" to the Memorial Tree to remember a Bamfielder who has passed is encouraged to contact **Nancy Hendry** (250-728-3119). The committee is looking to expand its membership. Remembrance is a form of Meeting. *N. Hendry.* www.bamfielder.ca for a full description of the Pavilion's origin and the 1996 origin of the Memorial Tree.



Bamfield Centennial Pavilion Opening
photo M. 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. *The New Bamfielder* is a free paper but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. *Louis Druehl*