

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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Truth and Reconciliation. I attended the closing ceremonies of the TRC events in support of my Uncle **Wilfred Dennis** who attended the residential school in Port Alberni. Being among all the survivors and talking with them hearing their stories, the entire room was filled with emotions, myself included being the daughter of a survivor, I very much grew up with the after effects of the residential school. In the end of the ceremonies I looked around and seen a huge burden lifted off so many, People felt heard, loved and empowered to not look back but move forward on a healing journey to a brighter future for all people in our beautiful country. As I walked with My uncle he said he felt lighter, and no longer afraid to tell his story, he felt good inside and is ready to make the change in his life so he can be proud of himself and lead a healthier lifestyle. I attach a photo which reminds me that the "Rays of sunshine is Naas (Creator) reaching down to bless all survivors and supporters in the room." Chuu, kleco kleco, *Maggie Peters* (www.bamfielder.ca for Maggie's full statement and notes by Chief Councillor **Jeff Cook**).



Generous to a Fault. Community Affairs, with 44 in attendance, granted the volunteer fire department with \$2000 for fireworks and advised the Hall Society to keep the \$6000 for their dock project (see www.bamfielder.ca for history of this project). Our Regional Director, **Eric Geall**, commented on items brought up in his town meeting, e.g. carcinogens in our water, communication problems, and the big picture. Thirteen Bamfield committees reported on their activities (see www.bamfielder.ca for minutes of the meeting). Almost everyone had a great time and **Affairs** remains the best show in town. *L. Druehl*

Temporary Bamfield Community School Association Coordinator position open.
(see www.bamfielder.ca)

The theme of Eric's Town Hall meeting on October 21st was **Reconciliation.** **Eric Geall** asked that we all reconcile and he even provided us with the definition during his slide show. 1. the restoration of friendly relations. 2. the action of making one view or belief compatible with another. I agree, we are small and we need to work together if we want to be successful as a community but reconciliation also means recognizing the mistakes that have been made and not blaming others for them. Everyone at Community Affairs welcomes Eric's input and would like him to attend the monthly meetings, give a report and take our suggestions back to the ACRD. Reconciliation- Why not bring pizza to Community Affairs? *Catherine Thompson*

Town Hall Meeting Report. Approximately 45 people attended the Town Hall Meeting called by our Regional Director **Eric Geall** on Oct 21st. Pizza beforehand and Bamfield trivia questions interspersed throughout aimed to keep things light. Mr. Geall began with a pep talk on reconciliation and attitudes for success. A PowerPoint presentation followed with topics ranging from high-speed internet (not happening) to the west dock (who will pay for upkeep?) to Community Affairs (he is not attending because he thinks the forum is broken – a shame he did not more appropriately raise the issue there) to the Pacific Salmon Treaty Mitigation Fund (maybe it can bring jobs) to the Bamfield Water System (trihalomethanes – they're everywhere, including here). What transpired on Monday was not actually a town hall meeting by the usual definition – there was an agenda and Mr. Geall held the floor for nearly all of the time available. Feedback was invited from attendees in the form of providing numbers from 1 to 10 so we could rate issues posted on the wall by priority (no option for residents to put forward issues).

Jean Richardson

The ACRD has been monitoring the Bamfield Water System water for Trihalomethanes (carcinogen)(THMs). The levels have been marginally higher than the Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines of Maximum Allowable Concentration of 0.1 mg/l. The concentration levels of the THMs in our water have been around 0.2 mg/l. THM results from the chlorine used to sterilize our water reacting with organic matter. THM can be reduced by using charcoal filters (Britta) or letting the water stand, uncovered. Material provided by **Eric Geall**, Reg. Dir. and **Andy Daniel**, Manager of Environmental Services, ACRD (www.bamfielder.ca for more)

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
COMMUNITY SCHOOL GYM
DOORS OPEN
11:00 TO 2:00

All crafts locally handmade.
Items you may find:
pottery, knitting, baking, jewelry, paintings &
cards, beading, needlepoint, jams & jellies, wood
work, candies, cookies & more!

To book a table, phone Michelle @
250-728-3002
or find the event on Facebook.
\$10 per table or a savory snack for
the luncheon refreshment table.
Proceeds donated back to the
community.

A great place to do your Christmas shopping!

Bamfield Historical Society, in a folksy AGM, re-elects **Heather Cooper**, Chair; **Steve Clarke**, Vice Chair; **Rae Hopkins**, Secretary, **Shirley Pakula**, Treasurer. Issues considered were growth of the archives, the purchase of a super-scanner, recognizing **Bruce Scott's** contributions, and the possible theme of WW II Bamfield for this year's exhibition. Thanks to the sale of *Bamfield Houses* by **Judith Phillips** and **H. Cooper**, and the sale of Judith's post-cards, the society's coffers are flush. *L. Druehl* photo 2013-14 Directors: *C. Thompson*. (l to R) **S. Clarke, M. Phillips, R. Hopkins, N. Henry, L. Druehl, S. Pakula, J. Cooper** (front) **S. Mass, H. Cooper**.



Catherine's Upcoming Events:
 11th- Remembrance Day, 10:30-11:30, school
 12th- Cooking Class- Mexican. 5:30pm @ Firehall. \$10 each. RSVP required.
 14th- Here We Come @ Maquinna in Port Alberni. 6:15-7:30pm. More details to come.
 18th- Community Affairs. 7:30pm @ the School
 25th- Toastmasters @ 7pm
C. Thompson, Coordinator, BCSA

In the Centennial Park Guest Book.
 "Jinan & Darrell Goldsack, Red Deer, Alberta, July/Aug '13. 'Loved Paul's Pirate Boat Tour!! Highly recommend it to anyone.'"

Eight Years in Bamfield! Music by the Sea (MBTS) at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre reached a new plateau of artistic and educational success in 2013. What will the tenth anniversary (only two years away!) bring? The Fellowship Artist Programme led by Canadian violist **Steven Dann** and Boston pianist **Marc Ryser**, in its second year offers one of the best opportunities of its kind for Canada's most promising young musical artists. And the festival itself was a *Smörgåsbord* of one great performance after another, from July 6 to July 13th. MBTS extends heartfelt thanks to all of Bamfield for hosting MBTS and making music such a significant part of its community! Sincerely, *Christopher Donison*, Artistic Director



Max Salamon's *The Used Bamfielder* addresses his issues with the Community Affairs grants-in-aid (e.g. docks, merry-go-rounds) among other things, and the yellow journalism of *The New Bamfielder*, particularly the unfair treatment of **Eric Geall**, and on the positive side his endorsement of the town hall meetings. (www.bamfielder.ca for Max's full text) *L. Druehl*

Memorial Tree - How do I get a commemorative leaf? The Memorial Tree "leaves," mounted in the Bamfield Memorial Pavilion, commemorate people who have had a connective with Bamfield. To purchase (\$25) a leaf contact **Nancy Hendry** (hendrynancy@yahoo.ca, 250-728-3119 or weekdays 250-591-4008) for details. You are encouraged to provide photographs and any biographical information, or eulogy, for The Memorial Tree Books. Leaves will next be installed on Remembrance Day. The **Memorial Tree Committee** is looking for members. One of our 3 members has retired so we are looking to replace her and to encourage others to join. Duties are minimal, but there are a couple of projects that we would like to undertake. Please contact Nancy or Steve. *N. Hendry*

Hitched on the Beach. On August 10th, **Jane Anholt** and **Scott McGregor** were happily married on Pachena Beach and held a reception in the Rix Centre at BMSC. **Brad** and **Beth** would like to thank everyone in Bamfield who contributed to this magical day. Special thanks go out to: the HFN for hosting the ceremony; **Linda Myers** for officiating; **Katherine Jennings** for creating gorgeous bouquets and floral arrangements; **Suzanne Rompre, Ken Hawkins** and **Phil Lavoie** for driving land and water taxis; Wood's End Cottages, Imperial Eagle Lodge, **Tracy's B&B**, Bamfield Trails Motel, Pachena Bay Campground, The Villa, Bamfield Lodge and The Dragonfly for hosting guests and the wedding party; **Ken Bass** for getting chairs to the beach; **Lee Webber** and BMSC housekeeping staff for helping to prepare and clean up; **Patrick Edmonson** and BMSC kitchen staff for cooking an absolutely amazing dinner. In addition, we thank BMSC students who ran the bar, waited tables and did baby-sitting. If anybody would like to see more images, they can visit the photographer's website at <http://www.andreaballphotography.com/jane-scott-wedding/> *Beth Rogers* (This pictorial is great fun!)



photo Andrea Ball

Bamfield Writes. This year the BCSA held the 3rd annual Short story and Poetry competition. Over the years we have had a number of wonderful entries, which are available in the Library at the School. This year we had a total of 16 entries in the youth and adult categories. The winners are chosen by judges including Bamfielders and visiting authors. The winners of the competition then have the opportunity to read their story in front of an audience at Oysters, Authors and Ale; this year **Louis Druehl, Mitch McPhee** and **Lynne Sweeting** shared their entries with us. Thank you for taking part! *Catherine Thompson*

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*