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THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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Beach to Beach. We came to the end of an era last week with the peaceful passing of **Archie McMillan** at home in Alberni. Archie was one of nature's gentlemen, closely associated with Bamfield all his life. As a young boy scout, over 70 years ago he met **Stella** on Brady's beach. They married after the second world war and the loving reunion produced six children. Archie saw serious and courageous service in the Royal Canadian Navy. Taken overboard by a large wave which washed over his battleship in the middle of the night on the raging North Atlantic, he was rejected and was washed back with a broken back. Meanwhile, Stella, the indescribable beauty of Brady's Beach, went to Hollywood and quickly tired of **Ronald Coleman, Clark Gable** et al and returned to Brady's Beach. No kinder, decent man was ever born. Stella predeceased, but Archie now happily reunited on the great beach in the sky, did not whine or complain in the Departure Lounge. I can see him on a skateboard attempting to come down my trail to check on the flag staff, **McKay** having failed to clear the rocky path. So it's fortunate that the Canadian Coast Guard would give him a ride. Our thoughts go out to his family and two remarkable daughters; their husbands well trained in looking after Stella's garden. The village raises a glass of Crown Royal to a great and lovely man.
John Evans

Archibald William McMillan, September 26th 1921 ~ February 27th 2014. Archie passed away peacefully in his home with his family by his side. Predeceased by his loving wife **Stella**, sons **Paul** and **Doug**. Archie is lovingly remembered by his son **David**, and daughters **Daphne (Tom), M.G. (Richard)**. Grandchildren: **Chris (Shelley), Debbie (Tavis), Meghan (Craig), Ryan (Susi), Craig (Candice), Andrew, Will, Sarah (Jude), Haidee (Josh), Mathew, Diana (Ian), Marcus (Kathryn)** and many great grandchildren; his sister **Lo** and sister-in-law **Mary**, many nieces and nephews and his close friends from Bamfield. Archie was always a gentleman and an inspiration to his family and friends and will be deeply missed. Archie with his loving wife Stella by his side raised their five children in Port Alberni and Bamfield. Fun times were spent boating in the "STAR 5", hiking in the woods, picnicking at the beach and gardening at the cottage. Archie was raised in Port Alberni, served in the Royal Canadian Navy during the Second World War and became a First Class Diver. Following the war he became a



Archie and his fan club on the occasion of his 90th birthday in his Bamfield home. photo L. Druehl

Master Mariner for Stone Brothers and Pacific Towing. A gathering with family and friends to honour Archie's life will take place at Brady's beach.
AV Times

Honouring Eagle. You are invited to the Traditional HUU-ay-aht lunch, 7 April, noon, Bamfield School (\$5 minimal donation), celebrating the eagle. Students will perform dances and songs and you are invited to participate. (www.bamfielder.ca for more information).
Maggie Peters

West Park Hero Departs. **Mitch McPhee** has taken a job in a super remote and isolated fishing camp, according to sister, **Tish McPhee**. "He loves the work and can't remember when he felt so good." And he's missed here. **Andrea Butler** noted, "Mitch has been a huge mover and shaker of the parks doings. He helped to quietly finish the picnic tables single handed." He will visit Bamfield and plans to garden



Mitch leaves Grappler.
photo Rae Hopkins

his boat in West Park. "I would love to add here," Andrea continued, "that it was **Syd [Baker]** who helped me to make the tether ball set in the park. He was so there when I was questioning how I was going to do it and took it right upon himself to do it! The new West Side "playground" is getting noticeable use. Nice to see the grass worn away ...and two new beds have sprung up at the West Side Gardens!" *L. Druehl*

Bring on the Trumpets! **Joe Cooper's** sweeping staircase accesses the Bamfield Memorial Pavilion. Other projects underway include a rock wall and associated landscaping fronting the pavilion, and ten tribute benches. As with all Bamfield progress there are retreats: a major section of the Smiley Rink wall blew over. *L. Druehl*, photo *J. Morrison*



Rumored zip-line from the Marine Station to the Lifesaving Station a prelude to an east-west gondola?

Bamfield Seniors Rock! The New Horizon for Seniors program was operated by the Bamfield Community School Association, initiated by **Catherine Thompson** and sponsored by the **Huu-ay-aht First Nation** and the **Bamfield Historical Society**. Its activities included locals sharing skills with others (workshops on canning, jam making, pickling home repair, small motor maintenance, as some examples; ethnic cooking classes; and two travelogues by **Marton Jalkoczi**: Malaysia and Spain, each accompanied with ethnic meals. The activities were well attended. **Heather Cooper** is writing a book describing this project. Marton, Catherine's replacement, said, "I never have met such friendly people as in Bamfield. I appreciate Bamfield hospitality and thank everyone for attending events." Hopefully there will be a Hungarian evening with goulash before Marton departs. *L. Druehl*

Dress Up! Former Bamfielder **Laura Bemister, Fay Bennett's** daughter & designer/owner of Muse Clothing Company, has initiated the "Dresses for a Cause" campaign, to support Victoria Women's Transition Houses. As part of this effort, Muse Clothing is offering their bamboo knit dresses at wholesale prices. People can donate to this cause by purchasing one of the many perks starting at \$10.00 for her Mom's CD, up to Muse Gift Certificates. More: <http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/dresses-for-a-cause/x/6509859>. *Miché Shepherd*

"The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place." **George Bernard Shaw**. Finally some sense of context for the Anacla-Bamfield Accord introduced last year by our Regional Director. The ACRD Health Network coordinator, **Tanis Dagert**, explained at this February affairs meeting that she heard much about a desired trail between Anacla & Bamfield. Shared infrastructure – a good reason to have a formal accord in place for the future. *Jean Richards*
Easter Egg Hunt 11:00, Saturday, April 19, Centennial Park, snacks and games to follow at House of Huu-ay-aht.

MARCH COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (see www.bamfielder.ca, Community Affairs tab)
Fire Chief steps down. An emotionally charged **Mark Kelly** explained that he is unable to continue on as chief. He is hurt by the lack of community support. To date, no one has stepped forward. This could spell bad news for our security and insurance rates.
Final Rites. **Linda Myres** distributed abalone shells, representing the demise of a great hope, to the major sponsors of the Anacla/Bamfield Abalone Project (**C. Clappis**, HFT; **M. Jalkoczi**, BCSA; **B. Anholt**, BMSC), (www.bamfielder.ca for Globe and Mail abalone article and Druehl's response).
Bamfield/Anacla Community Forest compensated \$5150 for 60 hectares removed to the Huu-ay-aht as part of treaty process.
Bamfield Beautification awarded \$200 grant-in-aid for flowerboxes on the boardwalk.
Bamfield Inn trash unsightly & fire hazard. Motion to explore remedy passed. *L. Druehl*



Hot Pulled Pork! 54 guests attended a community lunch, the final event of the **New Horizon for Seniors Program**, celebrating seniors and the learning through workshops and gatherings. Thank you workshop facilitators and participants. Massive thank you to **Heather Cooper**, for the book that compiles the events and to the editors, **J. Richardson & R. Hopkins**. *M. Jalkoczi* (www.bamfielder.ca for *M. Phillips* photo collage)

Spring Is Here – April is a great time to get gardening! The Bamfield Community Garden plots are a fun and easy way to enjoy fresh fruits and veggies throughout the summer and fall. There are still a few plots up for grabs! No experience needed, gardening tips and tools provided. Contact **Nicole** for more information at jgdfbgng@hotmail.com or 604-970-8050.

Important Bamfield Road Safety Association Meeting 11:00, 26 April at the Fire Hall ...stop complaining and attend! (www.bamfielder.ca for agenda and minutes of last meeting...what do they do?).

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*



Kristin Russell and Hoopers.
photo *M. Jalkoczi*

Thump, Thump, Keep on Thumping! This year's Hoops for Heart campaign was successful. Six Anacla/Bamfield school children fundraised \$ 802.05. The closing of the campaign took place on 14 February, when the community was invited to join the kids to do some exercises at 6 different stations. *Marton Jalkoczi,*

Irritant Removed! Ladder-less climber **Dave Gerbrandt** removes eyeglass from the Bamfield Memorial Pavilion, winning the anonymous \$50 reward. photo *Jane Morrison*



The Sea

The sea is my life
My life is the sea.
Without it I should perish,
It will be fine without me.
Tish McPhee

Marton's April Events

7th Community Lunch
8th Community Night 6:00 pm
14th & 28th Toastmasters 7:00 pm
16th Community Breakfast 8-10
16th Trivia Night 6:00 pm
17th Hungary slideshow with snacks 6:00 pm
19th Easter Egg Hunt, Cent. Park
21st Community Affairs 7:30
22nd Earth Day beach clean-up
After the 22nd, the BCSA Office will be open Thursdays & Fridays, 9 am - 4:30 until May 15th
Marton Jalkoczi, BCSA