

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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Need a rainy day challenge?

The new mountain bike/hiking trail branching east off the path between the school and Centennial Park will do. Meant to challenge bikers, the trail was friendly to this septuagenarian. Part of the route is on the old Telegraph corduroy path, where ancient telegraph poles can still be seen. This is a labour of love by **Dave and Riley Gerbrandt**. Thanks, gentlemen, for a great contribution to Centennial Park and Bamfield! *L. Druehl. photos Nicole Gerbrandt*



Cory Howard Jr. sighted a cougar on Bamfield Road, 28 Jan. Lock up your daughters!

The Goddess of Seismics

whispers with a 4.6 magnitude earthquake 13 km inland from Tofino at 6:02 pm, 7 January. Apparently, the quake that arose 40 km below the surface has further contributed to a lowering of Hot Spring Cove's temperature and sulfur smell. *L. Druehl*

Better odds than the lottery! Seismologists estimate a 1 in 10 chance we will experience a major earthquake/tsunami in the next 50 years (Victoria CBC, 19 January). The last big one was on 26 January 1700 as determined from an orphan tsunami that hit Japan at that time, distribution of growth rings on cedars killed in 1700 and oral tradition. The geological record indicates a major event in 1310, 390 years before the 1700 thrust. As our Bamfield Community Emergency Program coordinator, **Linda Myres**, has repeatedly said, "...not if, but when. Be prepared." *L. Druehl*

Catherine's February Affairs

Tuesdays, 5:15pm @ School- Circuits
Wednesdays- Pizza Nights @ Café
Fridays- Burgers and Beer @ Café
5th- Community Concert @ 7pm @ School
6th- Jam Night at the Café with visiting musician after/during burgers. Bring your instruments.
9th and 23rd- At school: Computer Class- 5:30pm & Toastmasters- 7pm
12th- Hoops for Heart @ the School
12th- Cooking class, Fire Hall
16th- Community Affairs @ 7:30pm
19th- Community Lunch @ noon. \$7
Catherine Thompson, BCSA Coordinator

Keith Wyton's maiden speech, as our Regional Director, at the January Community Affairs, enjoyed by 27 Bamfielders, noted: 1) **Bob Baden** is his alternate, 2) the District solid waste approach will include removing organics and expanding recycling, and 3) the proposed Bamfield water treatment system would cost \$1.5 M, with \$1 M from grants, etc, leaving \$500 K to be raised from...? Keith was asked: will the community have a voice in the final decision and what would be the operating costs. Keith said he would check on these. He will be in Nepal for the next 6 weeks. The assembled voted to advance the Bamfield Community Hall Society \$500 in grants-in-aid to offset the insurance on the boardwalk outhouse. *L. Druehl (www.bamfielder.ca, Community Affairs for full meeting minutes).*

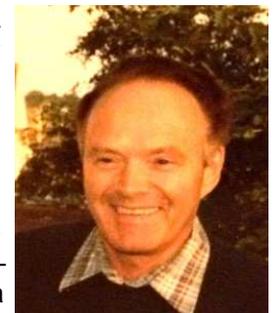


And no rain! The Polar dip was well attended on Bamfield time, noon-ish, New Years day. It was followed by the traditional post dip "Sauna and Soup" party up the hill at The Dragonfly! *Andrea Butler, photos too.*

Avid Grappler fisherman passes on.

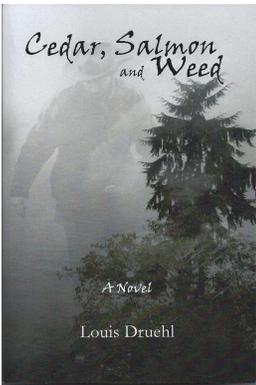
Keith Perkins (27 July 1926—5 January 2015) spent many happy times in Bamfield with his family. Fly fishing and moose hunting

were his passions. He was a member of the Tye Club of B.C. A highlight was his catching a 60 pound Tye, the largest of that particular year. He operated an upholstery business in a shop next to his home in Victoria. At first he restored boat tops and later made custom boat tops. He enjoyed upholstering antique furniture and cars. He will be missed by his wife of 43 years, **Sheila** and son **Bradley**. Rest in Peace. *Perkins Family*



Moving on! I am sad to announce that **Catherine Thompson** will be leaving the BCSA, to move onto the next chapter in her life. The Board has appreciated Catherine's dedication toward our community over the years. It has been a pleasure working with her! *Charlie Clappis, Chair, Bamfield Community School Association*

Bon voyage! Cedar, Salmon and Weed will be launched at the Bard and Banker Public House, 1022 Government Street, Victoria, 6-9 pm, February 25. The limited Bamfield edition is available from Bamfield shops and online. For insights on the novel, Bamfield, coastal living and the author visit



www.cedarsalmonandweed.ca L. Druehl

Theft in the Woods. On 21 January \$800 of shake wood and 2 security cameras were stolen at Bamfield 46 km. Workers in the woods are sitting ducks! (www.bamfielder.ca for full HFN report.)

And only \$7! Fifty Bamfielders enjoyed hot pulled pork sandwiches (including



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Upward and Onward. Welcome Mrs. Rhonda Dame, a SD70 teacher, to Bamfield Community School! She has spent a day in my classroom with my wonderful students and will be teaching at BCS 12



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Support our kids. Don't forget, every Wednesday is BUDDY READING from 12:45-1:20pm! This is a fantastic opportunity for students to practice reading aloud and building confidence. Children select a book and read to you! Wouldn't it be awesome if we had 15 students reading to 15 adults! Come join us and promote literacy. Kristin Russell, photo to left by K. Russell. Rae Hopkins buddies with Jager (R) and Seth.

Borrowed! A Honda 3000W generator is missing from #6 South Bamfield Road. If found, please return. Thank you. Marie Jacques.

The First Bamfield Marine Station was housed on Rance Island, across from Ostrom's Machine Shop. Aubrey Gorbman, who established this station, was honoured by Bill Clinton for mentoring women in science, one-time chairman of Zoology at the University of Washington and president



of the American Society of Zoologist, and a contestant for father-hood of comparative endocrinology. He established a lab for hagfish research, in his Bamfield Marine

Station, in a boat house (photo above). When the five universities first came to Bamfield they discovered that Bamfield Marine Station mail was directed to Aubrey. He quickly relinquished station-hood and became a staunch supporter of the younger Bamfield Marine Station. For a period, BMS was renown for slime eel endocrinology research, with scientists from around the world coming to work with Professor Gorbman. Possibly, as a spin off, there was a brief slime eel fishery in Bamfield...their



skins made the finest leather, once you got beyond the slime. L. Druehl, photo: Aubrey in his Bamfield research vessel, African Queen, a US Navy diesel powered lifeboat.

Filling the Void! Pizza night at the Market Café, 7 January, was a big hit (35 pizzas sold and many more folks in attendance) and a great deal: large \$9 with toppings at \$1. The place was packed and everyone enjoyed the company of their



friends and squealing kids. At an earlier time, community pot-lucks brought folks together. The food was super and the venue raucous, again, with swarming children. L. Druehl, photo Emily Wenstob & Riley Gerbrandt

A Joint Affair. The 7th annual Community Hall Robbie Burns night saw 47 feasters enjoying haggis, roast beef and trifle prepared by Nancy Hendry, Steve Clarke, Suzanne and Katharine Jennings, Brian McKay and Jane Morrison (heather arrangements). John Hughes cited the Ode to the Haggis and sang, Clarke paraded the haggis, Heather Washburn read Burn's poetry, Paul and Allison Bird played a concertina and flute, J.P. Hasteley saluted the lassies and Washburn replied to the ladies and everyone sang Auld Lang Syne. Two fine scotches were provided by the Bamfield General Store. A jolly time was had by all. Thank you BCHS! L. Druehl (www.bamfielder.ca for Phillips collage)

Happy New Year, China! February 19 is the date to celebrate Chinese New Year, the "Spring Festival of the Lunar Year." So wear your floral patterns, eat a tangerine and wish your family, friends and neighbours Good Luck! It's the year of the Sheep. Shout out to all the Bamfield 1991 sheep: Skye Butler, Rob Amos, Cory Howard Jr. and yours truly. Wishing you a prosperous year of prosperity! Christine Sirois

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