

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

In Support of Anacla and Bamfield Youth

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Bamfield in support of Nepal.

You are invited to a fund-raising slide presentation in support of the school in Mustang, Nepal on June 16th, at 7 pm at the school. *B. Wyton*

The Great Bamfield 1st July Party!

Get Cracklin!

Join Friends and Neighbours in Centennial Park for a day of celebration. Parade staging (11 am, Fire Hall), Parade (12 noon), O'Canada, hotdogs, kids games & art, baseball, open mike, musicians encouraged, and more!

Sponsors: Centennial Park, Bamfield Arts Council, Bamfield Community Hall Society, Bamfield Community School Association

Eat my dust. Joe Pearson reviews status of the Bamfield Road, its hazards, advances and players, and urges advancement.

www.bamfielder.ca for review.

Adios, Amigos

To enjoy Terry & Michè's delightful Swan Song go to www.bamfielder.ca

Celebrate the life and art of Linda Haylock (neè Ostrom) June 28, 1-4 pm, Rix Centre.

Pet owners alert!

There is no gluten-free pet food in Bamfield.

Can't hurt to try.

December 1970. Only 22 out of 180 eligible Bamfield voters turned out for the "Senior Citizen's Home" referendum: 14 against, 4 for. From *Bamfield Looking Back*, Pat Garcia.

Mark's purple martins rout marina sea gulls.



No lives were lost. Boats from Search & Rescue, RCMP, Canadian Coast Guard, & Parks Canada came to the rescue of a fishing boat (actually the Marine Station) that was on the rocks where it crashed. Its crew had been overwhelmed with carbon monoxide, the captain passed out, one crew member with a broken leg, another with a head injury and one overboard. A Port Desire debriefing showed all was well. Good exercise! *L. Druehl*



Not the Good Old Days. When the Canadian Coast Guard was manned by Bamfielders we shared a good relationship. Now the crew is largely unknown by locals and the white picket fence has been replaced by chain anchor fencing...I get a Guantanamo feeling. Recently, when trying to bypass the steep hill that borders the station—I'm blind, 84 years old and have difficulty getting to the store—I encountered a locked gate. It was explained to me that the station was in lock-down due to the threat of a First Nations occupation. [Perhaps this was in response to the herring-fishery dispute, Ed.] I am under the impression that when the village gave the Coast Guard access to their present site, villagers were assured rights of passage. *John Evans*, photo by *M. Phillips*

16 tons and what do you get?...a great group of people and a clean backyard. Last month, a dozen Bamfielders volunteered their weekend, labour, vehicles, excavator and barge to help clean up the basements, backyards, driveways and roadsides of west Bamfield. Heartfelt thanks from

all of us to **Kerry and Angel Hlatky** and their son **KP**, **Don Koop**, **Fernando Descouteau**, **Jared Higgins**, **Armand**, **Gerry** and **Diana Gassner**, **Ken Skarland**, **Pat Needham**, **Brian McKay** and **Lorrie Larson**.

Rose Janelle, photos *Higgins*



Bamfield Hero Recognized. Seaman **Martin Charles**, Hereditary Chief of the Nitinat Band, over thirty years service at the Bamfield Life Saving Station, and recipient of the Medal of Bravery has been honoured by having a Hero Class Mid-Shore Patrol Vessel named after him:

CCGS M Charles M.B. A few hundred guests, half it seemed who were related to Martin, witnessed a moving dedication. His granddaughter (self-declared "best granddaughter")

Sheila Charles christened the boat at Centennial Pier, Port Alberni, on 20 May. Everyone seemed intent on establishing their connection to this larger than life man. His rescue of two Marine Station students from Folger, one stormy night, inspired a similar scene in my novel *Cedar, Salmon and Weed* (www.cedarsalmonandweed.ca). Then I would be amiss if I didn't note we have spent the last forty years living in the Charles family Port Desire home. *L. Druehl* photo *Sheila christening M Charles*



AGMs Fire up Committees

Onward and upward! The 62nd Community Hall Society AGM was attended by 21 Bamfielders. **Rose Janelle** stepped down after 5 years as the chair. She remains as a director. The majority of directors stayed on, with two new directors:

Lee Weber and **Tao Eastham**. Coffee and **Ebba Jennings'** famous cinnamon twists were provided

by daughters **Katharine** and **Suzanne Jennings**. *L. Druehl* photo

Community Affairs AGM, with 26 in attendance, welcomed **Gord Johns**, NDP candidate for MP. **Chris Donison** exuded further on the up coming Music-By-The-Sea series, seeking more note-boats (11 needed to play O'Canada).

\$200 for the cutting of Scotch Broom along the Bamfield road was approved. Three new Directors were accepted: **Kristine Gruman**, **Sheryl Mass**, **Bob Baden** (welcome back, Bob). *L. Druehl*

Broom Busters, the Bamfield Way.

Following the Affairs Meeting, volunteers decided to have a go at the Scotch Broom along the Bamfield Road. Photo *R. Hopkins*



Bamfield Harbour Authority AGM.

16 in attendance, voted in 2 new directors: **Keith Wyton** & **Barry Sills**. **Amy Connell** was commended on her performance as Dock Manager. There was discussion of derelict

boats in the harbour. Also, the need for a friendly name for the west-side facility. *L. Druehl* photo **Rae Hopkins**, sec. (L), **Wendy Lucas**, chair (R).



It's Martin Time, May 1st saw the arrival of Bamfield's first Adult Male Purple Martin...he's PURPLE!! May 4th another sub adult male joined the fray. Neither bird is from Bamfield! The (wet coast) is receiving the fruit of the labor hatched from thirty years of recovery efforts. Hopefully in the weeks ahead our F1 (First Generation) birds will return, we'll get Colony status and a STAR on the GBEARS map. Fingers crossed.. Marks Martins. *Mark Laws*, photo, New Bamfielder Couple



NEW MULTI-YEAR

"GENERATIONS FUND"

offered by Steelhead LNG will provide for training, education and community program funding for Huu-ay-aht First Nations. Immediate initiatives include the Anacla-Bamfield walking trail, community food delivery program and development of a new child protective services program (www.bamfielder.ca for full release).

June Events

4th, 11th, 18 After School Club
7th Canadian Shoreline clean up -Pachena Beach.
8th Chemainus performance for school kids 10:30
9th, 16th Basketball 7pm
15th Toastmasters 7pm
Community Affairs 7:30
16th Presentation and Fundraiser for Nepal 7pm
17th Community lunch 12pm
25th Last day of school, sports and BBQ.
1st July Centennial Park blowout!

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Pachena's Missionaries. The Shantyman's Bible Camp, on Pachena Bay, closed in 1980 after approximately 25 years. The bible crew formed the Coastal Mission Society that year. On the last day in Pachena, Bamfielders offered a potluck and **Margaret Parly**, Bamfield Nurse, passed the hat: the donations fell \$2 short of the Society's first month rent for their new digs in Chemainus. A month later, the Society purchased its first boat, *Coastal Messenger*, a wooden, diesel powered vessel. This ship was replaced by a steel, 52' boat and launched in 1998 that inherited the name, *Coastal Messenger*. The *Coastal Messenger* is the only full-time missionary boat on our coast. It makes an annual circuit



of 4000 nautical miles, visiting villages and out-posts from Prince of Wales Island, Alaska to Olympia, Washington State. Two crews of four conduct this tour. Presently, the crew is skippered by **Brian Burkholder** and crewed by **Anne Burkholder**, **Tom Maxie** and **Debbie Maxie** (they have been together for 35 years). Most of the places to be visited, know in advance. During a visit the bible crew is passive. According to Debbie, "We do a lot of listening." They give out bibles and if asked, advice. When queried how they are financed, Anne said, "We open an envelop and take out a donation and we open another envelop and take out a bill." "We have never asked for a thin dime," added Debbie. "We are faith based," concluded Brian. *L. Druehl*,

Serendipity smiles on Bamfield. In the late 60's five western universities set about to establish a marine station. I was made chairman of the site selection committee. Each of the universities had a favourite site:

Sooke, Port Renfrew, Indian Arm, Victoria, Ucluelet, Tofino. I alerted locals at each site of our pending visit. We chartered a float plane and visited each site, except Indian Arm, near Vancouver. As we were returning to Victoria from Tofino, I recalled a letter I had received from **John Green**, a professor at Memorial University. John suggested we consider Bamfield that he had visited in 1964, seeking research tide pools. As our earlier visits had not inspired us, I directed the pilot to take us to Bamfield. We landed in Port Desire where we encountered **Peter Janitis**. He toured us around the village and the derelict Cable Station. We finished our visit with the plane loaded with crab, smoked salmon and other Bamfield gifts. The rest is history. *L. Druehl*, photo *John Green*

