

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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Bamfield's Birthday Boy, Brian MacKay (L, below), celebrates his 60th, helping his brother, **Kevin** (R, below) prepare a roasted pig. Over 140 guests toasted Brian, and, against his wishes, sang *Happy Birthday*. Dozens of potluck dishes, baked oysters, roasted lamb and pork and desserts fuelled a night of revelry with dancing to tunes by local musicians until light broke through the eastern sky. A proper Bamfield tribute. Many Happy Returns, Brian. *L. Druehl*.



BCSA Project Assistant Departs. A delicious community Lunch was held on May 15 to wish Orla Osborne farewell for the summer. Have fun Orla and we will see you in the fall. Happy birding! *Marc Phillips*, photo too.



A salute in east Bamfield! On May 30 a celebration was held on the boardwalk, in front of the Bamfield General Store, to honour **Pat Byres**, it marked the second year of his passing. We all miss you Pat! *Marc Phillips*, photo too.



A village divided. 62 Bamfielders kept company watching the CBC "*Still Standing*" at the Fire hall. Comedian **Jonny Harris** saw through us. He got our drunks (a term of endearment) and angels (loosely spoken) to reveal the true nature of Bamfield. Some of us want Bamfield to remain the same and others want it to evolve (I think everyone wants growth, the question is at what cost?). When Jonny asked **Rose Janelle** about the hardship of living on the west side, she responded, "The sweetest fruit is always on the highest branch." *L. Druehl* photo *Marc Phillips*



A Precious Gift!

Our lighthouses at Cape Beale, Pachena Point & Carmanah Point, have been designated Heritage Lighthouses under The Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act. This ensures protection of their heritage character. Hopefully we will learn what this means. (www.bamfielder.ca for official letter). *L. Druehl*

Things do get worse. Before the great earthquake, the Mustang school in Nepal was desolate: crumbling buildings, sparse living and study space, and bleak meals formed the norm for an isolated indigenous population. After the earthquake, piles of rubble, broken families and challenged survival are the reality. **Keith and Bernadette Wyton** are heading up fund-raising to support rebuilding of the school and improving the lives of the people of Mustang. Bamfielders raised \$2000 for the cause at a 16 June slide show, at the school. If you wish to donate, write a cheque payable to **Abbyfield** and a charitable receipt will be provided. Help these proud people, like their famous horses, flourish. *L. Druehl*



Excelsior! Tuesday, June 9th I was fortunate to share my birthday with my grade 5 students graduation day from Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)—an international substance abuse prevention education program. This program, designed for grade 5 students, was taught by Constable **Pete Batt** over a 10 week period in Bamfield. The students developed key life skills to stay safe, healthy, and to make a positive contribution within society. I am so proud of **Jayson Nookemus, Cierra Nookemus, & Helena Howard** for all their hard work. I would like to send a special thank you to Constable Batt on behalf of myself, Bamfield Community School students and our whole community. We are so lucky to have such a great role model who cares so much about us all! Klecko Klecko! *Kristen Russell* photo (L→R) *Cierra, Jayson, Helena*, watched by *Constable Batt* and teacher, *Russell*. (www.bamfielder.ca for students DARE essays)

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

More Community Affairs. 21 Bamfielders attended the June Community Affairs meeting. **Keith Wyton**, Reg. Dir., noted the Federal Government wants to download the West Bamfield Government Dock, a facility vital to Bamfield, on the community. No one wants it, and according to **Wendy Lucas** (Bamfield Harbour Authority) it has little revenue potential and no assistance for major repair. Four new Advisory Planning Committee members were selected:

Max Salamon, Rae Hopkins Jane Morrison and J.P. Hastey. As were two members-at-large for the Bamfield Water Board: **Lisa Bye and J.P. Hastey.**

Janet Simpson-Cooke, Bamfield Community School Assoc. Coord., said they will install volleyball nets on Brady's and Pachena Beaches. Hastey, the new Community Hall President, said the directors are consolidating the progress of the last 6 years. **Jan Pierce**, noted our "Fog Zone" fire designation lulls Bamfielders into danger. **Druehl** noted the Community Affairs directors met and reviewed the grants-in-aid program. According to **Pat Garcia**, this was the first directors' meeting since Affairs' conception in the '80s. *L. Druehl*

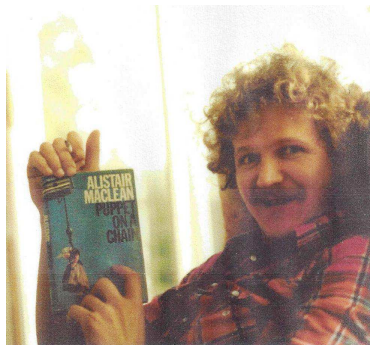
Zbigniew (Spino) Pakula

17 May 1949 – 14 June 2015

Two weeks ago we lost Spino Pakula, or, as many long time Bamfield residents knew him, "Zed." As his daughter, I never doubted that I was loved. What I will most remember about my father is his intellect, and his love of books. My father's passion for Marine Biology and the ocean are what brought him from Ontario to the west coast, and ultimately what kept him here. Wherever my father is now, I hope he is at peace. *Tasha Pakula.*

Spike, in my novel, Cedar, Salmon

and Weed, was based on Spino: "He was a good worker—summer resident widows, their husbands busy making money in the big city, frequently singled him out for odd jobs. Of course, they were influenced by his swimmer's physique, bleached curly hair, and pale blue eyes." p. 9. The fictional Spike resisted the call of alcohol, but just barely; Spino, not Zed, Rest in Peace. *L. Druehl*, photo of Spino provided by Pakula family.



On the town. On May 14th BCS students and staff traveled to Port Alberni and started our day with a Huu-ay-aht culture performance at Echo Village Seniors Home. We then had lunch, and played outside with our friends at Maquinna Elementary and then had a blast swimming at Echo Aquatic Center for 2 hours! After enjoying Chinese food for dinner, we were the first performers on stage at the First Nations Spring Festival at ADSS. Everyone there loved our performance. We then drove back to Bamfield, had a sleep over in the school gym, and pancake breakfast the next morning. I am so proud of my students performance and behavior. What a great trip! *Ms. Russell*

July Events for BCSA, Bamfield Community and Music by the Sea

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Soccer, 7:30 at school field
 - 4-12 Music by the Sea at the Rix Centre (see MBTS brochure)
 - 4 Intertidal Golf, BBQ and Dance at Fire hall
 - 6,13,20,24, Library Social 10am-12pm
 - 6 BCSA Photo Contest-open for submissions
 - 7, 9 Chamber Music Rehearsal open to children 3:30-4pm at the school
 - 7, 14, 21, 28 Basketball 7:30 at the school
 - 8 Free Music by the Sea Concert 7:30 at the Rix (by donation)
 - 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, 28-30 Summer Camps 1-4pm (see camp poster)
 - 14 Naturalist talk on Seaweeds (Kelly Clement) 7-9pm at school
 - 15 Short Story and Poetry Competition begins
 - 17, 31st Open Gym 7-9pm at school
 - 25 BCSA Movie Under the Stars 8:30 refreshments. 8:45 movie
- Note: BCSA office hours: Monday and Friday 9-5; Tuesday and Thursday 9-12pm, Wednesday Closed.
Janet and Fiona

Food for thought. **Summerland households face \$20,000 for sewage hookup.** **Alert, Bamfield merchants do not stock gluten-free shampoo.**

Volunteers for Oysters, Authors and Ale event, September 12 at Rix Centre. I would like to have a meeting of volunteers in late July. Please call (250-728-1220) or e-mail (bscacoordinator@gmail.com) me. Thanks, *Janet*

Well, it was almost perfect! Bamfield tsunami drill this Spring (for *Still Standing*) had one vehicle mishap, photo below.



It would be nice to wish BCS students a fantastic summer break from Ms. Russell. *Kristin Russell* [Ed. 15 of them!]



From Humble Beginnings. **Abby Hawkins's** Gardeners Market is open to vendors and the public on Saturdays, courtesy of The Market. The 13 June opening featured Abby's bedding plants and **Jane Morrison's** foliar sprays. Even the Coomb's Farmer's Market had a modest beginning. *L. Druehl*



Many Happy Returns! *Katharine Jennings* takes a moment off from cooking, serving, and greeting to blow out 65 candles. A great Jennings Garden Party. photo *M. Phillips.*