

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

The few Bamfielders who ignored the fire ban endangered our village and insulted our Fire Department Volunteers.

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**Welcome to Bamfield!** The renewed campaign to inform us of the potential dangers of our water system to human health



appears to target visitors. Posters are located on the Welcome to Bamfield sign, the Market/Pub intersection, and elsewhere. I imagine a tourist saying,

"If they had mentioned this in *Still Standing*, I wouldn't have come to Bamfield." *L. Druehl*

**"Yes, another great day in paradise!** Over 190 souls enjoyed the 1<sup>st</sup> July parade, **Huu-ay-aht** singing and dancing, and, everyone's favourite, hot-dogs and watermelon. Later, 128 folks tackled roast pig provided by **Centennial Park**, prepared by **Seabeam Lodge** and **Brian MacKay**, and accompanied by corn served by the **Bamfield Community Hall Society**. Music, by **Phil Lavoie**, **John Hughes**, **Stella Wenstob** and **Abby Hawkins**, wafted from the Memorial Pavilion. Actually, **almost everyone** who attended, pitched in. *L. Druehl* (www.bamfielder.ca for 1st of July, 2015 collage)

Photo: **The Pig-of-honour ... leads** (after the BVFD fire truck) Bamfield's July 1st parade, followed by Seabeam's colourful float, **...to be enjoyed by all!**



**Ladies watching over Bamfield.** Two mermaids, one in front of the Bamfield General Store and the other on Gisborne's Island in Port Desire witness the comings and goings of local mariners. According to **Aileen Gisborne**, the Port Desire mermaid and its twin were made of cast cement at a Duncan cement works. **Hans Christian Anderson's** *The Little Mermaid* inspired Aileen to purchase the pair. The twin resides at Yellow Point. **Babe Gunn**, carved the General Store mermaid from stone from the Kennedy Lake Mountain Range that is a unique blend of west coast minerals. **Liz Hicks** led the fund raiser and many Bamfielders kicked in. Every fall the gal is moved to safety to the **Cooper** lawn, overlooking



Port Desire

Bamfield Inlet. *L. Druehl*, photos *D. Hopkins*, General Store; *T. Reeve* Port Desire.



General Store

**MBTS Director pages the Whales.**

Maestro **Christopher Donison** remotely causes 11 Bamfield boats, each representing a musical note, with 11 unique horns, to herald in the last night of the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Music By The Sea. As with opening night, this spectacle was witnessed by frolicking humpback whales. (Some might say the whales upstaged Chris.) Hopefully, this electronic show will be expanded and experienced by all Canada—from C to C to C—and the whole world and some in outer space as a Bamfield celebration of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday (2017). *L. Druehl*. Photo: **Huu-ay-aht** canoe presents B-note at the 4 July MBTS opening. *M. Phillips*



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**Born and Raised Bamfielder, Sherella Wyton**, passed her RN examination and, on June 18th, graduated from North Island College with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. She was on the Dean's Honour Roll, recognizing her superior academic achievement, and received the President's Award of Academic Excellence as the highest performing student in a Bachelor Degree Program. On June 19th, Sherella received her RN pin

in a ceremony where her grandmother, namesake, and fellow RN, **Sherella Conley**, pinned her. Mum **Bernadette Wyton**, Photo: son **Rowan**, G-Ma **Conley** & **Sherella Wyton**



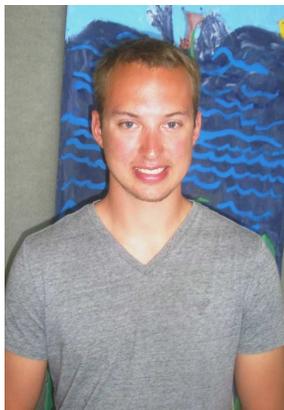
**Bamfielders reach out.** In March, 2015, **Keith Wyton** and I visited the remote Himalayan village of Lubrak in the Mustang area of Nepal. During the school year, this tiny village is home to 100 grade school children. Their school buildings were destroyed by the April earthquake. Proceeds from Bamfield's Canada Day pig roast benefit and the slideshow held at the Bamfield Community School will go directly to Lubrak. The current focus is on rebuilding the hostel, where the children live during the school year. It is pretty great for a small village in the Nepali Himalaya that a small village on Canada's West Coast could raise so much money while having fun together. We will stay in touch with the people of Lubrak and keep Bamfield posted on developments. *Bernadette Wyton*. [Ed. Bamfielders have raised \$3700 thus far.]

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](mailto: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*

**New Bad Guy on the Block.** ASP (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning), a nasty relative to PSP (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) is found on Washington and Oregon shores, and has been reported in Nootka Sound. The culprit, Domic Acid, results in dementia and death. Little is know about this substance but it and other oceanic ills have been declared **the new reality**. To access where closures are for this toxin and other biotoxins associated with seafood, go to: [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca), On Domic Acid. *L. Druehl*

**The Really Big One.** The July 20 issue of *The New Yorker* cites HFN Chief **Louis Nookmis**. His story, passed down through 7 generations, told of the destruction of the Pachena people. "I think it was at night time that the land shook," said Nookimus, in 1964. Another tribal history stated, "They sank at once, were all drowned; not one survived." 30 years ago there was no evidence massive earthquakes occurred here. Had Cascadia First Nations people been asked about past seismic activity maybe this knowledge would have altered the way we developed Cascadia. Article author, **K. Schulz**, wrote, "...everything west of I-5 will be toast." *L. Druehl*

**Ice Dancer** Arrives. **Eric Streichsbier**, who is visiting his parents, **Sherry** and **Andy**, the new owners of Woods End Landing. Eric is a 4-time National competitive ice dancer. Presently, he coaches in China for a Chinese company that operates 23 arenas (soon to be 60!), "They are very competitive in ice dance." He is based in Fuzhou, China, but he spends considerable time travelling throughout China, coaching coaches and individual performers. Eric is from Port Alberni, where he worked in the RCMP Aboriginal Policing unit with **Const. Pete Batt**. *L. Druehl*



**A success story.** Nova Harvest Ltd. celebrated its fourth year in Bamfield with an open house at its facilities located at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre. Visitors were treated to tours of the geoduck and oyster seed production facilities by **J.P. Haste**, President. Their recent entry into the oyster seed business was motivated, in part, by the lack of local seed due to ocean acidification. A crucial aspect of seed production is the growth of phytoplankton, food necessary for the seed. **Kate Rolheiser**, Operation Director, explained the complicated phytoplankton production scheme. Of particular interest were two automated production units. These were the first units manufactured by the emerging Victoria's **Industrial Plankton Inc.** The tours, demonstrations, burgers, oysters and cake were appreciated by many. Nova Harvest is a refreshing entry into the fabric of Bamfield. Hopefully they will prosper and encourage others to develop in Bamfield. *L. Druehl*, photo *K. Rolheiser*: J.P. explaining



**Standing room only.** Open mike at The Market Café: guitars and vocals by **Scott** (the brave), **Sam** (the surprise), **Bob** (the perennial), **Hjalmer** (the accomplished), **Abby** (the romantic) and **Stella** (the diva), and **Timmy** (the enthusiast), and a novel trio of **Cooper** Scottish grandkids, featuring a tin whistle, provided great Friday entertainment with delicious food. Thank you **The Market** and all you talented folk. *L. Druehl*. Photo (L→R) Oscar, Clyde and Harris.



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**Weather Buffs,** The enhanced Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre weather station gives hourly, daily, and monthly temperature, wind, light, UV, and more. Go to: [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) → Bamfield Webcam → Resources → Researchers → Environment Data → BMSC Weather Station. Great detail but lacking Jerry Baird's Bradys Beach charm. Thank you BMSC. *L. Druehl*

**A Spring Cleaning Bonus.**

Hi. Cleaning up another of mum's (Ebba Jennings) collections and found this in a jar with other goodies. Maybe a pre-fishing ditty. Mum has written on the side of the paper that **Frank Stuart** wrote this for the Fishing Derby, Sept. 4, 1978:

*Row, Putt, Zoom your boat  
Carefully with the tide.  
Sting a little, reel a little  
Net your fish with pride.*

*Row, Putt, Zoom your boat  
Carefully to the breakers.  
Sting a little, reel a little,  
Without too many shakers.*

*Roe, Putt, Zoom your boat  
Carefully and be wiley.  
Sting a little, reel a little  
And set your hook in a smiley.*

Not sure if you feel it is worthwhile but there it is.  
*Suz Jennings*

**August Events**

- 1-3 BVFD Salmon Derby, August 1 Dance 8pm
- 4 - 6 BCSA Summer Camps, 1-3pm
- 4,11,18,25 Basketball, 7:30, School
- 5,12,19,26 Soccer, 7pm school field
- 14,28, Open Gym 7-9
- 22 Movie Under the Stars 8:45
- 22, 23 Venetian Plaster Workshop, A. Woolsey 9-12pm
- 29 Harvest Dinner 5pm & Auction 7pm
- 30 Pottery Sale, 1-4pm, Jennings place
- 30 Photo Contest deadline
- 31- Short Story and Poetry Competition.

**Please, no alcohol unless otherwise stated at BCSA events.**

Janet & Fiona, BCSA

**Dooms Day Rant.** "Grand Pa, look at the moon!" The sun and not the moon was a red ball piercing a rust orange sky, the air choked. This Armageddon scene was the gift from a careless smoker at Sproat Lake to Bamfield and beyond. "Grand Pa, what is x#\*&@?" Is all of this our just desserts: ocean acidification (2 of the last 6 major extinctions resulted from ocean acidification), ultra violent storms, deforestations with doomed species and misplaced peoples, beheadings and bombings of public places to make a point, and the spoiling of water by fracking and air by oil sands exploitation? "Grand Son, this is our gift to you. Good luck." *L. Druehl*