

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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**End of an Era.** 19 years of **Brian Gisborne's** water taxi, Bamfield-Port Renfrew, was concluded 17 September 2014 with tourists **Marc and Judith Phillips** ([www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for collage of voyage). Each trip with the *Michelle-Diana* (middle names of Brian's daughters) took 3-3.5 hours with much time poking around interesting places. The pounding of the boat, the concern over passenger safety as he navigated through the Graveyard of the Pacific, and his increasing interest in whale research ordained the end of the taxi. The ferrying of people introduced him to whales, an interest that grew until the people hindered his growth as a cetologist, so the people had to go. His research time is divided between the U.S. National Marine Mammal Lab and Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans. He is an intuitive observer of marine life. He typically spends 3-4 days out. At night he might put out a drogue, but relies on his hydrophone to alert him to menacing marine traffic. He described working in fog like living in a ping-pong ball. On three occasions he bumped a whale but was able to confirm they were okay. "The Bamfield Lifeboat never had to tow me in... I wanted to tow them in!" *L. Druehl*, photo *Brian* aboard his *Michelle-Diane*



**BUTTS OUT!!!**

**Now there are two.** Steelhead LNG and the Malahat Nation announced a LNG project on 20 August. This will be a floating facility with land connections, in contrast to the Huu-ay-aht Sarita Bay facility that would be land-based with sea connections. [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) Malahat LNG statement and Huu-ay-aht response.

**No Draught here!** Water levels in our water source, Sugsaw Lake, in height above the intake are. July 6: 16', July 23: 15'3", Aug 6: 14'4", and Aug 16: 16'. Data provided by our Regional Director, **Keith Wyton**.

**Sexual Assault.** On August 22, 2015, at about 0100 hours, Port Alberni RCMP learned of an attempted sexual assault in Bamfield. A female was walking along the Buchanan Trail on the Bamfield Marine Sciences Center when a male grabbed the her from behind dragging her into the bush. She fought off the attacker and fled on foot. RCMP attended along with the Police Dog Services. The male was not located. Police continue to investigate this incident and are seeking assistance from the public. Anyone with information please call the Port Alberni RCMP or Crime Stoppers. Attacks such as these are rare. Police are warning residents of Bamfield to remain vigilant and to avoid walking alone in wooded and dark areas. *S/Sgt. Dave Paddock*, Port Alberni RCMP

**Caroline Fox**, a marine station instructor, stated, regarding the above assault: "we were surprised that no advisory or notice was made to the larger community, at least none that reached us." This is an issue, particularly here where there is no police presence and Bamfielders must rely on each other. *L. Druehl*

## Fire ban explained.

The recent open fire ban in the Bamfield Fire Protection District is enforced through a Alberni Clayoquot Regional District mandate. If a fire is reported, the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department will put it out and bill the offender for services rendered. If there is any controversy, the matter will be turned over to the Alberni RCMP. *Eric Clelland*, Chief, BVFD.

## West Bamfield spared.

On July 1, a fire started on the edge of the Tye Lodge deck. A cigarette on dry leaves, the suspected culprit. The fire was attended by **Mark Kelly and Les Butler**. "If that fire had gone undetected for an hour west Bamfield would be toast," said *Les. L. Druehl*

## September Events

1,8,15,22,29 Basketball in the gym  
8 First day of school  
12 Oysters, Authors & Ale Rix Centre 6:30 - 10:30  
12 BCSA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
21 Terry Fox walk/run  
21 Community Affairs 7:30  
30 Community Lunch  
*Janet & Fiona*, BCSA

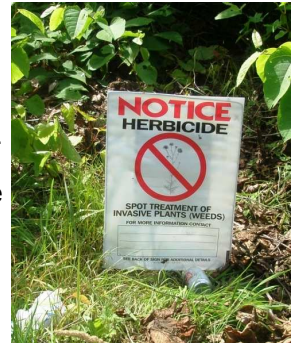
## Authors, Oysters & Ale,

September 12, Rix Centre.

Great fun, food, reading and entertainment.

[www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for details.  
*Janet*, BCSA

## BAMFIELD ROAD SCENES



Japanese knot weed takes a hit.



Not really, 5 km to Anacla Gas Bar.



Long weekend Bamfield parking is a problem.

## From Bamfield to Nathalie in

France. Nearly 70 people conspired to show you are loved & missed in Bamfield. Photos of words & people amongst the sights of Bamfield spell out the message. Participants wanting a copy, e-mail [carolynmay01@gmail.com](mailto:carolynmay01@gmail.com). For final result go to: [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca). *Carolyn May*

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*

**JIMMY (VIRGINIA) BAIRD** (19 October 1921 – 8 July 2015). Husband **Frank** & Jimmy first came to the west coast of Vancouver Island in 1960. They bought property on Brady Beach in 1967. In 1981 they started building a home on Brady Beach. Jimmy helped with all parts of it even helping Frank pouring all the cement footings. The garden is testament of Jimmy's constant effort into turning west coast rain forest into a beautiful west coast garden with rhododendrons, hydrangeas, hardy fuchsias, and more. Anybody reading this is welcome to come and look around. For 21 years Frank and Jimmy enjoyed community events, meetings and potlucks. Bamfield really was a perfect match for their golden retirement years. And fishing...Jimmy reeled in the family's 2 biggest salmon—a 47 and 49 pounder. *Jerry Baird*, for full eulogy: [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca)



**\*Frank Stuart was the post** master for Canada post when the post office was part of the Federal Building that housed the post office and custom's office (now the dilapidated Bamfield Inn). He was President of the Bamfield Chamber of Commerce and Chair of the local Bamfield School Trustees and supporter of the Swiftsure Races. Frank was an avid fly fisher and salmon fisher. He, with his wife, Betty, and a local committee helped organize the annual fishing derby and dinner at the Bamfield Community Hall on Labour Day. *Suzanne Jennings*

**Hi Louis**, I captured the Bradys Beach volley ball net in full swing ...Sunday Aug 23 in the afternoon . The location doesn't get any better for a net does it ? Thank you B.C.S.A. & **Sweetings** for the set up. *Andrea Butler* .



**Correction to August TNB.** **Lisa Bye** spear-headed the campaign to purchase the Bamfield mermaid. *Druehl*

**Wayward** marine station life jackets please return to the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre. Your parents miss you. *John Richards*

**Jim Moise** "was a man with a disability that decided to live in the bush with his dogs," said his friend, **Paul Demontigny**. Jim lived, a hermit, in Kelp Bay and later on Fleming Island. He would visit Bamfield to gather supplies and communicate with the outer world. Paul and two of Jim's friends released Jim's ashes in Trevor Channel, 26 August, 2015. *L. Druehl*, photo *Paul. Demontigny*



**Port Desire fecundity.** Sow black bears with twins in north P.D. & south P.D. And **Eliose** and **Henri** fledged another eaglet. *L. Druehl*

**Longtime friend of Bamfield, Rich Palmer** has conducted research at the marine station since 1980. He revels over our diversity of marine life and ecosystems. Rich shares **Professor's** approach to research as stated in *Cedar, Salmon and Weed*, p.303: "I work on the beach where the natural philosophic questions are to be discovered." More than 70 students and postdoctoral fellows have resided in Bamfield while studying with Rich...that's a lot of groceries and beer. **John Boom** sold him a lot on Helby Island in 1981. **Tim** (16) and **Kevin** (14) **Wenstob** agreed to put in a road on his Helby property but needed to be paid in advance so they could buy an excavator to do the job! **Lars Mogensen** put in the footings and framed the Helby cabin. The rest Rich did. His favourite Bamfield activities are the Halloween dances that he has attended for over 3 decades and, earlier, the Christmas Community Hall dinner/dances. He regularly attends Community Affairs meetings and is assisting our Regional Director **Keith Wyton** in assessing Bamfield water issues. *L. Druehl*

**Christopher Donison's dream** is explained in **Amy Smart's** article in the *Times Colonist* "The idea, in a nutshell, is to connect all Canadians at home and abroad," Donison said. "The project is tentatively dubbed 'Canada 150: From C to C to C.' Ideally, 25 vessels will be involved at each Sea, providing a full chromatic scale around middle C. Using wireless technology developed by Victoria's **Limbic Media**, Donison will be able to 'play' the horns using a keyboard. In its final form, each vessel will light up as its note is played. We will be playing *O Canada* at 8 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017, from Bamfield, and it will be heard all across the country on rivers, inlets and lakes. *God Save the Queen* and a specially written new piece will also be played. Photo, Donison at the keyboard producing *O Canada* from 11 boat-laden horns at the 10th annual Music-by-the-sea performance." Photo *L. Druehl*



**Progress in Nepal.** Hi Louis, I'm sending along a few recent photos of the rebuilding projects in Lubrak. Cement and rebar don't make really exciting photos....but that's where they're at with rebuilding the hostel where the kids stay during the school year. Our donation deposit was received with no problem and was very timely in the purchasing and transport of those expensive materials. They have faced unbelievable hardships and problems related to slides, ruined roads, flooding, and incredible mud flows down the Panda Khola river at the base of their settlement. Amazingly, they continue to persevere. *Bernadette Wyton*

