

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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## BAMFIELD SPONTANEITY



**Bamfield Volunteer Firefighters** recruiting. "What do you do Wednesday evenings? Join us."



"**Some enchanted evening.**" A beautiful starry Friday night, campfire ban lifted (finally) and again **John Hughes** and his faithful Looper performed their magic to a large crowd of grateful fans at Brady's beach. Thank you John and everyone who helped make yet another memorable Bamfield event. *Marc Phillips*

### **Community Affairs Meeting**

at the school, Monday, 19 October, 7:30. New Grants-in-aid policy ([www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for preview of policy), Regional Director's report and committee meeting reports.

**Enjoy Good Cheer.** Bamfield Community Hall Members Christmas Social, 4 December, 7-10 p.m. in the Rix Centre. Memberships may be purchased at the Social. Initial New Hall plans will be available.

**BUDDY READING 12:40-1:20** Wednesdays at the school. Enjoy our vibrant school kids.

**In dire need.** In response to the question, How would the RCMP respond to a violent Bamfield emergency, **Insp. Mac Richards**, replied: "Should a need arise in which the RCMP are required in an emergency please call 911. Although the Port Alberni RCMP have responsibility for providing policing services to Bamfield we are able to utilize West Coast Marine RCMP and the Port Alberni First Nations Policing Unit to enhance our service delivery and potentially respond to incidents quicker." *Louis Druehl*

**Highway to Heaven.** **John Mass** noted that \$450 K has been raised for the trail between Bamfield and Anacla. The final cost undetermined, but a seven digit figure is possible. A dream trail could be hard-surfaced, 3 meter wide, and lit. Donations may be made to HFN Trail (tax receipts available). The HFN Development Corp. is pursuing rights-of-away. There will be public consultation in early October. *L. Druehl*

**Pink Cupcake Sale** in support of the **Breast Cancer Society. At the Post Office, 23 October. Tax receipts for donations \$20 and up. Dress for the cause.** *Rose Janelle.*

**Join the 34th Annual Bamfield Christmas Craft Sale. Great crafted gifts, lunch and more.** 22 November, 10 am—2 pm. At the Bamfield School. Support fellow Bamfielders!

**Another great Bamfield evening.** 80 dinners and 41 ears of corn, highlighted by corn picked in Port that morning and **Abby Hawkins'** veggie burgers (I'm told). Vigorous auctioneering led by **Bob Goodwin.** This was Bob's 24th consecutive stint. Some items: First Nation handcrafts, Rocky Pt. charter, free Sea-beam boat rental, golfing passes, McKay Lodge



**Auction \$s**  
2012 \$5257  
2013 \$2617  
2014 \$4642  
2015 \$6209

dinners, original art, and, of course, Jennings cinnamon twists. Top item an old road sign "Port Alberni – Bamfield" from **Sunny Logan's** basement went for \$600. All this led to the greatest income in recent years (see side-bar). **J.P.**

**Hastey** welcomed the guests and outlined the Community Hall's progress to a new hall. Generous support from all Bamfield businesses and many individuals was acknowledged. *L. Druehl* photo of *Rose Janelle* and *Bob Goodwin*

**Cozy gathering.** 13 Bamfielders hunkered down at the first fall Community Affairs Meeting. Our grants-in-aid policy was advanced; **John Mass** talked trail (see Highway); and our Regional Director, **Keith Wyton's** report was misplaced (Secretary, **Rae Hopkins** emailed the report to all attendees). Highlights: Helipad at Health Centre not safe; Purdy airport an option but adds critical time. West side trails and boardwalk repairs, and ditching and drainage management to be addressed, perhaps through a multi-year budget process. East side roads and parking issues also noted. The Bamfield Water Committee's application for funds to build a treatment plant was turned down. The performance of the water system was described. Minutes of the water committee will be posted on the ACRD website [and not on any Bamfield service? Ed.]. (see [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for Keith's full report). *Druehl*

**ACRD Open House: Draft Zoning (land use) Bylaw. Thursday October 22, 4-7 pm, Firehall.** [www.acrd.bc.ca](http://www.acrd.bc.ca) for details.

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*

**Shrooms Galore.** Orla Osborne did it! Nearly spontaneously, she pulled mushroom leaders, **Shannon Berch** and **Andy MacKinnon** in with a south island following into Bamfield for a three day revival of the Bamfield Mushroom Festival.



Talks, demonstrations, field excursions, a marine station lab experience, and, of course, the potluck were enjoyed by 30 plus locals. **Juliet Pendray** carried the day with her collection of pine mushrooms.

**Sinclair Philip**, the apparent God Father of Mushrooms and of Sooke Harbour House fame, focused on edibles, leaving esoteric fungi for others. **Lisa Bye** opened her home for potluck cooks; only to house the full potluck experience. *L. Druehl* photo Andy MacKinnon explains inter-connectiveness of forest trees and mushrooms to Bamfield shroomers.

**Long time resident, Paul Demontigny**, has been active in the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department since 1981, when he turned 19. "It was the only place you could drink, the only liquor in town," he joked. The fire department logo is based on the **Demontigny** pet racoon,

**Snooky**. He occupies himself producing spa products and offering marine tours. Paul's Blue Stone Clay, is a spa product



that is presently on 56 cruise ships. His clay has a 27% gem stone content, a desirable spa property. He mixes the clay with Canadian Kelp kelp. He is self taught about local geology, where he has mineral rights. His formal training was a basic prospecting course. When asked his impression of Bamfield, he stated, "The Bamfield area is a Powder Keg of History." *L. Druehl*

**Getting closer.** The Bamfield Community Hall Society Directors are pulling together a business plan and defining unique ways it can interact with other Bamfield groups. *J.P. Haste*y

**Lock up your sons and pets.** **Ken Hawkins** saw a mother cougar with two or three juveniles at the Anacla turn off. *L. Druehl*

**Alzarsi\***

The way I see, we all have one mother. She's forever on this earth. I wish strength in each other, to realize what she's worth. She doesn't really need us, respect is what she's after. A storm is when she starts to fuss, and thunder is her laughter. I see her all around me, and as we start to fade. Take a hard look at the sea and remember what's she's made.

*Christine Sirois*

\* means get up, stand up, rise up

**Bamfield Road Safety Association AGM**

**24 October, 11:00 a.m.**

**Western Forest Products, Cameron Office**

**Stefan Ochman for information.**

**Gala Event.** The Bamfield Community School Association's annual Oysters, Authors & Ale evening, MC'd by **John Mass**, was enjoyed by about 80 guests (105 last year). Literary highlights were readings by smooth **Arthur Black**, of CBC's Basic Black fame, **Judith Phillips**, who read excerpts from her *Our Whole Bamfield Saga: Pioneer life on Vancouver Island west Coast: an illustrated history of the Vanden Wouwer family*, expanded to make it a history of life in early Bamfield (soon in local stores).



Finally, I presented the Birth of *Cedar, Salmon and Weed*, showing how the novel reflects people and things in Bamfield. Imported round tables and music by the **Paul Wainwright** Band, following an oyster feast, made for a very pleasant experience. **Janet Simpson-Cooke**, BCSA Coordinator, suggested "next year's do would be *Salmon, Writers and Wine*, changing things up a bit." Good show, Janet. *L. Druehl*, photo *Marc Phillips*, L→R, Black, Druehl, Phillips.

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**The Bamfield Arts Council**

proudly sponsored an Art workshop, Aug 22/23. **Adele** ([www.adelewoolseyart.com](http://www.adelewoolseyart.com)) is a professional artist out of Calgary and a wonderful facilitator. She introduced us to a new medium in painting and I look forward to seeing more venetian plaster paintings in town. I think we are all hooked! The class was well attended. Thanks Adele for hauling all of the supplies with you on your holiday and sharing your passion with us!! *Andrea Butler*, [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for Adele's workshop collage

**Island fever?**  
**The great Helby Island International Slug Races**



have continued since 1991. These are, according to **Rich Palmer**, serious events punctuated with frivolity, a wonderful seafood pot luck and great booze. On one occasion, in the last 24 years, Rich actually tied; his slug travelled the required 30 centimeters in just under 30 minutes... the same as **Carlos Robles**\* slug. However, it was disclosed that Carlos had given his slug beer and was disqualified for doping and Rich was declared the winner. He has a plaque to prove it. *L. Druehl* in recollection of a conversation with Rich. \*Carlos is a long-term marine station researcher from the State University of California, Los Angeles and a Helby property owner. *L. Druehl*, photo of a group of Helby Islanders with trophy below left and race track centre top.



**Curious chap-** Port Desire's rare visitor, a young grey whale, was spotted at Seabeam Lodge. According to **Brian Gisborne**, the last Port Desire sighting was a humpback in 2005. *L. Druehl*