

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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**Broadened Horizons.** The five Nuu-chah-Nulth First Nations have purchased controlling interest in Nanaimo's St. Jean's Cannery. This popular custom cannery was founded 54 years ago.

**Steve Hughes**, St. Jean's general manager noted "First Nations have increasing access to local wild-caught resources that will help with our supply chain..."

**Larry Johnson**, President of the Nuu-chah-nulth Seafood Development Corporation, noted, "St. Jean's was a perfect fit for us, the access to the cannery, value added, the marketing, the data base of international customers and many other factors." He added, "...featuring our First Nation stories into the marketing." *Business Examiner, December 2015*



**A great nursing legacy.** Sheila Chambers, Bamfield's much-loved nurse, passed away on October 27<sup>th</sup>. She started her Bamfield job in 1983 after a chance encounter with outpost nurse, **Margaret Parady**, who mentioned that she would be retiring shortly. With her husband, **Alan Chambers**, away fishing, Sheila made the decision on her own to apply for the position, which she held for 21 years. The outpost hospital was next door to my Uncle **John Vanden's** house and Sheila's professional care and the kindness she and Al showered on him, allowed him to stay there until age 88, when he reluctantly moved to Victoria. Sheila and Al both fell in love with the community and kept a home here until a few years ago. We are going to miss you, Sheila. *Marc Phillips*

**Thanks for a seismic-free year, almost!**

**A great evening** of school kid entertainment was enjoyed by about 75 school parents and friends (there was competition with Poker Night and an HFN meeting). The 16 students, (K to grade 6) performed Traditional songs by drumming, singing, and dancing. They sang classic and fun Christmas songs and acted out a lovely poem. A silent auction and draws raised monies for field trips (donations happily accepted). And of course lovely cakes and treats with coffee or tea distracted guests while a very authentic **Santa Claus** and his elf learned of the kids Christmas wishes. A classic Bamfield event. Thank you **Kristen Russell** and your team. *L. Druehl*,



**Community Affairs, your chance to shape Bamfield. 18 January, 7:30 at the school.**

**Agenda to include: Bamfield organizing for Canada's 2017, 150th celebration.**

**Among Pat Byers' finest gifts to Bamfield** is the Scotch Club. As Bamfield General Store proprietor, Pat quickly bonded with Bamfield in early fall 2006. Scotch Club was born the following fall, partly because Pat loved Scotch (and perhaps anticipated higher Scotch sales) but mostly because he loved Bamfield. Early meetings were at his place next to the store, but now migrate among members' homes (or docks). Monthly Tuesday-evening meetings still follow his ingenious format: \$10 buys one-shot tastes from two Scotches. Initially, members selected the two by voting with matchsticks, but later presidents (**Joe Cooper: 2013-15, Neil Wright: 2015-pres.**) expanded the selection to 6 or 7, with unfinished bottles returning the next meeting. Ever the optimist, Pat cajoled 10, mostly westside, Club members to buy shares in a cask of Bruichladdich. Sadly, he didn't live the requisite 10 years to welcome his precious Bruichladdich to Bamfield. But his efforts paid off in other ways. More than one member's taste refined over the years from initial descriptions like "new running shoes" or "Dead-All cleaner" to "hints of caramel and almond with a lightly peaty nose." We've also learned that Club meetings are more about friendship and fine company than Scotch, so we toast Pat every meeting in thanks. *Rich Palmer*

**FYI.** Club members are notified by e-mail and a notice on the west side bulletin board. Meetings are, the first or second Tuesday of the month, with the odd 'special' meeting. \$10 buys one-shot tastes from two scotches. No membership fees. No hazings, kissed fish or gutted goats. Though there is the regular toast to **Pat**. What a tragedy he isn't with us any longer to see how much he brought to this community. If interested contact **Rich Palmer**.



33 Scotch tasters at Mon Caprice. Photo M. Phillips

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

**Great Stormy Turnout!** 19 Bamfielders attended the November Community Affairs meeting. Highlights included final acceptance of the Grants-in-aid policy (see [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca)); Community Affairs letters, expressing concern over the dangers of not having a suitable helipad for Bamfield, was initiated (see [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca)). The possibility of Bamfield sponsoring a Syrian family was mentioned. And last, but not least, it was noted that this night was the 20th anniversary of the **John and Sheryl Mass's** coming to Bamfield...good thing for us that they did. And what a venue to celebrate this event! *L. Druehl*



**Storms and power outages** didn't stop Bamfielders from mingling at the Community Hall Christmas Social. Stranded westsiders stood on their floats, surrounded by an angry sea, waving down rides to the Rix Centre. The crowded Centre oozed a warm fuzzy feeling: the potluck buffet (over 30 dishes, including octopus) fed; **Brian Douillard**—studs, links & bow-tie—quenched thirsts; **Phil Lavoie** and **Stella Wentstob** played tunes; and carolers belted out old favourites, accompanied by 3 RCMP officers. The evening featured a special tribute to **Katharine** and **Suzanne Jennings** for decades of dedication to Bamfield (see [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for the tribute and a collage). Over 72 Hall memberships were sold; contact **Rose** to get yours. Another great Bamfield event. *Louis Druehl*, photo Bamfield Carolers by *Kristen Russell*.

**Burn, baby, burn!** While the rest of the world is reducing carbon emissions, we seem set on increasing them. Drive the roads to Port Alberni or Lake Cowichian and count the wood teepees of logging



waste. Imagine these as hog fuel, rather than something to be gotten rid of. Each ton of wood waste is the equivalent of about 2 barrels of oil or enough energy to run a typical home for about 4 months. A little West Coast ingenuity could convert these piles into electricity. Such a

scheme could be subsidized by a carbon tax paid by the creators of this waste, such as we now pay on fuel. The results would be employment opportunities, the creation of a renewable fuel resource, and of course the feel good that comes from doing the right thing. *L. Druehl*

**BCSA Coming Events. The Winter Bamfield Community Event Guide will be available by 18 January 2016.**



**He's Back!** When asked, how long will he'd be staying, **Malcom Richards** replied. "Forever! I'm really glad to be back. There's no place like home." *L. Druehl*, photo of Malcom and Sonny

**Bamfield Beautification Project** - thank you to all who assisted with the boardwalk flower boxes this last year, especially during the drought of July & August. Thanks to **Leanne** for soil, thanks to **Shelagh, Rose, Lorrie, Judy** & all those who donated plants, water & thumbs to keep things tidy & green. Donations accepted at the Bamfield Mercantile. See you next spring! Thanks! *Michelle van Boven*

**The Scott Clan assembled at Eileen's in Port Desire, Christmas, 2015**



**Scott Family Christmas Recipe.**

**Add:** 18 folks from AB, CA, & BC; 2 dogs & 1 non-cat; 24 lbs. of turkey, 1 huge ham; Lobsters, Prawns & Salmon: fresh and smoked; A 1000 piece puzzle- minus 1 piece; and One Christmas CD, played over and over. **Mix in:** 100 gallons of good quality liquid. **Combine:** All together in a warm home. Take turns stirring things up. **Sprinkle in:** trips to Pachena Beach. **Add:** Love, Laughter, Hugs and Kisses. **Serves:** Many loving spoonfuls! This recipe lasts forever when stored lovingly in your heart. *The Family*

**An Ode to 2015.** We give thanks to: **The U.S.** whose **Donald Trump** makes us appreciate our politicians all the more; who would build a 5000 km fence to protect us from gun-crazed Americans, whose Corporate Tim Hortons allows us to believe Tim Bits are Canadian. **ISIS** who exceeded all our expectations for Reality TV. **Realtors** who have sold Tyee, Woods End, the General Store, and hopefully the "Purdy Properties," with the loss of good friends, but exciting new folks. **Eastside doggie buddies**, *Sheba, Shadow, Rocky, Stryder, Eddie, Sofi, Eva, Wee Bob, Sonny* and *Brady*, who show us how to lift a leg together. **Higher Authorities** whose permanent Water Advisory signs warn us of a health risk, well maybe a risk, while discouraging newcomers from settling here. "Who would live in a place where power outages are common, with an 80 km dirt road for access, just to take a cold shower?" **The Community Hall Directors** who have tantalized us with the prospect of a *New Hall* for yet another year. **Finally, Scientists**, who after subjecting us to margarine for 40 years have now decided **butter is good!** *L. Druehl*

**CELEBRATE ROBBIE BURNS WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS AT THE FIRE HALL, 23 JANUARY, 5 PM.** Tickets \$25 at Post Office, General Store, The Market, & Builders. *Oh, my luv'e's like a red, red rose, That's newly sprung in June.*