

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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**A bright new future!** 23 April 2016 is a day to remember. At noon a large crowd observed **Eileen Scott** cutting a braided cedar rope held by **Natalie Clappis** and **Kaiden Toor**. Huu-ay-aht dancers paddled a canoe among the guests, symbolizing the arrival of the HFN in Bamfield. **Derek Peters** welcomed all and **Ed Johnson Jr.** drummed a prayer. This officially marked the take over by the Huu-ay-aht of several Bamfield properties. A luncheon with hardy sandwiches and chowder provided the background for introducing the HFN hereditary chiefs and for HFN dancers and

drummers. **Connie Nookemus**, pointing at the Coast Guard Station said that was her favourite reserve (her famous and dedicated Coast Guardsmen, grandfather **Martin** and father **Clifford Charles** resided there for many years). What was missing was a response from Bamfielders. Likely, we were in a state of shock, maybe like the Parisians when **George Patton** liberated Paris. I believe most Bamfielders support the HFN. We will certainly be interested in knowing HFN plans for Bamfield. *L. Druehl photo collage: M. Phillips, more great Phillips photos on [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca).*

**A Legacy Untended.** The March 30 Community Forest AGM was attended by 6 of the 12 Directors and 7 community members. The major focus of the AGM was a review of a draft five-year Forest Management Plan. On the surface, the "Guiding Principals" seemed sensible and to reflect what I have heard at past meetings. However, closer scrutiny of the plan made me nervous. The concept of a buffer between Bamfield and logged sites was defined as where only non-industrial scale logging will be pursued. No set-back distance was given. The preservation of old growth seemed to be mostly restricted to the "other side of the inlet", where it would be difficult to log. Considering the present status of old growth on Vancouver Island, I would suggest no old growth be disturbed. Block logging over highly selective logging appeared the way to go which seems to be what the big boys are doing. Other forest products/activities received little attention. I left with the impression the community forest was all about fibre. Participate in forest meetings; let the directors know what you want; preserve our legacy. *L. Druehl*

**A Cadillac anyone?** The Bamfield Water Board (**J.P. Hastey, L. Herbig, S. Rogers, J. Mass, B. Otterson, E. Clelland, K. Wyton**) met 21 April to consider a water treatment facility. **R. Dyson**, CAO and **L. Butler** represented ACRD. It appears the issue has grown. Three treatments are now required: filtration, UV and chlorination. THMs, (maybe carcinogenic) were the reason an upgraded treatment was deemed necessary (check the signs around town: warnings that discourage visitors, according to Otterson). The pursuing discussion dealt with defining what is necessary and how much would it cost. Statements such as "Shades of Grey", "Balancing Act" and "Do we need a Cadillac?" were sprinkled throughout. It was a good meeting, somber and well thought-out. *L. Druehl*



**Affairs Highlights.** 20 folks attended the monthly meeting. **Keith Wyton**, Reg. Rep. noted \$600K from the ACRD gas tax fund will go to our water system, our helipad struggles, and the logging status of our watershed is under consideration.

**Chris Donison:** Music by the Sea, 2 July—10 July, will feature more jazz, & more boat horns (if you want to be a boat horn contact **John Mass**). Bamfielders will get a \$20 discount per ticket. Contact **Heather Cooper** (www.bamfielder.ca more information). *L. Druehl* photo of Donison

Lots of rain the first 3 months of 2016—you might have noticed. January rain—16.33 inches; February rain—14.58 inches; March rain—16.16 inches; for a total of 47.07 inches (1195mm). Normal rainfall would be 35.98 inches (914 mm)—enough already! However, the last 3 months of 2015 had 31.39 inches (797 mm) of rain where 42.4 (1077 mm) inches would be normal. Biggest day rain over the winter was 3.68 inches (93 mm) of rain on January 27. Brady Beach is looking good. Several storms this winter, surges matching very low atmospheric pressure recordings and coming on the full moon or the new moon scoured the beach and moved around all the big old logs. But right now the beach STINKS—a large biomass of the small sailing-type jelly fish have blown up on the beach and it is rotting providing Brady Beach pretty stinky ode. *Jerry Baird*

**Our roadside skunk cabbage's** perfume smells of rotten meat. The smell is produced by metabolizing plant compounds by the addition of heat, 15 – 30 C above ambient. Flies and beetles are attracted to this smell and while probing for the goodies, pollinate the skunk cabbage. This species that is considered an ornamental has been introduced to Europe where it outcompetes local species (maybe a payback for the mess introduced Scotch Broom has made here). *L. Druehl*, photo *Rae Hopkins*



## Celebrating the life of Brunhilde



**Brunhilde Niederacher** \*10.09.1954 Johannesburg-Germany—+08.10.2015 Victoria BC-Canada. Join us at Brady's Beach Bamfield to share stories and remember a life lived to the fullest. Sunday May22nd at 1 pm

### For Brunhilde

Gather your sea glass while you may trading beads one by one and shells, though empty, filled with beauty sun bleached driftwood twisted smooth by sand feathers that float down into your hand Strips of cedar to turn into roses Images of windswept trees into your mind that beg to be set free on endless canvas

Herbs to spice pots of stews, of soups. Berries, black, salal, salmon, logan, thimble frozen in time to preserve summer. Plums from the tree to bake into cakes On sunlit autumn afternoons, the gold of the woods, chanterelles glowing

kelp in the mist, to chop, to scatter in your garden to nurture the cuttings collected to share with friends gathered from near and afar

Greetings from the geese on wing up above

*Kathleen Peace*



**Play time! Join the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department!**

**A classic luncheon** at the Jennings residence celebrated **Eileen Scott's** 94th. Crust-less egg salad sandwiches, smoked salmon, home made pickles and venison pepperoni awash with tea released conversation that sent this solo male scurrying to the rhodo garden. Eileen, among the last to go, drove her 37-year old Ford tank (truck shocks and tires) down Hull Road to Bamfield Main to the sanctity of Port Desire.



### HOT TOMALÉ

Bamfield's 1st Chili Cook-off, is on 19 June, Noon-2pm, Centennial Park. This family oriented Community Hall event will feature sports, music, prizes and of course great chili options. Chili Cookers contact **Tao Eastham** (tmeastham@gmail.com, 604-868-1465). Balloting will determine prize winners, so get out your friends. *L. Druehl*

**The mermaid has returned** to Bamfield Inlet. She's removed from her place on the rocks below the Wickham's net shed each year before the winter storms start and returns after the full moon each April when things calm down in the inlet again: no swell-driven logs. *Heather Cooper*



### May Coming Events

**3,10,17,24,31** Circuits 5:15pm-6:15pm, Basketball 7:30pm

**4,11,18,25** Buddy Reading 12:30pm

**16** Community Affairs/AGM

**25** Community Lunch 12pm

**27** Music Night 7:00pm *Janet Simpson-Cooke*, BCSA

**For free!** Silken hair of the dog, **Brady**. Ideal for bird's nests, according to cat, **Bob**. Contact **Rae**.

