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In 2015; TNB reached you through 85-150 hard copies and, on the average, 3200 web site hits per month. TNB has been spiced up with tidbits: weather **Jerry Baird**, fishing news **Ken Bodaly**, school news **Kristin Russell**, local insights **Andrea Butler**, political commentary **Max Salamon**, photography **Marc Phillips**, **Stella Wenstob**, **Roseline L-F** and much more. Webmaster, **Heather Washburn**, gives *bamfielder.ca* a life of its own: sharp introductions to topics *du jour*, cam shots of the harbour, Community Affairs minutes, a meeting place for writers and readers, chidings for potential donors, and much more. Contribute to future issues.

L. Druehl

TNB issue #1 was memorable for the quote: A tourist: "Those boys hanging out on the boardwalk remind me of the goats on the Coomb's Farmers Market roof." And **Eileen Scott's** want ad: "Wanted old stewing hens, dead and de-feathered." The quote still resonates along the boardwalk and Eileen's ad made it to CBC Victoria Radio and she got the hens.

Nick Domenico

Germani (23 January 1924-June 7 2016). If I listed all Nick Germani's accomplishments from playing violin in a symphony to boat building to his many trade certificates I'd need several pages. Nick was interested in everything from bees to battleships and if he didn't know about something he would research it. When you helped him out with anything, he felt indebted forever. His patience with everyone and all tasks amazed me. There was always a solution regardless of the size of the job. Nick was comfortable and generous with anyone from ages 4 to 94 or as he called people over 65 "old people". He was always young at heart. I am proud to have known him. Nick will be missed by many people for many different reasons. I will miss him as a dear friend. *Mark Stokes*



Clear as a bell, strong and confident, a young voice of the HFN, **Helena Howard** (12 years) sang the opening song—Wayla—for the June 21st Totem Ceremony. The totem, carved by **Shawn Mack**, depicted the eagle on top, bear in the middle and orca on the bottom, representing the Huu-ay-aht connection to the air, land and sea. This totem expresses the resilience of the Huu-ay-aht to warfare, disease, hunger

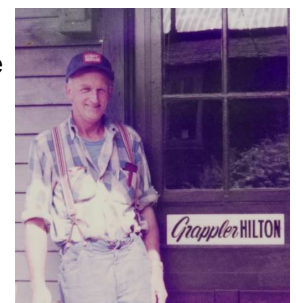


and surviving colonialism and residential school, and their return to Bamfield and their desire to bring economic stability to the region. The proceedings were overlooked by an eagle perched in a near by cedar and cheered by all. *L. Druehl*, *Marc Phillips'* photo of *Tayji Hawilth Derek Peters* (L), *Carver Shawn Mack*, *Wisquii Robert Dennis Jr.*

Bamfield Servant Passes. We bade farewell to **Sheila Chambers** RN this morning, 27 May. **Al Chambers** and son **Tom** came home to Bamfield to spread Sheila's ashes on Brady's beach this morning. The **Wenstob** family made a beautiful wreath and more flowers were added to the driftwood as a small group gathered. Thanks to **Delores Bowker** for the lovely lunch that followed. **Al** came today to catch a good low tide. However he still intends to have a community pot luck at the Memorial Tree July 24th. Details will be posted on the Bamfield Corkboard on facebook closer to the date. *Nancy Hendry*



Seabeam Developer Jack Graham's (5 March 1924—12 May 2016) Bamfield legacy was converting a run down fish plant into the Grappler Seabeam fishing lodge. He purchased the plant in 1980 and later added a 5 acre campsite. To hook up with Bamfield he employed his skills as a heavy equipment operator and bulldozed in Tower Road (whose name is a mystery) through what is now Community Forest. He served in the navy in WWII on convoy duty for three years in the North Atlantic. Later he became a heavy equipment operator and then commercial fished for 20 years. *L. Druehl*. *Photo courtesy of the Bamfield Archives*, a volunteer driven activity.



A Thought: Volunteers provide services (library, sports, water works, fire fighting, local government and much more) that are not covered by our taxes, that are essential to our community. You do not have to live here to help. Bring your skills and interests to our village. Make Bamfield a better place. Louis Druehl

Farther, Faster, Bamfield Community School made a strong showing in the **Alberni District Track Meet** at Bob Daily Stadium on June 3, 2016. All BCS students and staff, and some family members made the trip to Port Alberni to cheer on the 9 competitors (**Cierra Nookemus, Helena Howard, Jayson Nookemus, Natalie Clappis, Brady Butler, Jagar Williams, Grace Geall, Seth Nookemus, and Andy Clappis**). Leading up to the event, students trained hard with **Ms. Russell**, and afterschool with coaches **Nicole Gerbrandt** and **Shannon Rogers**. **We are a team small in number, with big spirit and results!** Helena, Cierra, Seth, and Andy were among the few in the district to step-up and tackle the challenging 600m middle distance race. Jagar, Brady, Andy and Seth placed 3rd in the Grade 5 4x100m relay. Natalie placed 1st in Grade 5 girls ball toss. Brady placed 5th in Grade 5 boys ball toss. Andy placed 7th in long jump and 6th in 100m dash finals, Grade 4 boys.

Way to go team! *Nicole Gerbrandt*



Anacla/Bamfield: Sports Central! Bamfield and Anacla kids would like to say **BIG THANK YOUS** to **Cory Howard** and family for spending their Monday nights from October – April coaching kids hockey at the House of Huu-ay-aht and to **Bob Baden at Bamfield Builders Supply** for purchasing T-shirts for the Track and Field team! *Nicole Gerbrandt*



Have an Affair! Bamfield Affairs meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month, 7:30 School. Agendas are posted on the Bamfield Corkboard & on bill boards. **Christine Gruman**.

Bamfield History is Hot! 35 people from Bamfield and beyond signed on as members of the Bamfield Historical Society at the open house Friday April 22. To become a member contact **Rae Hopkins, Ron Long** and **Marc Phillips** gave a digital photography workshop for BCSA. *Heather Cooper*. R. Long photo by Marc. Phillips

The Bamfield Historical Society presents the 11th annual exhibit, opening July 1st at the Bamfield Centennial Park: **The Life and Legacy of R. Bruce Scott**. Visit us at our exciting new and improved website: www.bamfieldhistory.com, thanks to **Heather Alexander**. *Heather Cooper*

Congratulations to Judith Phillips - the recipient of the *BC Historical Federation Lieutenant Governor's award in Community History*, which was presented at the BC Historical Federation awards banquet in Revelstoke, BC in May, for her outstanding book, *Our Whole Bamfield Saga* (available in local stores). *Heather Cooper*

Home at last! **Lisa Herbig** (née **Bye**) spent many happy summers in Bamfield with her grandparents, **John and Kaye Munrefet**. For the next 20 years she worked as a Licensed Early Child Educator in the winters and for the *Lady Rose* in summers. "It took me 20 years to find a husband, house and job," to bring me back to Bamfield. Lisa gave hitch-hikers **Peter Herbig** and friends a ride from Ukee to the Nanaimo ferry, where they agreed to carry on to Peter's cabin in Manitoba. They married 21 June, 2008 and honeymooned the next year canoeing 49 days down the Churchill River and, the next year bicycling 1000 km around the coasts of Iceland. They want to stay in Bamfield but they are dependent on rental housing (purchasing is out of the question). She found moving from west to east Bamfield a bit of culture shock. Beyond being the teachers assistant and Manager of Centennial Park, Lisa is active on BCS, BCP and the Water Board. A great volunteer! *L. Druehl*



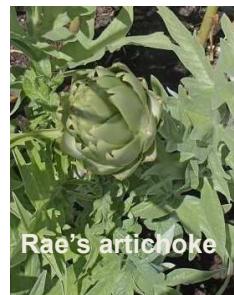
Community Affairs. 18 community members heard Frank Ritzky, BC Bear Aware Coordinator, describe options for distributing bear-proof bins. **Gary Wilson**, CEO HFN Development Corporation, joined us as the HFN representative... *Welcome Gary*. Our ACRD representative, **Keith Wyton**, noted that, most likely, there will be a money referendum for the ACRD-promoted filtration water treatment plant. Following the meeting, the directors named their officers: co-chairs **L. Druehl & S. Mass**, treasurer **S. Ochman**, secretary **R. Hopkins**. The next meeting will be Monday September 19. *Louis Druehl*

How Bamfield works (or doesn't). Unincorporated Bamfield is overseen by the Alberni-Clayoquot Region District. Our elected district representative (**Keith Wyton**) links us to the ACRD. Within Bamfield there are 15-19 groups that oversee everything from water works and fire fighting to watering boardwalk flower boxes and archiving our history. These are driven by volunteers. The Bamfield Community Affairs Society provides a venue for the various groups to explain their activities, disperses grants, and voices concern to outside agencies where there is need, either through Keith Wyton or directly. The message is for Bamfield to work, you need to participate. *L. Druehl*

Plots available in the Centennial Park Community Garden.



Andrea's figs



Rae's artichoke



Meadows' Garlic

Contact Lisa Herbig

Martinsville News (Bamfield West Dock) This warm April weather brought migrating Martins back two + weeks early. Entering our third year, our Martins have doubled nesting pairs from 3 pairs the first and second years, to 7. There appears to be six adult and one juvenile pair. Weather permitting maybe 28 fledging will be produced. *Mark Law*

Wilt no more. Thank you Watering Volunteers and **B. & L. Baird** for soil. Boardwalk boxes bloom! *Andrea Butler*