

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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## Maritimer discovers Bamfield.

**Sean and Shannon Rogers** and their kids **Jackson, Scotty & Will** will be leaving our village with regret. Jackson wants to sell lemonade to tourists and Shannon has immersed herself doing track with the school kids. The genuine interest and the unique activities by the school staff and the HFN Paawats were great experiences for the Rogers' children. A unique species of stickleback brought this clan to Bamfield. As this fish is only found in BC it may not be taken out of the province. It is the target of Sean's evolutionary studies that involves predicting evolution in a changing world. He could have studied other species, including humans, but in his words, "I've always loved fish."

And we should too! The growing fame of the marine station as a place to study sticklebacks will attract researchers, hopefully with families. When asked his impression of Bamfield, Sean replied, "I've never been anywhere as welcoming. I thank the village for a great year; your open arms made us feel part of Bamfield." Even though he will be returning to his home university, UC, he will be a frequent visitor to our village. *L. Druehl*



Recently re-discovered pleasures are walking barefoot and enjoying song birds. *L. Druehl*

## CENTENNIAL PARK, A NEW VENUE FOR BAMFIELD



A New Event for Bamfield. The Bamfield Community Hall Society's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off, on Father's Day, was attended by about 80 folks. The 7 contestants vied for neat prizes supplied by local merchants (Thank you!). The winner, **Kelly Clement/Justin Demoskoff** won the coveted ladle and shared with **Rose Janelle/Ken Skarland** Red Hot 2016 Aprons. **Zelta Clappis** placed third with an intriguingly spiced chili. My favourite was **Brian McKay's** bison/chanterelle chili. The marine station supplied 120 freshly baked buns. The affair took place at the park gazebos. Proceeds went to the Bozak family. *L. Druehl*, composite photo "Some Winners" by M. Phillips. [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for Marc's collage.

1st of July Events. About 180 folks attended/participated in the BVFD parade, followed by O'Canada led by **Eileen Scott** and **Clara Clappis**, then Community Hall hot dogs and watermelon; all made festive by flags and banners courtesy of our MP **Gord Johns**.

And everyone's favourite. Centennial Park helped stage the 3rd Annual Seabeam Pig Roast on the 1st of July: Pig by Seabeam, 120 freshly baked buns by the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre. **Brian MacKay** carved. 109 diners were served by **Rae Hopkins** and **Jennifer Druehl**. Payment was by donation, which Seabeam passed on to Centennial Park (Thank you!). **Lisa Herbig**, Park Manager, was largely responsible for pulling all the bits and pieces together. Clearly, the Seabeam Pig Roast is an established annual Bamfield event. *L. Druehl*

And it rained! Vendors, artists, guests and musicians chatted, snacked, and enjoyed each others company during **Art in the Park**...five hours of rain and camaraderie and heel-tapping music. Photo: Musicians in the park Pavilion by H. Demontigny.



Two steps forward and one step back. Bamfield is losing a vital young family. **Nicole, Riley and Dave Gerbrandt** have departed for Uke. The marine station is losing an innovative University Program Coordinator; the village an essential contractor, the school a much needed kid. Dave's half-pipe, mountain bike trail, memorial benches and the pavilion's spruce decking (great for resonance) have greatly enhanced Centennial Park. Track coach and active school mum, Nicole gone. "Sorry to see them



go...great loss to the community," **Charlie Clappis**. "I'm saddened to lose the Gerbrandt family from Bamfield and Riley as a student. Nicole and Dave have contributed so much by volunteering at the school, building skate ramps, and teaching kids to surf. Have fun meeting lots of new friends Riley!" **Kristin Russell**

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*

### Water Treatment Status Update.

The ACRD, in a bulletin to water users, noted: Bamfield water continues with the water advisory, in place since 2013. The system must meet terms set by VIHA. The Dissolved Air Flootation pilot test in 2014 confirmed this as the method for us. Estimated cost, \$1.5 million. The ACRD board has allocated \$1,026,672 from Gas Tax funds to the project. **Keith Wyton**, our ACRD representative, added, "The design and timing of the proposed project is being developed. As the design and estimates process is refined the amount we need to borrow will be known. There will be presentations to the Bamfield Water System Advisory Committee and to the community. My understanding at this time is that the referendum could happen before the end of 2016. I do not know what will happen if the vote does not pass." *L. Druehl*

### **Bamfield Paranoia**

**Drone Invasion.** On July 19, at 7:35 pm a drone, operated from a small covered boat, hovered over our Port Desire deck and neighbouring properties. It was out of reach of my broom. *L. Druehl*

**Terrorist Training?** Rapid gunfire, such as we hear on broadcasts of attacks at malls, nightclubs and such, has been heard on a couple of occasions in Grappler. It seems to be coming from HFN lands, north of Port Desire. *L. Druehl*

**Bamfield under siege.** The invasive black slug is a common, unwanted new resident. It eats orchids, mushrooms, lilies, it's cousin, the banana slug, and most anything else. They taste horrible; the only use for them is greasing wooden cart wheels. Picking slugs at dawn and sunset is the most effective control. Don't squash them...this releases their eggs, according to **Stu Hogarth**. *L. Druehl*, photo of slug at the school by **Rae Hopkins**



**Remembering Sheila** in Centennial Park. On Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of July friends and family celebrated the life of **Sheila Chambers** with memories and open-face sandwiches and herring roe. "Sheila and Al would invite us over for dinner and she was always



called out, but Al was there," **Dolores Bowker**. "**Johnny Vanden** was able to stay in Bamfield for 10 extra years, thanks to Sheila," **Marc Phillips**. Q: How do I like being the nurse's husband? A: In Bamfield that's all I'll ever be," **Al Chambers**. "Sheila was a very inspirational person in my life as I grew up," **Tracy Bowker**. *Amazing Grace* was led by **Stella Wenstob** and **Eileen Scott**. A Memorial Tree leaf was placed and Sheila's Memorial Bench noted. *L. Druehl*, photo of Al & Kirk Chambers & Kathleen Wabinga by *Marc Phillips*.

**Abstracted HFN news release:** Huu-ay-aht Bamfield Employment Objectives. "[To] create wealth and opportunities for the Nation, such as forestry, fishery and other business." **Bobby Toor**, HFN Hospitality Manager, has employed 12 HFN citizens for the Motel, Pub, Ostroms and Kingfisher. "This is not 100% HFN, which is the ultimate goal..." **Esther Jackway**, who manages the Float House, the Market and Café, has had some difficulty staffing, with transportation to Anacla being a factor. **Gary Wilson**, CEO, is impressed with HFN business successes but recognizes difficulties with recruitment, housing and transportation. **Annie Merritt**, HFN Training and Employment, states, "We are developing tools that people can use to make sure they are ready to work..." She works closely with HFN Human Resource Manager, **Marleen Nookemus**, to achieve objectives. Full release [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca).

**Music lovers faced a Chinese Elm** forest, hearing, but not seeing a row-boat-borne trumpeter crossing Bamfield Inlet, heralding the closing of the 11th annual Music-by-the-Sea concert. The ivy-choked trees came down the next day. The trees will not be missed but the production will be seen and heard. Next year we'll have the complete experience for the first time in 11 years. *L. Druehl*

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### An unsung Bamfield hero recognized.

The Bamfield's eleventh annual poster show featuring **Bruce Scott** is now on display at Centennial Park. Scott was born in 1903 and at the age of 13 responded to an advertisement for "Submarine telegraphers." He worked at various operations in the Pacific, finally ending up at the Bamfield Cable Station. "When I stepped off the boat at Bamfield it was love at first sight." He was a whiz at telegraphing: half a million words in a year with no mistakes. At retirement he developed Aguilar Lodge, wrote several books on the west coast and promoted west coast parks. To get the full measure of the man, you should visit the exhibit. Be prepared to spend half an hour and bring a stool so you can read the bottom half of the posters. Good show, Bamfield Historical Society! The Society has recently acquired rights to all of Scott's books and will be making them available to the public. *Louis Druehl*

*The Historical Society is accepting new members. Contact Rae Hopkins to join.*

**We're perfectly Zoned!** Here is a quick summary for the open house we held in Bamfield for our zoning bylaw on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We only had 8 people come to see us! Discussions revolved around potential fishing lodges operating on residential zoned properties, the development of a private cabin on Sandford Island, and how the new zoning bylaw can/cannot help property owners bring current development and/or operations into compliance. At the open house held in October 2015, we had 18 people sign in. Hopefully residents and property owners feel that they had their questions answered and maybe they felt that they didn't have to attend this second session. Thanks for your interest in our project. We will continue to notify you of further progress so that it can be advertised in the New Bamfielder! **Charity Hallberg Dodds**, Planning Assistant, **Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District**

**We have finalized plans** for two Memorials to celebrate the amazing life of our beloved **Gramma (Ardie) Logan**. Sunday, August 7th 1-4pm in Nanaimo at **Stan & Deb's** (3129 Adshead Rd) & Sunday, August 14th 2-4pm in Bamfield at **Ron & Marion's** (Gramma's house on Nuthatch Rd). *The Logan Family*

**Annie Merritt, HFN Employment**, invites Bamfielders to explore job opportunities at [www.huuayaht.org](http://www.huuayaht.org) or at [annie.m@huuayaht.org](mailto:annie.m@huuayaht.org).