

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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He carved a living out of our waters.

Bamfielder Boat builder and fisherman, **Ernie Jack** (November 1927-13 August 2016) is pictured here after his last fishing trip with his youngest son, **Alan**. Ernie grew up in Dodger's Cove, where at the age of 19, using money earned fishing, he built *Native III*. He trolled, seined and long-lined with his "mother ship," *Native III* for the rest of his fishing years. In 1949 he moved to Bamfield with his wife **Shirley** and son, **Irvin**. They lived in the brown shingle house below the present nurses residence. In 1969 the Jack family moved to Parksville so the children could continue their education. Ernie had a great sense of humour; he was a caring father and husband, who provided for his family by fishing. *L. Druehl*. Notes from Bamfield Archives and **Suzanne Jennings**, photo by Marc Phillip

An interesting encounter in Centennial Park. **Brady** (the dog) met **Bonny** (the dog). Brady a 9 year old Golden Doodle, Port Desire resident. Bonny a deaf 14 year old Australian Heeler (aka. cattle dog) from Santa Cruz, Calif. Bonny is on a month long adventure with her man **Andre' LeFleur** celebrating his 50th birthday. Andre is an Arts & Conservation Funding organizer who arrived in Bamfield by pure intuition wanting to get away from crowds. Bonny & Andre have had exciting tours with **Paul Demontigny's** Pirate Tours coming home with enough salmon to take to St. Jean's for processing. Bonny & Andre wanted to thank Bamfielders for being so kind & helpful. Bonny indicated camping, hiking, biking, kayaking & making new friends was great. But wanted Brady to know the Port Desire swims were the best! They shall return! *Rae Hopkins, photo Andre (L), Paul ©, Bonny (Front)*

Your Bamfield Health Clinic. Need antibiotics, sewing and dehooking, mole and wart removal, E. C. G. and blood pressure monitoring, some vaccinations, tetanus shots and immunization for school kids, temporary splinting, and preparation and arrangement for evacuation (land, sea or air), and TLC, then the Bamfield Health Clinic is for you. And coming soon, Tele-Health where you can virtually visit your doctor in the comfort of our clinic. **Donna Dunn** is our permanent part time Remote Certified RN (0.89 FTE, really?) and **Dianne Kapalka** RN is local relief. For after hours service call the clinic: 728-3312. Fact: 61% of users are from out of town. *L. Druehl*. Photo, Donna at the clinic.



A gathering of the Garcia clan and friends, commemorating Joe, Pat and Robert (**Patricia Garcia** 7 Apr. 1935-3 Dec 2015, **Robert Anthony Garcia** 26 Oct. 1939-27 Nov. 2015, **Joseph Albert Garcia** 31 Jan. 1938-29 Sept. 2000. Commemorative leaves were placed on the Bamfield Memorial Tree in the Memorial Pavilion, Centennial Park. *L. Druehl*



REWARD!



Up to \$1000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the theft of the wood carvings of the eagle and bear from the *Welcome To Bamfield* sign.

To be eligible for a reward, tips should be given to **Russell Dyson, CAO Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.** Phone 250-720-2700. All communications will be confidential. Bamfield Community Affairs Society
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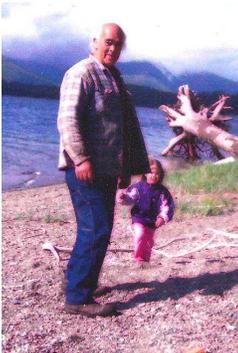
Future issues of *The New Bamfielder* will include notes on the pioneering, expanded Garcia family.

Follow local events. Bamfield Community Affairs meeting, 17 October, 7:30, Community School.

Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10. A good time to get your chimneys swept and change the batteries on your smoke detectors. Don't smoke in bed.

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. *The New Bamfielder* is a free paper but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl

The Saga of Gordie Lamb. Gordie, who is a 15 year resident of Bamfield's Ponderosa, grew up in Bamfield with the likes of **Brian Burkholder, Ron Logan, Marc Phillips.** When the tsunami of 1964 passed through, he, **Eric Wickham** and **Billy Mac** where partying on Pachena Beach. They ran out of booze and took off to Bamfield to refresh supplies. On the way out they became aware of flooding (Billy's car was later found on top of a stump) and retreated to Pachena Cone and later to Sarita where the Coast Guard picked them up. For 15 years he gill-netted with the *Honky Maru*, which he also used in his float and wharf projects. Later he purchased Tug #151, *Gortow*, for his constructions. His family operated a logging camp in Grappler. Here he learned to drive a D-7 Cat by watching the operator. Various projects: he



logged with the **Green** brothers, using spar trees, hand split shakes for the Bamfield Inn, help **Christian** shape the airport, operated a barge of lashed logs for transporting trucks to west Bamfield ("No insurance

when you travel with me.") and has built or saved most of the floats and ramps in town. I adapted a scene in *Cedar, Salmon and Weed*, from his falling a flaming snag at the marine station: "The

twelve members [BVFD], all suffering various degrees of sobriety, abandoned Fire Hall Casino Night—a costume affair—and boarded the fire truck. Reaching the scene of the fire, they hit the ground running.



Fire hats askew, falsies dangling from coat sleeves, skirts and pantaloons variously stuffed into gumboots—apparently, cross-dressing is popular with firefighters—they dashed about, a vaudeville act." p.73. *L. Druehl*, photo Gordie and Gemma at Nitnat, pastel of Gordie by Judith Phillips.

GORTOW

Sliding out of the quiet foggy rain,
The purposeful little tug finds its exact place.
Gently caressing the float,
then backing off with a snort,
Lunges deliberately and the log is in its proper space.

A line is skillfully looped and cinched,
The freshly placed log securely tied.
Ladies discreetly peeking through home-canning steamed-windows,
Whose escape from the grayness will not be denied.

L. Druehl in: Salt in our Blood, Aguila Instincts, Tofino, BC, 2002

Historical Society Sleuthing.

The original photo (top) of a HFN sail race was taken 24 May 1906.



Heather Cooper scanned the photo and **Ron Long** retouched the image (middle).



Marc Phillips determined the original was taken from Aguilar Point (bottom)



Join the Bamfield Historical Society and discover our past and play detective. *L. Druehl*

Rub-a-dub-a-bub (L→R) **Amy McConnell, Kate Rolheiser, Lisa Bye,** and **Rae Hopkins** in a tub, collecting the

Winged Kelp for Bamfield's Canadian Kelp Resources, ltd. This species likes boulders on wave-exposed beaches, requiring an amphibious attack. CKR has collected this species, once a year, since 1984. At first we collected from Port Hardy, that was a pain; now it's the Borden-lais. *L. Druehl*



Grappler's Perennial Bradley. Young Brad recalls his family camping on Diana until a storm blew their boat away, 40 years ago. From there they camped in the Centennial Park gravel pit, later to buy a lot on Grappler. His early memories are watching **Carl** and **Roald Ostrom** working the lathes and welding in the Ostrom Machine Shop. He ventured, "I wish they [Huu-ay-aht Development Corporation] would preserve the machine shop as a museum." He would fish with his dad, **Keith**, preferring jigging over trolling, which he thinks is boring. Crabbing is always a winner, "Just boil for 5 minutes in seawater." He was close to **Ardie Logan**, and considers **Eileen Scott** a friend. This year, thanks to **Lisa Herbig**, he discovered kayaking. "Everything looks so different from in a kayak." His hobbies, in Victoria, are medieval dancing, chicken rearing and some home gardening. Bamfielders are often treated to his pears and eggs. He works for Sannach Parks and has applied his skills to greatly improve Centennial Park, this summer... Thank you, Brad. *L. Druehl*



"Just a social event" at the end of summer," said **Katharine Jennings**. She has been putting on her pottery sale since the 1980s. The sale in the lovely Jennings garden is the major outlet for her pottery and a great joy for those that attend (cinnamon twists and neighbourly visits notwithstanding). Some repeat customers come from out-of-town, others, like tourists and marine station folks predictably show up. (She recorded 60 sales this year.) She thinks locals are pretty much saturated with her pottery... **Rae Hopkins** and many other Bamfielders do not think so. She does some drop-in sales at other times, and will create custom works. Like so many perennial events, Katharine's pottery party gives Bamfield its unique flavour. *L. Druehl*