

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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*Joyce Mather, we'll miss you!*

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## CBC Stirs Pot.\*

CBC: "Lots have been said about Jack Purdy..." "...papers reported you're going through bankruptcy proceedings. Might you have to sell any of the [Bamfield] properties...?"

Jack Purdy: "...I don't think that will be the case."

CBC: "You're confident you won't have to sell the Bamfield assets?"

JP: "Yup."

CBC: "What are the current conditions of the properties you own in Bamfield?"

JP: "...certainly need time, energy and money spent on them..." "We believe in the properties and in the town..."

CBC: You say that with emotion. Do you feel animosity toward people in Bamfield?

JP: "No...I'm just getting older and wiser..."

## **Bamfielders Respond on air: in order of appearance.**

M. Salamon describing the Bamfield Inn. "Tarps, broken windows, kids starting to play in there... Eventually one will go through the floor."

R. Janelle: "Its [The old guard] probably a combination of personalities of people who have lived here a long time and the traditions that have been intact for a hundred years...Everybody protects everybody here and they're not going to sell out to the first mover and shaker that comes along."

S. Ochman: "The regulations seemed too stringent for him. You can't do that...that's not the way you do nice orderly development."

D. Morgan: "It became pretty clear, pretty quick that his plans were too much for a small town like this..." "When we shut him down he felt slighted, I don't know if it was a conscious decision or not, he decided, I'm just going to shut it down."

J. Mass: "...he bought some properties nobody wanted...the Bamfield Inn...hadn't been open for years and it still isn't open, the pub was semi open when he bought it and its still semi open." "Bad press...It comes across he owns it all...he doesn't own it all."

B. Baden: "Jack you've been at it at it for about 17 years and its time to step to the plate. Either do something or sell it..." "...and let the community get on with their business."

\*Severely excerpted from CBC Victoria radio, On the Island, 13 & 14 Dec 2011.L. Druehl

**New Hall Coming?** M. Salamon's model of a potential Community Hall is displayed at Breakers Marine. The building, 60' x 120' plus a 16' wide covered deck, features heated floor, commercial kitchen, bar area, lots of storage space and a partial second level of four offices and a board room: possible rentals. **Rose Janelle** explained that there will be a vote on who should own the building: the Regional District or the Hall society. Photo and text, L. Druehl



**Bev dazzles Students!** **Bev Macleod**, a Bamfielder since 1982, shepherds our students to good nutrition and food curiosity. Chowders, kelp, shrimp, whole wheat pastas, one veggie meal each week, and on birthdays, a lunch of the child's choosing. The lunch program is supported by the BCSA. Earlier, Bev and husband **Rick** operated the Kamshee Store (near the motel) and, with **Syd** and **LaRae Baker**, Disneyland Pizza. Photo and text, L. Druehl



**Stormy Weather.** After sunny start, the rain gods are now catching up to Bamfield's December average of 16.3 inches. The last 6 days have pounded us with 7 inches (2.57 inches on the 23rd). November hammered us with storms and with November's new moon, the storm and tidal surge swelled the tides to as high as at the "Big Storm" of 2006. Right after those storms, a high pressure settled in and gave us beautiful clear skies. It was gorgeous to see the most crescent of moon appear and then watch it increase, sliver by sliver, though and past the full moon phase. We even had a lunar eclipse. The winter solstice was fabulous. Low temps for December were about minus 2 degrees C. with a high wind recorded at 33 miles per hour--a westerly on Christmas day. Jerry Baird

**Ponderosa: a mini- history (continued).**

Last month we learned that **Cliff Wyse** baptized the Ostrom trailer camp Ponderosa. **Don Sterling**, an M&B logger/road builder and friend of Carl's hauled in a trailer and would spend the weekends and holidays fishing. **Nigel Light**, a former Bamfielder also hauled in an airstream trailer and he became a semi-permanent resident. **John Brady**, another former Bamfielder, worked at the dockyard in Victoria and wanted to return and build a cabin on the west side. Where to stay? He also had a ramshackle trailer parked up there, would arrive late at night and be sure to wake everybody up! The Ponderosa became a mini community of characters, bachelors and summer fishermen! *To be continued.* Suzanne Jennings

**Classifieds.**

**Free, Free!** The Bamfield Arts Council is providing canvases ready for painting. Free! In addition, some painting materials and advice will be available. Contact Andrea 728-1260. **Astronomer needed.** Contact Andrea 728-1260.

**Coming events.**

16 Jan. Community Affairs, school, 7:30 p.m.

28 Jan. BCSA will celebrate Family Literacy Day with a community breakfast, games and prizes at the school.

TBA Anacla/Bamfield literacy organizational meeting. Catherine Thompson

Letters and comments are welcome. Submissions should be brief. Classifieds welcome (no commercial ads). All submissions must have the author's name. 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

**Editor's Musing** (L. Druehl)

**Bamfield supports tooter!** **Erin Dyck** raised \$1000 selling chocolates and pointsettias locally. This money will help send her Port Alberni High School band to Ottawa. Erin was introduced to music by **Heather Cooper**, who gave her violin lessons. Erin, who has a passion for music, plays the clarinet. Maybe, someday, students like Erin will be able to complete their studies in Bamfield.

**Bamfield's Christmas Season Launched.**

Eighty partiers attended the annual Bamfield Community Hall Society Christmas party, on 10 December, at the Rix Centre. The spectacular hors d'oeuvres, holiday decorations (thank you **Tanya Pearson** and **Lee Weber** who helped the Directors), and the ambience of the Rix Centre (thank you **Brad Anholt**) assured a great evening. Heavy Metal guitarist **Dave Riddell** gamely accompanied choristers, spiritedly led by **Eileen Scott**). Thank you, BCH Directors.

**A most curious meeting!** The November Bamfield Community Affairs meeting was attended by four members. In response to **S. Ochman's** final report as our Regional Director, **B. Geall** and **C. Clappis** (Huu-ay-aht representative) will arrange for a road issue meeting; **R. Charytonowicz** will contact the Bamfield Water Board regarding status of our watershed; and S. Ochman will seek reimbursement for Transport Canada's use of our recycling station. Other business: **L. Myres'** in absentia suggestion that Bamfield needs a tax review was responded to with a formal request to **Terri Fong**, at the Regional District, by **M. Salamon**. *The BC Societies Act states a quorum of 3 members is required. In the past such a poorly attended meeting would not take place.*

**A tradition lives on!** **Bob G., Catherine T. Colin, Donna, Erica, Heather C., Jan, Jean, Marie, Marnie, Nelson, Sheryl and Steve C.** belt one out for the folks in Port Desire. Photo. Catherine Thompson

