

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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More community affairs. Our reg. rep., **Keith Wyton**, reported on the Port Alberni Trans-shipment Hub. Sarita is being considered for a hub where large freighters (14,000 containers) would transfer their cargo to smaller ships (1000 containers) for northwest distribution. Thus far Bamfield has been excluded from discussions on this project. **Kristin Russell** noted there are now 23 students in school which means we should have 2 fulltime and one part-time teacher. **Andrea Butler** reported that **B. and L. Baird** have offered carvings to replace those stolen from the *Welcome to Bamfield* sign. It was agreed to give **Amelia Vos** \$4970 grant-in-aid for Bamfielder First Responders. **Mandy Ross** noted the Bear Aware program has arranged for 24 bear-proof bins for Bamfield; if interested contact Mandy. **Anne Stewart** stated this is Bamfield's 30th Christmas bird count. **Jan Teversham** described a neighbourhood emergency preparedness meeting at her house to discuss local issues...it was great. From pre-draft BCAS minutes by **C. Gruman**

Cultural treasures returned to the Huu-ay-aht. The Royal BC Museum returned 17 historic art treasures to the HFN, including a spectacular wooden screen. Many more works of art will be returned over time. These acts greatly enhance the richness of our coastal awareness. www.bamfielder.ca for pics & explanations. *L. Druehl*

New Bamfielder gifted. **Marc**, TNB photographer and **Judith Phillips**, artist and author, who have enriched TNB over the years, have donated a new printer to TNB...making production much easier. Thank you from Louis

Bamfield, where weather is rain. As of November 27, we've had 25 of 27 days of precipitation for a total of 27.95 inches. October had 28 of 31 days of precip: 16.6 inches. Average rainfall is 14.64 inches of rain in November and 11.46 inches for October. On a hysterical note, I have turned up old Bamfield weather records from **Peter Janitis**; January 1935 recorded of 35.29 inches. And "0.00" inches for January 1930. So, keep your chin up, keep up on your medications--this is unlikely to continue forever. *Jerry Baird on the Beach, keeping a weather-eye for Bamfielders*

Remembrance Day at School. Children sang, read poetry, and laid a wreath at the portrait of **Eric Godson**, making for a very moving ceremony. **Eric**, a Bamfielder, was killed in Italy in WWII. **Constable Pete Batt** reminded us that during the First World War First Nation men volunteered more than any other group to serve. However, to do so they had to disclaim their Indian Heritage and, further, if they died in battle, they were denied burial in any military cemetery. Const. Batt explained that the rifle he inherited had belonged to a Canadian soldier who had died in action. Thank you, Ms. Russell, children and Const. Batt.



The Saga of the Bamfield Garcias I. **Andres Garcia**, born 1901, left Palmeira, Spain

at the age of 18. His Spanish family did not hear of him until his son, **Joe** and wife, **Pat** visited Spain in 1965. He served in the merchant marine, jumping ship in Montreal in 1919 and worked here and there until he met **Edith Goyne** from Adrie, Alberta when she was working in a Stevenson Cannery and he was fishing, in about 1935. They married and moved to Bamfield where they lived in the little green house on the Boardwalk (pastel above by **Judith Phillips**). **Andres** gill netted and trolled the *Ben Hur*. They built the present Bowker residence, then a two room cabin, and had 10 children. **Robert**, the third child was the first born in the Bamfield Outpost Hospital, attended by **Molly Fullerton**. The other children were born in Port Alberni. *To be continued.*



Bamfield's Perennial Remembrance Day Celebration, conducted by **Nancy Hendry** and **Steve Clarke**, was attended by 23 folks. **Eileen Scott** shared her London Blitz experiences & others related their stories. *L. Druehl*

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 Kenibrewbut we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl

Killer Whale Dead in Bamfield. I have been working for DFO in Nanaimo and had the opportunity on September 17 to come to Bamfield to necropsy a large male killer whale. The whale was floating dead off Cape Beale and towed into Bamfield. We had a fantastic team of 9 people from DFO, Parks, Vancouver Aquarium as well as the Centre for Animal Health. The necropsy took 3.5-4



hrs, which included external measurements, removal of blubber and muscle layers, examination of stomach

and intestine contents, and sampling of organs and tissues. Observations confirmed it was the transient killer whale, T12A. Some contents included fur, claws, whiskers and bones from pinnipeds which will be sent to Victoria for identification. The cause of death will not be known until the samples are analysed in the lab. These rare opportunities are very important to our understanding of marine mammals. You can help by reporting injured/dead marine mammals and sea turtles to the **DFO hotline at 1-800-465-4336.** *Ali Bowker*

Luck of the Shuck. Tofino's *Clayoquot Oyster Festival* is associated with 30 possible gastrointestinal illnesses (CTV Van. Isl. Nov.25, 3:56 pm). Island Health is investigating. Fortunately, our earlier *Oysters, Authors and Ale* celebration was not plagued with this curse.

Dear Bamfield Community, My decision to leave the coordinator role at BCSA has been difficult. Much thought was put into my decision to come be a part of this community, and it is hard to leave after such a short time. I appreciate how welcome everyone has made me feel, and how understanding everyone has been about my decision to leave. Thank-you for everything, my love for Bamfield is eternal. Sincerely, *Sydney Harrison*

Some Great Events.

BCSA AGM 1 Dec, 5 pm, school
Hall Christmas Social 3 Dec., 7:00, Rix Centre, members encouraged to bring a guests and appies
Bird Count Workshop (possible, check with Anne Stewart), Dec 10, 1-3, school
School Christmas Concert 15 Dec. 7 pm
Christmas Bird Count 17 Dec. contact Anne Stewart



A growing Anacla/Bamfield tradition. A mountain of cooked crab, roast elk, casseroles, salads, cakes and Nanaimo bars fed 47 souls at a grand potluck at the House of Huu-ay-aht, on the 13th of November. Folks ate, chatted and enjoyed the antics of the sugar-fueled Shawn & Shannon **Rog-er's** kids. Also, several marine station students experienced west coast hospitality. Thank you **Stella Peters** for heading up this project. Looking forward to future feasts. *L. Druehl*



Grapppler's super moon, November 13, the brightest & largest lunar appearance since 1948 and the last such showing until 2034, celebrated a break in a too-long rainy period. Photo, *R. Hopkins*

Bamfield gets the treatment. 85% of 90 voters (33 advance and mail-in, 57 voting-day voters) agreed to finance our water system treatment plant. *Excelsior!* Photo ACRD scrutineers **Shelli Lyle, Doreen Nicklin, and Colleen Garcia** (L to R) over-see balloting on the 5 November water system referendum. *L. Druehl*



Bamfielders Enriched. **Jodi Vos** RN and **Emily Hes** Dietician, explained aspects of diabetes with 15 folks from Anacla and Bamfield, followed by two deluxe pizzas. This is part of the ongoing **New Horizons for Seniors Program**, offered by the Bamfield Community School Association. Stay tuned for future offerings. *Stefan Ochman*

Unique James Gosling, the father of Java Program Language, has turned to marine drones. His company, Liquid Dynamics, create and operates drones for ocean discovery. These are propelled by wave and solar power, and can operate for months at sea. The unit is a surf-board attached to a submerged sled that pulls an array of probes. This unit can be positioned as a weather station or sent on a mission. One mission was to discover how many submarines were in a particular area...a test set up by a government. The unit found one too many subs! James presented his marine exploits to a packed marine station audience. Keep posted, more to come. *L. Druehl,* photo *Heather Alexander*

