

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

See you at the Robbie Burns Supper, 28 January, Firehall

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**In my opinion** the greatest Bamfield event of 2016, indeed in the last 20 years, was the return of the Huu-ay-aht: Old business revitalized, new ones started. On the negative side, is the spectre of a transshipment hub/LNG at Sarita that is outside what Barkley Sound is about. The heart of Bamfield was strong this year, fed by community-gathering social events (Craft Fair, school concert & lunches, Hall Social, Harvest & St. Pat & HFN/Bamfield potluck dinners, Fire Hall dances, July 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations, and more, including the new Father's Day Chili cookoff). These and other functions (fire, water, beautification, historical), that keep our village alive are totally dependent on volunteers (no volunteers, a desolate Bamfield and \$\$\$ house insurance) whose efforts replace city governments. Many volunteers, some holding multiple positions, deserve our support. **Stefan Ochman**, our unsung champion of the struggling community forest and road committees is one such volunteer. The School Association, despite coordinator recruitment difficulties, was the leader in providing services to all aspects of our area. Our re-cycle depot, managed by **Suzanne Rompre**, is a village prize. Some old-timers passed and new folk arrived, resulting in a viable village. And things will get better. *Louis Druehl*

## Huu-ay-aht News

(www.bamfielder.ca for full releases.)

**Huu-ay-aht supports Trudeau Government.** HFN leadership has reviewed government decisions on the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain and Northern Gateway pipelines and the oil tanker ban on the north coast of BC. Hereditary Chief **Derek Peters** noted, "These decisions are never easy... that said, it is the responsibility of governments to enable economic development while protecting the environment..."

**Huu-ay-aht Awarded \$13.8 million** for claims over logging between 1948-1969. This issue has been pursued over decades by Chiefs including **Louie Nookemus, Jack Peter, Arthur Peter, Spencer Peter, and Jeff Cook**, according Chief Councillor **Robert J. Dennis**.

**ACRD elects John Alan Jack** as Regional District Chair for 2017. Jack is the first formal First Nation representative to serve as Board Chair in BC.

**Community School Association** AGM elects 4 new directors: **Bobby Toor, Heather Cooper, Andrea Butler, & Brandy Zannet** who join **Ben Clappis, Kate Rolheiser, Christine Gruman, Charlie Clappis, Bob Baden & Clara Clappis** in directing Bamfield's most socially responsive society (see www.bamfielder.ca for partial list). For the past fiscal year, expenses exceeded revenue by \$34K (last year revenue exceeded expenses by \$4K). According to treasurer **Bob Baden**, the society is in good shape with a significant war chest. **Charlie Clappis**, chair, noted "We are currently going through a transition in our Coordinator position," but he hopes to fill the position soon. "The Pub" is offering school lunches. *L. Druehl*



Photo: A tense moment at the December, 2016, BCSA's AGM.

## How an AGM works, or not.

Usually all directors step down and directors are elected/re-elected following nominations. The Societies Act defines maximum number of directors. If more are nominated than allowed, there must be an election. At one recent AGM, once the allowed number of directors were nominated. It was announced any further nominations would require an election. At least one person decided not to advance their name, perhaps due the stigma attached to causing an election (which is what the process is all about). *L. Druehl*

**The Continuing Saga of the Bamfield Garcias, II.** To accommodate the growing family, father Andres added on three bedrooms and an indoor bathroom to their new boardwalk home (pastel by **Judith Phillips**), using lumber salvaged from the old school. A huge metal tub, near the cook stove, served bathing. Vegetable gardens on both sides of the house, a potato patch up the hill and lots of chickens provided the table. Most of the children fished at sometime and most moved to Port. **Fred** was a log loader, **Robert** a log scaler, **Andy** operated towboats, **Jerry** was a heavy duty mechanic, **Sharon** worked at K-Mart, **Rosanne** a nurse, **Joe, Dale** and **Rick** fished and **Dolores** fished and was a homemaker.



The Garcias in 1977. Top left: **Rick, Joe, Fred, Dale, Jerry**; photo above, **Robert**; middle left: **Sharon, Mama Edith, Rosanne, Dolores**; bottom **Andy**. *To be continued.*



**Too Sweet!** **Scott Martin's Bamfield maple sugary. New industry? West coast first? Idea of the year!**

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



**Westside Farm Started.** A big thank-you to everyone who helped in the construction of my greenhouse: **Peter Herbig** and **Toby Reeve** donated their time and expertise to help build the frame. Others contributed old windows and other materials, helpful advice, and tools (**Rick Stanley, Phil Lavoie, Jake Wenstob, Bob Baden, Christine Gruman, Steve Clark, Ian Wallace, Jerry Baird, and Ken Skarland**). This farming project would not have been possible if I didn't live in such a fabulous, giving community. I look forward to supplying fresh, local tomatoes next summer! *Amy McConnell*



Local Tomatoes Coming Soon!!!

The New Bamfielder has now published 68/75 issues. The online edition averaged 2930 visits per month for 2016. Donations continue to support children music lessons, presently headed up by **Sara Osborne**. Thank you! *L. Druehl*



**Festive Community Hall Christmas Social** draws Bamfielders out of glum into warm, cozy fellowship: snacks (a humongous bowl of **Bowker** caught and shucked shrimp, a mountain of sushi, sweets and sours, everything), music (guitars by **Phil Lavoie & Malcom Richards**), singing led by Choir Meister **Nancy Hendry**, a tasteful bar (like the bowtie, **Brian Douillard**), volunteerism evident everywhere, and a rumour there may be soon a *Community Hall* in the offing. Again the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre has made the Rix available to the community. Thank you everyone for keeping the spirit of Bamfield alive and pulsing. *L. Druehl, collage by Marc Phillips*

**Christmas Concert shows vibrant** school culture. Over 120 parents, grand parents, friends, 22 school kids, plus ankle biters & hip-bouncers (the school's future) enjoyed the student singers, drummers and dancers, and a play: *Polar Express* (readers **Andy Clappis, Grace Geall, Brady Butler**), Christmas tunes about Front teeth, A hippopotamus, Snowflakes, a hilarious 12 days of Bamfield Christmas, a very moving "We wish you a Merry Christmas", and a delightfully corny session where classmates fed Andy Clappis jokes. And of course, **Santa**, who wowed all present with great delivery. A drawing, raising money for activities, of extravagant items donated by the communities of Anacla and Bamfield (I won 4 cans of St. Jean's Custom Smoked Salmon). Congratulations school kids, **Kate Ratz**, the new school teacher, **Lisa Herbig, Andrea Butler, Steve Demontigny**, numerous parents and community members. Unfortunately, our teacher **Kristin Russell**, who has been instrumental in developing the concert over the past few years could not attend....Kristen, please accept our condolences for the loss of your father. *L. Druehl*, photo left by *Rae Hopkins*: **Eileen Scott** on Santa's knee while the **Grappler Princess** looks on.



**A Great, Tasty Kelp Idea.**

Macrocrispus, a granola-like snack, the winning entry in Patrick Martone's marine station seaweed cook-off. **Ingredients:** 2/3 cup chopped almonds, 1/4 cup maple syrup, 1 1/2 tbs butter, 2/3 cup crumbled *Macrocyctis\**, 1 cup oats. **Directions:** Preheat oven to 350 F, Melt butter & syrup and pour over *Macrocyctis*, almonds and oats, mix thoroughly and bake for 10 minutes. Chefs **Aven Knutson, Gwen Griffiths, Alana Breikreutz** (*L to R, photo*)  
\* In Bamfield stores as MacroKelp & [www.canadiankelp.com](http://www.canadiankelp.com).