

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

In Support of Anacla and Bamfield Youth

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**Hi-Tech Bamfield Health.** Our Tele-Health system is up. Your away-doctor can now check your eyes, ears, throat, heart, skin and such while you recline in the clinic's equivalent to a Lay Zed Boy. Issues such as doctor's pay and liability remain to be resolved. Tahsis, with a similar system, has 2-3 uses per month related to

mental health consultations. **Opioid overdoses.** Naloxone kits are available from the health clinic. Only two have been requested from Bamfielders... better safe

than sorry. **Road issues.** Recent road conditions interfered with the delivery of vaccines and challenged the removal of two patients to hospital. No road, then air evacuation during daylight hours, night evacuation by boat. *Donna Dunn*

*Note, The New Bamfielder is coming up for review. Your thoughts!*

**Polar bear swim 2017**, swimmers outnumbered by spectators 9 to 37. Several swimmers suggested a \$2 charge next year for everyone not in the water. *Marc Phillips, walking on water!?*

## New Community School Association

Leadership. Chair: **Christine Gruman**, Vice-Chair: **Kate Rolheiser**, Treasurer:

**Bob Baden**, Secretary: **Charlie Clappis** - after a number of years of dedicated service as a fabulous BCSCA Chair! BCSCA Board offers a big bucket of gratitude to **Stella Wenstob**, for her service as Interim Coordinator. **Sarah Osborne** is currently our fantastic Youth Intern. We will be welcoming a new Coordinator in Early February - **Janessa Dornstauder** is a BMSC Fall Program and **Palmer Lab** alumnus and is thrilled to be moving to our Community. *C. Gruman*

**Richard Edwin Garcia** (13 March 1943 – 5 January 2017). Sadly, we lost brother Rick, he passed peacefully in his sleep after a long fight with heart problems and diabetes. A memorial tea will be held at Cherry Creek Hall in Port Alberni on February 18th 1-5 p.m. *Dolores Bowker*

**The Continuing Saga of the Bamfield Garcias, III.** **Dolores**, the second youngest of **Edith** and **Andres Garcia's** ten children grew up in Bamfield. "You went to school, did your chores, attended dances at the old Community Hall, movies at the Cable Station (where she would meet her future husband, **Bob Bowker**), and beach parties. You worked hard and played hard." Her Bamfield had no east, west or south Bamfield. Just one Bamfield where Natives were your neighbours and "Everyone went to all birthday parties and you didn't miss anything." There were Brownies, Girl Guides, and Junior Red Cross. Her classmates included **Ron Logan**, **Brian Burkholder**, **Nora Wickham**, **Marie Ostrom** (Roald's daughter), **Suz** and **Kath Jennings**, **Doug** and **Marilyn Lamb** and the **Janitis** girls, **Nora** and **Linda**. And memories of the May Pole at the Lifesaving Station, and a wooden slide in the Cable Station. Out of all of this, "The most frightening part was going out to school for grade ten." *To be continued.*



Bamfield father & daughter Girl Guide banquet, circa 1962. Dolores is fifth to the left [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for names.

**Meeting Notice. Bamfield and Barkley Sound: Past, Present & Future, Saturday, February 11, 6:30 pm, Fire Hall. [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for details.**

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**



**“Post-truth”** is named *Oxford English Dictionary* word of the year. “... relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief.” The use of Post-truth surged 2000% during 2016. Other contenders: Brexiteer (leave EU), Alt-right (far right on-liners), Latinx (gender-neutral Latino/Latina).

**Laws’ Menagerie.** Here is the Red Admiral butterfly - aka *Vanessa Atalanta* - sunning itself on **Mark Laws’** Paradise Water Taxi Sign, Nov 29, 2016; guess he came out of hiding for a sun bath! Note: host plant for larvae - Nettles .. don’t cut ‘em down. Cheers, **Jane Morrison.** <http://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/>



**Lucky Grapplerites** spared a smucking by ancient hemlock: it fell away from our house and short of the Wenstob armada. *L. Druehl*



**Louise and David Sidley** embrace the second annual recipient of the **River Sidley Memorial Award**, supported by The River Timothy Sidley Memorial Award Endowment Fund, UBC-Okanagan University student attending the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre Fall Program, **Sarah Falconer.** December 2016. Sarah and co-researcher, **Jessica DeBenedetto** studied the effectiveness of releasing animals used in research, suggesting the duration of time in captivity should be taken into consideration when establishing Animal Care Policy.



**Since 2011, Bamfield Community Affairs** has supported 22 projects through grants totalling \$45,851 ([www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for list). Attend Affairs meetings, strengthen our village. *L. Druehl*

**Huu-ay-aht News** ([www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for full news release)

HFN outraged over government decision to appeal Specific Claims Tribunal to award \$13.4 million to the HFN for logging injustices.

HFN supports Port Alberni Mayor and Council in their consideration of changing the names of a school and road named after A.W. Neill, former Indian Agent and M.P.



**Perhaps Canada’s most** western support of the women’s march on Washington was joined by **Linda Myres, Nancy Sherry, Dolores Bowker, and Kate Ratz** (photo above). The boardwalk trek extended from Cougar Pass to the old Federal Building and was cheered on by **John Evans** and **Andrea Butler.** CBC Victoria Radio noted this event. *L. Druehl*

**Lucky us.** A 11-year study of 6 million Canadians related a 7% increase in dementia to living within 50 meters of a main road. Greater distances had lesser dementia rates and after 500 meters there was no impact. So, one more reason to live in Bamfield (assuming Bamfield Main does not qualify). *L. Druehl*

**Bamfield Affairs.** Fifteen Bamfielders ushered in 2017, as comfortable as sitting around the kitchen table; ideas were exchanged, actions taken. A \$500 grant was advanced to the Community Hall Society to offset its insurance on the boardwalk out-house that happens to be on Hall property. Speaking of outhouses, it was noted that **Jerry Baird** power washed the Brady Beach facility. **Nancy Hendry** introduced her \$5000 Song Roots West grant proposal: a workshop for local and other singers mentored by established choir meisters. This grant will be decided on at the February Affairs. **Andrea Butler** informally discussed her “End of an Era” project, a re-landscaping of the Bamfield Cat colony. **Kristen Russell** beamed over the growth and activities of the Bamfield School, hinting at a possible additional grade. **Phil Lavioe** is now Fire Chief and **Mark Kelly** Deputy Chief and there is a happy increase in number of firefighters. **Stefan Ochman** announced that after 6 years we now have a functional Community Forest, on the negative side back taxes for 5 years are due: Excelsior! *L. Druehl*

**He is leaving Bamfield, again.** **Malcom Richards**, drawn away from Bamfield by desire to be with his family, “feels like a fish out of water” and returns. In 1993 he, wife **Liz** and kids: **Shawn** (now in Coast Guard), **Owen** (now a Boat Technician, Blackline) and **Rhiannon** (now with Woofie Pet Store) escaped the city and came to Bamfield to do stone work for **Bruce Lloyd** (now **Cooper’s** place). Since then he has worked for Parks Canada, Centennial Park and HFN, harvested gooseneck barnacles, helped **Geoff Lindsay** on his oyster lease (He cherishes those cold dark mornings, standing on the **Happynook** float waiting for Geoff to go to the lease), cut firewood (a skill he is passing on to **Toby Reeve**), did tree work, in charge of house-keeping at the marine station, did construction on station dorms and the abalone project. For a few precious years, he was with potter/musician **Fay Bennett.** And for 24 years he brought music to Bamfield. He is “retiring” to Rhiannon’s place and plans on having a huge garden and help raise his grandkids. His Bamfield is Bamfielders and he plans to visit often. *L. Druehl*, photo of Malcolm and Sunny by *R. Hopkins*



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