

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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Can you imagine a container truck departing Sarita for distribution around Vancouver Island every 2 minutes and 13 seconds? No. But after spending \$400K, the Port Alberni Port Authority can! Come and hear from them what is being planned for a Transshipment Hub at Sarita Bay. Firehall, 6:30 PM, 14 March.

Barkley Sound whence forth? About 50 concerned Bamfielders attended "Bamfield & Barkley Sound, Past, Present, Future", organized by regional representative, **Keith Wyton**. **Anne Stewart** gave a biological perspective of the importance of this area, emphasizing its designation as an Important Bird Area, and concluding "We have a quality environment; our job is to protect it." **Linda** and **Larry Myres** reviewed the Bamfield Official Community Plan as it influences Barkley Sound development. This plan only applies to our township. It was suggested the plan be expanded to include Electoral District A (thus covering Sarita). Keith and **Bernadette**, and **Mandy Ross** reviewed earlier plans, intended to guide future development in the Sound: these are essentially ineffective. Keith described the impact of the proposed Port Alberni Trans Shipment Hub for Sarita: many freighters, many, many barges and many trucks. Discussion over coffee and cookies was animated. On 14 March, at the Firehall, there will be an open meeting where supporters of this proposal will respond to Bamfield's concerns. This was a well planned and effective meeting. Thank you, all. *L. Druehl*

The Continuing Saga of the Bamfield Garcias, IV. Dolores, daughter of **Edith** and **Andres Garcia**, married **Bob Bowker**, whom she had met at the Community Hall movies, in 1967. Bob came from Haida Gwaii (then known as the Queen Charlotte Islands) to fish in Barkley Sound. Over the years, he fished *Red, Juju, Hilma S., Mystic Dawn, Salmon Trails, and Trident Isle*. Today, he is the last non-Native commercial fisherman in Bamfield. He fishes for salmon and shrimp, often with his son, **James**. **Dolores** started working at age 14 years at B.C. Packers (a chandlery), then Bamfield General Store and Coho Lodge. They purchased their present residence, 221 Boardwalk, in 1975, having earlier rented from Coast Guarder **John Loganoff** on the east side. Often, they hang out with **Gordie Lamb, Clifford Nookemus** and **Mike Germani**, working on boats, enjoying a cup of coffee. They have four children: **Tracy, Brenda, Jo Anne, and James**. To be continued.



March Events

6-Restorative Yoga 7pm@Health Centre
13-Seniors chair Yoga 7pm@Health Centre
14-Sarita Hub meeting, Fire Hall, 6:30
16-Financial Planning 1:30@BCS
18-Cooking Class 6pm@Fire Hall
19-Open Mic 2pm@BCS
20-Community Affairs, BCS, 7:30
21-Community Forest AGM, BCS, 5:30
25-Memory/Ageing Workshop 1:30pm@BCS
27-Flow Yoga 7pm@Health Centre
28-Board Games 7pm@BCS
29-Community Lunch 12pm@BCS, RSVP
Janessa Dornstauder, BCSA

Bamfield Makes Robbie Burns Proud. Thank you Bamfield Community Hall Society and an army of volunteers for great food and entertainment, and the Scotch Club for beverages. **Nancy Hendry's** addressing the haggis would leave Robbie yearning. **Neil Wright** courted the lassies and **Siobhan Gray** taunted the laddies. **Suzanne Jennings** drew **Brian McKay** and **Phil Lavoie** drew **Rose Janelle** for two hours of whatever. While there was no live music, including the singing of *Auld Lang Syne*, or Celtic dancing, **Scott Martin** kindly provided Scottish tunes. This dinner is a Hall fund raising event that makes the extraction of funds from the 58 attendees painless. Not that anyone is counting: 70 scotches were sold and 63 beer/wines. The above collage by **Marc Phillips** captures the spirit of the evening. *Louis Druehl*



The Bowker Family, 2008 (L to R). Jim, Joanne, Brenda, Tracy and below, Dolores and Bob.

**Bamfield Rules: 1. Bamfielders can not keep a secret.
2. Gossip does not get it right.**

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

YEAR WEATHER--2016. Total rain for the year 2016 was 140.5 inches (3.57 m) —average annual rain is 102.5 inches (2.60 m). The month with the highest rain was November with 28.4 inches (72 cm) ...biggest rain day was November 2nd with 4.8 inches (12 cm). The big wind was 39 miles per hour on February 7th. High temp was 80 F. degrees (27 C.) August 19...the low temp was 27 F. degrees (-5C.) December 15. High baro pressure was 1034 millibars...the low pressure was 970 October 15. January 2017 rain was total was only 7 inches. And Bamfield enjoyed some nice frosty weather with lots of moonlight. *Jerry Baird, on the beach*

Bamfield is working with WildSafe BC to reduce wildlife conflict. Grants from WildSafe BC and C. Affairs Grants-in-Aid have enabled us to purchase bear signage and 22 heavily subsidized bear bins for Bamfielders. **Frank Ritcey** (Wild Safe BC Provincial coordinator) and **Mike Badry**, (Ministry of the Environment Provincial Wildlife specialist), helped distribute the bear bins and talk about human/wildlife conflict. Frank did an electric fence workshop on an inexpensive way to protect fruit trees and properties from bears. Mike spoke at the Community Affairs about 'Bear Smart' status: a certification shared by communities like Whistler and Port Alberni. I am delighted the motion to pursue 'Bear Smart' status was unanimously supported. More details about 'Bear Smart' status to come. Thank you everyone for your support!! *Mandy Ross*



Mandy with bear-proof bins

February Affairs Snippets.

22 attendees were treated to 2017-2022 Bamfield budget highlights: Bamfield pays 3.15% of the regional budget. There will be some construction on our water treatment plant late summer and there will be increased \$ for operation. Costs for all services, except the transfer station have decreased. Averaged assessed value for Bamfield properties is \$400K. And from the Bear Aware folks: BC gets 18,000 calls re black bears, 3000 cougar and 500 grizzly per year. There have been 25 black bear attacks in the last 5 years. 600 black bears are killed per year. 8 BC communities are officially Bear Aware. An Affairs motion that we seek Bear Aware status passed. *L. Druehl*



Photo by M. Phillips

Our Regional Director, Keith Wyton, speaks out on CBC Victoria Radio. It's been two years since Bamfield was deprived of it's helipad for emergency evacuation. A satisfactory solution has not been advanced. Presently, to access a helicopter, an ambulance is required to move the patient from our clinic to the airport. But the ambulance must come from Port Alberni. Medi-folk speak of the Golden Hour when dealing with strokes and heart attack. If you live in Bamfield, or are a visitor (think West Coast trail, kayakers, etc.) bad luck. Washington State mandates 99% of its population have access to appropriate care within one hour. CBC Victoria Radio, Feb.2, '17

Chief Administrative Officer Russell

Dyson is leaving the ACRD after 6 years to become the CAO for the Comox Valley Regional District. Russell has seen the ACRD expand, including two landfills, two airports, rural water systems, The Sproat Lake Marine Patrol, three volunteer fire departments and emergency services. Russell participated in many Bamfield projects contributing his expertise and enthusiasm. Thank you, Russell, and best wishes for your new position. An amended ACRD news release.

Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre

receives combined grants of \$3 million from member universities and the federal government for infrastructure improvements. Targeted are the power grid, internet connection, seawater pumps and animal holding facilities. Since its inception, 45 years ago, the station has grown to Canada's premier ocean research and teaching institution. Presently, 8 thousand researcher days per year are serviced by BMSC. In a CBC radio Victoria interview, Director **Brad Anholt** observed that the five member universities are good at competing. Obviously, in the case of the marine station, cooperation rules. In addition to being Bamfield's major employer, BMSC enriches our lives by making available the Rix Centre for community activities and Music-by-the-sea, and by welcoming our school children in the teaching labs. *L. Druehl*

The fall and rise of Bamfield. According to Statistics Canada our population has bottomed out and is now growing (I hope).

- 2006 population 251
- 2011 population 155
- 2016 population 179

Let's do what it takes to keep growing. Excelsior!

2017 Property Assessments: A robust real estate market over the past year has resulted in assessment increases for many properties on Vancouver Island. According to B.C. Assessment, residential homes in the ACRD are up an estimated 5% from last year. However, this is an average for the whole region and doesn't point out the changes in Bamfield's market. Port Alberni assessed values are up 2.8% compared to Vancouver's (as high as 50%). Over 98% of property owners accept their assessment without proceeding to a formal review. BCA Assessors estimate the value of your home by analyzing sales of comparable homes in your area. Your assessment is a reflection of the estimated value of your home as of July 1, 2016 and the physical condition as of October 31, 2016. *Bonnie Mackay*, Team 3000 Realty Ltd. 604-837-7653, www.bonniemackay.com