

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

In Support of Anacla and Bamfield Youth

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Centennial Park Work-bee & celebration of our Eileen.
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The old girl, Centennial Park, looks sharp for her 50th on 1 July, 2017. About 30 Bamfielders raked, snipped, and hauled on a sunny/rainy Sunday. In advance, **Ken Boldaly** fell, limbed and bucked several alders. The **Pub** provided a grand lunch: potatoe, Caesar and green salads, burgers, pop and a mountain of fruit for a basement price. **Ron McDowell** presented a birthday cake to **Eileen Scott** (her 95th!), on behalf of all Bamfielders. A fun, fulfilling, social time was had by all. *L. Druehl*

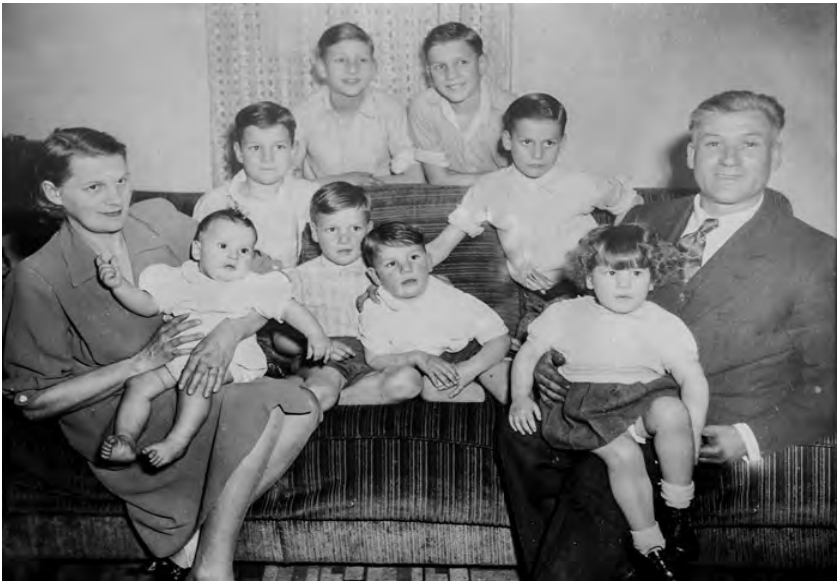
Bamfield Community Affairs Society has grown from a venue where locals learn of the numerous committees activities (water, zoning, fire, emergency, historic, forest, roads, and more) including the regional district, to something resembling a town council. Today, we provide grants-in-aid up to \$5000 for local projects that benefit Bamfield. Individuals or societies may apply. Some examples: **Nancy Hendry** initial choir workshop, Community Forest start-up funds, **Mandy Ross** bear-proof bins. These decisions are made by elected directors. Further, in concert with our Regional Director, Keith Wyton, advance such causes as the Bamfield road, a helipad, communication, the Bamfield Anacla trial. It is important we elect directors responsive to our needs. **Participate in the Affairs AGM. Better still, run for director. 15 May, 7:30, school.** *L. Druehl*

VOTE, IT'S OUR ONLY VOICE! Vote for the party that will bring us a helipad associated with our Health Clinic. 9 April, 8 am—8 pm, Fire Hall; Advance voting 8am—8 pm, May 3-6, Athletic Hall, Port Alberni. (see www.bamfielder.ca LIFE)

And they came. The hordes, mostly munchkins, preceded by a hail storm, and several deluges, drawn not by religious fervour, but the quest of the Rabbits' hoard: the Easter Egg. Interestingly, this perennial event was not advertised! **Suzanne Jennings** somehow channeled the unbridled energy of so many kids into the Bamfield Community Hall Annual Egg Hunt. And the adults, basking in rare sunshine, marvelled at their friends' and neighbours' kids. *Louis 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 but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. *Louis Druehl*



The Continuing Saga of the Bamfield Garcias, V. In the beginning, there was **Edith** and **Andres Garcia**. They had ten children, 30 grandchildren, 56 great grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren. Mostly, these have been located on the west coast. Only **Dolores** and her daughter, **Tracy**, presently reside in Bamfield. Clearly, the Garcia clan has influenced the story of the west coast. They were active in the Pacific Trollers Association. The **Bowker** family is the last Bamfield commercial fishing family. **Joe Garcia** was instrumental in defining Canada's position in the Law of the Sea, establishing Canada's territorial waters. This concludes the Garcia series but not the Garcia saga. Written by *L. Druehl*, researched by *D. Bowker*. Photo: Family portrait (L to R). Back **Joe** and **Fred**, 2nd **Dale** and **Robert**, 3rd **Edith** with **Gerry** on knee, **Rick** (back) and **Andy**. **Andres** with **Sharon** on his knee. **Rosanne** and **Dolores** had yet to be born.

More Bamfield Affairs. 16 folks attended the April Community Affairs meeting. **Bob Baden** noted that thanks to higher government funding the cost of our water treatment plant will be considerably lower. Island health is unhappy with our First responders training and is reluctant to consider a floating helipad. Our MLA, **Scott Fraser** will champion a helipad at our clinic. **Jerry Gassner** reported 7 Bamfielders have completed a ham radio course, thus strengthening our emergency response. **Christine Gruman** noted Historical Society has received \$4500 and will be holding a membership drive, featuring **Clay Evans**, on May 20th. **Andrea Butler's** Garden/Parkette project will receive \$4000 and Bamfield/Huuayaht Community Forest will receive up to \$5000 from grants-in-aid. *L. Druehl*

May Coming Events.

- May 5, 19 @ 7pm BCS - Swing Dance Class with Katie Liebault
 - May 8, 15, 29 @ 7pm Health Centre - Yoga with Janessa Dornstauder
 - May 9 @ 8am – 8pm Voting, Firehall
 - May 15 @ 7:30am Community Affairs & AGM, BCS
 - May 18 @ 5pm Fire Hall - Cooking Class theme: sushi
 - May 31 @ 12pm BCS - Community Lunch
 - Basketball every Tuesday @ 7:30 BCS
 - Buddy Reading every Wednesday @ 11:15 BCS
- Janessa Dornstauder, BCSA Co-ordinator*

Unfounded Bamfield Rumours. A casino is coming to Grappler. Prohibition is returning to Bamfield. A paved two-lane toll road will soon smooth the way to Port...for those who can afford it. The New Bamfielder is up for a Pulitzer prize.



Vancouver Island Authors take Bronze in 2017 IPPY Awards. Congratulations to Bamfield author **Louis Druehl** and Comox author **Bridgette Clarkston**, whose book, **Pacific Seaweeds: A Guide to Common Seaweeds of the West Coast, Updated and Expanded Edition** (Harbour Publishing, \$28.95), has won Bronze in the Environment/Ecology/Nature category in the 21st Annual Independent Publisher Book Awards. News release, *Harbour Publishing*

Canada Coast Guard Actively Recruiting. On April 12th, Bamfield Community School students and staff were welcomed at the Canadian Coast Guard field for a tour. Students had an action packed day learning about day to day operations of the Coast Guard and an in depth tour of the rescue boats. We appreciate the introduction to local career opportunities in our own back yard! I would like to thank the Coast Guard staff as well as **Kelly Clement** and the BMSC who shuttled us across the inlet. *Ms. Russell. Eds Note: Not long ago, all Bamfield Coast Guardians were Bamfielders, their kids went to school and they participated in all activities.*

