

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

**Bamfield Fungus Fest, 14-16 Sept: Walks, Talks, Identifications, Pub Party**

**In Support of Anacla and Bamfield Youth**

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**A Civic Snap-shot of 2017 Bamfield.** Bamfield, the unincorporated, is driven by many groups of volunteers. Mostly their functions would be preformed by paid government employees and officials in incorporated centres. If these groups did not exist, Bamfield would shut down. Fire insurance would skyrocket, community social life would cease, and all major decisions affecting Bamfield would be made in Port Alberni by the ACRD. Support our volunteer groups. Join them. Enjoy their fund-raising functions. Participate in Bamfield. *L. Druehl*

ACRD Bamfield Regional Director, Keith Wyton  
ACRD Bamfield Parks Commission, Eileen Scott  
ACRD Bamfield Advisory Planning Comm. John Mass  
ACRD Bamfield Water Board, Keith Wyton  
ACRD Bamfield Community Affairs Society, Bernadette Wyton/L. Druehl  
Bamfield Art Council, Andrea Butler  
Bamfield Beautification Project, Lorrie Larson  
Bamfield Chamber of Commerce, Phil Lavoie  
Bamfield Community Emergency Pgm. Linda Myres  
Bamfield Community Hall Society, J.P. Hastey  
Bamfield Community School, Kristin Russell  
Bamfield Community School Assoc. Christine Gruman/Kate Rolheiser  
Bamfield First Responders, Amelia Vos  
Bamfield Harbour Authority, Wendy Lukas  
Bamfield Historical Society, Heather Cooper  
Bamfield HFN Community Forest Soc. Stefan Ochman  
Bamfield Memorial Tree, Nancy Hendry  
Bamfield Road Safety Association, Stefan Ochman  
Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department, Phil Lavoie  
Bamfield Parks Community Gardens, Andrea Butler/Louis Druehl  
Music-by-the-Sea, Chris Donison

**We live in a community with spirit and a grand sense of generosity.** All year long different events happen either as fund raisers or social get-togethers. To all you who recognize how a contribution of your services, your work, your products, your artistry, your energy lead to successful and fun, fund raising—THANK YOU! Your generosity makes us a rich and happy community. *An Appreciative Bamfielder*

## **September Happenings:**

5 - Back to School!  
11, 25 - Yoga 7pm @ Health Clinic  
5,12,19,26 - Basketball 7:30 @ BCS  
14-16 - Bamfield Fungus Festival  
18 - Community Affairs Meet 7:30 @ BCS  
22-25 - SongWest Singing Retreat  
27 - Community Lunch 12pm @ BCS  
30 - Oysters, Authors & Ale 6:30 @ the Rix  
*Janessa Dorenstauder, Coordinator BCSA*

**Support this important group:** Think safe road. Bamfield Road Safety Annual General Meeting on Saturday, September 9th at 11:00, Bamfield Fire Hall. *Stefan Ochman*

**Our MP peddled into Bamfield** to learn our concerns as a coastal village. A common theme **Gord Johns** repeated was, “*Us as a coastal people.*” He discussed issues impacting our area: the road, affordable housing, the marine environment and industrial development. A controversial topic was industrial development in the Sarita area. Those in favour and those opposed to development presented their views. Gord, who has appeared to support Port Alberni groups in favour of development, was non-committal. He did emphasize the Federal Environmental Review process needs revamping, and that such a process is crucial to the Sarita issue. The fact Gord visits such places as Bamfield, that he has a good grasp of issues, and that he advances our causes, earns him the right to say “*Us as a coastal people.*”



**Robert Dennis** noted a chipped surface for the Bamfield road looks promising. An excellent meeting in the marine station's Rix Centre. *L. Druehl*

**September is a busy month in Bamfield!** Students are back to school on the 5th for an exciting new year at BCS. Our two teachers have been busy preparing for the year, with the addition of grade 8. As summer comes to an end, you will notice activities return to their regular schedules: Basketball returns to Tuesday nights, Community Affairs Meetings return, as well as the BCSA's Community Lunches. The 7th annual Oysters, Authors & Ale fundraiser will be held on Saturday September 30. This fundraiser helps the BCSA continue literacy programs within our community! *Vanessa Dornstauder, Coordinator BCSA*

The BCSA presents the 7<sup>th</sup> annual:

## Oysters, Authors & Ale

The Rix Centre | Saturday September 30, 2017 6:30-10:30pm

Tickets can be purchased (\$20) from the BCSA office, BMSC, Breakers Marine, Bamfield Builders, The Market and Bamfield Mercantile and Marine. For any questions, please contact [bsacoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:bsacoordinator@gmail.com) or phone 250-728-1220

This year's Authors include:

Pat Carney - *On Island: Life Among the Coast Dwellers*

Sylvia Taylor - *Beckoned by the Sea*

Louise Sidley - *Chasing Chinook*

Plus local authors from Anacla and Bamfield

**A winner and a loser.** Eric and Megan Geall's dog, Honey, a Jack Russell, survived a cougar attack. It was night when Eric heard a commotion outside. He discovered a cougar holding Honey down. His screaming “like a banshee” scared the cat off. Honey may lose sight in one eye, but is otherwise okay. And the loser: Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre has a video record of a stray dog shaking the station kitchen cat, **Bessie**, to death. Bessie, a Boardwalk Cat Colony survivor, had been cared for by **Ken Bass** for 14 years. *L. Druehl*

**A spiritual awakening.** On the exciting morning of the eclipse, we embarked on our trip to the Kixiin, expecting a normal hike, but we soon found ourselves travelling through



time instead. We made our way to the trail head, not quite sure what to expect, but as the hike went on, it was clear we were in for something special. We were flashed back to when the HUU-ay-aht people owned all of the land, standing within the Kixiin world heritage site, surrounded by family pillars and doorways. Even then, the tour would not have been the same without the wisdom

and guidance of **Stella**, who gave us an equal amount of information along with life lessons. It was an inspiring hike and we recommend it to anyone, as it is an easy walk and will give you a new perspective on Bamfield's western beaches. *Ryan and Kristen Hopkins & Milana Yevtoshenuo*, photo of **Stella Peters** by *Rae Hopkins*.

**Beach Boogie.** On Saturday, August 19th the epic Brady Stage hosted another beach party. **Timmy Masso** (bass), **Stella** (banjo) and **Hjalmer Wenstob** (guitar) were the warm up band playing as the sun set over the Deer Group. As the sky darkened, DJ **Coltron** gave us some real toe tappers that kept us jiving until the early hours. Thank you to the Bamfield Hall Society for the loan of their sound system and **Lake Butler** for the use of his 'Genny.' Skye Butler was the 'Skye-train' providing important transportation. Thanks to **Justin Demoskoff** for disco lights. Thanks to **Chelsea Heartman** for her support. Many thanks to **Ashleigh** for her set up and clean up skills. And much gratitude to



**Poppy Butler** who organized, promoted & kept us dancing. A great venue, fantastic music & lovely people! *Stella Wenstob*. Photo *Stella, Masso, Hualmer* by *Chad Tamis*.

**"Thunderbird and the Whale: The archaeology of Nuu-chah-nulth whaling."** A marine station seminar by **Dr. Alan McMillan** of Douglas Collage. The Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations were the premiere whalers of the Northwest Pacific coast. The Haida and Salish First Nations did not whale. Whaling took place over millennia and was the product of spiritual, physical and mental preparations. Symbolism associated with whaling involved Thunderbird, Whale and Serpent. The bird was man and the serpent was the harpoon. These symbols and the tools of whaling have been found at excavated village sites, dating back 5000 years (for example Dodger Cove). *L. Druehl*

**Bamfield is under attack** by Scotch thistle, *Onopordium acanthium*, which translates as "donkey fart thorny food." Apparently only donkeys and goats will eat them. They grow to 3 metres, the seeds can last 30 years and are efficiently distributed on the "down of a thistle". To stop their spread cut the blossoms off and BURN them. They will continue to mature even after the stalk of the plant has been severed. Horrendous as they are, the Scots chose them as their national flower after an army of Vikings, attempting to sneak up in the dark barefoot, were repelled by the vicious, flesh-tearing prickles. Join me in the battle and keep Bamfield thistle-free. *Judith Phillips*.



**Anatomically correct**, the Boardwalk mermaid, sculpted by Babe Gunn, greets visitors. Note the lovely rock weed hair-do. The Grappler Mermaid is more subtle with her charms. Check her out. *L. Druehl*. Photo by *Marc Phillips*.



**Victim of Bamfield urban logging?** Mr. Owl takes refuge in Centennial Park. Photo by **Paul Demontigny**



**Four of 9 turkey vultures at Demontigny's**, photo by **Hedy Demontigny**