

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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SOLD!!! The Bamfield Community Hall's perennial Harvest Dinner outshone all previous events. Attendance was up to 132 (102 last year), booze was up to \$1082, the draw brought in \$560, and the fund-raising auction skyrocketed (see insert). All this made possible by volunteerism and donations. **Brian McKay** and **Crew** turned out great burgers, dogs, and corn. **Katie Ratz** and **Justin Auction** \$
2012 \$5257
2013 \$2617
2014 \$4642
2015 \$6209
2016 \$6998
2017 \$10,676
Desmoskoff manned the bar. **Katharine Jennings** and **Deb Law** ran the draw. **Rose Janelle, Suzanne Jennings, Rae Hopkins** and **Laura Beckett** aided in the auction. And the star of the show, **Bob Goodwin**, performed his 26th consecutive auctioneering, perfectly. Local crafts led the charge (**Liz Happynook's** basket - \$700, **Betty Beyko's** cheese cake - \$600, **Suzanne Jennings'** quilt - \$500). Other items brought in hundreds (wet suits, blackberry pie, Bamfield-grown grapes, lodgings, charters, blackberry port, oysters and fish, flowers, paintings, and the perennial Jennings' Cinnamon Twists, to name a few). This event was fun and profitable (in support of the new hall), due to the selfless efforts of the volunteers and the generosity of Bamfielders & friends of Bamfield. *L. Druehl, portrait by Marc Phillips*

New Chief Administrative officer at the ACRD helm.

Douglas Holmes took his new position on 14 August in Port Alberni, replacing **Russell Dyson**. Douglas is a Chartered Professional Accountant and has a B.A. in Business Administration from SFU. He comes with considerable experience, including 3 years at High River, following the massive flooding of southern Alberta, administering reclamation efforts. ACRD news release (www.bamfielder.ca for full release). Recently, **Keith Wyton** toured Douglas around our village and we may see him here again.

A new era. Centennial Park was designed to support sport fishers: boat launch, trailer storage, and RV camping. Over time it added expanded moorage, a playground and the Smiley Rink, information centre with showers, and took on responsibility of westside out-houses. Now the park accommodates a community garden, the Memorial Pavilion with the Memorial Tree and benches and a fire-pit: that support music, public pig roasts and the like. Mostly, the park is self-supported with a ~\$8K ACRD grant. **Lisa Herbig**, a part-time manager works with commissionaires **Eileen Scott** and **Roger Demontigny**, who 24/7, with an army of volunteers drive the park forward. Centennial Park has maxed out in accommodating the sport-fishing public. This market focuses on the July-September season. A typical user has an RV, a trailered-boat, and a spouse. To expand the users, the Park had **Heather Alexander** design a website (www.bamfieldparks.com), promoting the Bamfield camping experience. Reasonably, the park should cater to the camping public, year-around, but concentrating on the May-October window. Camping and RV'ing are not compatible (see photo). Thus, a vehicle-free camp site is required. This and other issues need to be addressed. Three new commissionaires are sought to address this and other issues. Two positions will be decided at the October Affairs meeting. *L. Druehl*

Don't leave our kids hanging. According to **Donna Dunn**, RN, there have been two serious falls this summer from swing-ropes on the west side needing medivac, one by helicopter from the west side. In addition, there have been other fractures. No one wants to sterilize our village to protect kids. But maybe some signage, warning of danger. "Think about it!" *L. 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

Vivacious and Industrious, describes **Suzanne Rompre**. Suzanne came to Bamfield in 2003; fell in love with Bamfield and moved her massage therapy practice here. A health issue made her stop doing massage and she had to find other work. She worked at the Centennial Park, then Parks Canada, and now, she runs Bamfield Taxi Services, the Bamfield Transfer Station, and a B & B. Some transfer station challenges: not sorting recyclings, leaving un-cyclable things like tires



“leave one and they procreate”, not following directions (when the “No garbage, please” sign was up, people left garbage out, costing one bear its life). “Right now, everything is fine, as much needed changes to the transfer station have made a big difference.” She loves interacting with depot users, local and visitors, and wants users to have an enjoyable experience. “Folks have called me the town ambassador.” Suzanne and

her partner, **Patrick McNamara**, have a sweet bungalow on Binnacle Road. Suzanne thanks all the folks who help at the depot, especially Patrick. And we thank you, Suzanne. *Louis Druehl*

Summer is over. The September Community Affairs meeting was attended by 28. **Kristin Russell**, Secretary, read correspondence from **Mike Surrell**, owner, Lady Rose Marine Services (see www.bamfielder.ca for full letter). They propose to provide car-ferry service to Bamfield with the *MV Alberni Legacy*. The Bamfield terminal will be the old Ostrom ice plant (now HFN property). Discussion focused on the positive aspect of this development but, with concern, this project, which could largely impact Bamfield was only now being disclosed to the village. It was agreed, Affairs write Mike Surrell complimenting him on this initiative and inviting him to discuss it further at October Affairs meeting. Our ACRD rep. **Keith Wyton** noted: There will be an ACRD meeting on 12 October, to review non-B&B rentals in Bamfield. He reviewed progress on parking issues and the water treatment system (delayed as bids exceeded budget). The Bamfield Parks Commission needs 3 new members (1 to be selected by ACRD rep. and 2 by vote at the October Community Affairs: nominations to Keith or at the next meeting). **Bernadette Wyton** reviewed the Barkley Sound Planning Strategy, promoting its employment in evaluating major Barkley Sound projects. **Kristin Russell** noted 21 students this year, with classes K to 8. Check October events for buddy reading, community lunch and other. **Janessa Dornstauder** noted a successful summer program and Fungus workshop (~100 participants), and forthcoming Authors, Oysters and Ale. **Stefan Ochman** reported on the Bamfield Road Safety and Anacra & Bamfield Community Forest committees: progress is happening. **Robert Dennis, Sr.** thanked Bamfielders for their support of HFN enterprises. He suggested greater cooperation with Bamfield business. The HFN subdivision is underway. By means of clarification, Robert noted the HFN had approved the consultation process evaluating the transportation hub. **John Mass** thanked the HFN for the Anacra-Bamfield trail. *L. Druehl*

Bamfield short-term rentals under discussion. ACRD Open House, Community School, 12 October, 5:30-8:30. Let your views be known. (www.bamfielder.ca)

Community Events in October:

2,23,30 Yoga 7pm @ BCS
3,10,17,24,31 Basketball 7:30pm @ BCS
12 Short Term Rentals Open House 5:30 @ BCS
14 Ready,Set, Learn in Port Alberni (BCSA for info)
16 Community Affairs, 7:30 @BCS
19 ShakeOut BC
25 Community Lunch 12pm @ BCS
28 BVFD Halloween Dance
Janessa Dornstauder, Coordinator, BCSA

A lot of human/bear conflict this year.

Many people in Bamfield made important steps reducing bear attractants (bear bins, electric fences etc.) but much more needs to be done to make Bamfield “Bear Smart”. Please join Bear experts **Frank Ritcy** (WildSafe BC) and **Mike Badry** (BC wildlife conflict specialist) for a potluck at Dragonfly, Sat Oct 14th to discuss Bamfield’s challenges and the next steps towards making it a “Bear Smart” Community. There will be an electric fence workshop at 5:00 with a potluck and slideshow at 6:00. For more info email Mandy dragonflybamfield@gmail.com.

A long struggle happily completed.

Huu-ay-aht First Nations is pleased to hear Canada will accept the Specific Claims Tribunal decision awarding the Nation \$13.8 million in compensation for breaches of duty. Huu-ay-aht filed a claim with the Tribunal in 2011 about logging that took place between 1948 and 1969. In 2014, the Tribunal found that Canada had breached its obligations numerous times. In December 2016, the Specific Claims Tribunal awarded \$13.8 million in compensation to HFN. In January 2017, the Nation was notified that the Canadian Government would appeal. On September 5, 2017, Huu-ay-aht received word that Canada did not plan to further prolong the decision by going through a judicial review process. “We are happy that Canada is going to honour its commitment to reconciliation by accepting this ruling,” explained **Robert Dennis, Sr.** (www.bamfielder.ca for full release).

Bamfield Gold, really? A HFN Motel guest asked **Ron McDowell** where could he get Bamfield Gold. This person was from, Kingston, ON, where he had acquired an autographed copy of *Cedar, Salmon and Weed* (a novel by L. Druehl, available in Bamfield stores. www.cedarsalmonandweed.ca). And he read, “Lafarge replaced the tarp and walked to the his cruiser. ‘Gaz, I think you are somehow involved. The new stuff has low potency and, rumor has it, it’s Bamfield Gold’.” Well, Ron, how does your story end?