

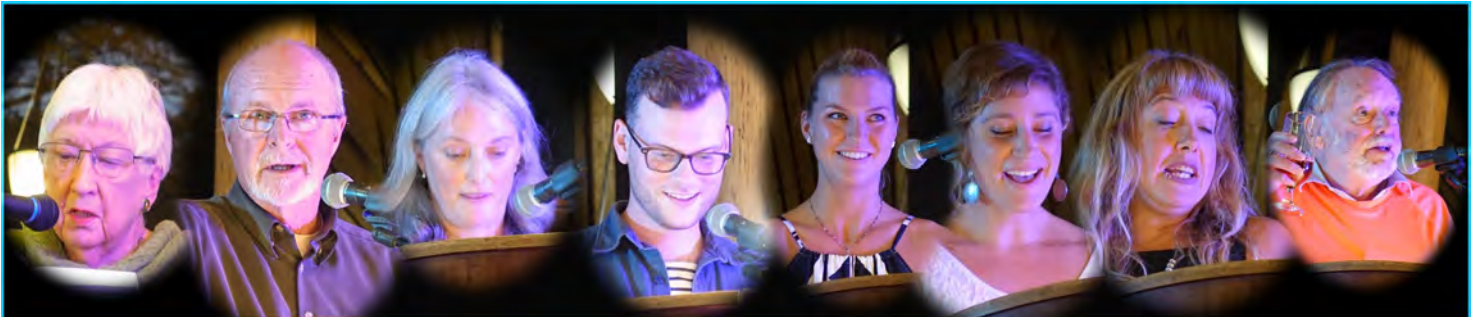
# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

**News Flash: Future Community Affairs meetings will be at 6:30!**

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**And this year's Oscar goes to...** "Janesssa, the envelope, please." "The BCSA's *Oyster, Authors & Ale*." Great venue (Rix Centre, thanks, **BMSC**), great reads, food, ales and music, orchestrated by **Janessa Dornstauber** with an army of volunteers produced a well attended, enjoyed function. **Nancy Hendry** mc'd with authority and wit (lookout **Steve Colbert**). Readers **Pat Carney** (long bio and piece on wolves), **Jim Moncur** (authentic fish b.s.), **Louise Sidley** (soul searching fish b.s.), **Nic Wiewel** (delightful cats), Janessa for **Sylvia Taylor** (An ode to **Rae Hopkins**), **Amelia Vos** (emotional, authentic), **Siobhan Gray** (strident, heartfelt), **Louis Druehl** (new novel, *Kawai Scrolls*) were great. **Effingham Oysters** (raw & baked) chased with **Tofino Brewery's** beers and lots of donated appies satiated the gourmand, while **Phil Lavoie**, **Tavi Kristjan** and **Johnny Blue** strummed, tooted and sang to everyone's' pleasure. A richly endowed silent auction raised much \$\$\$\$ and showed off our sprightly **Christine Gruman's** dry wit. *L. Druehl* collage by M. Phillips: Readers (L-R): P. Carney, J. Moncur, L. Sidley, N. Wiewel, J. Dornstauber, A. Vos, S. Gray, L. Druehl

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**"Why 7:30?"** asked **Bernadette Wyton**, thinking 7:00 would be a better time for Community Affairs to meet. After brief discussion, **Steve Clark** moved, and **Robert Dennis** seconded the motion that Community Affairs will meet at 6:30. Motion passed, but Bernie's question was not answered. My answer: Sometime, a long time ago, Bamfielders worked hard and long (commercial fishing). Thus, a late meeting was an economic necessity. Next question: Why did today's Bamfielders so quickly choose an earlier time, once Bernie removed the blinders of habit? My answer: We would now be freed to watch more primetime TV. *L. Druehl*

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**Not a stroll down a country lane.** On Terry Fox day, all of the school kids, some parents and friends hiked from the Community School to Anacla along the wonderful new footpath. The first walker in took 36 minutes (the path is ~5 km). Everyone completed the hike before 1 hour and 25 minutes. Sandwiches, fruit and juices were provided by the HFN and a water station was provided by the **Geall Family**, and **Robert Dennis Jr.** drummed while students sang. **Kristin Russell** invited folks to contribute online to the Terry Fox cause, and she suggested this become a weekly event. *L. Druehl*



**THE PATH TO PACHENA**, is it ever lovely! A big thank-you to the HUU-ay-aht for creating a safe and beautiful new experience for the enjoyment of locals and tourists and trail hikers. Unlike our narrow boardwalk, it accommodates two abreast and is smooth, so you don't even have to watch your feet! At a comfortable pace, it only took us an hour to reach the newly paved road into Anacla. The route often meanders into the trees, along boardwalks and over bridges, picturesque sorties among impressive old giants that aren't noticeable when driving the road. We took a lunch to eat at a picnic table overlooking the river and walked the beach; a perfect Sunday outing. Try it, you'll like it. Submitted by *Judith Phillips*.

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**Nightingales sang in the Rix.** Songs-west's Bamfield workshop concluded with a 3-hour recital in the Rix Centre (thanks, BMSC!). The entire company performed opening and closing pieces (photo). Most of the performances were solos. Bamfielders shone: **Johnny Blue, Nancy Hendry, Sarah Osborne, Rob in Harrison, Christine Gruman, Amelia Voss** and **Stella Wenstob**.



**Christine's** was a gutsy emotional piece, done accappello, and **Stella** clearly joined the professional ranks of the other singers. The visiting choristers were evangelical in their discourse: singing is the where-with-all and they couldn't heap enough praise on **Nancy &**

Bamfield. Good show, Nancy! Thank you! *L. Druehl*. Check <http://songwest.ca/songwest-bamfield/> for more.

**Bamfield Bears.** Last month we were joined by human/wildlife conflict specialists **Frank Ritcy** (WildSafe BC) and **Mike Badry** (Provincial Wildlife Specialist), to discuss Bamfield's move towards becoming a "Bear Smart" Community. The underlying messaging was about how we are all connected through our actions. The only way to change bear behaviour is by changing human behaviour. Eliminating attractants that draw bears into town will prevent the habituation of bears that lead to conflict. Unsecured garbage, fish refuse in the intertidal, compost and fruit trees are all attractants that can all be managed by people. One of the most important subjects addressed was the role that fruit trees play in bringing bears into town. Even through fruit trees seem like a natural source of food for bears they often serve as the first positive interaction that bears have with people leading gradually to habituation. There was an electric-fence workshop to demonstrate an easy, effective and affordable way to protect fruit trees, seasonally. *Mandy Ross*



**Kevin & Marnie** hosted an open house at Bamfield Mercantile & Marine on Aug 31 to mark their 2 year anniversary operating their fabulous store. *Marc Phillips*. We love you!

**Traffic Report.** There are 5 metal-detector counters along Bamfield Road. Since May 2014, daily average number of vehicles at Cameron Shop is 524, at China Creek: 372, Past Franklin Camp: 196, Past Central Main: 108 and West Coast Trail Pavement: 137. At the WCT, the average number of vehicles per month from October to April is only 2500. In May, June and September, average is about

4800 and in July and August average goes up to 7900. Statistics are also provided by day of the week, by time of day etc... If interested in obtaining detailed statistics, contact [stefano@pachena.ca](mailto:stefano@pachena.ca). *Stefan*

**Why, Why, Why** are there no babies in Bamfield? Is there something VIHA is not telling us? Why is there no bakery in Bamfield? Is it because we like aged, frozen, expensive bread? Why is the worse stretch of road from Port Alberni to Bamfield is often from the marine station to the community school? Is this a cheap substitute for speed bumps? *L, Druehl*

**"EVERY CHILD MATTERS"** Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of Sept Bamfield Community School observed **Orange Shirt Day** which is officially the 30<sup>th</sup> of Sept) to commemorate First Nation students that were placed in residential schools in Canada. **Ben Clappis** and **Jeffery Cook** shared their personal experiences to an audience of current students & community members. They were very informative and extremely moving. Thank you to them. *Rae Hopkins*

Flu shots are for you if you are very young, old, or have a compromising condition. Check with **Donna Dunn** at Health Clinic.



Bamfield, Bear Smart electric fence workshop.

#### November Events

- 6 - BCSA Annual General Meeting 5:15 @ BSC
  - 9 - Adult Education Registration - Contact BCSA for more info
  - 10 - Remembrance Day Service - 10:30am @ BCS
  - 12 - Community Potluck Dinner 5pm @ House of Huu-ay-aht
  - 20 - Community Affairs Meeting 6:30pm @ BCS
  - 22 - Community Lunch, 12pm @ BCS
  - 23 - Cooking Class, 5pm @ Fire Hall
  - 26 - Christmas Craft Fair, 11-2 pm @ BCS
- Janessa Dornstaulder, Coordinator, BCSA

**More Bamfield Affairs.** Twenty-seven Bamfielders defied a very miserable, stormy night to pursue More Bamfield Affairs. Reg. Dir. **Keith Wyton** noted bids for the Bamfield water system came in 40% over budget, but the system will come in next summer. **Eric Geall** presented West Island Cable plans for bringing fibre-optic cable internet to Bamfield. About \$250/household to connect to buried cable. System could be going in about 5 months. Contact Eric for details. Eric Geall and **Donna Dunn** reported on Emergency Preparedness. They emphasized importance of forming neighbourhood groups for mutual support. **Kristin Russell** noted Orange Shirt Day was celebrated at school, acknowledging the harm done by Residential Schools. She thanked **Jeff Cook** and **Ben Clappis** for sharing their experiences during those trying times and the impacts on their lives. Chief **Robert Dennis** expressed appreciation for being able to participate in Affairs. For full unofficial minutes go to [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca). *L. Druehl*