

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

In support of Anacla and Bamfield youth

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More what Bamfield is all about. On December 30, folks gathered at 163 Burlington, west Bamfield to enjoy camaraderie and **Steve Clarke's** and **Nancy Hendry's** martinis and hospitality. This annual function brings together locals and friends of Bamfield like no other gathering (except our famous memorial services). Aficionados know not to sup before arriving...the potluck snacks: artichoke dip, smoked salmon, hot wings, and much more, when washed down with ample drams of Gordon's Gin satisfy all but the most gluttonist. Guest dribble in, along with a few stray dogs, stay longer than intended and then depart fully satisfied. Oh, by-the-by, it was also Steve's birthday. Thank you, Steve and Nancy. *L. Druehl*

January 2018 RAIN RAIN RAIN REPORT. As of noonish on the 29th of January we have had 509 mm (20 inches) of rain for the month of January--414 mm is the average. 192 mm (7.56 inches) fell on Sunday the 28th and 50.8 mm has fallen so far today. Of the 29 days so far in the month, we have had 25 days of some amount of precipitation. If we can remember way back to the first of the month, the 1st three days were beautiful. I'm still very grateful that the tsunami alert was just an alert. Thank you again for all the emergency personnel and preparedness--it's a lot of work. *Jerry Baird on the Beach*

Who needs a tsunami? Big wave assaults Tillamook Lighthouse, Oregon. Photo by Peterson Photography taken 11:14 a.m., 19 January 2018



So much volunteering, so much good. Following the retraction of the tsunami evacuation, First Responders were dispatched to Anacla for a Code 3 Cardiac Arrest. HFN First Responders were fast to treat and transport the patient to the Bamfield Health Clinic, once it was safe to do so. The patient was later transported to Port Alberni West Coast General Hospital by BC Ambulance where he was treated and established in a stable condition. Big thanks to all the Bamfield and Anacla Volunteer First Responders who work to provide emergency services through all conditions our community faces. *Amelia Vos, Coordinator.*

From The Bamfield Corkboard

Wanted to recognize Skye Butler, Brandy Zannet, Lisa & Peter Herbig, and Sarah Logan for completion of their Emergency Medical Responder Certification. This was an intense, stressful course. Everyone did exemplary. This certification will contribute to providing higher level of emergency medical service in our community. Way to go all of you!! *Mila Jean*

Nice to know there are people like you in the community. You all deserve to have a real budget and a clubhouse with an ambulance in it. I hope you get one soon. *Max Salamon*

Sarita LNG Advances. – Steelhead LNG and Huu-ay-aht First Nations today announced that they have narrowed the field of bidders to complete front-end engineering and design (FEED) work on the proposed Kwispaa LNG project. The project is located on the west coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada and is licensed to export up to 24 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of liquefied natural gas (LNG) for 25 years. Initial production of 12 mtpa is expected to begin in 2024. www.bamfielder.ca for full release.



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*

February Events

9 - JUMP Rope for Heart
12 - Family Day No School
15 - Cooking Class: Vegetarian
19 - Community Affairs 6:30pm
22 - Writing Workshop
23-24 - PEEC
28 - Community Lunch & Pink Shirt Day: anti-bullying
Janessa Dornstaulder, BCSA Coordinator
For details: bcsacoordinator@gmail.

Bamfield Historical Society AGM, Thursday, February 1, 5 pm, School. Everyone Welcome

The night everyone held their breath

At 01:51 on January 23, 2018 I received notice from Emergency Management BC (EMBC) that our area was under Tsunami Warning due to a large earthquake in Alaska. 911 Fire Dispatch confirmed that message by radio immediately following. EMBC followed up with further information.

BCEP volunteers were activated by radio for a Tsunami Warning event and moved to the 2 Evacuation Sites at the East and West BVFD Fire Halls. At approximately 0200, the Tsunami Warning System sirens were activated by radio signal. The sirens are located at BVFD East and West Fire Halls, as well as at Anacla. The West Side Evacuation Site at BVFD Fire Hall was open at 0210 with BCEP and BVFD members on site. The East Side Evacuation Site at BVFD Fire Hall was open shortly after. BVFD vehicles were dispatched in East and West Bamfield with sirens and loud hailers as additional notification of danger. Communications using local emergency frequencies, as well as Amateur Radio were successful. A Situation Report was sent to ACRD via Amateur Radio. Information updates were provided to residents at each Evacuation Site by BCEP as confirmed by EMBC. At each Evacuation Site, residents were accounting for the location of their friends and neighbours. BVFD and BCEP responded by vehicle and boat to bring several residents to the Evacuation Sites. East Bamfield Evacuation Site reported approximately 30 people in attendance. West Bamfield Evacuation Site reported approximately 45 people in attendance. BCEP was aware that Huu ay aht First Nations residents at Anacla evacuated to the House of Huu ay aht successfully. Residents remained at the Evacuation Sites until 0434 when the Tsunami Warning was cancelled. **Lessons** :Neighbourhood Preparedness Plans will enhance the community notification system effectiveness. Other supply related issues will be addressed with appropriate agencies. Additional BCEP volunteers are required.

Thank you to the BCEP and BVFD volunteers who activated and responded quickly and appropriately. Thank you to community residents who responded to the Tsunami Warning sirens and evacuated. Everyone remained calm and carried on.

Thank you to residents for their comments on social media and telephone calls. Each have been noted and will be addressed.

Linda Myres, EPC

Bamfield Community Emergency Program



Unofficial Community Affairs, February. Eighteen Bamfielders enjoyed a snappy 45-minute meeting. Regional Director **Keith Wyton** noted review of Short Term Rental Update Policy remains under review. There may another open house on this issue. It seems work on west side roads may happen. **Sheryl Mass** was declared a community Bamfield Parks Commissioner. There may be a problem with contracting out garbage pickup; the Lady Rose could be one option, or a local opportunity. **Janessa Dornstaulder** reported school association's cooking class by **Kyle Hancock** and **Kelly Clement** was a success, as was the Friday Night Chill for intermediate students. According to **Stefan Ochman**, the community forest removed about \$80 K of wood (~\$111/cubic meter). Some one put dirt into the contractor's diesel. **Kristin Russell** noted ice skating at Winter Wonderland on December 12th was a great success. Grade 5 DARE continues for 10 weeks with Constable Batt. Feb.9th Jump Rope for Hearts.10:45, everyone welcome. *Kristin Russell*

A ★ ★ ★ Robbie Burns dinner, orchestrated by Rose J. 1. **Nancy Sherry's** succulent prime ribs, 2. **Neil Wright's** fine scotches and advice, thereon (37 were sold, last year70),3. **Rae Hopkins'** dazzling bouquets of pilfered greenery (heather, evergreen huckleberry. Scots broom, salal), and 4. **Stella Wenstob's** stellar acappella singing, Scottish liit and all. The meal, a hearty broth (**John Mass**), tossed salad (many folks), ribs (carved by **Brian Mackay**) and veggies (Nancy), yummy Yorkshire pudding (**Loretta Sirois**) and dessert shortbread was perfect. A fair crowd, composed of several visitors and not so many locals, was served by a diminished, albeit enthusiastic, appreciated bevy of volunteers. Final clean up was accomplished by many, some who had not attended the event. While access to the Fire Hall is greatly appreciated, the acoustics are terrible, and the ambience lacks that WCVI (West Coast Vancouver Island) flavour. We need a proper community hall... soon. Oh, and while you may have missed it, the Robbie Burn's do is an annual function of the Bamfield Community Hall Society. *L. Druehl*