

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

OUR PARK HAS A NEW NAME, THE EILEEN SCOTT CENTENNIAL PARK.

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Parks Commissionaires approved the motion, "that the Bamfield Centennial Park be renamed the **Eileen Scott Centennial Park** in recognition of her determination, enthusiasm, and thriftiness over 33 years, resulting in the parks advance from a R.V. campsite and boat launch to a solvent and fully integrated park featuring a play ground, Smiley Rink, a Memorial Pavilion, an information centre, community gardens, and landscaped green spaces, and sponsoring many community functions." Collage by *Marc Phillips*



Eileen! Eileen, You've given so much to Bamfield, and always with a smile. Thank you and bless your cotton socks, Duck. **Heather Cooper.** Dearest Eileen, smiling, soprano, community hall, Centennial Park, Bamfield icon, loved by one and all! **Nancy Hendry.** Eileen, with beers and whiskies we solve the world problems. Lucky world. **Louis Druehl.** You may be an angel down there, toots. But not up here, not with those beers. **J.C.** Eileen is our community's royal matriarch displaying kindness, charity, virtuousness and humility but never shy to "call a spade a spade". **Bob Baden.** For over thirty years you supported the operation and financial affairs of the Park. Thanks Eileen, you made a difference and it is much appreciated. **Keith Wyton.** "From when I arrived in Bamfield I knew Eileen was a pillar of the community. She always has a smile on her face, a quick laugh and a willingness to help the community. She is an inspiration and continues to give so much." **Catherine Thompson.** A truly fitting tribute for a lady that epitomizes all that is great about Bamfield! **Jean Richardson.** To a fine Duck! Dancing in the Hall. Grappler Night. Trips to town. Endless Hospitality. Deep Heartfelt Friendship. Thank, you, Eileen! Love, **Rae Hopkins.** Our new neighbor in Port Desire was a fantastic person. From our living in a tent and borrowing power and water to drop-offs of tomatoes from the "Tomato Factory", always with an upbeat and get it done attitude, we are grateful. Thank you, Eileen! **Ken & Betty Bodaly.** A real woman, the product of the London Blitz, great for Bamfield. **John Evans.**

In celebration of Volunteerism in Bamfield, a funding campaign for a Pavilion Recognizing Volunteers is being conducted by Bamfield Parks. This pavilion could shelter events such as the Hall Chili Cook-off, The pig roast, Art in the Park, family gatherings, concert goers, and rainy day picnickers. Donations, by cheque \$20 or over, to Bamfield Centennial Park, noting "Scott", will receive a Charitable Tax Receipt, please include mailing address, send to L. Druehl, Bamfield, V0R1B0. Thank you for thanking volunteers. Bamfield Parks Commission

Run-on-Sarita-River. On May 4th the Huu-ay-aht First Nation held an event to make an exciting announcement. With much curiosity and anticipation, the Anacla and Bamfield community gathered together at the Huu-ay-aht Government Office to hear the news. Following a traditional Huu-ay-aht welcome song, **Chief Robert Dennis** welcomed **Minister Scott Fraser**, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation of British Columbia, to address the crowd; together they announced that the ministry was awarding the Huu-ay-aht First Nations with \$450,000 Clean Energy Business Fund Grant. This grant will go toward the Sarita Run of the River Hydro Project. After 10 years working toward this project both Chief Dennis and Minister Fraser are happy to move into the next stage of the project. Final words embodied the Huu-ay-aht mission statement "it is time to change the status quo and this must be completed in our territory with an ancient spirit and a modern mind." Amelia Vos

A Red Hot Father's Day, the 3rd Annual Community Hall Society's Annual Chili Cook-off in Centennial Park was enjoyed by 52 folks, sampling 8 chefs' chili creations. Blind voting judged **Brian McKay** 1st, **Ken Hamm** 2nd and **Kelly Clement** 3rd. Brian was tight-lipped, but used 4 kinds of beans (not named), jalapenos, fresh mushrooms, and 3 secret ingredients. Not judged but greatly appreciated were **Kate Ratz's** cornbread with jalapeno peppers, **Tish McPhee's** baking powder baskets, and **Rae Hopkins'** coleslaw. Lots of volunteering and neighbourly visiting. *L. Druehl*

Sunny Community Affairs. 12 folks sat outside the school and conducted a snappy meeting...weather too good and the school was locked. The main items were whence the community forest. It is at a point that it can look beyond fibre and a loooong range plan is needed, plus community input. It seems LNG could become divisive and a forum for opinions to be expressed would clear the air. The next Community Affairs will be 17 September, 6:30, school. *L. Druehl*

Bear Ville. Securing bear attractants is the best way to keep our community safe. Bears recognize freezers and coolers as a free lunch so they must be stored inside. For a limited time **Wildsafe BC Bamfield** is offering a 50% discount on bear-resistant products for Bamfield businesses and residents. For products, signage and pamphlets call Mandy at 250-720-1808 or email dragonflybamfield@gmail.com. For example, 65 Gallon garbage can \$99.00 including taxes and 60% discount (\$222 without discount). *Mandy Ross*

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Outstanding Historian. In May, the **Coopers** and the **Phillipses**, directors of the Bamfield Historical Society, represented Bamfield at the BC Historical Federation's Annual Conference in Nakusp. Members were impressed that we came from a faraway, exotic place and that our small village has such an active group of history enthusiasts. There were many nominees, but the Federation awarded only two certificates to outstanding individuals for preserving and promoting local history. Our **Heather Cooper** truly deserved this recognition. She has been researching and sharing the history of Bamfield since 2006, has created fascinating exhibits



annually and in 2009 she and **Steve Clarke** formed the non-profit BHS. Heather has devoted countless unpaid hours as a volunteer. As was mentioned at the Conference, it is rare for an individual to possess both computer and research skills. And Heather is happy to answer calls and emails from the many people with questions, items for our archives, or who want to delve into our collections. Heather led the team that created and installed the informative and beautiful Canada 150 heritage signs recently placed around town. Thanks for all you do, Heather Cooper! *Judith Phillips, photo Marc Phillips*

The Squire of West Bamfield and Beyond. **John Evans** brought his family to Pachena beach about 55 years ago. Was bothered by kids on motor-bikes at night, "Next day met **Ostroms**, spent the summer. I'll leave [Bamfield] feet first." John attended McGill, became involved with Greenshield as a stock broker in Montreal, where he rented Amhurst House for a pittance (12 bedrooms, ball room, a cook). Cronies moved in and they became fast for decades, often gathering in exotic places like Ceylon. He moved to Vancouver with Greenshield, then started his own business; "that was a mistake." In Bamfield, he built a stone cottage, "Every Welshman wants a hovel," with a copper roof, "because wood would need to be replaced in my dotage." He has fond memories of **Dave** and **Lorraine Hegstrom**. He loved **Erma Cashin** and tells the story of how she blocked **Brian McKay** biking on the boardwalk; "He was rude and she gave him a good spanking [Brian may recall this]." "Bamfield has changed, but not well." His advice: "Keep it going and do not depend on government handouts." And his legacy to Bamfield: "I was going to give the cottage to the village, but when the community hall folded, no." Maybe some other legacy, John? *L. Druehl, photo M. Phillips*

