

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

BAMFIELD ROAD SAFETY AGM, Sept. 21, Saturday, 11 am, school: Speak up or hold your peace.

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Our New Auctioneer, J.P.P.

**He was in your face/
He was in your head/
His words (\$\$\$) were in
your mouth/He blasted for
two hours/And the last sale
was the highest/One matron
was heard to say, "And he is
cute, too." L. Druehl**

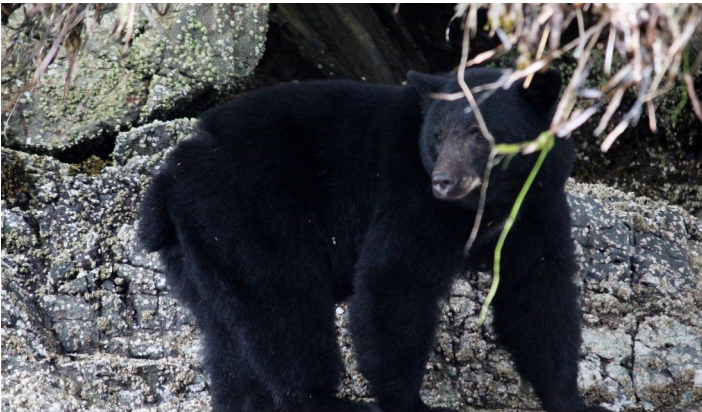
It just gets better. The Bamfield Community Hall's 36th Harvest Dinner & Auction served 103 BBQ dinners, 270 beers/wines (soft drinks were free). The highlight of evening was the auction, headed up by **J.P. Paetkau**. Some items: **Betty's** cake (\$550), a carved log truck (\$515), **Peter's** photograph on canvas (\$625), the classics: **Ebba's**

Auction \$\$

2012 \$5257
2013 \$2617
2014 \$4642
2015 \$6209
2016 \$6998
2017 \$10,676
2018 \$13,295
2019 \$11,330



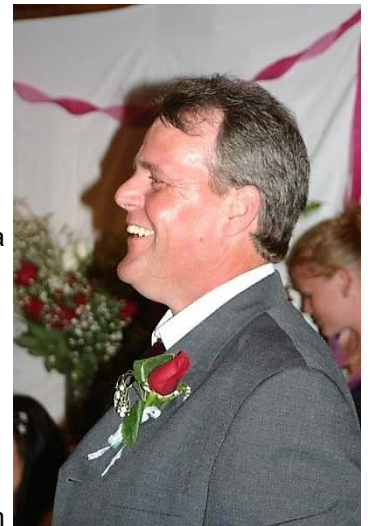
cinnamon twist, **Gordy's** blackberry port, and seafood: oysters (**J.P.H.**), side stripes (**Bowker**), salmon (**Rocky Point**) and pickled kelp (**Majid**). And garden produce, in the true spirit of the Harvest Dinner, from the HFN Community Garden (**Stefan & Zelta**) and elsewhere. Sentimental paintings: **Linda Haylock & Mary Steele**, Native basketry, an **Al Porter** carving and a Brian McKay yellow cedar gaff. And lots of other great things. The final auction was a combo: Native basket (**Ebba**), 2 Native prints (**Ken & Rose**) and a **Seabeam** boat rental for the night's record of \$1275. It was an enjoyable evening: fine food, good company & great auctioneering, all thanks to fantastic contributions by the donors, purchasers, and the volunteers. *L. Druehl*



PLEASE DO NOT SPOIL ME & THEN KILL ME

Another way to kill a Bamfield Bear. Thanks to **Mandy Ross** and the Bear Aware program, the killing by baiting is reduced: Folks are securing food items that attract bears. Now, boaters, including paddle boards and kayaks, are approaching bears on the beach. The presence of these curious folks disturbs the bears foraging and lowers the bears' fear of humans. Consider a mother sow preparing her cubs for the coming hibernation, requiring the limited low tides, being interrupted. In some instances, the bears learn to expect treats. At least in one local case a bear stalked a kayaker. This double whammy of habituating bears and limiting their foraging is a death knell. And those that cause the problem are long gone... they do not hear the shot. We need to educate our visitors to this threat. *L. Druehl*, Photo by **P. Demontigny**

Ben Bozak, 1962-2019. On the morning of July 16 2019 we lost a great man from our community. **Ben Bozak**, a long-time resident of Bamfield lost his battle with Cancer. He spent his final days with the love and support that comes from having his family by his side. We had the ability to provide him with this comfort largely impart to our friends, family and the community as a whole. My father was moved to tears when he learned of how so many pulled together and fundraised to ensure he would not have to navigate the last leg of his journey alone. My family and I will never be able to fully express our gratitude. From the bottom of our hearts, my Dad's included, thank you. *Brandy Zannet*



Community service. **Ben Bozak** sat on the Bamfield Huu-ay-aht Community Forest Society Board from 2007 to 2017. His expertise and insights were always appreciated. *Stefan Ochman*

Trash Amnesty. An opportunity to get rid of those awkward items, like paint (see ACRD posters around town). September 8, 12 to 4 pm at the recycle depot.

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*

Recycling in west Bamfield. 25 residents and business owners joined **Jenny Brunn** (ACRD) at West Park (nee Pioneer Park) to brainstorm garbage, recycling and composting in west Bamfield. **Amelia Vos** ably chaired the meeting and gathered suggestions. Bamfield Mercantile provided pizza and drinks. Discussed were cost, logistics around pickup, storage and transportation, and how to encourage responsible drop-off. One idea was at facility at West Park with a free store, book exchange and gathering place, now sorely lacking in west Bamfield. Composting will await another day. *Heather Wash-*

And on the east side 16 participants, directed by **Jenny Brunn**, ACRD, learned about new developments in waste disposal: composting that would service local gardeners, converting our glassware into sand, using the more dubious plastics to make fuel pellets, and how to break your mattress down into its recyclable units in 45 minutes (video). We were alerted to the possible amnesty for items presently not accepted at our depot: paint, batteries, and such. All Bamfield households will receive dumping vouchers for the Port Alberni facility. **Amelia Vos** suggested Alberni-bound waste could be pooled with those going in with empty trucks...gas money. There was discussion about the west side situation. Cherry tomatoes and marshmallow-chocolate cookies were provided. *L. Druehl*

May I tie up here? The Bamfield Harbour Authority governs a major public access facility, crucial to boat-oriented commerce in Bamfield. Their AGM was attended by most direc-



Lucus passing the books to **Rae Hopkins**.

tors and two folks from the community (both spouses of directors). For those concerned about boat moorage, long and short-term, these meetings/ elections give Bamfielders voice. But again, Bamfield was quiet. *L. Druehl*, photo **Wendy**

Another AGM. The Bamfield Harbour Authority AGM was held the 10th of July 2019. The Harbour Authority was established in 2004 and provides moorage for locals and visitors. **Wendy Lukas** was a member of the Harbour Authority for over 7 years & as the president kept the Harbour Authority functioning and continuing providing moorage facilities with the help of **Amy McConnell** (dock manager) and **Diana Barstch** (relief manager). Wendy has now resigned. On behalf of the board members I would like to thank Wendy for her many years of volunteering for this position and keeping BHA running smoothly. Thank you, Wendy. Enjoy the greens & the sunshine! The directors will determine officers at the next meeting. *Rae Hopkins*

September events. 16th Community Affairs, 6:30, school; 19th-21st Fungus Festival; 25th Community lunch, school; 26th Terry Fox run, 2 pm; Orange Shirt Day; Basketball Tuesdays, 7:30. *BCSA*

Community School Association is seeking a new coordinator. During September their office will be closed. The library will be opened during school hours. Queries should be made to the board: bcsa_board@googlegroups.com.

Quick fix for Bamfield water system following a break on a 6-inch line in front of Kingfisher dock. According to **Les Butler**, immediately upon discovering the break, **Brad Beath** entered the inlet and spent 5 hours repairing the line (Thank you, Brad). A boil water advisory was put in place for the west side to allow the lines to be flushed and the water tested. Island Health shortened the advisory by accelerating the testing. Potable water was made available to the west side from the east side.



The cause of the rupture is not known but, according to **Jenny Brunn**, ACRD, engineers will determine how to better protect the system.

Our Sugsaw watershed is in good shape. Most Vancouver reservoirs are at 50-year lows. *L. Druehl*