

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

It is nice being courted by Federal political parties. Sometimes it feels like folks out there do not think about us.

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More Affairs! Twenty-three folks attended the September Community Affairs meeting. The directors have decided to have a rotating chair, with **Bernie Wyton** and **Mark Stokes** overseeing the business of the society. The recent tragic school bus accident received considerable attention. Our ACRD Representative, **Bob Beckett**, noted important meetings on the road are pending. **Sean Rogers**, BMSC Director, said the station is getting much positive support from potential visiting schools. Beckett's report: **Telus** is completing a report on how to upgrade Bamfield service, to be available in October. **An ambulance** will be transferred to Bamfield for local transport of patients. **The new parking situation** will be reviewed at the next Affairs meeting. Rogers noted the marine station will initiate a composting system that will involve the community. **Kristin Russell** said 8 students moved away and 2 new students arrived. A motion was defeated that property owners get free boat launching (see **Clarification** over **). *L. Druehl*

Road Safety. Twenty-nine Bamfielder/Arifacla folks attended the 2019 Bamfield Road Safety Committee's AGM (last year, 3). Bamfield Main, while its length is divided by various parties, is an industrial road. The public is welcomed to use this road, but they must submit to logging traffic. Due to 'soft shoulders' logging trucks do not have the option of pulling over. Western Forest Products is supportive of upgrading the road, even though they may need to discontinue using the over-sized trucks. Road-use statistics showed a marked increase this year over last year (190K trips in 2018 vs 220K trips in the first 8 months of 2019). The BRSC directors were returned to office, with no new volunteers. This is surprising, considering the passion of those attending. Thanks were offered to **Stefan Ochman**, the directors and the attending industry and government advisors. *L. Druehl*



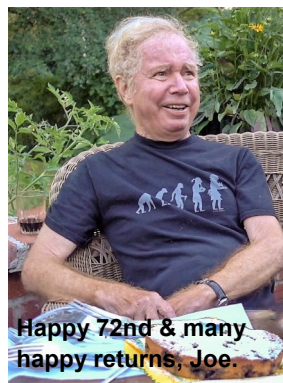
Cougar at The Wall watching Paul and Steve Demontigny fish.



Bamfielder's truck in front of motel burned out. Arson? Accident?



Tao and Christine hosted a housewarming on Sept 1 to celebrate their house purchase in west Bamfield. Congratulations! M. Phillips



Happy 72nd & many happy returns, Joe.



Shroomers preparing for the Great 2019 Shroom Hunt.

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

Big Mistake?: Resolution re Orientals. “The commissionaires of the Corporation of the Village of Tofino, hereby resolve-That, at the request of the residents of the village of Tofino, all Orientals be excluded completely from this Municipality, and shall be prevented from owning property or carrying on business directly or indirectly with the Municipality,” 24 January 1947. Prior to this all Japanese-Canadian boats were seized in December 1941 and in 1942 they were given 24



hour to surrender their homes and be interned. This by-law was removed November 1997, but the loss of the Japanese-Canadians' property and boats was never compensated. In May of this year, the District of Tofino apologized, stating, “We reject any exclusionary policy based on racial or ethnic origin, and we make a solemn commitment that such injustices will never again be countenanced.” Ten Japanese-Canadian families were similarly exported from Bamfield, but I have

not discovered any local documentation. **I wonder what Bamfield would look like today if they had been allowed to stay.** See www.bamfielder.ca for copies of Tofino documents, supplied by Tofino Mayor **Josie Osborn**. *L. Druehl*. Photo, **Herijiro Hiraoka** in front of his home, now the Seabeam office, courtesy of the Bamfield Historical Archives.

The Fungus Fest Sept 19-21 was fun and fruitful. Did you know a fungus is a vast network of underground threads, and the mushroom is just its way of making spores? That fungi are intricately associated with tree rootlets in a complex relationship which helps both? That certain fungi only grow with certain trees or bushes? About thirty enthusiasts gathered mid-September to walk the BMSR and the West Side Ghost Trail with experts **Andy MacKinnon** and **Dr Shannon Berch**. An ID session followed. Later we enjoyed a Celebration of Fungi at the Pub with **Phil Lavoie** on guitar/uke and **Owen Newson** on fiddle. The entire event was ably coordinated by **Nicolas Wiewel**. Thanks, *Heather Washburn*



****Clarification.** At the last Community Affairs I noted that according to Robert's Rules of Order (for conducting meetings) in a vote, the abstainers were counted as in favour of the motion. This was a recollection from my term on the high school debating team in the 1950s. It is not in our constitution that we follow Bob (a U.S Army Engineer who participated in the Pig War of San Juan Island...a dispute over the U.S./Canada border). Typically, we follow the simple majority. More important, we need voters to assure we are going in the direction desired by the majority. *L. Druehl*



A delightful invasion of the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre. Recently, 40 artist, 3 instructors and some volunteers worked out of the marine station. The program, sponsored by the Federation of Canadian Artists, visits various spots, giving artists an opportunity of upgrading their skills and interacting with each other and Canada. When I encountered **Holly Smith** (photo), she was in the act of painting the weathered conifer in front of the main building, the same tree on the cover of my novel, **Cedar, Salmon and Weed** (available in local stores). I was smitten. Holly, from Vernon, BC, describes herself as a “budding artist”, who has been at it for 10 years. Previously, she potted but this became strenuous. This kind of activity enrich both the visitors and Bamfielders. Thank you Bamfield Marine Station. *L. Druehl*.



The Bamfield Road. Bamfield/Anacra's life-line through emergency transport, commerce, normal exchange with 'out there', and part of feeling connected is under scrutiny. Hazards, large and small (one attendee noted the destruction of 2 windshields due to drifting white pickups in one year) await those that use the road or discourage others from traveling to Bamfield. *L. Druehl*. Photo *Stefan chairing Bamfield Road Safety Committee meeting.*

Coming Events. Bamfield Community Affairs Oct. 21, School, 6:30. Please check Bamfield Corkboards and posters distributed locally. We miss the Bamfield Community School Association's complete monthly listings and other! *L. Druehl*.