

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Thank you, Goddess of Seismics for another shake-free year!

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The perennial Community Hall Christmas Social & membership drive at the Rix Centre (Thank you, BMSC!) was packed. Lots of good nibbles, elegant ladies and gentlemen and a few others. Singers, led by **Eileen Scott**, blurted out favourites. Several guests left with fine door prizes (thank you Dollar Store). The Hall Society launched its drive for a new hall with a petition seeking support for a Canada Infrastructure Grant (pays 75% of construction costs). Memberships for 2019, that come with the cherished Bamfield Telephone Card, are available at bamfieldchs@gmail.com and the post office. These fees pay for treats for kids at various holidays, including 1st of July hotdogs and watermelon, for hundreds. *L. Druehl*. Collage by *Marc Phillips*.

A new start. In 2005 the United Church sold its property and our Community Hall, which had been built and maintained by Bamfielders since 1967, for \$1.4 M. The Hall Society got \$350 K. Since then, some hall functions have been conducted at the marine station, fire hall and school...Thank You! Other functions that tended to be spontaneous or require regular scheduling had to be dropped. Now, the Bamfield Community Hall Society in cooperation with the Huu-ay-aht First Nations is preparing to build a new hall, with the aid of a Canada Infrastructure Grant that pays 75% of construction cost. This new hall will be acoustically friendly, have a capacity to host 200, have a commercial kitchen available to entrepreneurs and private parties, and allow school kids cooking instructions, offer soft sports (Badminton, deck shuffle board, corn hole, pickleball, etc.) for seniors and others on a continuous basis, and billeting for 50 in emergency or over flow from other functions. Further, it will be a service center for our many committees and societies, providing meeting and ongoing project space. The society is negotiating with the ACRD for a building site next to the fire hall, kitty-corner to the school and adjacent to the marine station. Support your hall; work-bees are on the horizon. *L. Druehl*.



Tidbits: **Cheerful taxi driver** and keeper of the boardwalk, **Tish McPhee** was spied dining with her daughter **Emily** and her fiancée, **James**, in Sidney. Tish was on her way to Mexico for a 6-week visit with **Dave** and **Nancy Christney**, long-time Bamfielders. Aloha! **The ancient** weeping willow at **Siobhan Gray's** blew over. Otherwise Port Desire was unscathed by the storm. **New dog:** newly weds **Sarah Logan** and **Dane Dentoom** have moved into their new home, on Binnacle, which was Sarah's old home, before **Tracy** and **Rod** lived there. They have a chocolate lab pup, **Sam**. **Chilled out**, the last day of 2018 finds Grappler skimmed with ice. **Best Wishes** to our readers and writers. *TNB*

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*

John Alan Jack joins First Nations LNG Alliance. John Alan Jack, an elected councillor of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations on Vancouver Island and chair of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, has joined the board of the First Nations LNG Alliance of BC. See www.bamfielder.ca for full news release.



Huu-ay-aht First Nations December 14, 2018 Announcement. As a Nation, we are excited to announce that HUU-AY-AHT has reached an agreement with Western Forest Products (Western) to purchase 7% of tenure ownership of TFL 44 for \$7.2M. This will be done by Western transferring the main assets related to TFL 44 to a newly formed Limited Partnership (LP). “As Tayii, it is my responsibility to make sure our ḥahuuḷi (traditional territory) is protected for future generations,” explains Tayii Ḥawit̓ ḷiiš̓in (**Derek Peters**). “Our sacred principles of ḥiisaak, ḥuuḥaḷuk, and Hišuk ma c̓awak guide us as we focus on using our resources sustainably, and to create wealth for our Nation in a way that protects those resources for present and future generations.” This deal is subject to the approval of HUU-AY-AHT citizens and the provincial government. If approved, it will represent the next step toward a new and better business model for forestry within the Alberni Valley, one that brings the fibre basket together once again.

This year the annual craft sale saw over 20 participants! The location was new. The RIX was the perfect venue. The weather cooperated with clear skies and sunshine. All of the hard working creative participants were gratefully received by a good sized crowd of supportive locals. Thanks to everyone who participated in making it a wonderful success. THANKS FOR THE VENUE BMSC. See you all next year for more amazing local creations, live music and delicious foods! The Bamfield Arts Council, *Andrea Butler*



Hey, Chickadee! Bamfield’s 32nd Christmas bird count, headed up by **Anne Stewart**, was on a cold, rainy, windy day. 1166 birds, belonging to 55 species, were recorded. At our Port Desire bird feeder, just crows! Apparently the usual, Oregon towhees, Fox sparrows, Stellar jays and red-wing black birds took a rain check. Let’s join Anne for Bamfield’s 33rd Christmas bird count. Best Wishes for the New Year!
Rae Hopkins

Kool! The past summer my grand parents bought two new blue kayaks. So when me and my family come out we use them, and this time me and my mom used them in the winter with cold wind and a drift in the water! You should try winter kayaking as well!
Talia Djouboulian



Some Island history. Built by the Mowachaht Muchalaht First Nations in 1956 in honour of Pope St. Pius X, the church at Yuquot on Nootka Island now houses stunning replicas of sacred carvings. Explore your island and be amazed!



No cabin fever here. The power might have been out for a week (the worse outage was in 2006, 9 days, according to **Phil Lavoie**) but Bamfield was up and running at its best. First there was the wind that destroyed the VIHA water advisory sign in front of the Market, darn, how are we going to terrorize potential new residents? However, this same wind caused the Market’s Christmas tree to dance. The lineup at the Pachena gas bar reminded me of Ostroms where folks shot the breeze. Hot water was an issue solved by the Health Clinic and **Jerry & Diana Gassner** offering showers. Cold and need a place to cook, the marine station offered its Rix Centre. The fire hall opened its kitchen to **Charlie Clappis** who prepared a meal for 35 folks and **Phil Lavoie** hosted dinners. Missing, at least in Grappler, were the carollers, their joyous songs replaced by the drumming of electric generators. And of course the BC hydro crews slugging through the days to bring us relief. And the kind lady that wanted to deliver the crew fresh donuts, only to find they had packed up and hopefully gone home. *L. Druehl*

