

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

For the 1st time since the Great Ice, February Affairs will be on Tuesday!

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Ultimate volunteer, Roger Demontigny. "I was reared in a small Saskatchewan town south of Swift Current where dust was a way of life." He came to us after 10 years in the navy, mostly aboard destroyers as an Electric Technician. He met **Hedy** in Halifax, in 1959. He joined BC Tel in Port Alberni, in 1968, and shipped out to Bamfield in 1971, a 'Combination A'; everything to do with phones: install, repair, maintain radio microwave transmitter/receiver (see www.bamfielder.ca, video link for a Roger tour up Mt. Blenheim)." He introduced Hedy to Bamfield by hiking the trail to the Cable Station on a miserable rainy day..." She loved it, reminded her of Halifax." Roger joined the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department in '71, **Wally Sommerville** was fire chief. Roger was the only one with fire-fighting experience. "When we started, we didn't have a pump or hoses. We couldn't practice." Finally, they got a boat, the **Darlene Sommerville**, and a pump. Roger &



David Chrisney went to Vancouver to persuade Insurance Underwriters Bamfield needed a favourable rating. "They needed convincing we had access to water. We showed them aerial photos... water was no problem." Today, 49

years after joining BVFD, he continues to maintain the fire boat and the fire hall equipment. *To be cont'd. photo Marc Phillips*



Marc's Wolf Lunar Shots

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

The January Affairs meeting was enjoyed

by 28 folks crammed into the School foyer. Most sat around 3 circular tables, arranged as a three-leaf clover, the rest sat on church pews lining the wall...a reminder of our lost community hall/church that now apparently is used for boat storage. Our Regional Director, **Bob Beckett** reported on a

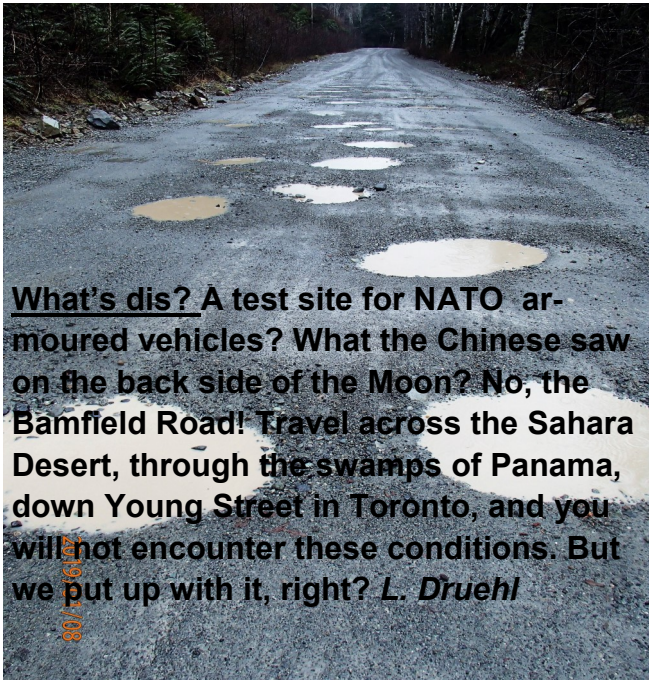


Bamfield ambulance: a pilot project is being considered, cell/pay phone issues: a district-wide issue being addressed by ACRD, supporting the HFN's application for road improvements: Affairs will provide a letter, and the need for 2 members for the Bamfield Water Board: contact Bob if interested. **Phil Roberge** expressed concern over lack of local cell service/911 adding a file has been opened and one can add comments @ref. no. 9103467, 611 cell or 1-888-811-2828. **J.P. Hastey** outlined the Bamfield Community Hall's bid for a new hall: an application for Canada Infrastructure funds to pay ¾ of the \$1.4 million construction costs. The hall will be situated near the firehall. A floor plan, created by **Wayne Wenstob**, was shown (a fitting final resting place for the church pews scattered through the village). **Kristin Russell** noted the Christmas Concert was a success (amid cheering by those 28 in attendance) and raised \$1277 for school activities. **Stefan Ochman** reviewed road activity and **Ken Bodaly** outlined several examples of non-road maintenance. **Cailean Meredith**, School Association, noted a new coordinator was being sought and that she would be moving on (she made the same announcement last year), and that **Lisa Herbig** is a new board member. **Sheryl Ferguson**, Bamfield Parks, noted there will be an opening on board. Cake and a carving by **George Nookemus** were presented **Keith Wyton** for his 4 years serving as our regional representative. Thank you, Keith! *L. Druehl*

Bamfield Community Emergency Program will host workshops on February 23 and 24 to provide a community and neighbourhood based approach to emergency preparedness and planning. The 4 workshops will be interactive and provide knowledge and skills to participants that will support individual, household and neighbourhood plans. Please contact **Linda Myres** to reserve your seat at 250 728 1233, communityemergency@mybamfield.ca or leave a message on Face Book Corkboard or BCEP page. All community members are welcome. *Linda Myres*

Hi Jerry. News item: Ukee received its greatest rainfall, on January 2...21 cm in 24 hours. Can you beat that? Regards, Louis. --No. We did not get that. Our 2 day rain for that period was only 15 cm. Last January we had 25 cm in 26 hours. The Brady Beach road plugged up and washed out. *Jerry Baird on the Beach*

“...of having a dirt road you hate and brag about.”
Cedar, Salmon and Weed, a novel by L. Druehl.

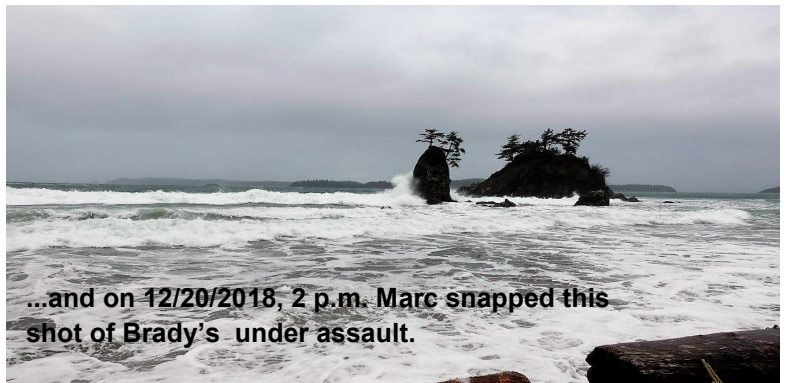


What's dis? A test site for NATO armoured vehicles? What the Chinese saw on the back side of the Moon? No, the Bamfield Road! Travel across the Sahara Desert, through the swamps of Panama, down Young Street in Toronto, and you will not encounter these conditions. But we put up with it, right? L. Druehl



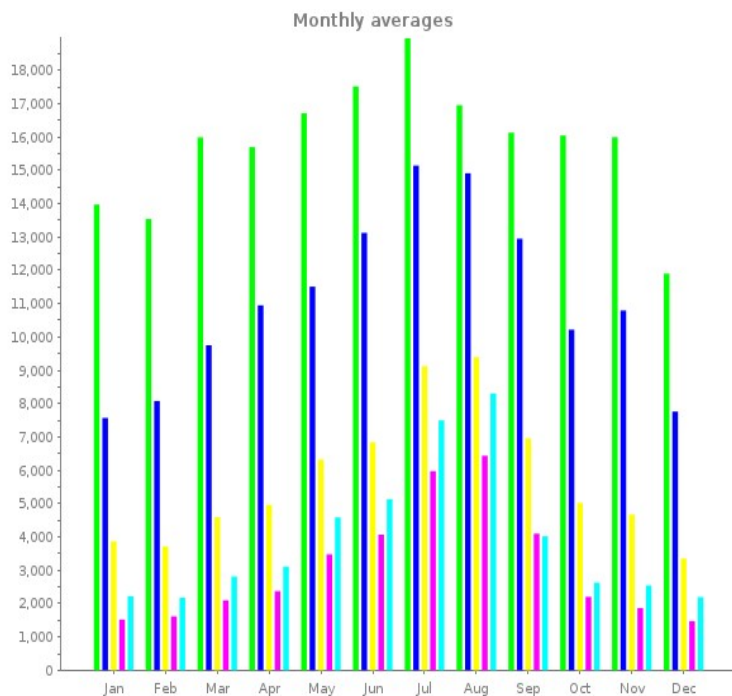
Brady's Beach New Year's Polar Bear Swim. "Overcast, 7-8 degrees, no rain, big wieners, about 13 folks took the plunge..."
Jerry Bard on the Beach

Same beach, a few days earlier...



...and on 12/20/2018, 2 p.m. Marc snapped this shot of Brady's under assault.

Vehicles/Month from 2014 to 2017.



- Bamfield - Cameron Shop (green) yr. average .15,782.4
- Bamfield - China Creek Bridge (dark blue) yr. ave. 11,062.6
- Bamfield - Past Franklin Camp (yellow) yr. ave. 5,735.4
- Bamfield - Past Central Main (purple) yr. ave 3,100.4
- Bamfield - Pavement - WCT Road (light blue) yr. ave. 3,937.2

Traffic info by Ed Kleywegt at MFLNRORD. Does this look like a logging road or public road traffic pattern? At some point, public concerns should prevail. Bamfield's future depends on safe roads for our visitors (and ourselves). L. Druehl

Need some extra cash while becoming a local saviour? Become a Notary. Check out the education requirement to become a Notary Public: https://www.notaries.bc.ca/resources/Upload/19-07-2018-11-28-13_18Nov2016_BecomingANotary,%202016.pdf. Link provided by **Linda Myres**, Thank you!

ACRD 2019 Wood Stove Exchange Program The program is introducing an option for households with **any** wood stove manufactured **prior** to 2014 to participate in the program. **SMARTER BURNING, CLEANER LIVING:** \$250 rebate and \$150 retailer discount for changing from a pre-1994 stove to a cleaner-burning wood stove and a \$500 rebate and \$300 retailer discount for changing to a qualifying electric heat pump, gas or propane stove, or pellet-fuelled stove. Bamfield Builders 250-728-1223

February Events

- 17th - Community Potluck 5pm @ House of Huu-ay-aht
 - 19th - Community Affairs Meeting 6:30pm @ BCS
 - 22nd-24th - Pacific Ecology & Evolution Conference @ BMSC
 - 23rd-24th - Community Emergency Preparedness Training (location TBD)
 - Tuesdays - Basketball 7:30pm @ BCS
 - Thursdays - Hockey 7:30pm @ House of Huu-ay-aht
- The library will be open during school hours. The BCSA office will be closed pending the appointment of a new coordinator. Questions regarding facilities may be addressed to the BCSA board at bcsa_board@googlegroups.com. Cailean Meredith

Post-operative Joe Cooper, beats all at Poker Night...again!