

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Walk, facing on-coming traffic, pleeeeeeese!!

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Huu-ay-aht First Nations are deeply disappointed by Steelhead LNG

ceasing current work on the Kwispaa (Sarita) LNG project, as announced 15 February. This announcement follows a positive HFN press release on 13 February, in response to the Speech From the Throne, commenting on directions leading to reconciliation, a sustainable environment and their association with Steelhead LNG. An increased stumpage will help pay for Sarita restoration and much more...www.bamfielder.ca for HFN response to Steelhead's stand and the full news release.

Supporting life-changing exploration and discovery at the BMSC.

We have reopened, welcoming 6 returning and 7 new educators ready for the 1950 K-12 students visiting on field trips over the next three months. We are pleased to announce recipients of the **Dick and Leona Peter** Student Bursary on our website. **Leona Peter** was delighted to read their letters that, "reinforced the amazing talents, creativity and joy of learning exemplified by these students." After 40 years of operation, **Les Jmaeff** (Operations Manager/Deputy Director) and **Dave Porter** (Foreshore Supervisor) retired the vessel affectionately known as "*the single skiff*". The call to "*Name that Skiff*" for the replacement caught the attention of CBC. Stay tuned for the naming ceremony following the return of Second Skipper **Janice Pierce**. **Janessa Dornstauder**, University Programs Coordinator, will soon be leaving for opportunities in Ucluelet. Janessa was a valuable BMSC contributor with great spirit. Best of luck, Janessa! *Sean Rogers and Chris Neufeld*



Snows destroy original 'Bamfield Marine Station' on Rance Island, operated by **Aubry Gorbman**, former head of Zoology, University of Washington and President of the Zoological Society of America, in the 1970s. This lab specialized in slime eel (hag fish) physiology. Aubrey became a staunch supporter of BMSC (nee BMS) and in 1985 held an International NATO workshop at the station on physiology of primitive fishes. Later, there was a short-lived slime eel fishery in Barkley Sound. Their skin was

used as a fine leather for purses and such. *L. Druehl (Note researched by Beth Rogers, BMSC)*

February Affairs attended by 19.

Lower number reflects escapees to Mexico and Hawaii. Highlights were ACRD's **Teri Fong**, Finance Manager and **Jenny Brunn**, Manager of Operations' discussions on District/Bamfield joint projects, including treatment plant (43 users prepaid), transfer station (reduce waste), ambulance (drafting pilot project accounting for liability, etc.), and vacation rentals (options for municipal ticketing). Teri and Jenny stayed for the whole meeting, adding valuable insight into our various issues (Beckett drove them to and from Bamfield). **Bob Beckett**, District Representative, reviewed a full range of issues and with **Bob Baden** explored solutions re. roadside parking. Bob Baden will carry this issue forward with the objective of having parking in place this summer. Bob Beckett thanked the Water Board, **Les Butler** and **Keith Wyton** for advancing the water treatment plant. **Les Jmaeff**, BMSC, noted the waste water treatment sewer plant expected to be ready for summer 2020. **Janessa Dornstauder** is resigning as Affairs Director. A \$500 grant in aid to BCHA to offset insurance on community outhouse was presented. For full minutes

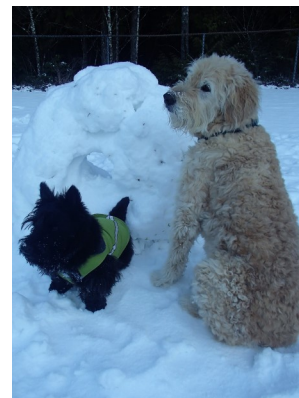
Community School kids raise \$600

through participation in Jump Rope For Heart...thank you community sponsors. Live, in-class room concert by *The High Quadra Ramblers* thrills kids, thanks to *The New Bamfielder* and **Amelia Vos**. School kids cover absence of a community school association coordinator by cashiering February Community Lunch. *K. Russell notes.*



The perfect bird-feeder. **Rae Hopkins**, an avid supporter of birds overwintering in Port Desire, has a fine bird feederie, complete with an infrequent visiting Cooper's hawk..."The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid..." Isaiah 65:25 and *Pulp Fiction*.

Approximately 95% of Bamfield students have had their MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) shots. VIHA reports no known cases of measles on the island.



Normally, this space would be filled with a report from some Bamfielder. Today, Bob & Brady are pictured cooling their butts. Thanks, J. Morrison

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



Bamfield's Canadian Kelp's new team of kelp packagers join Betty Bodaly in getting the kelp out... Photo: **Chelsea Locke** and daughter **Sianna**.

Last month we explored Roger Demontigny's role in establishing our volunteer fire department. He continues on with the BVFD but other projects loom. Roger was one of the initial Bamfield Entertainment Committee members. At that time, a few Bamfielders received weak TV signals from Port Angles. They raised \$10 K at \$250 a throw from locals, "in no time at all. However, many watched but didn't pay." They purchased the receiver/transmitter and built a 12 foot diameter dish from plywood, covered with aluminum foil. "The ladies gluing the foil on the disc seemed to hallucinate." Three channels were received, one being HBO. The first movie was *The Tin Drum*. **Peter Janitis**,

who had been watching hockey broadcast from Port Angles, declared that now he could see the puck. Roger was the technical force driving the School Media club that broadcast weekly shows to the community...



"the kids did everything needed to run a TV studio." From the early 1970's Roger was part of a group that pushed Centennial Park forward. "There was no committee, just workers." Camp sites, gazebos, the information centre, and then the Smiley Rink were established. They tried flooding the rink for skating, "...never worked." Now, almost fifty-years later, Roger can be seen cruising through the park, fixing what got broken. Roger is an avid hunter. He and **Clifford Charles**, **Bert Jones**, **Bill Mather** and **Len Jennings** formed the core of dedicated hunters that bivouacked out in the Kootenays for 10-day stints over the years. They had large walled, canvas tents and Len did the gourmand thing. Roger continues hunting and fishing, and he still responds to calls from locals in need of tele-assistance. That's what an **Ultimate Volunteer** does. *L. Druehl*

Sinking of the U. S. steamer Valencia in January 1906 is the worst maritime disaster of the infamous Graveyard of the Pacific. Stuck on a reef at Pachena Point with helpless press and rescue crews nearby, the vessel broke up over 36 hours, leaving 136 dead and only 37 alive—no woman or child survived (they were launched, first, in lifeboats). In response to public outrage, Canada upgraded West Coast marine services with new lighthouses, upgraded marine charts and land-based rescue facilities, improved communications, a powered lifeboat and the West Coast Trail.

Should there be a repeat of the *Valencia* tragedy today, a distress call to the MCTS Centre (Coast Guard Radio) would activate a major marine disaster plan initiated by the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Victoria. Immediately, Coast Guard stations and vessels in the area as well as any "vessels of opportunity" would be tasked as well as available Canadian and U.S. air support. The Bamfield stationed *Cape MacKay* would likely be the on-scene coordinator controlling activities until a larger CCG vessel could take over. Casualties would also be transported to the BMSC for care and registry, as the marine station makes for an excellent Casualty Reception point with its docks and facilities. The CCG will be conducting a Mass Rescue Operation Exercise off Port Hardy in the fall, focusing on integrating local response plans with the Regional MAJMAR Plan. Supplied by **Clay Evans**, Superintendent, Marine Search and Rescue and Bamfield Officer in Charge **Kevin Campbell**.



Recently installed *Valencia* plaque in front of West Coast Trail information centre, facing Cape Beale.



Rodin in Ice. Marine Station Educators, **Julie Merchel** and snow sculpture building partner, **Dennis Burton** with their Sn'Orca.

Some coming March events (usually 'events' are prepared by the Community School Association's coordinator, of which there is none, now).

March 1. Opening new Water Treatment Plant, Eileen Scott Centennial Park. 2-5 pm. March 2. A Celtic Supper, Firehall, 6 pm. **March 13. power outage 10-4 pm.** March 18. Community Affairs, school 6:30 pm.