

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Sprung forward, fell back, sprung forward, fell back, sprung forward...why?

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After 35 years of exposure, but only 5 under water quality advisory, to harmful chemical by-products of water treatment, we now have clean water. The Bamfield Water Treatment Facility had a grand opening, 1 March. ACRD's **Jenny Brunn** and **Rob Williams** hosted the event, providing fruit, cake and water. Jenny thanked all involved, Rob read a letter from **Scott Fraser**, our MLA, **Keith Wyton** explained the history of the new facility, and **Les Butler** gave detailed tours...very impressive. The event was well attended. *L. Druehl*, photo in treatment plant: L to R: **Les Butler, Bernie & Keith Wyton, Gail Hogarth, Eileen Scott** by *Marc Phillips*.



Bamfield Water

In the beginning, wells, cisterns and drought.
Then in 1981, Sugsaw Lake...
Bamfield's domestic water system!
Sometimes blasts of chlorine,
Tears to your eyes.
Other times, blobs of muck.
Lost in romantic candle glow.

An evening on the deck,
Ice cubes tinkling in your drink,
Their amber stars melting,
A unique Bamfield experience.
But we were healthy...or so we thought.
Then came 2013, it's VIHA time!
After 30 years, we discovered our water was unsafe.
Dreaded THMs, suspected carcinogenic compounds.

Sugsaw, how could you do this to us?
Cold water showers with a snorkel, brief toilet sits,
And Brita filters, for the next 5 years.
Finally, a \$1.69 million solution: DAF.
Now we are truly safe,
But our ice cubes are boring.

L. Druehl, Port Desire, March 2019

Septic Fields no more?! In response to a TNB query, "The [sewage] plant is an MBBR (moving bed biological reactor) with a planned capacity to serve up to 1100 people. The sewer system is currently 18-24 months away from being fully operational. There is a plan to incorporate connections for Bamfield citizens, however more planning is required to be able to accommodate. We will know more about what this looks like as we get closer to having an operational plant. **Āeko** (tī-eko, Thank you!)" **Torrance Gilmour – Senior Project Coordinator**

Kitimat Bound. Three hoopsters—**Natalie Clappis** and **Arianna** and **Jenelle Johnson-Sabbas**—competed, representing the Tseshaht First Nation, along with 82 all-Indigenous BC basketball teams, in Kitimat, in a 5 day tournament. Natalie, who attended the Bamfield Community School, was a frequent participant in the dominantly male, Bamfield Tuesday night basketball sessions. **Gordie Hawkins, Dan McFadyen, Danial Zayonc** and others coached/mentored and encouraged her. Natalie's team placed 2nd in the under 13s competition (18 teams), in her under 17s competition, her team placed 5th out of 22 teams. Jenelle won the All Star Trophy for the under 17s and Natalie won the All Star Trophy for the under 13s. Great show, ladies! *The New Bamfielder* contributed to the hoopsters travel expenses...thank you readers, who have donated to the paper. *L. Druehl*. Photo, R to L: Jenelle, Arianna & Natalie, all of whom received "Player of the game" recognition.



April Coming Events **14th** Community Potluck, House of Huu-ay-aht, 5 pm. **15th** Community Affairs, School, 6:30. **24th** Community lunch, School, 12:00, RSVP. **26th** Dental Clinic for students, School. **27th** Dental Clinic for community (contact me if interested), School. **Tuesdays**, Basketball, School, 7:30. **Wednesdays**, Afterschool Club grades K to 4, 3 pm. (permission slips needed). *Martin Pilar, BCSA Coordinator*

Coming soon, the Annual Eileen Scott Park work-bee and complimentary Pub Lunch. At the park, Sunday May 5, 10 am. Bring your favourite tools and enthusiasms, and join your friends and neighbours.

Be Wild-fire alert, this will be a bad year!

The Alberni–Clayoquot Regional District is requesting quotations for the Bamfield Waterworks Contractor who shall perform all duties in relation to the continuous, efficient, orderly maintenance and operation of the works for the supply of potable water. See www.bamfielder.ca and to view the full contract <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/rfp>.

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

Trust pays off.

At the March meeting of the Bamfield Parks Commission, **Sheryl Ferguson**, Chair, noted that income from donations for showering (\$930.42) was greater for 2018 than for 2017 when, before, the



coin boxes had been stolen. The park is looking for a summer student manager. The annual Park Work-bee and Pub Picnic will start at 10 a.m., Sunday, Cinco de Mayo (5 May). Further donations for a covered picnic area, in honour of **Eileen Scott**, are being sought. Photo: Commissionaires Sheryl, **Andrea Butler** and **Dane Dentoom**, not shown, **Louis Druehl** and **Bob Beckett**.

Eileen Scott Centennial Park to get trees! **Sheryl Ferguson** announced the park has received a Re-Greening Grant of \$1600 from BC Hydro for trees and shrubs for the camp sites and to camouflage the Water Treatment Plant. Now planters are needed. *L. Druehl*

March Affairs, attended by 19 folks, was brief and informative. Regional Director, **Bob Beckett**, noted that taxes on a \$300 K property increased from \$962 last year to \$965 this year; there is an ambulance in our future; the roadside parking initiative is advancing; the transition following, God Forbid, **Donna Dunn's** retirement is being considered; **Ferdand** is mending; and thanks **Linda Myres** and crew for Emergency Planning workshop. **Christine Gruman** queried who regulates activities on Brady's Beach: concern over campers and fire danger...apparently no one. Bob will pursue. Christine



introduced the new BCSA Coordinator, **Martin Pilar** (photo). **Renia Charytonowicz** introduced **Janine Lewis**, a new Bamfielder residing at 370 Bamfield Road with her partner **Scott DesMoin**. **Rae Hopkins** moved and **Bernie Wyton** seconded, on behalf of the Bamfield Historical Society, "that Community Affairs open meetings with an acknowledgement we are on HUU-ay-aht First Nations Territory." Motion passed. *L. Druehl*

What? Seaside Gin, where? Shirley, BC, why? The Sheringham Distillery has produced the 'best contemporary gin in the world,' as declared at the World Gin Awards in London, UK (contemporary gins are those that deviate from the classic juniper ingredients). This gin is partially derived from the winged-kelp, *Alaria*, with lavender, rose petals and other botanicals. And, most importantly, this gin has put Shirley on the map (on the coast, near Sooke). Get with it Bamfield, think **Bamfield Gold**. *L. Druehl*

Post disaster survival. A 2-day Emergency Preparedness Workshop, conducted by **Sybill Sanderson** Collaborative Consulting and sponsored by Bamfield Community Emergency Program, opened with 25 people in attendance. The first session identified likely disasters (many) and 5 were explored in depth: Loss of water, Extreme weather, Seismic related events, Oil spill, Forest fire.

The discussions were lively and thoughtful. Some interesting points: Guests of commercial operations are the responsibility the hosts; at any particular time the population of Bamfield/Anacla could



be double the number of residents (Pachena camp ground, marine station); medications are the individual's responsibility, the Health Clinic has minimal drugs on hand. Survival depends on individual's preparedness, neighbourhood cooperation and community facilities/organizations. *L. Druehl* photo. L to R: **R. Nookemus**, **R. Hopkins**, **J. Tessler**, **S. Sanderson**, **L. Myres** discuss effects of loss of water.

Sixty + enjoyed a sold-out Celtic Supper at the firehall. The proposed community hall will seat 100 +. **Nancy Sherry** prepared the meal with the help of volunteers: a mountain of mashed potatoes with a lake of stew and salad and buns and pudding, too. **Emilie Comtois** hawked raffle tickets. **Lisa Herbig** ran the bar of beers and wines and wee drams of fine scotch. **Rich Palmer** rescued 30 deserted hall chairs from the west side and **Lois Hammond** decorated the tables with Celtic ditties and florals. **J.P. Hastey** shared drawings of the new hall. The lassie, **Kristin Russell**, was won by **Susan DeRasp** and the laddie, J.P., was won by the lassie. Celtic Music was organized by **Owen Newson** with highly talented accompaniment (see photo). All was orchestrated by **Rose Janelle** and Lisa. A great event. Thank you Bamfield community Hall Society and the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department. Thanks too, to the Bamfield merchants that sold tickets. *L. Druehl*. Photo Collage by **Marc Phillips** (L to R: **Tim Masse**, **Stella Wenstob**, **Lois Hammond**, **Owen Newson**, **Tom Campbell** and **Aidan Schubert**. In front, a raptured **Rose J.**)



The Best Deal in Town. The Bamfield Community School Association's March community lunch, prepared by **Nancy Sherry**, featured a full turkey dinner and great company all for \$7. This monthly event is to be looked forward to. It would be fun if the school kids could provide brief entertainment, showing off their hamming skills. *L. Druehl*