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24 Bamfielders flocked to the Eileen Scott Centennial Park for the annual spring work-bee. They splashed white paint over acres of community garden fence, extracted weeds from the Memorial flower garden, spread sand from an Alpine sand mountain over uneven lawn, weed-eated, bushed, yarded brush, split and stacked firewood (thank you, **Ken Bodaly** for falling, limbing and bucking those alders), scratched around bushes, fenced in young trees, and supervised. At 1 pm, the chain-saws and weed-eaters fell silent. *Picnic time*, courtesy of the **HFN Market** (Thank you!); burgers, hotdogs, caesar and potato salads all followed by a soccer pitch-sized cake, courtesy of **Eileen Scott**. And then back to it and sun-burned noses. And Bamfield's jewel is ready for what is going to be banner year...Bamfield is where there will be less restrictive fishing. Bamfield Parks Commissionaires thank all volunteers. *L. Druehl*



The next Generation stepping up. Students have been focusing on social responsibility and doing their part as active community members. We organized a beach clean up on April 26th at Pachena Beach. Thank you to those community members who joined us including **Ben, Clara** and Paawats kids! We also planted cedar trees at Eileen Scott Centennial Park on Tuesday, April 30th (thank you to fellow sd70 teacher **Mrs. William** for tree donations). Students and staff have also been collecting garbage around our school and community. Students are keen to volunteer and gain work experience. Please contact Ms. Russell if you have ideas to further support their volunteerism and work experience. Don't forget to do your part in keeping our community and planet healthy. *Kristin Russell*



May Affairs. Again, no May Day Celebration with a May Pole and a May Queen with Consorts, frolicking on the Life Saving Station lawn. Twenty-eight folks forewent a **Basketball Game**, to consider Bamfield issues. Our District Representative, **Bob Beckett**, succinctly addressed several issues: Bamfield residents will receive 5 landfill vouchers for the disposal of large items in Port; A blanket of meetings regarding cellular and pay phone service with government and Telus; Confident we will have an ambulance by the end of May; And the misuse of our Brady's Beach. **Tavi Kristjan** expressed concern that beach use by the public would be restricted. An *ad hoc* committee of **Rose Janelle, Tavi, Sheryl Mass**, and **Paul Bird** will consider the issue and create a sign addressing the beach concerns. **Kristin Russell** described past and forthcoming field trips for primary and advanced students...most notably, for students/families transitioning to high school and the June 7th track meet. **Lisa Herbig**, BCSA, asked for interest in Tai Chi. **Stefan Ochman**, Community Forest, noted advances on trail visions. **Sheryl Mass**, Parks, announced security cameras are coming; **Liz Issac** is the new manager, and thanked school kids for planting trees. Following the Affairs' AGM the new directors are: **JP Hastey, J. Morrison, Z. Clappis, B. Wyton, M. Stokes, S. Mass, R. Hopkins, D. Dentoom, J. Demoskoff** and **L. Isaac**. *L. Druehl*



Bamfielders dining out. The Community School Association's May cooking class featured Strawberry Slaw, Apple Sage Turkey Burgers and Honeyed Baklava (www.bamfielder.ca for recipes). **Chef Kyle Hancock** led us through julienning, mincing, chiffonading, slicing, and crushing—without any blood being shed—adding words of wisdom re knives and palates. Its great to jointly create a new dish, to be shared in Bamfield companionship. The next class is 27 June (RSVP Martin, School Association office). *L. Druehl*, photo *R. Hopkins*

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



Over-packed Ross Hall at the marine station launched the Bamfield Historical Society's annual membership drive. The 38 attendees were treated to light snacks and speaker, **Jim Moncur** (photo, Jim with coach, **Debbie**, bottom right). Jim, a coastal pilot, regaled us with stories of an \$800 taxi ride from Tasis to Victoria, managing a drunk Russian freighter captain, and managing the decks of naval ships. More about Jim, later. If you missed signing up for the society, contact **Rae Hopkins**.

Hey, what's this? On May 11th BMSC and HFN hosted a Bioblitz on Pachena Bay within the traditional territories of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations. Students, scientists and members of the public gathered to document the diversity of life in our own backyard. Led by Drs **Brian Starzomski** (University of Victoria), **John Reynolds** (Simon Fraser University), **Mindi Summers** (University of Calgary), **Hugh Macintosh**,

and **Louis Druehl** (Port Desire and Simon Fraser University) we logged over 600 observations and documented nearly 200 species!



This event was part of Science Odyssey - Canada's largest festival for science and technology, and supported by PromoScience a branch of the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada. *Tao Eastham*

The yellowing of Bamfield (and Vancouver Island). This is a banner year for scotch broom, an invasive plant pushing out native species and as a bonus is a fire hazard. Roadsides and disturbed places are a rich yellow. Each plant has the potential of producing 18,000 seeds per year that can lie dormant 20 -30 years. **BloomBusters** who's motto is "Cut the Bloomin' Broom", advise, that except for very small plants, do not pull. Cut the flowering plants near the ground. Do not disturb the soil as this will invite germination of dormant seeds. Attack outliers first, then the central population. Watching Broom sex is fun. The flowers need a heavy bee to depress the petals, thus releasing the male anther, which snaps down on the bee's back, delivering pollen. You can watch this, while taking a break from cutting. *L. Druehl*



Spiritually motivated (cont'd). When you enter master carver, **George Nookemus'** home, you are greeted by carvings scattered around the living area, a large commissioned killer whale dominates one corner. Off to the side is a room where he finishes his pieces, accompanied by an ancient transistor radio, tuned to 101 FM. Presently, he is working on a goose carving (photo) that he estimates will take well over 200 hours to complete. From this room, one enters a 'curing room' where roughed-out pieces are held under burlap wraps for up to a year. Next and last, the totem room where George has been creating a complex totem for the past few years. This room has been added on to the original residence to accommodate this impressive work. Reviewers have noted, "He examines the wood and receives spiritual visions of what that piece will become." and "If you look hard enough you will see other transformations." No one is learning carving skills from him, but **Phil Roberge** does drop by for carving sessions and chats. He worries that the art of carving is in danger of being lost like the Huu-ay-aht language (he is a speaker). He would welcome exploring carving with aspiring artists. I interviewed George to create a thumbnail sketch of this local artist for *The New Bamfielder* and I finished knowing Master Carver George Nookemus deserved a full-fledged biography. *L. Druehl*



Some June Events. 16th Father's Day Chili Cookoff and community Hall Society AGM, Eileen Scott Centennial Park, noon. 17th Community Affairs, School, 6:30. 26th End of school year BBQ, School, 11:30. 27th BCSEA Cooking class, Firehall, 5 pm. **Tuesdays** Basketball, School, 7:30. For more events: bamfielder.ca.

Coming out party for the Pirquet twins (Gwendolyn & Rosemary), overseen by mother **Abby Hawkins**, dad **Oliver**, big brother **Johann**, G-ma **Gayle** and G-pa **Gordy**, and a whole bunch of Bamfielders at the May Community School Association lunch, where spaghetti and meat balls with tossed salad were served by **Nancy Sherry**.

Hot Stuff! Join the 4th Annual Community Hall Father's Day **Red Hot Chili Cookoff**, Sunday, 16 June 12:00, Eileen Scott Centennial Park. Family fun, show your hot stuff and enjoy village fun. Contact Suz Jennings (250-728-3336) or Louis Druehl (250-728-3297) for details.



COMMUNITY HALL AGM, SUNDAY, 16 JUNE, NOON, EILEEN SCOTT CENTENNIAL PARK