

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Tofino and Ucluelet join Victoria in banning single-use plastics. Can Bamfield be far behind?

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Summer Break. Thirty one folks attended the June Community Affairs. **Bob Beckett**, Regional Representative, reviewed ongoing projects/concerns: communication, ambulance, roads, treatment plant. Mostly, things are advancing. The community's \$25 K parking solution to meet needs of west Bam-



fielders seems to be stymied. The possibility of a lawsuit was mentioned. The initial sewage treatment will service Anacla, the school and the marine station, and later the Huu-ay-aht business and possibly some Bamfield residences. There will be an information session this summer. The meeting's highlight was a celebration of **Donna Dunn RN's**, years of serving the Community. Collage by M. Phillips, photo by Betty Beyko, L. Druehl

Welcome to Bamfield, Ellis

Dentoom, the newly minted son of **Dane** and **Sara**, born in Port Alberni, on June 23rd, weighing 7 lbs, 12 oz. Congratulations, parents!



Rafting in Grappler, a solution for westside moorage? L to R: **Stella's yacht**, **Kevin's metal inflatable**, the **Sonora II**, onetime flagship of **Pacific Trollers Association**, & the **Seaway Express**, (the Bamfield—Ukee ferry).



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 will be in July (RSVP Martin, School Association office). L. Druehl ,photo R. Hopkins



A nice summer welcome! A near record 38 people attended the first Scotch Club meeting of the summer on May 23 at **Rich Palmer** and **Lois Hammond's**

place (*Mon Caprice*) in west Bamfield. As fine Scotches were sipped, the sky cleared to reveal a wonderful sunset. Among the guests was a distinguished biologist from London England (**Dr. Armand Leroi**), whose career began in at BMSC in 1982-83 and who was back in Bamfield for the first time in 30 years. And club members warmly welcomed **John Evans** back to Bamfield after a long absence. *Rich Palmer, Secretary, Bamfield Scotch Club*



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PARADISE TAXIMAN RETIRES. In 1999, **Mark Laws** came up from Seattle in a pretty Columbia River bartender to do a bit of fishing and found himself agreeing to take over **Donnie Noade's** water taxi business, "for just a few months." When Donnie went to work for the Coast Guard, Mark carried on. A visiting advertising exec suggested painting his boat yellow with checkers, the universal symbol for taxis. After 20 years of being on call, during which he only once managed to get 7 consecutive days off, a situation he freely admits sometimes made him cranky, Mark is enjoying a well-deserved retirement. He plans to continue as care-taker for a few properties and devote more time to his passions. An enthusiastic amateur naturalist, Mark encouraged the re-introduction of **purple martins** to the inlet, by building and placing nest boxes on pilings. He follows their progress with a camera in one of the nests. Another great love is restoring old boats and vehicles. Behind his trailer, he's giving a makeover to **Oi' Betty**, his 50 year old bartender, polishing the mahogany and putting 3 coats of paint on the rest. His 1971 VW Type 3 van, needs a complete overhaul and kitting out as a camper. And he'll probably put the fishing gear back on the former taxi. Recalling his star turn on the stage during a local production of "**The Wizard of Oz**," I asked if he had further such aspirations. No, he says, but he and his trusty **Stabyhoun, Biff**, will miss socializing with customers during taxi rides and hope that friends they made will stop by to visit them. Thanks, Mark, for all those years of service to the community. Thanks, also, to Mark's buddy, **Mike Rose**, who subbed for him on his days off. *Judith Phillips.*



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Triplets frolic on Grappler shores while mum gets dinner. Respect our furry wildlife, give them space, keep them wild and alive. Photo, Bamfield Cork-board.



A School Celebration in the Sun. Dave Mars, principal, commended **Steve Demontigny** on 25 years service to the school. He then congratulated the students, welcomed all, and introduced **Julie Anderson** who will be working with the Bamfield School staff. **Kristin Russell** first led the boys singing and girls dancing and then the girls singing and boys dancing...very impressive. Next, followed a great BBQ prepared by **Nancy Sherry**. Ms. Russell and **Emilie Comtois** passed out certificates of school achievement to a jubilant bunch. What a nice lunch, all. Thank you. *L. Druehl*

Something might be in the air. The possibility of a children's drone club, supported by donations to this paper, is being considered. This would provide the children with a fun and educational opportunity (droning is a possible career option). **Martin Pilar**, School Association Coordinator, is keen to explore this project. Stay tuned. *L. Druehl*

KEEP BAMFIELD GREEN, WATCH THOSE CIGARETTE BUTTS!!!

Flatulence be Damned. 67 folks enjoyed the chilies of the 6 chef-contestants at the 4th Community Hall Father's Day Chili Cook-off.

Loretta Sirois won the coveted apron provided by **Rae Hopkins** and the **Jennings'** ladle trophy, bouncing the perennial winner, **Brian McKay** to third place. **Rose Janelle** placed second. Salads were provided by the **HFN Market**, buns by the **Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre** and raffle prizes by **Canadian Kelp Resources**.



Liz Issacs kindly assisted in readying the Eileen Scott Centennial Park for the fete. The Community Hall AGM resulted in 4 new directors: **Dan McFadyen, Angela Fortune, Kristin Russel** and **Melanie McKay** who joined return directors: **Suzanne Jennings, Brian McKay, Rose Janelle, J.P. Hastey, Louis Druehl, Rae Hopkins** and **Charlie Clappis**. Society chair, J.P. accepted **Lisa Herbig's** resignation with regret, assuring her she will always be our number one volunteer. There was discussion on the way forward to the new hall with our Regional Director, **Bob Beckett**.

Aborigine Day was again wonderful, lots of good food and company. Sockeye was fantastic under **Richard Nookemus'** watchful eye. *Marc Phillips*



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