

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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Woman Kayaker Stalked by Bear. Kristen Hopkins, encountered a black bear while paddling in the slough at Grappler narrows. The bear followed her for a few 100 feet as she exited the slough. This bear has been habituated to humans. We often see paddle-boarders, kayaker and other small boaters closely approaching bears. They are condemning these wild animals. *L. Druehl*

Bats in our belfry. Our bats live with us and in stumps, etc. They vacuum the night sky of insects. They are protected. They could carry rabies. Do not handle bats. If you do, wash thoroughly and check with health folks, *now.* *Medical Health Officer, 24 July 2019*

Whence The New Bamfielder? The July issue of *TNB* requested advise on how to proceed after 100 issues: e.g. stop paper, stay the same, or change. No response from the ca.100 hard copy-readers and 2100 website visitors. Some feed back would be instructive. *L. Druehl*

A Tragedy. Leonard Dyck, was murdered while driving on a northern BC road. Len took his training in marine botany with Professor **Bob deWreede**, UBC, conducting much of his field work at the Bamfield Marine Station. When he concluded his studies, he joined the UBC Botany faculty and continued working out of Bamfield. I can imagine Len coming upon the murder (s), acting to be in distress and stopping to assist. Probably, Len like many of us feel obliged to stop and assist fellow travellers on the Bamfield Road. And this attitude could extend to other wilderness roads. It's a survival thing. And it should be sanctified. This senseless act took a good man, a family man, a friend, a teacher and a researcher from us. It is also an assault on our faith in the goodness of humankind. *L. Druehl*, photo by Patrick Martone,



Ocean Legacy cleaners (a not for profit organization, www.oceanlegacy.ca) have spent 2 weeks scouring the beaches of Edward King, Diana, Haines, Helby and Fleming islands and Bradys Beach, collecting litter. Others clean beaches, but what is different with this group is that they inventory and catalogue what they collect, so as to inform the producers of this trash of their products contribution to the beach pollution. For example, one team member photographs all single-use bottles. This far, over 70 tonnes of rubbish have been collected. The Bamfield school kids helped on Fleming Island and the Huu-ay-aht on Aboriginal Day. They seem to enjoy this project. *R. Hopkins & L. Druehl*, photo of Bamfield collection depot at the old Ostrom's parking lot.



Short Changed. To make our roads safe for pedestrians, passable for emergency vehicles, and provide parking for westside businesses and residents, a \$25,000 Community Affairs grant and a \$22,000 BC Highways contribution of materials would provide for 40 parking spaces. Work was halted after 19 spaces were completed, apparently by misdirection that resulted in the misplacement of the terminal sandbag barrier (photo). *L. Druehl.*

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



No, this not a Tibetan Monastery, but Port Desire on laundry day.

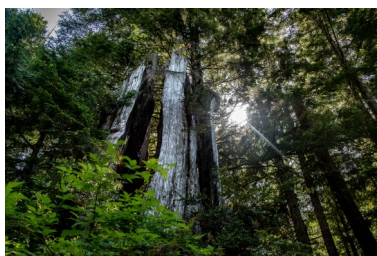
Invasive weed, not friendly. Japanese wire weed (*Sargassum*), introduced to BC as packing for Japanese oyster seed, in the early 1900s, is now spread from Alaska to Mexico. A free-floating species is presently smothering Mexico Atlantic beaches. Locally, *Sargassum* has replaced the giant kelp in front of Bamfield Mercantile. This represents the loss of a major fish habitat, and there is evidence this could be a common occurrence in Barkley Sound. It is my opinion that *Sargassum* replaced the giant kelp that had found the local environment too harsh. Read climate change. *L. Druehl*



Usnea lichens are hair lichens common on tree branches around Bamfield. They're found most commonly on branches that get wet (common enough in Bamfield!), and then dry out. Like many lichens, they're good indicators of air quality. You won't find them near downtown Vancouver or Port Alberni, but they're all around Bamfield. Like most lichens, *Usnea* species are a partnership between an ascomycete fungus and a Chlorophyte alga. The fungus makes up ~95% of the lichen, and provides the place to live. The alga photosynthesizes and makes food for the partnership. And so they live happily ever after. And very successfully. Approximately 600 species of *Usnea* can be found all over the globe (where there are trees). In addition to being attractive fashion accessories (see photo), *Usnea* species are used as antibacterial and antifungal agents (probably because of usnic acid), and as dyestuffs. *Andy MacKinnon*, photo The *Usnea* adorned Dancing Lady of Grappler.

The Bamfield Community Hall Society anxiously awaits the outcome of a Federal/Provincial Infrastructure Grant. This, with monies squirreled away (**THANK YOU HARVEST DINNER BIDDERS AND CONTRIBUTORS**) will provide the estimated \$1.4 M for an attractive, functional building, in the park, but lacking furnishing...you will be hearing more about this, soon. *L. Druehl*

Fogust Coming Events: 3rd-5th BVFD Salmon Derby and Dance, 11th Bozak Fundraiser Bake Sale, 3:30 Firehall 12th, Recycling info 6:30 Firehall. 13th Recycling info 5:20 West Park 5:20. 24th Community Hall 36th Annual Harvest dinner and Auction, 5:00 Firehall. 25th Catherine Jennings Pottery Sale 1-2 pm, Jennings yard. 25th End of summer hotdogs and S'mores by HFN Businesses, 5:30 Eileen Scott Park. **Tuesdays** 7:30 Basketball and 5:20 Tai Chi, School. Martin Pilar, BCSA.



Ghosts of Bamfield Past.

Throughout our region grey giants: stumps and snags, decorate our landscape. Some have stood, dead, since the

1700 earthquake, others show scars of lightning strikes (photo), others bear the notches for hand-logging. These unique features remind us second-growth dwellers of a different world and should be preserved. (Also valuable habitat for wildlife) The **Bamfield Marine Science Centre** is assisting the **Eileen Scott Centennial Park** age an abandoned cedar log. Soon a tree decadal calendar available to all. *L. Druehl*

So how many Brady Beach goers walk by the old

Reid Hollow cabin. And how many stop to read the sign posted on its wall. Well, the other day 3 families, 3 sets of parents and 8 or so kids running around on Brady Beach--chips, and wieners, and pop, and beer; the classic picnic at a most beautiful ocean beach. I stop by to visit a bit. Looie makes it mandatory for me to do so as she charges right into their picnic; immediately goes for the youngest kid as that is the easiest pickins' for some spilled chips or maybe even score a wiener that's fallen to the sand. In my mind I'm hoping things will all be clean when they depart. A couple hours later, another walk with the dog, and I'm down by the Reid Hollow cabin, and this group is departing. And I notice one of the dads is reading this sign to his maybe 6 year old son. He's got a bag of pop and beer cans in his hand and the sign really does need some discussion—it is a poem and poems often speak in riddles and thus need translation and discussion. It was just very pleasant to see the effort this father was expressing to his son about the awesome beauty of Brady Beach and the little effort is needed to help keep it that way. *Jerry Baird on the Beach*

**Let it not be Said
To your Face
Or to your Name,
That Everything was in
its Place
Before you came!
Simply, Leave No
Trace... Reed Hollow**

Jerry, thank you for watching over Brady's Beach