

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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JOSEPH ARTHUR COOPER, AUGUST 26, 1947 – MAY 10, 2020. Joe died on the morning of May 10, 2020 with his family at his side. He was 72 years of age. Joe worked for Parks Canada for 27 years and leaves behind the love of his life, **Heather**, his three children **Daisy (Jason), Zack (Inga) and Fia (Alex)** and five grandchildren. Joe's dedication to the things he did, professionally and personally, was wholehearted. Whether it was building a cable bridge over a deep canyon in a remote and rugged wilderness, assisting in leading a team of horses to their back country winter lodging in the Rocky Mountains or Lighthouse Keeping, he was cool under pressure, with a tenacity that saw him through demanding situations. Equal to this he was kind and playful, with a gentle and generous heart. He genuinely appreciated the camaraderie of the company he kept, and the stories he loved to tell would revolve around the people, as much as the things they did. He had an easygoing, down-to-earth character and delighted in the world around him. Throughout the decline of his health Joe remained calm and pleasant and without complaint, noble and brave in the face of adversity to the very end. Joe's memory will live on in the hearts of the friends and family who were lucky enough to know him and who will miss him dearly and in the legacy of all the things he built and left behind. *The Cooper Family, photo by Joe's good friend Marc Phillips*



Joe Cooper. Early May 2020 we lost a special friend, calm and clever Joe Cooper. Joe had a very full life with his family. Parks Canada filled considerable professional time but prior to that Joe lived a 60's life which included encountering **Janis Joplin** in California. Joe was a superb craftsman represented in the renovation of his home and park-like yard and his contribution to the Memorial Tree Pavilion in the Eileen Scott Centennial Park. Hiking, swimming in the Pacific, fishing and especially Poker Night with his buddies were some of his favourite past-times. Honesty and integrity defined Joe. "Adios, Jose". *Rae Hopkins*

May Community Affairs. 34 Bamfielders, some drinking wine, or eating beef Bourguignonne, or napping, and picking their noses and all contemplating village issues via ZOOM, orchestrated by **Sean Rodgers**. C. of C. report (**Marnie McAughtrie**), Signage asking visitors to stay away worked. Folks hanging out on boardwalk creating potentially an unsafe COVID environment. Suggestion that boardwalk be one-way not workable. Idea a Village Ambassador could encourage loiters move to West Pier. Ferry not allowed to bring visitors to Bamfield until the end of August and then 20 max. **Patrick Schmidt** noted HFN following Province lead re access to Pachena. Coast Guard RHIOT school up and running (see CCG Notice bamfielder.ca). West side abandoned car issue: Vehicles brought over are often abandoned at roadside. In 2019 **Lars Mogensen** counted 85 vehicles capable of road travel on west side. Zoom meeting polls suggested there should be a deposit to cover removal costs (\$350/car) and west side vehicles should be licensed. There was a complaint polls not fair as west siders were not alerted. Zoom poll showed majority of attendees were west siders. Abstracted from unapproved minutes. *L. Druehl*

Joe "The Nuts" Cooper. The Bamfield poker community is saddened by the passing of Joe "The Nuts" Cooper earlier this month. Always a gentleman, quiet and unassuming, with an impish smile that belied a fearless competitiveness and love for the game, he returned home with many a bounty and more than the occasional pot. We are much lessened by his absence. Sincere condolences to the Cooper family on our loss. *The Poker Gang.*

Joe Cooper at the Scotch Club. Joe was an enthusiastic founding member of the Bamfield Scotch Club in 2007, and president from 2013-15. Of Scottish descent, he brought authenticity, Scottish practicality ("tell it like it is") and his own delightful droll sense of humour. He and Heather hosted many a congenial Club gathering. "You know," he observed on Club nights, "We drink less here than anywhere else." Although particularly fond of single malts, Joe's at home favourite was Whyte & Mackay triple-matured blend. Of course, the Coopers bought shares in the group cask of Bruichladdich. When it arrives, we'll all toast our good friend Joe, a fine and fearless, yet gentle man. We'll include the Gaelic toast Joe always gave at the Club: "*Sláinte Mhath!*" (Good health to you!).



The Phillips & the Palmers

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*

THANK YOU GORDIE , FOR SHARING!



GorTow's last voyage



Trek to the park



Skipper Gordie's
farewell to
GorTow

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GorTow to
welcome
park visitors



Fireworks over Port Desire,

11 May, celebrated the 75th anniversary of VE Day (Victory over Europe), Mother's Day (10 May) and belated **Eileen Scott's**, April 18, 98th Birthday. Thank you **Stu and Gail Hogarth**.

A great year for bears,

keep physical distances, defeat COVID19. Through the generous ACRD support, Bamfield now has an official WildSafeBC program! **Mandy Ross**, WildSafeBC Bamfield Coordinator, will continue to focus on ways to help reduce human wildlife conflict through education, collaboration and projects like the electric fencing loaner program. This will all be done in compliance with strict

Covid physical distancing regulations. For further information on how to reduce human-wildlife conflict : www.wildsafebc.com or follow WildSafeBCbamfield on Facebook, or Bamfield@wildsafebc.com or 250-720-1808 to contact Mandy.

The Columbia River Writers writing group donated \$200 to Bamfield Marine Science Centre's Field Trip program in memory of their dear friend and past member of the group, **Michael Phillips**. **Lynne and Michael Phillips** bought 4.9 acres on the Cape Beal Trail in 1971 from the Queen. In the following year, Michael built a simple cabin and pit toilet. Their property included a rare sphagnum bog. For over 45 years, Lynne and Michael and their two daughters, **Holly** and **Gyllian**, spent every summer enjoying life on the west side. One of their most memorable adventures while exploring Barkley Sound in Michael's hand-made cedar strip canoe was the experience of a sudden summer storm while returning from a picnic at Oyster Bay. Even their young daughters understood the danger and paddled as hard as they could with their small paddles. In time, without Michael's loving care, his alter ego's cabin succumbed to the assault of winter rain, and the family sold the property to **John Mass** and **Sheryl Ferguson**. Submitted with great fondness for the Phillips' family, *Louise Sidley*, (A Devoted Bamfield Visitor)



AN ANACLA COVID-19 SNAPSHOT.

The **Ben and Clara Clappis** family (**Emily** -2, **Koda**-3, **Blaze**-4, **Jayden**-6, and **Giggles**, an old dog) are struggling to get by, obeying all health regulations. Ben's the homebody and Clara's preparing to open Paawats Language Nest. Clara said there is more family interaction, "We are getting to know each other better, and slowing down, enjoying the world."
L. Druehl

Thank you to all those who came to cheer us on during the last voyage of the Gortow. Thank you to the tire movers and the clean up crew: **Dane Dentoom** ,**Kristin Russel**, **Tao Eastham**, **Andrea Butler**, **Rebecca Waines**, **Katie Hughson**, **Tori Pritchard**, **Adam** (Julie Bradley's brother), **Jemma** (Gordie's granddaughter). A special Thank you to: **Erin Bradley** and his excavator, **Brian Baird** and his generator, tires and barge, **John Mass** and his BobCat, **Bruce Pow** and his know how, **Breakers** and their old tires, **Ron McDowell** and his crew for surprising us with lunch, and of course **Gordie Lamb** and his tug, **GorTow**. To all of you who helped make the saving of this important piece of Bamfield History possible - THANK YOU! *Sheryl Mass*, Chair Bamfield Parks. Photos above by H. Demontigny & J. Morrison