

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

IT AIN'T OVER YET. OUT OF COURTESY, WEAR A MASK WHEN STANDING CLOSE .

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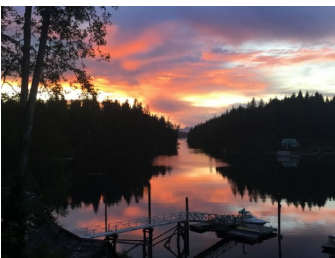
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**Workaholic & Hockey-holic, Betty Bodaly** (nee Isinger) lived in Haida Gwaii (then QCI) her first 7 years, next Port McNeil and then an Aldergrove farm. A fishing trip to Bamfield introduced her to Bamfield: "When I saw the ocean, I knew this was for me." She and



husband **Ken** moved to Bamfield in 2007. Then came their dream home, built by Comfort Log Homes, at the corner of Tower Road and Rocky Lane. Beyond fishing and hunting with her Dad and Ken ("I won the Elk Draw for the 2019 hunting." And she won the 2020 Sproat Lake Loggers Derby [19 lbs. 6 oz.], being the third woman in 32 years to do so). Betty's life has centred round sports and work. Sports = hockey: ice, ball and broom ball. As centre, she played the Nationals twice for ice hockey and three times for ball hockey. "A head-on the boards" in ice hockey resulted in a scary broken neck, ending

her career at 30. "The knees were minor blips." Bamfield employment replaced West Fraser Mills systems administration work with



12 years (and counting) with Canadian Kelp (Thank you, Betty!), a stint as kitchen helper at the marine station, followed by Kitchen Manager, and now Accounting Assistant, with road maintenance and Bamfield Water Works back-up spliced in, and of course Rocky Point Charters ("A largish rock at the foot of Rocky Lane inspired the name")

by itself, employment, enough. In life, center Betty's motto could be "You can do it! *L. Druehl* photo above Betty bringing home the bacon. Below, the view from their Rocky Road, Port Desire home.



**A proper Bamfield do** celebrated the birthdays of **Katharine & Suzanne Jennings**. Great company—properly COVID-19 spaced on the edge of the fabulous Rhodo Garden—enjoyed neat little tea sandwiches and cake. The ladies, teachers by trade, Bamfielders by genealogy, contribute their artistry and community skills in the long established **Jennings** tradition. Many Happy Returns, Suz and Kath, looking forward to your 29th. *L. Druehl*

"For every deed, gesture, thought or intent, both before May 10th or since, we are so grateful. Love, Joe and Heather"

**June Community Affairs Zooms ahead.** 44 entities, some nameless and faceless, sat through a long meeting. Major issue was Bamfield access to Pachena Beach via Anacla. In a word, no access, either through Anacla or through Parks Canada Trail head. COVID-19 updates. **Robert Dennis** HFN: HFN a vulnerable community; feels HFN should have access to testing, limiting access to Anacla. **Heather Peterson** Bamfield Health Clinic: Overview of BC Covid situation and requirements, clinic advertising for 2<sup>nd</sup> nurse position, discussed need for masks and testing. **Angeline** (works in infection control) clarified issues around masks and testing. **Marnie McAughtrie** Bamfield C. of C: recommends our message should say 'Bamfield has started a slow reopening, however, not all business are open. We are all following guidelines for Covid safety.' Boardwalk traffic an issue...keeping distance and wearing masks. **Bob Beckett** ACRD: Cell phone access remains closer to being improved, westside recycling being considered, ACRD applied for housing study grant, coordination at all level of government essential. HFN/Marine Station sewer system advancing with a June 2021 flush date.

**Bamfield road could be chipped-sealed for \$30 million. Request sent to BC Treasury.**

**Sally Mole** School Association, working on Horizons Grant, needs feedback. **Stefan Ochman** Community Forest, posting for jobs to flag potential trails, looking at selected logging/road creation. **Mandy Ross** Bear Smart, Bamfield is a Bear Smart community, help provided (electric fencing, ec.). **Sheryl Mass** Bamfield Parks, BC Hydro Grant for 100 trees, **Gile Sirois** donated excavator time to plant trees, new dock approach, new sign by **Doug Greer**. Next meeting 20 July. Notes from draft minutes. *L. Druehl*

**HOT NEWS ITEMS: \$30 MILLION SOUGHT FOR BAMFIELD ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. 15 KM RECREATIONAL TRAILS IN COMMUNITY FOREST COMING SOON!**

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](mailto:ldruehl@island.net). *The New Bamfielder* is a free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl





**Photo Notes On Eileen Scott Centennial**

Park; 1. **Sharlene Carpenter** (Manager), right, and **Rebecca Waines** (Park Host) welcome you to the park. 2. Volunteer **Katharine Jennings** tidying flower beds. 3. New, yellow cedar ramp approach to park floats constructed by **Jordan LaBlanc** and **Sky Butler**. 4. Mini-industrial park with on-the-beach log milling, salvaged log storage, and cargo-in-transit. This space is designated as a Canoe/kayak staging area, also to be used for in-transit activities. 5. **Andrea's** fig tree with eight figs-in-waiting in the Community Garden. Not shown, a planting bee of 100 trees, \$1400 provided by BC Hydro/Tree Canada, **Gile Sirois** donated his excavator to dig the 93 holes in packed campground dirt. Seven trees were planted in West Park. *L. Druehl*

**Bamfield's Addiction?** Zoom Community Affairs' meetings have attracted and held up to 44 folks (some without names or faces but with votes?), sometimes over 2 hours...take that Netflix. Bamfielders are not alone in being attracted to Zoom, even with its exhaustive headache-inducing side effects. Zoom founded by **Eric Yuan**, had 10 million daily users last December up to 200 million last March. The company is now worth more than \$40 U.S. billion...I wonder to whom? *L. Druehl & The New Yorker, 27 April 2020, p. 29.*

**Bamfield Main Accident Report** chronicles the bus accident that resulted in the deaths of students **John Geerder** and **Emma Machado** on 13 September 2019. Possible factors cited: narrow road with soft shoulder, bright lights and failure to yield, seat-belt enforcement and ineffective communications. Some recommendations: daylight travel only, seat-belt enforcement, satellite communications. And road improvement. From Ross Coultier Report to the University of Victoria. 71 pages.

**Community Forest Happy Trails!!** In July, two technicians will be hired to **flag over 15 km of trails in our Community Forest** that will visit large old growth and culturally modified trees, scenic and historic areas and natural points of interest such as bogs. Trail building will start shortly thereafter. This project is made possible with funding from the **BC Rural Dividend Program** to assist with economic development and recovery following COVID-19. The Board is putting together a plan to harvest up to 3000 cubic meters of downed and standing trees before the end of 2020. *S. Ochman*

**Bear Times.** As WildSafeBC Bamfield Coordinator I will develop a Bear Hazard Assessment for Bamfield. It will help us better understand where bear conflicts might arise and help us develop plans as to how they may be reduced. I will be gathering information about local bears, history of conflict including mapping of high quality bear habitat, travel corridors, natural and unnatural food sources, and historical high conflict areas. Please participate in this information sharing. Also, I would like a record of individual bears in town. If you have any photos that could be used to identify individual bears please send them to my email at [Bamfield@wildsafebc.com](mailto:Bamfield@wildsafebc.com) .

*Mandy Ross Bears may become Bamfield's Orca!! Ed.*



**Bamfield's Nova Harvest Reaps**

More. Nova adds 8000 oyster trays to support sales of 3000 dozen oysters/week for two years. Increased production will add five new employees and a processing facility (photo above: **Brody Pene & Amaya Black** moving trays). According to Bamfield fans, **Dave Baillie** and **Ann Rose**, oysters-on-the-half-shell sell for \$1 at Appy Hour, otherwise, \$2-5.



**Nova breaks Spring COVID-19**

doldrums by providing Bamfielders 300 pounds of live Nova Scotia lobsters. Earlier, Canada Fisheries tried to introduce eastern Lobster to Vancouver Island by releasing live animals, but with their claws bound shut, to Fatty Basin in Barkley Sound. Later a cooked lobster was found in **Peter Janitis's** crab trap in Grappler. In a radio interview with CBC's **Peter Gzowski**, I attributed Janitis' find to Global Warming. *L. Druehl*