

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Support Bamfield's Community Hall, buy raffle tickets for great prizes from local merchants or if away, Kristin Russel I<krussell@sd70.bc.ca. COVID restricts Hall fund-raising.

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In Bamfield, COVID-days feel like *Groundhog Days* (the movie) with Bill Murray

A Purdy Primer or the History of Bamfield's Dead 20 Years.

Jared Higgins kindly provided access to "Baffled in Bamfield" by David Bainer, as reported on 6 September 2002, Vancouver Sun. Bainer documents the man's activities and background, the fate of individual Bamfield properties and locals' response...see www.bamfielder.ca. and wonder how such a travesty could persist for over 20 years.

Sleeves up! Huu-ay-aht citizens in Anacla did receive the Moderna vaccine in clinics on Monday and Wednesday of last week. In



total 70 people were vaccinated, and we still have 10 to go. They will be vaccinated as soon as we can make arrangements if they decide to get the vaccine. Photo, **Councillor Robert Dennis** receiving his vaccine at the Anacla Government Office. *Heather Thompson, HFN*

Brenda passes. Brenda Dolores Hawkins, nee Bowker (May 31 1970 – December 26 2020) passed away peacefully with family and her best friend **Alene Norris** by her side. Brenda spent most of her life in Bamfield where she met and married the love of her life, **Murray**. They had 2 beautiful daughters: **Melissa** and **Nicole**. Brenda became a Red Seal Chef and worked in the food industry for 30+ years. She baked the cakes for AA. She created butter tarts for her father's birthday. Brenda's home was always open to her children's friends. She was fondly known as "mom." She will be remembered



for her great big smile and huge dimples. That smile would light up a room when she walked in. There will be a celebration of life and her ashes will be spread in Bamfield Harbour once the pandemic is over. Messages, condolences, memories and photos can be shared with the family on her Facebook page "Remembering Brenda Hawkins." *Tracy Bowker Cootes & Joanne Bowker Hawkins*, see bamfielder.ca for full obituary

This year's Blue Monday saw 26 attendees glued to their **January Affairs** Zoom screens. Of note, **Bob Beckett** (ACRD) announced home care and palliative care are now available through our clinic. **Sean Rogers** (BMSC) noted that, hopefully, late summer 2021 classes would cater to 22 students (needing courses to graduate) who would be in isolation. The marine station is planning a BIG 50th celebration for September 2022. **Phil Lavoie** (BVFD) alerted us of possible tax-repercussions for fire truck replacement (trucks are retired after 25 years (+ 5 year possible)). The issue of elevated fire insurance costs was discussed. **Charlie Clappis** (BHCF): There will be a grand opening of the trail between Binnacle and Tower Roads in the next few months. Note there will be 2-Zoom meetings exploring logging practices coming up (check Community Forest Facebook). The Community Forest will host the 2021 Bamfield Fungus Festival. **Julie Bradley** (BCS): 11 students are now in attendance. Instruction is barebones, just basic schooling. **Jamie Willock** (BCAS) noted the 2030 Committee, consisting of Affairs Directors, is assessing all aspects of Bamfield...stay tuned. *L. Druehl*, abstracted from **Jan Teversham's** unofficial minutes. These are posted at Bamfielder.ca.

What might have been. Twenty-five winters ago, the sea stole from us two exceptional and valiant young Bamfielders: **John Boom & Tim Wenstob**. They are interred on Tzartus Island. Photo, Tim (L) and John (R) constructing an approach for a Helby I. float, by **Kevin Wenstob**.



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 free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl

Chickadees Counted. Bamfield's 34th annual Christmas bird count started under red skies on December 31st. Twenty-nine birders observed more than 2500 birds representing 64 species. The data contribute to the oldest and largest citizen science project in the world. The Canadian Coast Guard, Bamfield Marine Science Center, Bamfield Mercantile and Breakers Marine, **Mark Laws** and **Neil Wright** contributed transportation for the count which would have been impossible without the guidance of **Anne Stewart**. The red sky warned of a stormy New Year's Eve. Birders (and birds) were



thankful the count occurred during a brief respite from a WET close to 2020 and beginning of 2021. *Daniel Zayonc*. See Bamfielder.ca for full bird count. Photo by **Marnie McAughtrie: Chelsea & daughter Sienna** scoping birds.

Thanks Louis!

Our monthly newsletter with stories well told —
 The New Bamfielder — has turned 10 years old!
 It chronicles our parties like the 1st of July,
 Tracks events and hot issues, with no word of a lie.
 It shows us a friend, boat, big fish, or a bear,
 In Marc Phillips' cool pics, touched up with flare.
 It honours the dearly departed we all mourn,
 And welcomes the newbies, moved in or just born.
 And of course, it reports on the road and odd fire.
 So thanks and salutes, Louis, our super Town Crier!
*P.S. How kind, how Druehl,
 Profits go to the school.*



Lois Hammond Palmer

**And thank you, Lois! The TNB welcomes written contributions, even those not so complimentary as yours.
 Regards, Louis**

Save \$400—\$800 by participating in the District's 2021 Wood Stove Exchange Program. Check Bamfield Builders or www.acrd.bc.ca for details.

Health News. Feeling stressed, anxious? Mental health services are now streamlined and easily available, contact the Bamfield Health Clinic for access.

Heavy moving. Timber Rose Ventures visits Grappler again. This time they delivered 1000 tonnes of gravel from Dolans for the HFN sewage treatment plant. Their last visit was for the removal of derelict boats from Grappler.



Grappler Cruise. The *Barkley Sentinel* checks for oil in Port Desire. She is part of a large fleet of vessels operated by the Western Canada Marine Response Corporation, dedicated to responding to marine oil spills. Photo R. Hopkins.

Giant Kelp Reforestation. The Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre and Bamfield's Canadian Kelp Resources, Ltd. are assessing Green Gravel as a means of restoring the giant kelp forest that has been lost from in front of the Mercantile Store. (Green Gravel is gravel that has baby kelp on its surface.) Studies by **Chris Neufeld** and **Sam Starko**, working out of the marine station, have shown giant kelp beds in Barkley Sound are being diminished. These beds are essential fish habitat, including salmon. *L. Druehl*. Photo: **Amy McConnell** (CKR) passing Green Gravel to BMSC's **Em Lin** (L) & **Siobhan Gray** (Diving & Safety Officer). Stay tuned for results.



Community Hall musings. Our **Robbie Burns** celebration missed (along with the precious income events like this bring in). The new Hall will remedy this and your purchasing Hall raffle tickets—great prizes!—will help replace the lost funds. **Heather Washburn** has provided a Burn's classic, see bamfielder.ca. Photo, The Good Old Days, soon to resurrected. *L. Druehl*



Join us for food, drink, song and verse!