

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Dolly Pardon is so cool

Vaccine, Vaccine, vaccine

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Barbara (Bugs) Lynn Bunting (28 July 1952—21 March 2021). Barb passed away quietly at home surrounded by the love of her friends after a brave battle with cancer. Barb's passion for marine biology grew while getting her Bachelor of Science degree at Simon Fraser University. Her analytical mind and strong work ethic enabled her to make important contributions to science. She was with Canadian Benthic from its start in Bamfield for 13 years, where she was, according to **Geoff Lindsey**, "The mother Hen of Benthic." She first lived on Gisborne's Island in Port Desire. Later, she and Mike Warren (Manager of the McMillan fish camp) lived in the McDonald's Bay



House behind the fish camp, where they hosted Movie & Martini Nights. Barb was active in the Bamfield C. of C. and Community Hall Society. Her family donated an electric organ to the Community Hall/Church (Where is the organ now?). She loved her friends, her music, and her cat companions, and was a fabulous

hostess. Another passion was travel. Barb visited many parts of the world, Italy being a recent favourite. Barb is part of the fabric that is Bamfield. She will be missed. A celebration of Barb's life will be held when COVID restrictions are lifted. *Family and Friends*

The Community Forest has arrived...finally! After decades of bureaucratic struggle, the BHCF now has a strong educational program (HFN Youth Warriors forest skills, school kids tree planting, sponsoring the Fungal Fest), a community support program (Grants-in-aid, free firewood, recreational trails), a sustainable forest management plan, and a strong bank account (\$738,379.85). The new Grappler to Binnacle trail (**The Boomer Trail**) and an associated loop (**The Serenity Loop**) offer Bamfielders and visitors an exciting new vista. The AGM election retained those directors that had stepped down (**Duane Nookemis, Stefan Ochman, Stephen Smith, Charlie Clappis**). Charlie continues on as chair. Thanks to 'old timers' persistence and the new guards' keeping the faith, we now have a vibrant community group. *L. Druehl*

Ten Years of The New Bamfielder. The first issue, more than any subsequent issue, caused a stir by printing, "A tourist: 'Those boys hanging out on the boardwalk remind me of the goats on the Comb's Farmers Market roof.'" This issue received more notoriety, as its classified ad, "Wanted old stewing chickens, dead and defeathered. **Eileen**," was cited on Victoria's CBC radio Thursday's review of small island presses. (120 issues later, and still no more CBC!). The first **Marc Phillips** collage appeared in issue 3 (A July 1 celebration of the Huu-ay-aht's 1 August 2011 treaty successes). **Heather Washburn** took us online with issue 9 and an expanded homepage. Monthly hits have reached over 5000, but not consistently. Issue 14 introduced colour. Issue 75 was to be the last (hence 120/75). Financially, TNB is a failure. There have been 9 online contributions (Thank You!). Donations in local outlets (**The Market, Bamfield Builders, Bamfield Merchantile** and the **Post Office**...a big Thank you!) have raised around \$3000 in ten years. Our youth program has offered music lessons (guitar, piano), art and sewing lessons, and assistance to



youths travelling to sport competitions. These have been coordinated by the Bamfield Community School Association that handles all donations and payouts. Your little backwater press will keep soldiering on. Send your news, obits, bitches and we will publish them. Our editorial policy is that there is one Bamfield; east, west and south are directions and not places. Louis Druehl Editor (L above), Heather Washburn Webmaster & Associate Editor, Marc Phillips Photojournalist.

TNB accesses webcams focused on west Bamfield, a series of neat videos depicting Bamfield through the eyes of its elders, and Community Affairs minutes back to 2011. Back issues archived at www.bamfieldhistory.com. Photo fantasy by Marc Phillips

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

Lumber prices soar above \$1630, up from \$830 January 2021.

Does this drive tree poaching? Vancouver Island timber poachers strike Bamfield? Is this a continuation of the poaching on the North Cowichan Community forest that has lost many fir and red cedar trees?

And does this drive investment? Huumiis Ventures Limited Partnership owned by the Huu-ay-aht First Nations and Western Forest Products Inc. announced acquisition of an incremental 28 per cent ownership interest in TFL 44 from Western, for \$22.4 million, giving Huumiis a 35 per cent ownership interest. The closing of this stage of the transaction paves the way for the acquisition of a further 16 per cent ownership bringing Huumiis' ownership interest to 51 percent. *Excelsior!*

And invite protectors? Huu-ay-aht educate public driving on their territory on respect, safety and forest etiquette. This step is being taken in response to a forestry safety incident on Thursday, May 6, 2021 involving a Huu-ay-aht-owned forestry cutblock. Eye-witness accounts confirm a forestry protester drove through safety barriers into an active logging area, putting the safety of the driver and the forestry workers at risk

And jeopardize community projects by overpricing their construction estimates?



Island poachers?

BHCF invasion?

Loggers salute?

Not trees but... The cellulose in these kelp stipes (stems) is lignin-free and denser than tree cellulose. This results in cleaner pulp mills and paper for speaker cones that delivers a purer sound. This species of kelp, the walking kelp, can live up to 25 years and has been found in eagle nests..

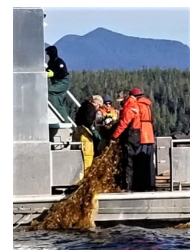


Ah, shucks, BCAA CEO **Eric Hopkins*** announced in the BCAA Magazine, Summer 2021 issue, the launching of a small business insurance program. Noting, "I know this [need] firsthand, as my parents have owned and operated a small business for 40 years. The first commercial kelp farm in North America, their enterprise on the west coast of Vancouver Island and continues to produce kelp seed for kelp farmers and conservationists today. 'Find your kelp' is not just a promotional slogan, but a battle cry for my parents. Over the years I have seen the effort they have put into protecting their life's work." *This is not a BCAA endorsement, but prideful shout-out for our son. *Louis and Rae.*

Prolonged Community Affairs for May, zoomed by 40 folks, lasted 3 hours 8 minutes. Highlighted was a presentation by a kayak group wanting access to 6 sites in the Deer Group (for some reason this item was previewed under 'Correspondence' prior to a lengthy discussion). **Charlie Clappis** noted the Bamfield Road work is divided into 6 sections, with the Frederick Lake to Sarita Lake section to be started this summer (steep hills will be paved, other parts chip-sealed). **JP Haste**y: Lease agreement for new Hall about to be signed. Let the Hall group know your Hall desires (try the post office). **Phil Lavoie:** Death sentence for east side fire truck delayed for 5 years. West side will need a new truck. **John Mass** upped his grant-in-aid request by \$4000 bringing the total requested for east side parking to \$14,000 for 10 new parking spots. Vigorous discussion followed until Chair **Jamie Willock** tabled the item (good move, JW). The AGM, that preceded the regular meeting resulted with this slate of directors: **Glen Ballman, Julie Bradley, Susan Derasp, Doug Greer, Jared Higgins, John Mass, Jaleen Rousseau, Jan Teversham, Stella Wenstob, Jamie Willock. L. Druehl** Abstracted from Jan Teversham's unofficial minutes.

Editor's comments on the May Community Affairs meeting. Too long! The commercial kayakers' use of the Deer Group should have been handled just once. The issue of whether or not to block vehicular access to Brady's Beach should be put to rest. Only west sider's vehicles can invade the beach; ask them/us not to (a sign?). Should the upping of the east parking grant-in-aid request by \$4000 during its second reading be allowed? The Directors should reconsider supporting this type of project that could receive outside funding (Let's face it, Affairs is an easy hit), possibly at the expense of lesser, locally focused projects. Regarding Anacila residents participation in our Affairs, we are all in the same bubble, regardless of statehood. It would be nice if the HFN were to reciprocate. Much of what they do impacts us. We and They are Us. And Jan Teversham is right, we should review our bylaws. Overall, today's Community Affairs, as conducted by the BCAS board, is a tribute to local democracy. Their shifting focus from being reactive to proactive regarding local issues is an embryonic step to a TOWN COUNCIL WITH A MAYOR. Your Town Crier

There is a lot of bear activity in Bamfield this year! If you are interested in purchasing bear resistant products to manage bear attractants we can help! WildsafeBC Bamfield recently received funding from a Community Affairs grant to support our bear smart cost-share program. The cost-share program covers 50% of the purchase of bear resistant products like electric fencing, bear resistant bins and composters. For more information please contact **Mandy Ross** your Bamfield WildsafeBC coordinator.



Is kelp farming the future driver of BC fisheries? **Cascadia Seaweed** has brought considerable attention to the prospect of a kelp industry. Initially, Bamfield was the focus of this pursuit, but this is shifting to Port Alberni. Let's see how this plays out. *L. Druehl*