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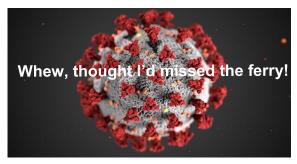
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"Alberni among Island's COVID-19 'hotspots" Alberni Valley News, 25 August 2021

<u>August COVID snapshot</u>. Island COVID suffers are 15% fully vaccinated, 25% one shot, and 60% no vac (these are 20-39 year olds). Hospitalized are mostly no vac. 4000-5000 Islanders are getting vaccinated each week. CBC morning radio, 20 August.

OUR NEW COMMUNITY HALL IS IN SIGHT

The new Bamfield Community Hall is finalizing its 99-year lease agreement with ACRD for 2 acres from the 25-acre east side park (See Bamfielder.ca for site plan). J.P. Hastey, Hall Chair, noted the considerable assistance from Bob Beckett, Thomas Senecal, Bob Schmitt and David Irwin, making this progress possible.

<u>The Great Community Hall Raffle</u> drawing will take place on the Boardwalk, 5 September at 4 pm. Great prizes, great odds (tickets undersold), and a great Bamfield project!

The sky is falling, no serendipity reigns. "17 months basically no income... the [Lady Rose Marine Services] is not for sale, it will just cease to operate," declared **Mike Surrell** (9 August, Alberni News). **Bob Beckett** (ACRD) facilitated a meeting to look into the loss of marine transport, during which Chief Councillor Robert Dennis Sr pronounced, "I'm not leaving this meeting without some kind of plan." During the meeting, it was noted a solution had been reached....Greg Willmon (owner of the Riley Boardwalk House) and Barrie Rogers, owners of Devon Transport Ltd. of Nanaimo, announced that Lady Rose Marine owner Mike Surrell accepted their letter of intent to purchase the business. "Destiny was set in motion during a conversation I had with current Lady Rose Marine Services owner Mike Surrell a few weeks ago," Willmon said. "We were unloading our truck on his dock. It started with a question, 'How are things, Mike?' He commented, 'They could be better Greg, there is a 50/50 chance the Frances Barkley won't be sailing next year, possibly sooner.' "I asked if he would consider selling rather than shutting down the service, he answered. 'Let's talk.'" The ACRD meeting concluded, with Bob Beckett noting, "I can't believe how relieved we all are..." abstracted from CBC radio, Global TV, 9 August Alberni News and 17 Alberni News by S. Quinn and Boardwalk gossip.

<u>Give our bears a break</u>. A message for boaters on how to help our community coexist with bears.

-Please make sure that fish refuse is thrown into deep water so it doesn't wash back onto shore.

-Please make sure that your boat is left clean and free of wildlife attractants like coolers, garbage, bait or bait wrappers etc... Bears have been known to climb onto boats looking for food.

-If you are viewing bears keep a respectful distance. If they are aware of your presence and are moving away this means you are too close.

For more information on coexisting with wildlife and local wildlife updates please visit my Facebook page at WildSafeBC Bamfield. *Mandy Ross*

Letters and comments are welcome. Submis-

sions 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 Idruehl@island.net. *The New Bamfielder* is a free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl

Scotch Club Returns- The 15th year. Happily, Bamfield Scotch Club is back! After a year's hiatus due to Covid-19, the club gathered on July 13, outside at the Vanden House, hosted by Marc & Judith Phillips. President Siobhan Gray dispensed samples of 8 Scotches (and one Irish interloper) spanning the peatiness spectrum. Nearly 25 attended, including some of Bamfield's newest westsiders,



who were thrilled to discover that, among many other wonderful experiences, Bamfield also hosts a Scotch Club. The atmosphere was palpably joyous because everyone felt that the meeting marked a symbolic end to the pandemic: a significant step towards normalcy and a return of our much-valued camaraderie. Although increasing case counts are a concern, we hope the recovery continues so that we don't have to endure another year's wait. Rich Palmer photo by Christine Gruman at the August meeting: L to R Rich Palmer (Secretary),

Siobhan Gray (President), Selina Saari, Louis Druehl.,

Helby Island Slug Race: The 30th Annual Running of the Slugs In the annual Helby Island slug race (Aug. 14), 9 of 24 lots were represented by 12 slugs (one



per lot plus one per kid). This year's race was triply momentous. First, it marked an annual tradition uninterrupted by the pandemic or the vagueries of weather and slug orneriness for 30 years. Second, the race ended in the first ever photofinish tie, between

'Cuban' (Frances Easton, trainer, age 3.5, lot 18) and the larger 'Frisky' (Joy Weismil-

ler, trainer, lot 13). Third, the winning time set a new world record at 2 min 53sec. The winners split the prize (hand-painted plaque & monogrammed baseball cap), but **had to kiss** their winning slug first or be disqualified. The loser got a decorated, beach-combed hard hat and had to de-slime the raceway. Everyone then celebrated with a beach BBQ afterwards. No slugs were injured and all were returned to their home turf. *Rich Palmer. Photo winner by C. Easton, loser by Myra Shulman*.

Not Corned-Beef Hash. Cook in a dash of oil 1 cup finely chopped onion, stir in 1 cup finely diced cooked potatoes and then 1 cup flaked smoked salmon. When warm, serve with poached eggs.



Party time. Bamfield Community School Association is busy preparing for the return of the ever popular "Oysters, Authors and Ale" event on October 02! Our oyster sponsor is Effingham Oyster, our ale sponsor is Ucluelet Brewing Company and we have special guest authors joining us (Adrienne Mason & Jane Silcott). If you'd like to do a short reading, please contact the BCSA. There will be a packed silent auction with lots of great items, call BCSA if you may have something to donate. Tickets on sale on September 03. Sally Mole. Bamfield Community School Association, bamfieldcommunity.ca. Collage, 2014 authors.by Marc Phillips.

TIME TO BUILD. Cost of lumber 24 August \$498.80/1000 board feet, 52 week high \$1670.50/1000 board feet.



The Bamfield corkboard has been active about 9 years. It's coming up on 2200 members. I took over in 2015 from Trudy White, before her I believe Cathy Whitehead ran the show. Jared Higgins, photo Jared (R) and Bandit.

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Jared Higgns' Bamfield Cork Board, 2.1 K subscribers.

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