



THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Cougar Annie's heritage rhodie!?

Celebrate Lars Mogensen's life (24 June 1939-6 June 2022), coffee on the Boardwalk, Merchantile, 11 am, 16 July, ashes after on Brady's Beach..

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St. John's NFLD



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A common story, unfortunately. The St. John Basilica in St. John's NFLD is sold after 150 years service, to pay the victims of abuse. This follows sale of our Community Hall/Church in 2005 after 38 years service for the same reason. *L. Druehl*



Lars Mogenson June 24 1939 - June 5 2022

Safe travels Lars from all your Bamfield friends!

A Village Loss. Lars came to Bamfield with his wife, **Georgiana**, in the 1970s and has been a Bamfielder ever since. He spent one winter living in a tent as he rebuilt the Farm House on Aguilar Point. Previously, he had been an industrial diver, Maître d' at the Hotel Vancouver, a realtor. In Bamfield, carpentry was his most notable trade. Lars championed west side roads within the village and by reaching out to the powers-that-be. A vocal participant in Community Affairs (but not Zoom), he challenged/advanced issues facing the community. He built his final home, The Light of Aquarius Centre where he led meditation. Decades of coffees with Boardwalkers and meeting the *Lady Rose* ferry provided a well-worn path from the boardwalk to his retreat. When his time came, he put his affairs in order and quietly left. **Lars Mogensen's** life is woven into the fabric that is Bamfield. Rest in Peace, friend. *L. Druehl.* Collage by Marc Phillips

Transitional? June Affairs attended by 8' in person and 26 Zoomers, learned from **Bob Beckett** (Reg. Dir.). 1. A delay in advancing our community plan until after the election of Regional Directors, 2. Bob will stand for Regional Director in the 15 October election, 3. We should get involved in the School Board election. **Chris Donison** invited all to the Music-by-the Sea (23 – 30 July), asking for housing for 6 jazz artists, and someone to lead the opening flotilla. **Kevin Gordon** (Bamfield Main): 3 contracts for road work signed (km 52 – km 76 to start 27 June). Toad and Frog underpasses at Fredrick Lake, gravel and calcium chloride, sealer later. **Stefan Ochman** outlined the Road Safety Association origin and function, noting the view that the Association should continue as long as Bamfield Main remains an industrial road. **Sheryl Mass** (Bamfield Parks) noted the new float is in place and the old float relocated, giving an addition 140 ft. moorage (\$34,000) and asked parents make suggestions re improvements on the playground. **Sally Mole** (School Association) Oysters, Authors and Ale 1 October, summer program going ahead after 3 years, and the School Association and Historical Society offices moving in July (Where to?). **Robin Schmitt** (School) 27 students now enrolled, with "at least 11 more" in September, there will be 4 teachers, buddy reading, etc. volunteers in the fall. **Julie Bradley** (Arts Council) Art in the Park 10 July, 11 -2 pm., kids stuff and BBQ, too. *L. Druehl*, abstracted from unofficial minutes.

Amid wafts of stewed beans, meat, vegetables and spices, over a hundred chili eaters gathered for the Community Hall Society's annual Father's Day Chili Cookoff. Eleven of Bamfield's most sought after cooks fed the masses, but it was **Gill Tobin-Huxley** who blew tasters away with their oyster-based chili and claimed the Cookoff

Champion title. **Zelta Clappis** was awarded second place and **Kyle Lindsay** took third. **JP Hastey**, Hall Chair, thanked attendees and chefs for their support and expressed special gratitude to **Erin Bradley**, **Wayne Wenstob** and **Stella Wenstob** for breaking ground on Community Hall construction. For all lovers of beans, buns, dads and community halls, this year's annual Father's Day Chili Cookoff was a smash success. *Joya Carson-Austin*, photo La Chefs by Joya



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*

A Lucky Day when **John M. Green** established his prime tide pool fish research site, 12 km out of Bamfield on the Telegraph Trail (now West Coast Trail) in 1966. In 1968, I was asked to chair a Marine Station Site Selection Committee, representing 5 western universities. In 1969, we visited nominated sites (Victoria, Sooke, Port Renfrew, Tofino/Ucluelet) by float plane. As we were flying across Barkley Sound, I recalled John Green suggested we consider Bamfield. We did, and it was perfect. The rest is history. John continued sampling his west coast site, almost every year. This year, he was



represented by his daughter **Teresa Green** (foreground, photo by **M. Kujundzic**). His study*, spanning 50 years, provides a rare and highly significant baseline when considering marine response to climate change. And chats on the beach, after intertiding, with Cuban cigars, cheap whiskey, green flashes, led to the **Bamfield Marine Station**.

Thank you, John!. *L. Druehl*. *Green, J.M., R.L. Dunbrack, and A.E. Bates 2021. Signs of reliance and change in the tide pool fish communities on the Pacific Coast of Vancouver Island, Canada. Diversity and Distributions, 00:1-10.

And then there were three...

Tao and Christine are overjoyed to share that our Bami-ly grew by one beautiful little boy, Milo Sol Eastham, on Friday, May 27th at 8:25 pm. He was 7lbs 2oz on arrival at the West Coast General Hospital in Port Alberni. We're happily nestling back into our life in beautiful Bamfield after a month away from home and look forward to introducing him to his Anacla-Bamfield community over the summer.



...and the villages were delighted. Congratulations!.

What's in a name? Councillor **Robert Dennis** noted interest in revisiting local place names. In a recent CBC Radio broadcast, **John Jack** commented on the possible renaming of Sproat Lake, named after **Gilbert Malcolm Sproat** out of concern for his activities as Government Agent for the west coast of Vancouver Island. In a parallel situation, in 1861 **Gov James Douglas** appointed **William Edward Banfield** an Indian agent based in Barkley Sound, near what would become Bamfield (mis-spelled), making him the first settler in the sound. *L. Druehl*



Wild Roses or Scotch Broom...our choice. **Wild Roses** are pretty, pink, smell nice, are rich in vitamin C, and make delicious tea. And in the other corner...**Scotch Broom** invades sunny, disturbed roadsides, and areas of recent logging. Scotch broom increases the intensity of wildfires, is poisonous, and crowds out native plants that animals depend on. A mature plant lives up to 25 years and produces seeds that survive in the soil for 30 years. For advice about invasive species on your property or invasives in your local area, contact your local government or regional invasive species group. *L. Druehl*, photos by R. Hopkins

Lets keep our bears safe! It is important that we manage our attractants so bears do not become habituated to people or food conditioned. One of the main attractants is fish refuse in the intertidal. A lot of fish cleaning stations are close to the shore resulting in waste piling up in the intertidal. This attracts bears, bringing them into close proximity with people and other potential attractants. If you do have a dock that is close to shore, please throw your waste off your boat in deep water. This will help prevent conflict keeping our town safe for people, pets and bears. Check us out on Face book at Wildsafebc Bamfield. Thanks! *Amada Ross*

In celebration of the BMSC's 50th anniversary, the centre is holding a year-long biodiversity sampling event, or "bioblitz", to document all the species living around Barkley Sound. This event

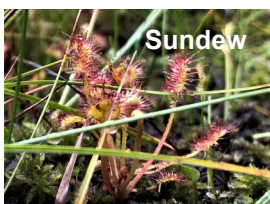


brings together community members, undergraduate students, researchers and invited experts. So far, there are 4635 observations of 870 species (see <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/bmsc-50th-anniversary-bioblitz>). On the weekend of June 10-12, BMSC invited experts in different taxonomic groups to lead community

Does south Bamfield ramp construction drive up the cost of aluminium (January \$2665 to April \$3750/tonne)? Photo Bamfield's life-line, the *Lucky Lander*.



walks. The "bioblitz" is meant to call back to the extensive biodiversity



surveys done during the early years of the marine station. *B. Clarkston*, Photos 5-ribbed kelp, Seppings excursion, carnivorous sundew,



Road Notes: Bamfielders do not despair, the Malahat was once a dirt road. And what happened to Hub-Cap Ally? A new class of pothole, a supernova of holes has arrived...photo, help is coming.

