

2024 January



THE NEW BAMFIELDER

In Support of Anacla and Bamfield Youth



Polar Bear Swim at Brady's Beach Jan 1 2024. West Bamfield. [Photo Credit: Bernice Wyton.](#)

Check out the [January 2024](#) issue of [The New Bamfielder](#). This is issue #151. We enter a new year with great hopes and expectations.

Donations to [The New Bamfielder](#) (TNB), on-line, or when somebody picks up a paper copy in a store, go towards extra activities for Bamfield and Anacla youth. Please see details below. Past issues of TNB are available on the [Bamfield Historical Society website](#) under [STORIES](#).

Headlines in [TNB Issue #151](#):

- Comments on the [Christmas Potluck in Anacla](#) – a great success
- Tribute to another great Bamfielder – [Al Benton](#)
- Report on the "[Bamfield Posh](#)" Book Launch – December 10th – Big on warmth and history if a bit under-attended. Available in all local stores. [Granville Island Publishing](#).
- And much else besides...

Announcements:

- Jan 5 2024 [Bamfield Christmas Bird Count](#) organized by Daniel Zayonc. He reports: "Last year, twenty-one birders observed more than 3200 birds representing 68 species in the Huu-ay-aht First Nations Hahuuli. Bird highlights included a yellow billed loon, a peregrine falcon, three ancient murrelets and an all-time Bamfield high count of 40 rhinoceros auklets. The data contributes to the oldest and largest citizen science project in the world."
- Jan 15 at 6:30pm – [Bamfield Community Affairs Meeting](#) by Zoom. Contact Chair Jamie Willock for Zoom link.

- **Tentative Schedule** for the very successful **Anacla/Bamfield Community Potluck dinners** planned for 2024. Thanks, Stella Peters.
- A good crowd gathered at Brady's Beach to celebrate January 1 2024 with a quick dip in the chilly sea. Calm waters were interrupted with a few big swells which seem to have caught a few off guard. A big well-tended beach fire awaited, along with much camaraderie, and a singing of "Auld Lang Syne" for all present and absent friends. [Here's a little video](#) (credit: **Pogo Hannay**) if you wish to relive the fun. A more than generous sprinkling of enthusiastic dogs added spice.
- Bamfield is the **GOAT!!!!**

The small print: *The New Bamfielder* is an entirely volunteer-driven project whose purpose is to provide otherwise non-existent resources to the Bamfield Community School. You may contribute using [PayPal](#) or by cash or cheque (payable to BCSA, please include the phrase Bamfielder Youth on your cheque) in person at the BCSA office or by mail: BCSA, General Delivery, Bamfield, BC, V0R 1B0. Thank you!



Donations to TNB, an entirely volunteer newspaper, provide new experiences and opportunities eg music lessons to the students of the school. Anacla is a small Huu-ay-aht First Nations village at the mouth of the Pachena River. For more information, see

- [Bamfield Community School](#)
- [Huu-ay-aht First Nations](#)
- [Pachena Bay Campground](#)
- Anacla Village is located on Pachena Bay near Bamfield. The community children come to the Bamfield Community School and the two villages share social events. [Wikipedia entry on the HUU-AY-AHT First Nation](#)
- [More on Bamfield from Wikipedia.](#)

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Welcome to *The New Bamfielder!* Work with us to make our village more family friendly!

***The New Bamfielder* is more than a community newspaper.** We want to get people thinking about opportunities for the young people of Bamfield and Anacla. All donations to the newsletter go toward the Bamfield Community School Association New Bamfielder youth programs.

Our Objective: to provide Anacla and Bamfield students with extracurricular opportunities not normally available to our small student body.

The Project: to support our students in their pursuit of creative activities by providing guidance and enlightening experiences. For example, a student interested in music could have an instrument rented, receive instruction, and visit an inspiring professional.

TNB Report Card is mighty old – January 2014. It would be nice to have a new one. Here is the one from 2014. "Since the first issue in June 2011, 80-120 copies have been distributed monthly through local shops and the Post Office. Online hits have climbed from 555 for the first posted issue, January 2012, to just short of 2000 in December 2013. Donations to December 2013 totaled \$2622. This last year we have focused on music: **Ali Marsman** held group sessions on music and one-on-one piano lessons for two months with all our students, and **Scale Shore** gave three ukulele sessions (we're looking forward to her return early this year). Thank you readers for making this possible. - LDD"

Thanks to [Heather Washburn](#), Associate Editor/Web Interface, the online issue allows us to document the brief articles, publish minutes of Bamfield Community Affairs, announce goings-on at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre, and the Village of Anacla. Photo Journalist [Marc Phillip](#) and many others have provided photos. Marc often makes beautiful collages of Bamfield events..

The New Bamfielder is a group effort resulting from conversations and interviews by Editor [Dr Louis Druehl](#) and others, plus regular contributions from many Bamfield organizations—as we march through the issues. We welcome your contributions.

The purpose of *The New Bamfielder* is to provide a monthly forum for Bamfield's celebrations, people and issues. The success of this paper depends on contributions from the reading public. So, please, submit your thoughts (brevity is essential). Classifieds are accepted (no commercial ads). Submit to ldruehl@island.net.

The New Bamfielder is free but you are encouraged to contribute to the Bamfield Community School Association New Bamfielder youth programs. Anacla and Bamfield Youth oriented projects sponsored and monies raised will be published on this web site. **You may contribute using PayPal or by cash or cheque (payable to BCSA, please include the phrase Bamfielder Youth on your cheque) in person at the BCSA office or by mail: BCSA, General Delivery, Bamfield, BC, V0R 1B0. Thank you!**

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We welcome individuals and businesses who wish to co-sponsor youth-oriented projects. Let us have your ideas or explore our projects and we will make a difference. Enjoy, digest, respond! **Contact information** via e-mail is in the text above.

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