

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Be aware of the COVID virus, a magnitude 8 earthquake and accompanying tidal wave, giant killer wasps and God know what else.

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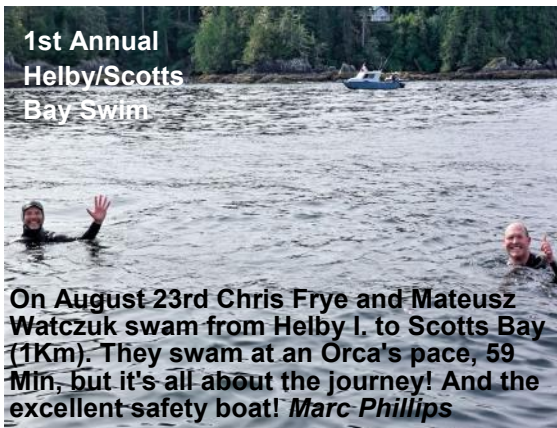
**An original Bamfield girl** leaves us. **Nora Janitis** (May 2, 1949—July 24, 2020). Nora grew up in Grappler Creek with her sister **Linda** and mum and dad, **Nina** and **Peter**. Like all of us,

she had a Bamfield childhood with lots of freedom involving boats, beaches, hiking, partying and socializing. She rode the 'second' shift school boat run to Eric Godson Memorial school and on cold sunny days was the envy of all the girls when she was allowed to wear the rabbit fur coat that **Mrs. Schnarr** had made for her. She was a glamorous fashion statement among gumboots, raincoats and wool jackets! Like all of us Nora went out to high school, worked, studied, became a social worker and spent 35 years with **Victor Chan (photo)**. Nora left us after a battle with lung cancer. We remember her love of life and send condolences to Victor. (PO Box 427 Union Bay BC V0R 3B0—for those wishing to send a card). *Suzanne Jennings.*

**Bamfield volunteers save iconic Port Desire home**, the Cedar Palace of the novel *Cedar, Salmon and Weed*, in Port Desire. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of August, at 5:50 p.m., fire broke out in the **Wenstob** residence on Tower Road. **Ken Bodaly** was first on the scene. He managed to knock down the flames with his fire extinguisher,



standing in melting shoes. The volunteer fire department was fast on Ken's heels and the building was saved. **Jennifer Wenstob**, the only occupant, escaped to the **Scott** residence. **Wayne** and **Stella** arrived at the same time as the BVFD. The cause of the fire is suggested to be spontaneous combustion of confined oily rags. Two explosions, heard, were attributed to spray-paint cans. Fire Chief **Phil Lavoie** noted the turnout was exceptional: 13 firefighters and 3 first responders, **Peter Herbig** was seen canoeing (Olympic speed) to join the fray. **Stella Wenstob** thanks "Ken and his buddies, the Scotts, the firefighters and first responders" and all the King's horses and all Kings men. *L. Druehl, photo, "Holy Smokin Salmon" by Brian Stancil*



1st Annual Helby/Scotts Bay Swim

On August 23rd Chris Frye and Mateusz Watzuk swam from Helby I. to Scotts Bay (1Km). They swam at an Orca's pace, 59 Min, but it's all about the journey! And the excellent safety boat! *Marc Phillips*

**Heads-up, Bamfielders.** The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) has drafted proposed updates to the Zoning Bylaw for the entire Regional District, and for each Electoral Area Official Community Plan (OCP). Documents and maps are available for review here: [www.acrd.bc.ca/zbreview](http://www.acrd.bc.ca/zbreview). Public input from the Bamfield community is a priority for the ACRD, and would be greatly appreciated by September 25, 2020. A Bamfield specific summary has been created to provide an overview of the proposed updates, and is available here: [www.acrd.bc.ca/zbreview#bamfield](http://www.acrd.bc.ca/zbreview#bamfield). We encourage all residents and property owners to take a look and ask questions! **Amy Anaka, ACRD**

**August Community Affairs squeaked by** with 12 participants. Mostly the road issue was discussed. Regarding the letters of support **Amelia Vos** wondered if opposing views were welcomed. **Bernie Wyton** noted that people are always free to contact government representatives but the focus of the Fix the Road email campaign is to present a unified voice from the community. Further to Amelia's query, **Bob Beckett** added, "We do not want mixed messages." Bob went on to say, "The letters tell a tale to be told," students, residents, parents of the deceased and others wrote moving letters. Bob noted that he has not heard from MLA Scott Fraser's office as to the letters fate. **Sheryl Mass** thanked Bob for relentlessly pursuing Telus, "Bob, the new cell reception has changed our lives." A note from **Marnie McLaughrie**: People should continue to be careful, some folks are gathering on the boardwalk without consideration of COVID-19 manners. The next meeting is our AGM, Nominate worthy directors or yourself. *L. Druehl.*

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](mailto: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 flourishing community garden.** Andre-a's fig tree 4 years away from a Fig Newton, Rae's pet squash, her veggie baby, stolen and the 'wild strawberries running free.



**3-foot sun fish stops** off at Tishes, "I'm supposed to be in school. But I heard this is where the action is." photo M. Phillips.



**CORVID Music by the Sea**, Port Desire, really. An excellent setting, but we missed you **Chris Doneson**.

**West side road option?** Former Bamfielders **May** and **Jack Case** become great grandparents again. Twins, **Lucas & Colt**, join big sister **Allison** & mum & dad, **John & Jill**. They all live in Seattle and are hoping to see each other soon. *S. Jennings*. [ed. Jack, a marine architect, designed the Vancouver Sea Busses and trained their operators in a miniature sea bus on Bamfield Inlet. **Mike Rose** now owns the Case family home. It had a dolphin mural on the foreshore.]

**Really? Only in Bamfield.** The new driver for Quality Foods dropped the HFN Market's food order off at the Lady Rose Marine Service in Port and then drove to Bamfield to deliver the Bamfield Mercantile's order. Due to no cellular service on the road, the Quality foods dispatcher couldn't recall the driver. The truck arrived in Bamfield and they returned Mercantile's order to Port. **Next story:** On a recent occasion the handcart Mercantile uses to bring freight from the ferry broke through the boardwalk decking. Its cargo was liquor... a comment on the once dry Bamfield! **Finally**, once in the days of the General Store, the store ran out of cigarettes. The west side had no cigarettes and many west-siders got to experience east Bamfield...one said, "What a nice park you have." **John Evans** sputtered, "Really, no cigarettes!" *L. Druehl*, Thanks **Marnie Mcaughtrie** for Mercantile tales.

**A well oiled machine**, The Bamfield Harbour Authority held its AGM, COVID distanced on the Mills Landing foreshore, overlooking the Fishermen's moorage (Thank you, **Jerry Gassner!**). Financially, 2019 income (\$31 K) was down from 2118 (\$36 K), reflecting decreased moorage. The Fishermen's floats are serviced with water and electric, have new ladders, and courtesy life-jackets.

There was some discussion re the Authority's name. The authority is restricted to the Fishermen's moorage management. There was concern over the control over the Bamfield/ Grappler harbours. This should be addressed by the community. This meeting, chaired by

**Rae Hopkins**, was poorly attended. This facility is on par in value with Bamfield Parks in attracting and servicing Bamfield visitors, and as such deserves our support. *L. Druehl*. photo: Directors Back, L. **Keith Wyton**, **Barry Sills**, **Rick Sweeting**, **Kevin McAughtrie**, Front, L. **Amy McConnell** (Wharfinger), **Rae Hopkins**, **Ashley Klyne**.



**Give the bears a break.** Bears are preparing for hibernation. They are entering into a state of hyperphagia (excessive eating) and need to consume up to 20,000 calories a day! Unlike bears during spring-time that usually respond well to deterrents, during hyperphagia bears become so fixated on food they are not scared off. So in order to avoid potential conflict this is an important time to assure there are no attractants left out. Please throw fish refuse into deep water and make sure food freezers & garbage are stored inside. *Mandy* [Bamfield@wildsafebc.com](mailto:Bamfield@wildsafebc.com)

**A Quiet Pachena Beach Celebration of Suzanne Rompre's Life.**

To meet Suzanne is to be greeted by cordiality/A courteous smile, querying glance/And always an underlying seriousness/Suzanne was serious/ Serious about her desire to be in Bamfield/And her fiefdom, the Bamfield Transfer Station: her joy and plague/And taxiing, greeting visitors/ Some called her Bamfield's Ambassador/Suzanne was strong/You could see it in the veins in her arms, a masseuses' arms/In the intensity of her glance/And she captivated Patrick/And their sweet bungalow on Binnacle Road/Suzanne, sweet, petit, Suzanne, Bamfield is poorer with your passing. R. I. P. L. *Druehl*, 2 August 2020, Pachena Beach



Gathering on Suzanne's favourite beach.