

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

There is no place like home...prevent wildfires!

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Easter Bunnies

cater to 27 Anacla and Bamfield Ankle Biters and older. This annual event in the Eileen Scott Centennial Park is sponsored by the Bamfield Community Hall Society. *Photo, Rae Hopkins*



Bamfield Day-Trippers, Welcome to Bamfield. We hope you enjoyed our new road (Thank you, HFN). A few survival notes. No **e-vehicle charge** stations but some locals have battery chargers if that would help. Presently, no **Information Centre** but our locals have opinions that may help. There is a **Public WC** in the east side park. No **trash cans**, but the **recycle place** (locally known as the **Mall**) will receive your trash. While there you may refresh your wardrobe (one local brags he only buys underwear and socks). As a bonus, help yourself to the hundreds of refundable bottles destined for crushing (**gas money**). Parking: Bamfield has pioneered the art of **ditch parking**. Take care you do not bust your oil pan (oil kills what is left of our **singing frogs**). On the plus side it is difficult to steal **catalytic converters** from ditched cars. Local attractions: RN run **Bamfield Health Clinic** (waiting usually under 1 minute). **Bamfield Historical Society** strategically placed posters illustrating our past. the Canadian leading **Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre's** gift shop, **Rix Centre** and relicts of the old **Cable Station**. The **Memorial Tree** in the east park leafed with past Bamfielders and park access to the wonderous **Boomer Trail** (about 1 hour). And explore the personalized **Kiixin First Nation tour** of 5000+ years.

If you still have time, water-taxi to the west side...lots to do there, too. **Bon Voyage & beware of elk.** *L. Druehl*

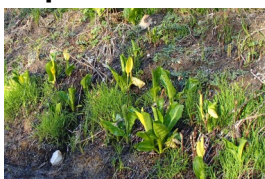
How Bamfield/Anacla Advance. Step up for your community.

West Coaster Steps Up.

First Responders benefit resulted from a heart attack. **Zelta Clappis** feeling poorly went to the Bamfield **Health Clinic** where it was deemed she should be air evacuated to Victoria. A 911 call paged a helicopter, a Bamfield First Responder vehicle ride to the Bamfield International Airport/gravel pit, and a 47-minute air express found Zelta in the care of Island's finest. A chat with First Responder **Michael Mooney** revealed the need for peripheral emergency supplies. Hence, Zelta's benefit: sale of pies and jams, silent auctions, a raffle, and a lemonade raised \$1579. Helpers: **Katie & Andrew Clappis, Mary Ann Mooney**. Photos: Zelta and **Will Vibert** (winner of buffalo wool sweater). *L. Druehl*



April Bamfield Main Attractions



Bamfield Daffodils



Trillium



Fawn Lily

Photos R. Hopkins

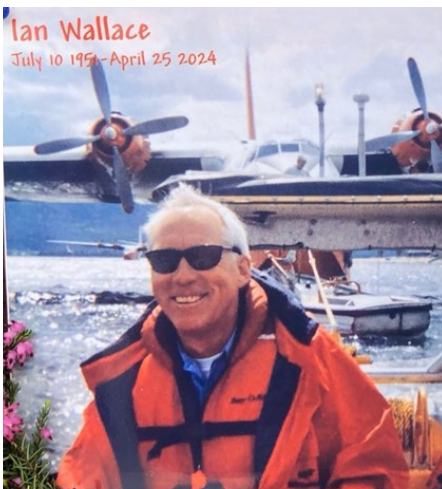
Bamfield Matriarch Eileen Scott

celebrates her 102nd! The novel, ***Bamfield Posh***, that fictionalized and glamorized her Bamfield life is launching in Victoria at the **Bard and Banker Pub**, 5 May, 1-3 pm.



Submissions are welcome. They may be edited for clarity and taste, and should be brief. All submissions must have the author's name. Submit to ldruehl@island.net. *The New Bamfielder* is free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. *Louis Druehl*

IAN WALLACE July 10, 1951 to April 25, 2024. Ian was a true Bamfield Boy. He spent his early life in Bamfield with his father **Johnny**, who was a telegraph operator for the Cable Station, his mother **Kay** and his younger brother **Rick**. The family moved to Port Alberni for the boys' high school and Ian returned to Bamfield 1976. He began work for **Gary Jackson** at the west side fish camp, became a deckhand for **Sigurd Tveit**, working on the dragger *Leik* and then joined the Coast Guard Station at the request of Captain **David Hegstrom** in late 70's. He later transferred to the Parksville Hovercraft Coast Guard Station (French Creek) until he retired. Ian's nickname was **Holiday Ian**, working 1 week on and 1 week off. During off times he enjoyed sailing his Hobbie Cat, boating, fishing, hanging with his friends. He was always ready to help in any project going on in the inlet. It was Ian's idea to turn the old BC Packers wooden stove tank into a sauna and hot tub, where many fabulous parties were held. Ian lived and worked with **Geoff Lindsay** and **Rob Saunders** at Canadian Benthic at the old BC Packers building and then with **Paul Ryan** at the Ranch in **Letcher's** Point in Grapper Inlet. Many a great dinner party was held at the Ranch, with **Jerry Jeff Walker** playing to the wee hours of the morning, after a sauna at **Peter Janitis'** home. Eventually he moved to a small cabin behind the post office, (**Mary Berkholder** cottages) where he was a popular entertainer, his afternoon cocktails always included pink gins with Angostura Bitters when the tonic water ran out. The ex-fisheries patrol boat, *Pursepa* and skipper **Bruce Evans** returned to Bamfield in the late 80's. On many a dark and stormy night, Ian and Bruce would pilot the *Pursepa* to the secret side-stripe prawn glory hole which Sigurd had shown Ian. Using the Marine Station's otter trawl, the two would bring back a feed of side-stripes for parties at Packers, and marine samples for the Station. The Macmillan fish camp became a popular Friday afternoon happy hour with **Mike Warren** preparing his legendary martinis and pickled herring. With help from **Dave Howell**



the camp was often the source of magnificent seafood dinners. After one of these Ian helped inaugurate the Packers hot tub and sauna, where I met my wife, **Kristi Miller**, who also became Ian's long-term friend. At one of the many great Bamfield Community Hall Dances, he met his first wife **Debra Warren** and when he moved to Parksville, they married and raised two boys: **Cameron** and **Mathew Wallace**. Ian's career in the Coast Guard saw many marine rescues and emergencies on Lasqueti Island where he met **Bruce** and **Gordon Jones** of Innovative Aquaculture, where he loved to visit and help build widgets in his off hours. Ian was a friend to all

and was always ready to step in to lend a hand, whether with **Dan Thorlakson** at his Quadra Island property or at Horne Lake building our cabin, Ian was a man you could always count on, fun to be with and always with a quick joke. Ian and Debra separated in the early 2000's. Soon after he married **Susanna**. The marriage did not last, and Ian moved back to Parksville. One of his many return trips back to Bamfield to visit his good friend **Steve Clarke**, he attended one of Steve's legendary birthday martini parties there he met the love of his life, **Susan Derasp**. Susan and Ian soon purchased a house on the west side and settled back into Bamfield life. I accompanied Ian on his visit to the cancer doctor back in 2000. Ian and Dr. **Denigra** hit it off immediately and were soon trading fishing jokes. When it came time for the bad news, Dr. Denigra promised Ian another 5 more years of good life. He has proven the Doc wrong and out lived the predictions by two decades! In late 2022, Ian's cancer came back with a vengeance, and this week he passed quietly with family nearby. To know him was to love him. *Rob Saunders*

Bamfield Notes

Celebrate Mother's Day with your Bamfield and Anacla friends at the House of Huu-ay-aht's pot luck dinner.

The abstraction of the Bamfield Communities Affairs minutes were not available at the time of publishing.

It's planting time. Support your community gardens and yourself.



Yes, it has rained a lot. But a Bamfield wildfire is a very real possibility. Protect your home and Bamfield, have a plan to evacuate. (Is there a community plan?)



Chilean First Nations

explore "Small Seaweed Industrial" option during visit with Bamfield's Canadian Kelp Resources. This cottage business may best suit small coastal communities. The Chilean delegation was hosted by **Scott Bohachyk** of OceanWise .