

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Let 2025 be Bamfield's Breakout Year, Anacla, East, West, South, Grappler Pulling Together!

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**A tribute to John Joseph Horgan** – MLA, BC Premier, Canadian Ambassador to Germany. I first met John in 1996 when I moved to Langford from Ontario, he was Langford's MLA and he asked to meet with me to introduce himself and hear firsthand about my perspective on the challenges facing fire-rescue services. It was apparent from my first meeting that "John from Langford" as he was affectionally called, was in fact a very special leader and politician. Over the years we engaged in several meetings and conversations including Bamfield after I became Bamfield's representative at the ACRD Board. John had a soft spot in his heart for Bamfield, and I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge his support for the Bamfield road improvements. John was a humble, passionate, caring and servant leader who conducted himself with such integrity. He deeply loved his family, politics, lacrosse, and salmon fishing. My deepest and sincere condolences to his wife **Ellie**, and his two sons **Nate** and **Evan**. *Bob Beckett*



**Perennial Arts Council Christmas Crafts Fair** an enjoyable success. The fair provides local artisans a venue and locals great gift option, and chat time with neighbours while enjoying funky music by **Phil Lavoie**, **Malcolm Richards** and Marine Station Student **Fruin Pow** on bass fiddle. According to Phil they have been busking for 12 years.



**Bamfield Marine Station leads West Coasters in accommodating the handicapped, Congratulations and Thank You!**

**November Community Affairs**, attended by 14, lasted 52 minutes. When timely, the unofficial minutes are reviewed in this paper. **Next meeting 20 January**. Past minutes are posted on [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) back to 2012.

**Grappler eagles holiday feast** on living heron on 27 December and seagull, December 28. I'll stick to turkey, dead and cooked.



**Know your Bamfield Road, Organic mushroom carving near km 41, near where cement truck crashed off. Many things happen on the road we do not know about.**

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](mailto:ldruehl@island.net). *The New Bamfielder* is free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl

**Enough!!!** Arctic vortex, Atmospheric river, Bomb cyclone, storm surge, and now super high tides. On December 14 at 10:48 the predicted high tide was 3.62 m, and the actual tide was 4.32. Photo, Grappler woodshed under assault. By Rae Hopkins



**Tofino-Uclulet Bear crack bear-proofing.** According to **Bob Hansen**, a Bamfield favourite, residents need to lock up their bear-proof bins until picked up. Bins left out are dragged into the wilds where the bears fine hone their bin cracking skills. **Mandy**, do you have a plan to thwart intransigent Tofino-Ucluelet insurgent bears? *L. Druehl*

**Bamfield-Febreze,**  
**yellow cedar**  
(*Callitropsis nootkatensis*), found locally, but at higher elevations, is aromatic and fabulous fire wood. Discourages moths and rids of objectionable odors like roasting turkey...



**The twenty-eighth annual** Bamfield Marine Station Fall Program wraps up with students presenting their results of 12 weeks study. Director Sean Rogers noted graduates of this program have strengthened Canada's marine sciences. Photo, Elliot Evans presenting. The public is invited to these events.



**Desolate decorations** by **Siobhan Gray** and **Rose Janelle** go unloved. Bamfield weather 1—Bamfield Community Hall Christmas Social 0. There may be a New Year's bash in the New Hall.

**Forty-year pot bound Clivia** says, 'Enough!' and shows her stuff. It brought joy. ;

