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Winter Excursion

VICTORIA BEACH, MAN.

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Snow Train - March 4th

*... See the Beach in All
Its Winter Splendour*



THE Victoria Beach Club is very pleased to announce that its annual mid-winter Snow Train will operate again this year and that the date for this popular excursion has been set for Sunday, March 4th, 1951.

The train will leave the C.N.R. Station on this day at 9:30 a.m. and will arrive at Victoria Beach at 11:45 a.m. It will return from the Beach at 6:30 p.m. and will arrive in Winnipeg at 8:50 p.m.

As in the past parlor car accommodation will be provided and a continuous meal service will be available on the train. During the day the train will stand in the station at Victoria Beach and all coaches will be heated and open for use.

For those who have not seen our lovely resort in its winter beauty a thrill and picture long to be remembered is awaiting them. Those fortunate ones who have visited Victoria Beach in winter no doubt will welcome the opportunity to enjoy another winter outing at the Beach.

This outing provides the opportunity for young and old alike to take part in their favorite winter sport as ideal conditions lend themselves to skating, skiing, Ski-Loring, Tally-Ho, Blanket Tossing, Snowshoeing, etc.

A special feature which is always the centre of attraction is the annual hockey game between the Permanent Residents and the Summer Campers. This year an even greater competitive spirit will exist as the teams will be competing for the Fern McKay Memorial Trophy.

There is no question that this outing is one which everyone will enjoy so why not make up a party and join your friends on the Victoria Beach Club Snow Train, on Sunday, March 4th.

Officers Elected for '51

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Committee Chairmen Deserve Praise

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On Monday, December 11th, 1950 the Annual Meeting of the Victoria Beach Club was held in the board room of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange. At this time, the numerous activities which were planned and conducted throughout the summer months were reviewed, committee reports were submitted and officers were elected for the 1951 season.

During the course of this meeting it became very evident that committee chairmen had put forth considerable personal effort towards providing the community with organized activities which too many are inclined to take for granted. Any success enjoyed by the Victoria Beach Club during the summer of 1950 was entirely due to the untiring, unselfish and co-operative efforts of all committee chairmen.

One of the most important projects undertaken each summer is the Children's Sports Day which is looked forward to by parents and kiddies alike. This

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New Season**

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year's children's sports day was one of the most successful ever staged and this was due to the excellent supervision of Bill Gray, chairman of the Children's Sports Day Committee.

Despite very unfavourable weather over the August long week-end, Chairman Phil Nutter reported that the annual Regatta and Water Sports was a success. Swimming and diving events were keenly contested and exhibition paddling events were staged by members of the Manitoba Paddling Association.

The success of these two major sports days would not be possible without the generous financial assistance of everyone at Victoria Beach. Bob Kerr, chairman of the Sports Finance Committee did a wonderful job in obtaining the necessary funds to conduct these projects.

Without members our club would not exist and this year's Membership Committee under Mrs. M. C. Elston assured the Club of its 1950 membership. It is hoped that, in the future, more people will join the Victoria Beach Club and ensure that this community spirited organization will carry on its work at our resort.

The Memorial Park is rapidly developing into an attractive sports centre and this year's Memorial Park committee under the chairmanship of Mr. H. Simpson was responsible for the increased facilities offered this past season.

One of the biggest undertakings each summer is the planning of dances and Sunday night entertainment each week. This year's committee was under the capable direction of Audrey Munroe and her full report emphasized the great deal of work put forward to produce a successful entertainment programme throughout the summer.

The Club's Finance Chairman, Jack Beech Jr., reported that, despite heavy expenditure, the Club was in a sound financial position. He pointed out the great need for increased membership if the Club was to carry out its many activities.

Reports were also submitted from those responsible for Club Publicity, Golf, Tennis and Trophies.

On completion of reports officers were elected for the 1951 season and the new slate is as follows:

President, Dave Grant; Vice-Presidents, Bill Johnston and Charley Harvey; Treasurer, Jack Beech Jr.; Secretary, Audrey Munroe.

One Year Term: T. D. Poyntz, R. A. Copland, Phil Nutter, Mrs. D. C. Henderson, Mrs. M. G. Elston, Des Cox, H. Simpson.

Two Year Term: Andy Grierson, Mrs. S. Lloyd, Bill Gray, Maurice Thompson, Jack Ball, Jack Holmes, Dr. Niermeier.

REMINDER

1951 Membership Dues are now payable. Please co-operate and fill out the enclosed form and return to J. W. Beech Jr., 356 Main St.

Haven to Flood Refugees

GOOD ROAD ESSENTIAL

THE past year was indeed an eventful one for the people of Winnipeg as well as for the residents and cottagers of Victoria Beach. During the flood when the Red River was rampant, Victoria Beach proved to be a haven of refuge for many Winnipeggers whose homes were inundated. Cottagers also whose homes were not endangered placed their summer homes at the disposal of others less fortunate than themselves and through their thoughtfulness and neighbourliness earned the thanks and gratitude of many families who were sorely distressed. The Canadian National Railways and as usual the permanent residents, including the operators of the stores, etc., did a grand job in providing all necessary services to meet the needs of our enlarged community during those trying days. A special word of praise is due the Canadian Red Cross and the St. John Ambulance Association through whose joint auspices we were enabled to provide adequate medical and nursing facilities for the hundreds of women and children who comprised our increased population at that time.

Later on as a consequence of heavy rains and flood waters from the Red and Winnipeg rivers, the level of Lake Winnipeg reach unprecedented heights with the result that after a storm or two the area around Albert was badly flooded, the shorelines at Bayview and King Edward were seriously damaged and a large portion of the municipal road from Albert to the Beach was washed out altogether. While all these in themselves were serious matters, the loss of the road, especially to the permanent residents, was particularly so. The Municipal Council is greatly concerned over this road problem and unquestionably will do all it can to meet the needs of the community. The practicability of a solid roadbed in this particular area is a moot question and the financial aspects are not inconsiderable. All aspects of the situation are being carefully considered by the Municipal Council in collaboration with the Provincial Government and other interests, and all that can be said at present is that what is possible and what is practicable will be done.

The railway strike last Fall was another episode that caused a bit of excitement and emphasized the difficulties inherent in the lack of a road. We were never without sufficient food supplies, thanks to Walter Thomas, Bertie Trainor, Johnny Atenh and the Selkirk Navigation Company whose sturdy boat the S.S. Keenora made two special trips to the Beach for the purpose of delivering needed supplies and transporting two hundred-odd passengers back to their homes in Winnipeg. All who made the trip were loud in their praise of the excellent arrangements for their comfort and look forward to the possibility of other trips to and from the Beach during the coming season, of course under less trying circumstances.

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THE VICTORIA BEACH CLUB

Annual Snow Train

to

Victoria Beach

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Sunday, March 4th, 1951

Leave Winnipeg 9:30 a.m.
Arrive Victoria Beach 11:45 a.m.
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Arrive Winnipeg 8:50 p.m.

ADULTS: \$1.70 Return — CHILDREN: 90c Return

Dining-Car and Parlour-Car Service Available

• Continuous meal service on the train and during the day train will stand in the station at Victoria Beach with coaches heated and open for use.

Skating . . . Hockey . . . Skiing . . . Ski-Joring
Tally Ho . . . Blanket Tossing . . . Snowshoeing

Pine Cone Notes

of the Permanent Residents

Best Wishes for a Happy Season to you, One and All from the folks back here.

Lake Winnipeg surprised everyone by receding continually until freeze up. Rough, jagged lake ice which was usually the case in the past few years was absent. . . Fishermen in full winter dress were out early this year, taking full advantage of the smooth ice to set their nets. . . The Ladies' Auxiliary realized the sum of \$177.00 at their annual Christmas sale toward the Church Fund. . . Our local rink shows great signs of becoming an important item on our sports program this year under the capable direction of our Sports Committee. . . Fur Farmers have all completed the pelting on their ranches. Some very fine and exclusive Mutation and Standard Mink were put on the World's Fur Markets from this Community for Milady's high fur fashions of 1951. . . In signing off, I would like to leave this picture in your minds as you pass to and fro under Winnipeg's Neon Lights. An early, heavy fall of snow on the Pine and Fir trees has left this Peninsula a variable fairy land of beauty.

The Municipal water system gave us some trouble last year. The engine wore out and as a consequence the Council found it necessary to purchase new equipment. It is hoped that an improved service will be provided during the coming summer, especially if it is possible, as at present proposed to install one or two large storage tanks, probably on 8th Avenue, and thereby ensure a more constant supply of water under adequate pressure.

Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Beach,
237 D'Ardenne St.,
St. James, Man.

The availability of electricity within the municipality is still in the offing. When the Council is possessed of more definite information a report on all aspects of the situation will be issued to the rate payers.

Throughout the summer of 1950 the Victoria Beach Club, its officers, members and various committees did much to enhance the reputation of Victoria Beach as a good all-round family summer resort. Their many programmes of entertainment, sports and varied activities, especially for young people, were a source of much enjoyment. The practical use of the Memorial Park grounds for the promotion of softball and other games is worthy of special note, and unquestionably the endeavors of the Club merit the support of all summer residents as well. Such support was clearly evident during the past year and augurs well for the future. So here's hoping that more than ever we will all work together and thus ensure as far as we mortals can, a happy and enjoyable summer in the year of 1951.

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