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## Welcome to Victoria Beach

To many of us Victoria Beach is a summer refuge, to some it's a weekend refuge, and to some it's even a year-round break from our regular activities.

Whatever your reason for seeking the relaxation and enjoyment of Victoria Beach I'm sure we all agree on one thing—there is just no place like it!

To those of you who are joining us at the Beach for your first time, you'll find it will grow on you so quickly that you, too, will be singing its praises, because the things we have here, we cherish like time itself. Our marvelous swimming beaches, the birch and pine trees, the birds, even the multi-color stones and pebbles that one picks up when walking near the water's edge.

And to many of us who have spent a lifetime of summers here (yours truly) the treasured memories and those little locked secrets of youth are one of life's finest keepsakes.

I'm really not "that" old, but I do recall building my first masterpiece in the Annual Kiddies' Sand Castle Contest, and wondering why my boat didn't win over the other entries and how thrilled I was when Mrs. Quinton McKay gave me a prize at the Annual Masquerade — I didn't think I would win anything, since my father, as well as being mayor at that time, was also one of the judges — and how I prized my ribbon for a second in the ¼ mile swim at the Annual Regatta — that was the same regatta where the Ateah boys came with their truck and took all the starters, judges, and what have you, to fight the fire near the Legion Hall.

Then as kids how we explored our little island stronghold — what a find we made when we "discovered" Hidden Lake — and then went on to ride our bikes across the sand bar to Elk Island (the lake level was a lot lower in those years than it is now) and the thrill of our first sailing trip around Ironwood Point. Of course we all recall our first marshmallow roast on the beach, and what about the pies the Dutch cook at the "Victoria Beach Inn" made for those famous Sunday suppers!

These are a very few of the memories that made my life, as a kid at the beach, full and rewarding.

What about my children — and yours? I'm sure you'd agree that we all hope they, too, will find their own secrets and treasures here at Victoria Beach.

It's with all these thoughts in my mind that this year as President of the Victoria Beach Club, I sincerely welcome you to the Beach for the 1962 summer season.

In those reflective years it was the Beach Club sponsored events that helped make my summer active and enjoyable — the same club provides these things this year for your children and mine — it's also the same club that is providing adult events for you and me — your friends and my friends — it's the same club that will, no doubt, be providing these things for the next generations to come.

The Victoria Beach Club traces a long, colorful and unique history on this beach. Nowhere in Manitoba is there a community club that organizes so many activities and provides so many services in a two month period — this year your club officers have added to the scheduled events (all of which are noted on the card delivered to every cottage). Most important, the Club has hired another swimming instructor, a total now of three. This, we feel, is one of our most important responsibilities — the swimming training of children. You'll note, too, the addition of several new swimming trophies, all of which will be for annual competition and no doubt will assist in encouraging these children to prove their proficiency.

The Victoria Beach Club plays an all-important part in our summer life. I sincerely hope that you all will become members — that you and your family will participate with us in these events — that you also will volunteer to assist in the many tasks of operating the Club (please don't take it for granted). Above all, have an enjoyable and safe summer!

Tammis Scott, President,  
Victoria Beach Club.

The presidency of the Beach Club presents a challenge to any man. He must know the beach area and its people, and direct the actions of the Club, through his executive, so that recreational and social facilities are available in as many fields, and for as many age groups, as our budget will allow. To do this requires a great deal of time — it is a year round job — foresight, courage, diplomacy and plain hard work. Tammy Scott follows in the illustrious footsteps of Bill Gee, George Derrington and many good men before them. All were dedicated to the job and we feel sure he will measure up to the calibre of the best of these. See page 6 for his qualifications—The Editor.





### VICTORIA BEACH GOLF COURSE

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The new golf course attendant this year is 25-year-old Alan Dafoc. Mr. Dafoc is a native of the Greater Vancouver metro area of British Columbia, where he took his high school and university undergraduate training; he received his B.A. degree in May, 1960, from U.B.C., graduating with second-class standing in political science and history. For the last two years he has been studying Greater Winnipeg metro government and the Prairie Provinces' rural local government problems at the University of Manitoba. From May to October 1961 he was a summer part-time research assistant for the Manitoba Municipal Enquiry Commission. At present he is completing a research paper entitled "Rural Local Government in Crisis . . ." which he hopes to get published. Alan's professional aim is a career in law, which he intends to study at Queen's University. He wants to specialize in municipal law, land-use planning law, international law, criminal law, and labour law.

Mr. Dafoc's favourite sport is swimming, which he believes is the best all-round body builder. Other favourite sports are grass hockey, bowling, badminton, soccer, volleyball, indoor and outdoor track, touch football, baseball, basketball, and mountain climbing.

Alan has been a sports reporter and features writer with both the *Ubyesey* and *Manitoba*; he also worked briefly with the *Vancouver Province* as a university news writer in spring, 1960, and as a city council reporter with the *Port Coquitlam Herald* from 1955 to 1960. He was a part-time lifeguard at Port Coquitlam, Hancy, and Winnipeg from 1957 to 1961; previous to this he worked as a summer camp counsellor with the New Westminster YMCA from 1954 to 1956.

Alan likes working in the out-of-doors, and is looking forward to learning a great deal about golf this summer at the Victoria Beach Golf Course.



**LAUNCH NEW SEASON.** Instructors of the Safe Boating Clinic are launching their fourth season of instructional boating techniques throughout 30 various resort areas in the province of Manitoba. Through the co-operation of Labatt's, the Victoria Beach Club will sponsor the Clinic at the Government Pier, Victoria Beach, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 7, 1962. Members of the team are (l. to r.): Roy Turnock, Bob Taylor, Tom Holmes.

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### Forty-Six Years of Age

Below is a reprint from a 1941 *Herald*, with only the years brought up to date. The early history of the Beach development should prove interesting to many newcomers.

VICTORIA BEACH this month is forty-six years old as a cottage summer resort. The first train arrived early in 1916. It consisted of three coaches, and it was filled to its capacity with passengers, under the guidance of Mr. Charles W. N. Kennedy, president of the Victoria Beach Company. The first arrivals by train were purchasers of lots earlier in the year and had come down to look over their locations. The only cottages at the beach in 1916 were those of F. C. N. Kennedy and Charles Vokes with Pinhurst Inn, later Victoria Beach Inn, occupied by Charles Kennedy and family; Dr. N. J. McLean and family of one, and Dr. Webster and Mrs. Webster.

The first year's operations of lot sales netted the company \$85,000.

In the three following years after 1915 another \$50,000 worth of lots were disposed of, many being on avenues back of the lake front, the latter located lots having been sold for \$1,000 each. In 1918 four cottages were built, those of Dr. Neil John McLean, on Sunset; Dr. W. G. Campbell, on First Avenue; Mr. Frank Cummins, on Sunset; and Mr. McAllister on First Avenue. In 1919, 20 cottages were erected and in 1921 there was a building boom, over 100 being erected. The Community club was organized in 1921 and first assembled in Paulson's old store, now the present mess shop. Church service was held for the first time in 1921, in a new store occupied for the first time that year by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Falls, Mr. Paulson having removed his store to the rear of his home on Arthur Row. In 1920 a "bee" was held by residents and a part of the present golf course cleared of underbrush. James Paulson in 1919 and 1920 was the most active person on the beach clearing space for the avenues from Fourth to Eighth, Sunset and Arthur Road had been cleared of timbers in 1916, 1917 and 1918. Mr. Kennedy in 1919 laid the cement foundation for an hotel which later became the site of the air force grounds, the untimely death of Mr. Kennedy stopping the project of an hotel, close to the station and facing the lagoon.



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In the forty-six years which have rolled along since the beginning of Victoria Beach, wisdom and clear-headed foresight have guided the destinies of Victoria Beach. The original plan of Mr. Charles Kennedy for Victoria Beach has been carefully adhered to by successive authorities in charge of affairs at this beach. Its loveliness in flowered lanes and sandy beaches with majestic sweep of trees remain. Victoria Beach still retains that charm of environment which makes it unsurpassed by any other lake resort in Canada and probably in all America, which is a wide claim but justified.

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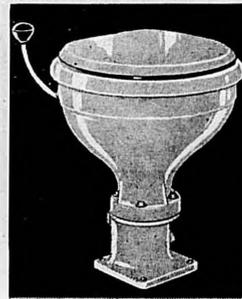
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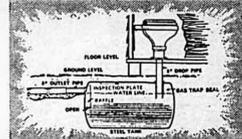
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