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## Welcome to the Beach

The executive and events chairmen of the Victoria Beach Club wish to extend a sincere welcome to everyone who intends spending some time this summer at the beach.

As you will be made aware through the medium of the Victoria Beach Herald, 1966 is the 50th anniversary of the founding of the beach. Things physically have not changed much over this half century. Everything is still very much in its natural state. This is the way we like it. For the most part I don't think the format of programs conducted by the Victoria Beach Club have changed much either. We hope that this is the way you like it.

The Red Cross swimming program will be a major function and one which we are very proud of. It has always been most capably handled and we think most invaluable to our youngsters.

Our tennis courts have seen a remarkable degree of use in the more recent years and consequently the Club feels it should offer more to the participants if possible. Ladies' and children's playing periods have been established, championship matches have been arranged and periods for instruction for youngsters have been set aside. We hope this planning will enable everyone to participate and enjoy a better year of tennis.

The regatta this season will be a two day affair enabling more swimmers and paddlers to compete in various events.

The adult masquerade of 1965 proved to be a most successful affair and this year it will be recognized as a 50th anniversary celebration.

A new projector has been purchased for the Club House. We hope this will make our twice weekly and Sunday Movies more enjoyable.

Our Recreational Director, Mr. Mike Kachmar has some new program ideas he is anxious to introduce. The executive of the Club realizing Mike's capabilities as a professional recreation director has given him a free hand to expand his program as he sees fit.

The many other events conducted by the club and the dates of these events you will find on your Club Card. We hope you will participate freely in our programs and that you enjoy each and every one. We can only

suggest that you recognize the Club's efforts and support these efforts when asked to buy a membership.

I would like to thank the members of all the committees that constitute our club for their willingness in helping to arrange our summer schedule.

On their behalf I once again would like to welcome everyone to the beach, particularly new cottage owners and renters whom we hope will make our facilities available to themselves and participate in our program.

Glenn Anderson,  
Chairman,  
Victoria Beach Club.

## A Hearty Welcome to our New Cottage-Owners

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#### NOMINATION DAY NOTICE

##### RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIA BEACH

TAKE NOTICE that a meeting of the Election of the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach will be held in the Municipal Office, 322 Toronto General Trusts Building, 282 Fortage Avenue, Winnipeg 2, Manitoba, on Tuesday, July 18th, 1966, at the hour of ONE O'CLOCK (Daylight Saving Time) in the afternoon for the purpose of nominating the following candidates:

TWO COUNCILLORS —  
 each for a term of two years:

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that each and every nomination paper must include a duly completed statutory declaration by the candidate and a certificate by the Treasurer of the Municipality as to certain qualifications of the candidate, which certificate must be obtained from the Treasurer of the Municipality not earlier than seven days immediately prior to and not later than TWELVE O'CLOCK noon (Daylight Saving Time) of July 19th, 1966. The time for receiving nominations shall be between the hours of ONE O'CLOCK and TWO O'CLOCK (Daylight Saving Time) in the afternoon and all nominations shall be made in writing by a proposer and a seconder who shall be duly qualified electors of the Municipality. Each nomination shall be accompanied by a written acceptance thereof by the candidate named in such nomination and also declaration signed and duly attested by the candidate before a Commissioner of Oaths, a Police Magistrate or a Justice of the Peace.

Members whose term is expiring are:  
 COUNCILLORS — G. Doreen Benningen, Kenneth E. Gray  
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for the period July 4th to July 8th

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 EARLY MORNING SHOWER ACTIVITY

#### PLEASE LET US KNOW!

If you have guests, and wish to have it printed in the Herald, let's have the details.

#### Community Church Service

Club House, Victoria Beach  
 SUNDAY, JULY 3rd, 11:00 a.m.  
 THE REV. DR. F. GLOVER  
 St. Margaret's Church, Winnipeg  
 Music: Mrs. Lee Anderson

#### Catholic Church Service

Victoria Beach

MASS—Sundays from July 3 to end of August, 1966  
 8:15 a.m. (DST) — Club House

## Editorial

### 1916-1966 Golden Jubilee of Victoria Beach

Fifty years ago the first summer residents came to Victoria Beach. The story of these first vacationers appeared in the Silver Jubilee edition of the Victoria Beach Herald 1941 . . .

"The first train arrived early in 1916. It consisted of three coaches, and it was filled to capacity with passengers, under the guidance of Mr. Charles W. N. Kennedy, President of the Victoria Beach Company."

To explain their arrival the Victoria Beach Herald of 1947 has an article entitled "Recollection of 1897" by Captain John George Thomas, who had sailed Lake Winnipeg in steamers and launches for fifty-two years. Captain Thomas remembered Victoria Beach in 1897 with a lone Indian wigwam on Patricia Beach. 1896-1897 Captain Thomas cut eight hundred cords of pine and birch (giving the golf-course its start) for a saw-mill at Selkirk and built a dock where the Victoria Beach Inn stood, to load them. In 1903 James Paulson homesteaded, growing grain and vegetables for the fishermen and their families on the island, notably the Hamptons and Olfsons, the first settlers on the island.

Mr. Charles W. N. Kennedy, on sailing and fishing trips with Captain Thomas, first recognized Victoria Beach as a potential holiday site, and with a group of businessmen founded the Victoria Beach Company. The Pinchurst Inn was erected for the Kennedy brothers and Mr. Charles Vokes by Captain Anderson of the Lake Winnipeg Steamer Service. The first train in 1916 carried those who had purchased lots earlier in the year.

To continue from the Victoria Beach Herald of 1941:

"The only cottages at the Beach in 1916 were those of F. C. N. Kennedy and Charles Vokes, with Pinchurst Inn (later the Victoria Beach Inn) occupied by Charles Kennedy and family. Dr. Neil John McLean first came to the Beach in 1910 staying with the Kennedys at Pinchurst and occupied a donaldo at Patricia, building in 1916 a cottage still owned by his family. A Dr. and Mrs. Webster also had a cottage. The first year's operations of lot sales netted the Company \$85,000.

In the three following years another \$50,000 worth of lots were disposed of, many being on the avenues back from the lake-front, the latter located lots having been sold for \$1,000 each. In 1918 four cottages were built, Dr. N. J. McLean's, Dr. W. G. Campbell on First, Mr. Frank Cumming on Sunset, and Mr. McAllister on

First. In 1919 twenty cottages were erected and in 1921 there was a building boom, over a hundred being erected.

The Community Club was organized in 1921 and first assembled in Paulson's old store (1941 the meat-shop). A 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. A. Falls; Mr. Paulson having removed his store to the rear of his home on Arthur. In 1920 a "bee" was held by residents and a part of the present golf course was 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. In 1919 Mr. Charles Kennedy laid the cement foundation for a hotel which later became the site of the Air-Force grounds, the untimely death of Mr. Kennedy stopping the project of a hotel close to the station and facing the lagoon.

In the years that followed, the original plan of Mr. C. Kennedy for Victoria Beach was carefully adhered to by his successors, notably W. E. Macara and Frank E. Sprague, to whom goes the credit for the development of the Beach as a haven for mothers and children, where rest and comfort for all may be had in the summer months."

During the summer of the Golden Jubilee we hope that many old-timers will send in their reminiscences of the Beach, all to be published in a Jubilee Edition, one weekend in August. We would also be delighted to receive questions about the Beach and the answers to them.

Also other articles of interest, local news items, letters and suggestions from all — youngsters, teenagers and adults — will be most welcome.

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**Tuesday, 5th July at 8:30 p.m.**  
**"WHO'S MINDING THE STORE"**  
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**? Queries ?**

The editor has received the following questions either verbally or by letter. Answers should be sent to the editor.

1. Can you grow lilac at the Beach?
2. Bow and Arrow Cottage, is it still existent and where would it be located? This cottage was built by Colin Inkster, Sheriff, in 1919 . . . "on the spot where the early French explorers, who had come down the Winnipeg River in their search for the great plains and the buffalo which fed on them, crossed Big Island (now Victoria Beach) and stood on the shores of the big lake. Here they camped waiting for the heavily-laden boat to come round Elk Island before they journeyed to the Red River."
3. Is it true that Elk Island was known as Big Elk Island and Victoria Beach as Little Elk Island?
4. Would the new centennial Almay crab-apple grow at the Beach?
5. Are there any natural springs of fresh water on Elk Island?
6. Has anyone heard a whippoorwill this year?
7. Where is "The Cliff".

**A. W. ANDERSON**  
 This municipality lost a faithful and untiring worker for the good of the community with the passing of Mr. Anderson on May 16th last.  
 Alex Anderson was appointed Municipal Superintendent in January 1952 and held the position until the necessity of open heart surgery last December terminated his years of service.  
 Alex was a dedicated employee who devoted time and energy far beyond the usual demands of the position. He had many fine attributes that gained the respect of all who knew him.  
 His skill and ingenuity in all things mechanical was most evident by his ability to improvise where necessary to keep equipment in operation.  
 This quiet and unassuming man contributed much to this community — We shall miss him.

**MRS. W. J. T. KERR**  
 We are very sorry to learn that Mrs. W. J. T. Kerr, Honorary President of the Victoria Beach Community Club has been seriously ill and it is very doubtful whether she will be down this summer. Mrs. Kerr has been coming to the Beach since 1923. However, her daughter, Jessie, will be down for the season.

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**Victoria Beach Yacht Club**

The present Victoria Beach Yacht Club was organized in the Spring of 1964. S. J. Down was elected the first Commodore. Under his direction a small building containing lockers to store sailing gear was erected and regular Sunday afternoon sailing races were inaugurated.  
 In 1965, again under Commodore Down, a fenced compound was erected on the beach for storage of members boats, since anchoring in the bay, had not proved very satisfactory in the high winds sometimes encountered on Lake Winnipeg.  
 During 1965 club membership increased and the number of boats increased accordingly, until it included seven Enterprise dinghies and five Lazy E dinghies and single boats of several other classes.  
 At the annual regatta on August 1, 1965 the Frank Sprague Memorial Trophy was put up for competition for the first time. This trophy was donated by Miss Peggy Sprague and Mrs. J. Donnelly in memory of their father who was an ardent sportsman and resident of Victoria Beach for many years.

At this meeting it was decided to improve the club facilities for the 1966 season by doubling the size of the fenced compound and moving our equipment locker to a more convenient location next to the compound.  
 Regular Sunday races will be held again in the 1966 season and the Regatta will be on July 31. An open handicap as well as Enterprise and Lazy E races will be held.  
 Dr. Peter Suderman has kindly offered his motorboat as a rescue boat to be available for these races.  
 Anyone interested in sailing is urged to approach any member of the Club for further information and anyone wanting to sail as crew is asked to put in an appearance any Sunday at the Club compound on the bay beach. Volunteers to help in starting and timing races and manning the rescue boat are always in demand.

The trophy will be presented annually to the club member who wins the annual regatta race. The 1965 winner was Sam McMorris with Peter Suderman as crew in a Lazy E. Dick Quinton with crew Dave Guest won the club Enterprise Championship.  
 One of the highlights of the 1965 sailing season was the holding of a junior sailing instructional course at Victoria Beach by the Manitoba Sailing Association. Nineteen junior sailors received instruction. The junior sailing course will be held again in 1966 from July 4th to July 15th and can handle up to 30 junior sailors. This year there will be 4 or 5 cadet dinghies available for instruction.  
 At the annual club meeting in December 1965 a new executive was elected. The following officers were named:  
 Commodore — Sam McMorris, 203 - 5th Street  
 Secretary — Ron Williams, 328 - 5th Avenue  
 Race Committee — Dick Quinton, 335 - 1st Avenue  
 Tammas Scott, Sunset Blvd.  
 Property Committee — Don Scott, Arthur and 4th

**Junior Sailing Instruction Course**  
 July 4th - July 15th 9:00 a.m. - 12:00  
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## SWIMMING LESSONS

This year the swimming lessons will begin on Monday, July 4th. Registration for lessons will be July 1st and 2nd, from 10:30 to 12:30 at the Clubhouse. The program will be six weeks in length ending on August 12th. The test days will be July 15th, July 29th and August 12th. As well as all Red Cross classes (Beginner, Junior, Intermediate, Senior) the Bronze Medallion and Intermediate Lifesaving will again be taught. It is hoped that after the success of the adult classes last year, we will have as many or more participants this year. The ladies have taken the initiative — now let's see some men out this season. Registration for adult classes and Lifesaving classes will take place at the same times as mentioned above. Membership cards in the V.B.C. must be shown when registering or at the first lesson. Memberships will be sold at the same time as registrations are taken.

This year we hope to begin a "Swim to Gimli Club" for all ages. The object will be to swim the distance to Gimli without leaving the side of the pier. A special time, on a regular basis will be set aside where all those interested can come and swim their lengths under supervision. Your distance, whether one mile or one length, will be recorded by the supervising instructor. Only distances recorded during this period will be recognized.

We hope that all ages will participate in this extra activity especially those up and coming Regatta and Mile Race swimmers. Inquiries as to this may be made on Registration Day. Happy swimming! One mile is 16th lengths of the pier and its 20 miles to Gimli!

A bulletin board is going to be set up outside the Post Office. We will post all items of interest concerning our program and water safety. I hope some of you beginners will be able to contribute some Water Safety Posters.

On July 18th a speaker will be coming to Victoria Beach. He will bring films on various aspects of Water Safety, Swimming and Boating. His talk will be directed to the adults but children will be welcomed with their Mother and Father. Please watch the Herald and our Bulletin for further information.

The instructors this year are Barbara Guest, Janet Carmichael and Alison Benningen. If you have any questions or complaints concerning the program please see Janet Carmichael.

Alison, Barb and Janet wish you a happy, hot holiday and safe swimming. See you on July 1st.

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