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CANOISTS: IMPORTANT, URGENT MEETING, AUGUST 24, SATURDAY, 10:30 a.m. at CLUBHOUSE

All interested canoists please attend this meeting to consider future expansion of canoeing facilities. All rack owners must attend.

GARDEN CLUB FOR '75?

John G. Conklin, the Honorary Past President of the Victoria Beach Garden Club, is leading a project to re-establish the Annual Garden Festival at Victoria Beach. At a meeting on August the 8th, at the Golf Clubhouse where the splendid, but no-longer-awarded Garden Trophies have been stored for 10 years, John Conklin was elected Chairman of the Care-of-the-Trophies-Committee. Florence Eaton and Jessie Kerr were given continuing care of records and funds, which remain on hand since the last Garden Festival.

Harriet Smith, who chaired the meeting, spoke of the many donors and winners whose names were engraved on the trophies over the years — resorters who have left their memorial, in beauty, since 1938. Among beloved late donors are Victor Scott, John W. Beech and Geo. W. McLeod. Among the 109 names engraved on the seven trophies are Ernest Fretwell, 1938; William Pope, 1939; Frank Sprague, 1940; Fred M. Gee in 1941 & '42, and W. J. T. Kerr in 1944. Over the years several classes of competition were developed: Small Garden, Large Garden, Rock Garden, Most Improved Garden, Interesting Grounds Cultivated with Native Trees and Flowers only, the Grand Aggregate and the Vegetable Garden. The competition was keen, but friendly — more an acknowledgement of noteworthy effort, perhaps, than a really competitive event.

There was unanimous agreement, among those attending the meeting, that the Garden Club should be reactivated, if possible in 1975. Various categories were considered for awards. Thought was given to the idea of establishing the Garden Club as a separate entity, on its own, as it was for many early years, since the Community Club already has many programmes. Chairman Jack Conklin, Jessie Kerr or Florence Eaton would welcome suggestions.

It was decided to display the trophies in the Community Clubhouse; Doreen Bennigen graciously offered to assist with the display.

HARRIET SMITH

FROM THE EDITORS

This is the last edition of Volume 49 of the Victoria Beach Herald. The first edition in the 50th Anniversary Volume will appear on the July 1st. long week-end next year. Although our publication is hardly in the same class as the Washington Post, or the New York Times, the Herald has nevertheless made its own valuable contribution in the field of communication. When daily newspapers seem to specialize so much in international, national and sensational news, it is refreshing to know that people are still interested in the doings or ordinary folk, and that a feature such as "Beach People", which acknowledges such a simple thing as someone's visit to a beach, still commands an enthusiastic following. Indeed, it is probably the widest-known feature in the paper. Social historians would probably find a mine of information about Manitoba's great and small of the past fifty years in its lines. Next year the Herald joins the ranks of those illustrious publications which can print, in each issue, a little item, "Fifty years ago..."

We are proud to have been associated with the Herald. We send our grateful thanks to all those who have been our contributors this year. The Editors' Special Prize for Regularity and Punctuality this year goes to Gladys Mildren for Bridge Club news, and Hilda Morrish for Library news. We wish next year's Editors the very best luck, and the same kind of co-operation from all which we have enjoyed this year; the satisfaction obtained will undoubtedly remain the same.

And finally, we wish to announce that since we have not received a single entry in the "COMEDY CORNER COMPETITION" announced in the July 12th issue, the prize of a 7-day winter holiday in the French Carribean will be awarded to the authors of the only joke published — ourselves!

MOVIES Time: 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday August 27th. *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* Debbie Reynolds. Musical Comedy. General.

Thursday August 29th. In place of the scheduled movie, *Moonshine War*, a great *Disney Special* will be shown. Watch for posters.

Sunday September 1st. Victoria Beach Club Special. *Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid*. Paul Newman, Robert Redford. Price for this movie only: Members .50 cents, Non-members \$1.00. Adult.

Special Movie — Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid — Sunday, Sept. 1st, 8:00 p.m.

**NEXT VICTORIA BEACH CLUB EVENT
Winter Dinner and Dance — February, 1975**

AWARDS NIGHT 1974

Sam McMorris was unable to preside over the events this year, and asked Doreen Benningen to do the honors again. Thank you, Doreen, for stepping into the breach.

The awards and trophy winners are:

Swim to Gimli Trophy: Men, Kevin Stafford; Ladies, Dianne Borger.

Open Swim Races: Men 200 Yard Swim, The Hignell Trophy, Ron Kowal; Ladies 200 Yard Swim, The Vincent Trophy, Diane Hansford; Men ½ Mile Swim, The Anderson Trophy, Richard Hill; Ladies ½ Mile Swim, The Reeves Trophy, Dianne Borger; Men 1 Mile Swim, The Orchid Trophy, Richard Hill; Ladies 1 Mile Swim, The Rumford Trophy, Diane Hansford.

Cross Country Run: Men, The A. K. Gee Trophy, Dave Mitchell; Ladies, The Kerr Trophy, Vicki Ruhr.

Golf - Juniors: Men, The E. Gee Trophy, Chris Shepherd; Ladies, The Henderson Trophy, Carol Fraser.

Canoe Races: V. B. C. Presidents Trophy, Susan Mitchell.

Tennis: Men Singles, The Grover Trophy, Andy Wiswell; Ladies Singles, The Gilmour Trophy, J. McDiarmid; Men Junior Singles, Murray MacRae; Ladies Junior Singles, Sandra Mitchell; Mens Doubles, The Kerr Trophy, A. Wiswell & A. Irving; Ladies Doubles, The Harvey Trophy, S. Squire & F. Bjarnason; Mixed Doubles, The Wingate Trophy, C. Harvey & J. McDiarmid.

Men's Voyageur Canoe Race: Charlie Mitchell Memorial, David Mitchell.

The Grand Aggregate Trophy: This trophy is presented annually to the person who has accumulated the highest point total from the following events: 1. The one mile open swim; 2. The open cross country run; 3. The open bicycle race; 4. The golf tournament; 5. The open singles canoe race; 6. The open singles tennis event.

The Grand Aggregate Victoria Beach Trophies were awarded to: Men, David Mitchell; Ladies, Tammý Bezte.

This year all events went as scheduled. Even the storm came at the right time, event-wise, as the masquerade and dog show were not delayed.

I would like to express my thanks to all those who assisted in producing another great summer of sporting events, to Graham McLeod, Aynsley MacPherson, Bill Wilson, Rod Peeler, Gord Wainwright, Gary Bezte, Shelagh Yarnell, Lillian Hancock, Ken Little, George Greengrass and Tony Brookes, who chaired many of the events; to our recreation director Norm Carriere who helped everywhere; to the swimming instructors Colleen Gray, Kathee O'Neill and Evelyn McMorris; and to Sylvia Squire and the club executive who kept me on the straight & narrow, and who helped out frequently.

And that is "Special Events 1974"

CHARLIE STAFFORD

A delightful performance of Peter and the Wolf under the direction of Joyce Howe & Nancy Mitchell was presented during Awards Night intermission. The cast included: Peter, Teddy Mitchell; Wolf, Michael Bamford; Bird, Leah Mitchell; Duck, Margo Stevenson; Cat, Cathy Mitchell; Grandfather, Lisa Thomassen; Hunters, Carol Howe, Sidney Stevenson, Lindsay Stevenson and Jeffrey Mitchell; Girls holding up Scenery, Tracy McPherson, Karee McPherson, Utta Frick, Jennifer Flackbart.

"Angus" Mitchell almost devoured the Cat as the parade marched by.

WINTER DANCE

Remember the Annual Winter Dance in February. A change of location is anticipated this year. Be sure to come out for an enjoyable evening.

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PARENTS

Volunteers are needed to organize special events in the Club's extensive recreation programme next year. If you have children participating in these events, we would appreciate an offer to help. If you don't have children participating, we would appreciate an offer to help even more! Please see Sylvia Squire, 123 Birch, or leave her a note.

IN MEMORIAM

Resorters will want to send their condolence to the local Joseph family. Their mother, Elizabeth Joseph, who died at 84 years of age, was born at Victoria Beach. She was buried from St. Michael's Church, here, on July 25th. Mrs. Joseph's parents, Henry and Anne Hampton, were the first settlers on this peninsula.

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

A large number of people who go fishing at Victoria Beach must learn how to properly throw back the fish they don't want to keep. When our family is here, I go to the pier to fish quite regularly, and each time I go I see people cruelly treating the fish that they are planning to throw back. The fish are stepped on, dragged about and kicked, to stop them from slipping. Then, the person who caught the fish makes it a contest to see how far away he or she can throw it. I think this is disgusting. These people are forgetting that the reason they are putting back the fish is to give it a chance to grow or to let it swim away to light again. (People who catch fish just for the fun of it shouldn't be annoyed at catching the same fish twice.) When you catch a fish you plan to release, you should handle it as little as possible. Don't squeeze it or step on it, for fish are delicate creatures. If the fish has swallowed the hook deep, you should cut the line near the mouth and release the fish. But if you cannot afford to lose a hook, keep the fish or give it away. Don't wrench the hook out and let the fish go, for it will soon die. When you are releasing a fish, get it as near to the water surface as possible, and drop it in head first. Fish should be given the same amount of protection from cruelty as cats and dogs.

BEACH PEOPLE

Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Boak and small daughter Tannis of St. John's, Newfoundland, were recent visitors of Dr. Boak's parents Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Boak and grandmother, Mrs. F. D. Harper, of 218-6th Avenue. Dr. Boak (Terry) spent his summers here as a boy and was active in sports, eventually winning the Henry Hood Trophy awarded annually to the high school football player judged to be the best, combining playing ability, scholarship and school citizenship. Dr. Boak is now lecturing at Memorial University in St. John's. While visiting old friends, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Douglas in Winnipeg Dr. Boak and his wife had the opportunity of renewing old friendships, making this visit one to be long remembered.

Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Y. Grant of Brooklin, near Toronto, Ontario are spending two weeks at 339 Sunset.

Dr. Peter A. and Mrs. Burnett, nee Alison Benningen, will arrive in Christchurch, New Zealand August 18 to make their home in the South Island where Peter will resume his work with the New Zealand Government, Department of Agriculture. Alison has applied for a teaching position in the school system at Lincoln. Failing that, she has been offered a job with the Department of Entomology catching flies at 10 cents a fly.

Dr. Grant Benningen and his wife Marielle will relieve Dr. and Mrs. Mark Green in Medical Services here for the September long weekend. Grant has been with Primary Health Services Unit at the Winnipeg General for the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Benningen have returned from a motor trip to North Bay, Ontario, where they visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Nelson and infant son Sean David. Lake front property owners there, on the shores of Lake Nipissing are experiencing severe erosion problems caused by high water also.

LIBRARY

Last Day for Returns — Monday, August 26th. Books may be dropped off at 204-7th Ave. if you are down just for the weekend — but refunds available only during library hours — we will be open Monday to Friday, 11-12 a.m. and 7-8 p.m.

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At closing time we'd like to say
Here's to next year and Opening Day!

The library is still hoping to assemble a complete set of Heralds for binding and placing on our reference shelf. So far out set begins with No. 11, (Vol. I) 1925. We have many gaps, particularly in the 1961-67 period and even in the early 1970s. The older Heralds provide fascinating reading and some useful reference. We hope all will enjoy them bound and displayed at our library. Please contact Hilda Morrish, 204-7th Ave. or Pat Kasper, 204-6th Ave. if you can help us complete our set.

BRIDGE NEWS

August 12th — Six tables of bridge fans turned out this rainy evening with our "Rec" Director filling in a vacant spot. Thanks. Norm. Top scorers for the evening were: Mrs. Edith Dewar first with 4,630; Mrs. Noreen Reid 2nd with 4,210. See you Monday at eight.

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COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICES

The eighth and final church service will be held in the Community Club, Sunday, August 25th. Services have been well attended, this summer, despite rain and heat. We are grateful to those who so ably filled our pulpit. They were: Archdeacon David Crawley, Rev. Donald Pratt, Very Rev. W. E. Harrison, Right Rev. Gerald Burch, Bishop of Edmonton, Rev. R. Leslie Taylor, Dr. W. G. Onions, now of Penticton, B.C. The Rev. Dr. F. Glover will close the season for us. It was good of these splendid speakers to share their holiday time with us.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the cottage of Mrs. H. A. Bayne, 131 Sunset, at 2 o'clock, on Sunday, August 25th.

Members of the Church Board are: Aidan H. Conklin, President; Mrs. J. J. Smith, Vice-President; Harold A. Clark, Secretary; Mrs. H. A. Bayne, Treasurer. Mrs. Lee Anderson has kept faithful and capable charge of the music, Mr. S. Kraft's weekly decorations, mainly in local flora, have been an inspiration to us all. Maxine Clark has kept faithful records of the names of our many and distant visitors. Our placards were distributed and attached to the usual places all over the community by Glen and Betty Lester. They were written by W. E. Hobbs.

It is the wish of the Board that you all have a happy and healthful winter.

HARRIET SMITH

SANDY BEACH PATH

The path to Sandy Beach which is barricaded is private property. The scenic public path to the beach has been washed away by the storm. A new path is planned for those who enjoy a casual hike.

GOLF COURSE

Special thanks to Russ Atwell. The course is in much better shape this year, now that we have water!

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