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SWIMMING PROGRAM 76

After four weeks of swimming and two testing days, many people have progressed upwards. Congratulations to:

Minnows: Kelly McCaig, Stephanie Rozzi. **Pre-Beginner:** Nyree Blankenberg, Eric Nichols, Micheal Schmidt. **Beginner:** Jeff Kirbyson, Andrew Gow, Jillian Kirbyson, Jody Rae, Sean Houston, Tracy Thompson, Martin Kramer, Allison Saunders, Andrea Hodson, Andrea Weber, Scott Thain, Mrs. Placktis, Mrs. Houston, Heather Benner. **Junior:** Darren Bezte, Jennifer Yarnell, Barbie Hansford, Jennifer Rennie, Gary Wall, Jackie Sinclair, Leona Krahn, Jim Wright, Colleen Grover. **Survival:** Lynda Storozyk, Darryl Smith, Robbie Oades, Jacqueline Kasperski, Mark Schmidt. **Senior:** Lindsay Stevenson, Mike Wattis, Lauren Brett, Ken Squire, Kelly Rayter, Geoff Owen, Catherine Murray, Daniel Bezte, Doug Reesby, Janice Hugel, Danny Drybrough, Terry Head, Darryl Adams, Carolyn Hill, Sandie Ritchie, Paula Isaak, David Bauman. **Intermediate:** Terry Head, Fiona Murray, Ken Storozyk, Micheal Lockwood, Stuart Kasperski, Andrea Black, Kathy Ruhr, Nadine Korman. **Life Saving I:** Bill Donovan, Laurence Donovan, Susan Oades, Darryl Bezte, Elett Nichols, Alice Yauk, Sydney Stevenson, Lauren Brett, Daniel Bezte, Mike Wattis, Doug Reesby, Ken Korman, Janice McMillan. **Life Saving II:** Susan Oades, Darryl Bezte, Laurence Donovan, Bill Donovan, Gail McMillan. **Life Saving III:** Tara Bezte, Elaine Ritchie, Brent Hancock.

Thanks must go to Mrs. McCloy who tested for all at both times and to all the kids for swimming even when it was cold!

LORNA SWERHONE

BRIDGE

Well into our season we are still getting a fine number of enthusiasts out to our Monday tournaments. On July 26th there were 7 tables and top prize winner was Mr. D. W. Gunter with a total of 5,100 points for the evening, and there was a tie for second place between Mrs. Dorothy Sharp and Mr. Cec Muldrew, each with 4,820 points. As far as our records show, this is the first time there has been a tie, for either first or second place. See you next Monday at 8:00 p.m.

GLADYS MILDREN

NOTICE TO ALL DOGS!!!

Remind your masters to have you groomed and ready for the Annual Dog Show, Sunday, August 15/76, 7:00 p.m. at the Sports Ground.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

After three beautiful sunny days and some shining tennis, the results were finally determined. Bruce Donaldson and Kelly Irving won the Junior events. Darrel Bushuk upset the reigning singles player Andy Wiswell with set scores of 6-2, 4-6 and 6-0. Joy McDiarmid traded plays with Freida Bjornason in the Ladies singles final event. Dave Drybrough and Joy McDiarmid managed to win their final match versus Al Irving and Kelly Irving. Al Irving and Andy Wiswell captured the men's doubles crown by defeating Walter and Darrel Bushuk. Peggy Butler and Freda Bjornason teamed up to squeeze out a 3 set victory over Jean Bushak and Fran Pollard in the ladies doubles event. Thanks to the court attendants — Jeff Hughes and Don Bushuk for a super job.

MOVIES

Davy Crockett is the famed American frontiersman "who killed him a h'ar when he was only two." See this fascinating Disney portrait of legend and fact. David Copperfield stars as the man who hated kids — W. C. Fields. This film is a classic based upon Dickens' novel.

A. K. (Bill) GEE

The President and the Executive of the Victoria Beach Club wish to record their sorrow at the death last fall of Mr. A. K. Gee, Bill was a lifetime summer resident of Victoria Beach, and over the years contributed generously of his time and energy to the activities of the Club. He served as Editor of the Herald for a number of years, and never failed to support the Club financially, and to devote his efforts to the preservation of Victoria Beach as a family recreation area. Sympathies are extended to all the members of his family, whose loss we share.

CHILDREN'S MASQUERADE

Kids! The time to let your imagination go wild is this Saturday, August 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in the comic, fancy and original categories. Age brackets are 3 and under, 4 and 5, 6 and 7, 8 and 9, and 10 years and over. And all these groups exist both for boys and for girls! So, there are 108 prizes to be awarded! Canada has just finished the Olympics — now comes the Victoria Beach Children's Masquerade!!!

CHILDREN'S MASQUERADE—Saturday, August 7th, 7:00 p.m., at the Sportsground
REGATTA CANOE RACES—Sunday, August 8th, 1:30 p.m., at the pier

COUNCIL CORNER (Each week the Reeve will submit an article on Municipal affairs. Suggested topics are welcomed. EDITOR)

GOLF COURSE

Mrs. Freda Jonsson has an interesting story to tell of the first golf ball to be hit at the Beach. The honour went to Mrs. G. Cummings who I believe built the present Riddell cottage and later a year-round home now owned by Edna and Hugh Stewart (the Post Office). It was approximately 60 years ago when Mrs. Cummings approached the late Alfred Ateah, Freda's older brother, to do some clearing on a site which is now part of our present Golf Course. A building on the property was being used as a school house as the "little log school house" previously located on Bayview had been lost through lake-bank erosion.

The site where the brushing was to be carried out was already partly cleared as the school house had been the family home of Jim Paulson, father of Peter, our present Municipal Councillor, and Mr. Paulson had attempted some farming there, though found the soil too sandy.

Once Alfred, then about 14, had finished clearing brush to Mrs. Cummings' satisfaction, he and sister Freda watched wide-eyed as Mrs. Cummings produced a set of golf clubs and proceeded to clout balls about. They had never heard of golfing!

About this time the Paulson homestead was acquired by the Victoria Beach Co. Ltd., though it was some years before the Company took up where Mrs. Cummings had left off and our present Golf Course was completed. The late Frank Sprague, then Manager of the development Company, and later municipal Reeve, designed the course and supervised its construction. Last week-end I visited Mr. Sprague's daughters (Mary, Jackie and Peggy) in their lovely garden on the corner of Arthur and Fourth Avenue. They recalled spending a summer in the old school house prior to moving into their new log home. They were not sure of the opening date of the Golf Course though recalled that the Airforce base, then located behind our present Moonlight Inn, was still in operation, which would place it in the mid-1920's. So the Course is about 50 years old.

After Mr. Sprague, Cecil 'Tiny' Lees, the late father of Dr. Dan Lees (Sunset Blvd.) became Superintendent of the development Company and thus responsible for the Golf Course. Many present and former golfers will remember his excellent staff of Frank Caldwell (Clubhouse Manager), Steve Bouthillier (Greenskeeper) and Bill 'Willie' Morin (Asst. Greenskeeper). Only the latter survives, living alone on the shore of Traverse Bay. He was a member of the work-force that cleared and prepared the course. He tells of the problems of tree-stump and boulder removal using teams of horses. Boulders too large to be moved were hand-drilled and dynamited.

Cleared areas were levelled with hundreds of wagon-loads of clay before being covered with loam. The clay and some stumps were first compacted with what in those days was a 'huge' iron roller pulled by two teams of horses. John Anderson's finest. One day the iron monster tipped over and Willie recounted for me the details of setting it upright, a most formidable task. It was also used in the construction of the tennis courts and now 'the monster' reposes among the flowers on the Village Green. Many a tennis player believes we should disturb its 50-year retirement and build more Courts. Perhaps we could disturb Bill Morin's retirement too, and benefit through his considerable knowledge. Dan Anderson who remains active within the Municipality was also a member of the original construction force and later mowed the fairways with his team of horses. His brother John, mentioned earlier and now living at Grand Beach, was another, as was Jim Hampton who still visits his family at the Beach.

Not long after Willie had assumed the Head Greenskeeper position, ownership of the Company changed through its purchase by Mr. Arthur Vincent (Sunset Blvd.). Bill Morin is a man of few words, so I was impressed at the extent of the praise he had for his new employer. Further enquiry brought out the fact that the change of ownership meant a 40 percent salary increase... from \$6.50 to \$9.00 a day, and very long days they were! (These facts should be of particular significance to those who wonder about the ever increasing cost of golfing).

About 15 years ago Bill Morin lost an arm and our Golf Course a very faithful employee and expert greenskeeper. I also miss his displays of prowess as a golfer... he could play equally well left or right-handed, and was also one of Canada's finest fiddlers. He sends his best wishes to all former golf course acquaintances.

Following Willie's departure, the Course gradually deteriorated despite the new owner's concern for its maintenance, until Lloyd Smith, our present Manager, appeared on the scene last year. I'm sure everyone agrees that rehabilitation is more than evident. In the meanwhile, in 1968, the Golf Course and all other assets of the V.B. Co. Ltd., were purchased by the Municipality from Mr. Vincent. The term 'purchased' does not accurately describe the transaction as to a large measure it was a gift.

Since that date \$8,177 has been paid annually in principle and interest payments for the purchase, and must continue for another eight years. These payments are charged to all taxpayers and are not taken into account when budgeting for the annual expenses of the golf course. Another 'loss' that has been suffered annually by non-golfing taxpayers since 1968, resulted from the move from private to public ownership. Until 1968 the Golf Course was the major single tax revenue in the Municipality, and now of course pays no taxes whatsoever.

Another contentious point was the fact that while the Golf Course annually consumes vast quantities of water, it was charged only a nominal amount by our financially troubled Water Utility. This year the annual charge has been increased to the more reasonable amount of \$1,512, as approved by the Provincial Utility Board.

I personally believe that our Golf Course is a most desirable amenity whether or not one is a golfer. However I also believe that as long as non-golfing taxpayers must continue to pay the purchase price of the Course and suffer the loss of tax revenue, they are contributing all the golfer can expect. For some years now the non-golfer has also been contributing toward annual Course deficits. Recent substantial increases in golfing fees were designed to correct this situation and also supply funds for continued up-grading of the Course. At present the up-grading may prove to be a more costly undertaking than expected, as many of the logs in the clubhouse building need replacement, and rehabilitation may prove more costly than total replacement. The first stage of clubhouse refurbishing was undertaken this year at a cost of \$9,350 of which \$2,400 was budgeted as receivable by Provincial grant. Total 1976 Golf Course expenditure is budgeted at \$23,900 as against last year's \$18,222. Any deficit should be recovered by higher fees next year, though if necessary, same will likely be minimal.

Have the 1976 fee increases resulted in fewer golfers? The answer appears to be no. Revenues up to July 26 are as expected and generally golfers are pleased to know that their golfing dollars do not leave the Course. It should also be noted that our sister 9-hole Courses at Pine Falls and Pinawa, while having greater assistance than ourselves, also have much higher fees.

In closing, a word on Zel and Lloyd Smith who are now responsible for all facets of the Golf Course and report to

Council through Deputy Reeve Dr. Sam McMorris. The Smithers live golf year-round. They own a combination located on the first fairway of a golf course at Seven Springs, Florida. There they golf from late October to late April, when not doing a fine job for us at the Beach. They were summer cottagers at the Beach before assuming their present duties. Lloyd takes his responsibilities seriously and as a member of the Greenkeepers Association, keeps up to date on all the latest gen. Their recommendations for the future, aside from clubhouse rehab., is a practice green. This has the backing of many golfers. I'm sure we are all relieved to see Lloyd recovering slowly but surely from a nasty accident that fractured his leg this spring and which occurred while he was readying the Course for play. I for one appreciate the fact that he never permitted this painful injury to detract from his effectiveness as 'boss of the fairways'.

PHIL NUTTER - Reeve

SUGAR BOWL NEWS

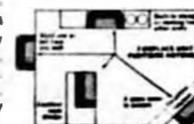
The Sugar Bowl Playoffs are well under way. As was reported earlier, after the first game played at Pinawa, Victoria Beach was in last place. However, after the second game played at Pine Falls, Victoria Beach moved up to second place. The third game was played at Selkirk but, unfortunately, we do not have the standings.

The next game will be played at Victoria Beach on Saturday, August 7th at 2:30 p.m. In order to accommodate the tournament, the tee will have to be closed at 2:15 p.m. for a short while in order to let the five foursomes play. When they finish the front nine, which should be about 4 p.m., the tee will be closed again while the tournament players tee-off for their second nine.

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GRAVEL REPORT

A number of VB residents have expressed concern about the amount of loose gravel on some of the roads, so the Herald sent its roving reporter to interview Professor Philippe Boulonnier, who holds degrees in biomechanics and in mechanical engineering, and who has specialized in the recreational uses of the bicycle. The professor was asked what the best method was for cycling on loose gravel. Without being able to give a definite reply, Dr. Boulonnier gave examples of the techniques employed in various regions which encounter this problem. It appears that a tribe of the Nkuwatiuk peoples of western Sumatra have developed a technique which consists of placing as much of the body weight as possible over the rear wheel, leaving the front wheel lightly laden, and therefore free to slip sideways in the gravel. In some instances, these people even sit on the rear fender to accomplish the desired effect. Occasional accidents have been reported from natives who had forgotten that they had removed the rear fender at the end of the rainy season.

The Chichiworonek, a neighbouring people, have evolved a different technique. They put all the weight on the front wheel, forcing it deep into the gravel, thereby ensuring a relatively straight course, with a minimum of side-slip. This technique is most effective when going downhill, as it is difficult to pedal while standing on the handlebars — the optimum position. Fortunately the Chichiworonek inhabit a region with a large number of downhill slopes, and very

few uphill ones, which may account for the development of the technique.

When asked about North America approaches to the problem, Professor Boulonnier replied that no clear pattern could be discerned, since most localities spread loose gravel in the fall and winter, allowing it to settle before summer bicycle use begins. He recognized that in some instances this apparently simple solution was too simple to be effective and suggested the following approach:

1. Obtain a complete set of hockey goaltender's equipment and put it on.

2. Ensure partial general anaesthesia by internal administration of copious quantities of neutral grains spirits, flavoured to taste.

3. Pedal vigorously, taking care not to allow the goal-keeping pads to hit the handlebars. On approaching loose gravel, close the eyes and grip the handlebars firmly.

Dr. Boulonnier further advised carrying a first aid kit containing tweezers, wire brush and needle-nose pliers for removing varying sized particles of gravel from abrasions and wounds, a quart of tincture of iodine for cleansing the wounds, and two furlongs of sterile bandages. Additional copious quantities of flavoured neutral grains spirits may also be advisable.

The Herald's reporter commented that it might be simpler to remove the loose gravel. Dr. Boulonnier apparently hadn't thought of that solution.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wattis and their two daughters Pamela and Janice of 33 Gibson Drive were pleased to entertain Marge and Hamilton Moon of Adelaide, Australia. Marge and Ham are on a world tour and thoroughly enjoyed their visit at Victoria Beach. Hamilton was amazed at the fact that Lake Winnipeg completely froze over in the winter.

Mrs. Richard Flynn has arrived from Montreal guest of her aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Conklin, Sunset Blvd. She will be joined by her husband for the long week-end. At present he is training with the R.C.M.P. Regina.

Miss Verona Conklin this year motored to the Lake from Vancouver, B.C. Mrs. Nigel Seale and young son, Demian from Victoria, B.C. accompanied her on the trip. Gail is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Conklin, Sunset Blvd. Gail will be joined by her husband for the last two weeks of August. Jack and Rosemary have their family with them for the summer months.

Visiting at the Mildren's, 318, 7th Avenue in July were Peter Kelly of London, England and Eric Dillon of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Peter is a member of the British Air Training Corps and Eric a member of the U.S. Civil Air Patrol. They were part of a party of over thirty visiting Manitoba under an exchange programme carried out under the sponsorship of the Air Cadet League of Canada. The two cadets were accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Lin Grieve who were their hosts during their five day stay in our province.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

As we look through the pages of the excellent publication "Looking Back 50 Years With the Victoria Beach Herald", we are impressed with the number of social issues that have been dealt with at Victoria Beach through the years. We are more impressed with the quality of decision that was made and the lasting effects that these decisions have made on our Beach area.

To build a causeway to Victoria Beach and consequently place the cottages within range of motor travel was probably one of the most hotly contested issues of the day. The request from the local Victoria Beach residents for the road and the request from the cottage owners that cars not be allowed into the beach area was evidently resolved. Whoever was responsible for the tactful compromise that was reached in 1953 must be congratulated.

This year and last we have heard the rumour repeated with alarming frequency that there are some at Victoria Beach who would like to see cars allowed into the cottage area during July and August.

Right here and now we would like to champion the cause of those who wish to see Victoria Beach remain as it is now, without access to the cottage area by motor vehicles during July and August.

Just yesterday, we observed a truck without the necessary permit sticker and heard a motorcycle within the restricted Victoria Beach area.

Today we read in the Victoria Beach council meeting minutes that a decision has been made to make our policing services available to other surrounding municipalities on a part time basis during July and August.

Our council has decided that these services should be made available to these municipalities for \$10.00 per hour and 20 cents per mile.

As taxpayers at Victoria Beach we cannot agree with this decision. Our policeman is also the Fire Chief and Building Inspector and supervises brush/garbage removal plus predator control. During July and August he is probably the busiest, yet it is during this time Council is offering his services to the surrounding municipalities at these comparatively low costs.

We would like to see some commitment from our Council that their first priority is to make sure Victoria Beach is policed at least as competently as in the past. Part of this commitment should also bear some responsibility as far as costs are concerned too.

In this day and age when safety is an extremely pre-

vious thing, we are really fortunate to be able to say that we are residents of an area where the past decisions have been made by responsible people and have contributed to make Victoria Beach an area that we are proud to live in.

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BICYCLE RACE RESULTS

Eighteen cyclists toured the hills and dales of the Victoria Beach site seeking fame and glory. All they had to do was conquer this rigorous course! Richard Hill nipped out Tom Osadeby at the finish line to place first amongst the boys. Tammy Bezte pedaled her way to first place amongst the girls. Below are the age class results:

8 and 9 years (boys): 1st: Richard Lewis, **8 and 9 years (girls):** 1st: Nadine Korman, **10 & 11 years (boys):** 1st: Ken Norman, **12 & 13 years (boys):** 1st: Andrew Stelmack; 2nd: Daryle Adams; 3rd: Rob Fenske, **12 & 13 years (girls):** 1st: Tara Bezte, **14 & 15 years (boys):** 1st: Richard Hill; 2nd: Tom Osadeby; 3rd: Steve Ritchie, **16 & over (boys):** 1st: Dave Nicholas; 2nd: Jim Lewis, **16 & over (girls):** 1st: Tammy Bezte; 2nd: Debby Storzuk.

MOVIES

Aug. 10 - Davy Crockett and the Wild Frontier
12 - David Copperfield
17 - The Yearling
19 - Tora Tora Tora!
24 - 20,000 Leagues under the Sea
26 - Beneath the Planet of the Apes
31 - Tom Thumb

Overheard on Patricia Beach August 1st, "If that Frisbee comes within one "METRE" of me again, I'll buoy it."

Overheard at the Clubhouse, "No, no Nanny, Mommy says "I can't go past my belly button!"

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Thank God I had decided to remain at the cottage and do some reading for it allowed me to hear the desperate calls for help carried up off the beach by the winds.

On looking out over the lake from the top of the bank I could see some heads much too far out in the heavy waves. It was obvious that those on the beach were unaware of the situation because the size and roar of the waves obliterated the sight and sound of those in trouble.

Two boys, John Bennigen 20 yrs. old and Jeff Hughes 14 yrs. old, responded immediately to my plea for assistance.

With life ring and a styrofoam float they headed into the heavy waves beyond their depth. Not knowing exactly who or how many people were out there. The boys, exhausted and concerned as we all were for their safety, came across a young girl and further over in the water her mother, who were able to hold onto the ring. Knowing then that the husband and father was further out, John found him and was able to assist him onto the float, link up with those on the ring and head back to shore. Medical help was required for the man, warmth and comfort to his family but a relief to all of us on the beach that five people were returned to us.

John Bennigen and Jeff Hughes should be highly commended for their outstanding bravery in the face of grave personal danger. There is no doubt lives were saved due to their efforts.

MRS. P. SUDERMANN

A warning to all who swim at Patricia & Arthur Beaches. It seems apparent that this summer a physical change has occurred what with shallow water and swimmers able to touch beyond the protection of Scott Point that perhaps a current, undertow or drop off ridge of sand exists.

We should all be more cautious and avoid the water on stormy days and most important have children in hand while near or in the water. A life ring is needed on Arthur Beach.

MRS. SAUDERMANN

BOOK COVER CONTEST

There were 15 excellent entries in the library book covering contest. Winners were: **6 - 8 age group:** 1st prize: Christy Johnston; 2nd prize: Ian Foster. **9 - 11 age group:** 1st prize: Jennifer Yarnell; 2nd prize: Jennifer Yarnell. **12 - 14 age group:** 1st prize: Margaret Harding; 2nd prize: Joy Zeglinski.

Congratulations to these young artists and book lovers, and many thanks to our conscientious judges, Mrs. Marlene Desmet and Mrs. Louise Crawley.

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