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**CROSS COUNTRY RUN — Saturday, August 9th at  
the Sports Ground — 10:00 a.m.**

**CHILDREN'S MASQUERADE — Saturday, August 9th at  
the Sports Ground — 7:00 p.m.**

**JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT — Tuesday, August 12th  
at the Golf Course — 11:30 a.m.**

## JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Calling all Junior Golfers for the annual Junior Golf Tournament, Tuesday, August 12th. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. at the golf course with a shot gun start at 12:30 p.m.

All girls and boys 17 years of age and younger are welcome. There are four categories for trophies: *Girls 12 and under, Boys 12 and under, Girls 13 and over, Boys 13 and over.*

Presentation of trophies and prizes will be at the sports field at 7:00 p.m.

## DOG SHOW

Over the last few weeks the Herald has published two articles on Canine Virus. Your club executive has decided the Annual Dog Show will go on as scheduled. It is up to the individual owner to make the decision whether or not to enter his/her dog.

## V.B. GUYS & GAL'S SLOW PITCH TOURNAMENT — Saturday and Sunday August 16th — 17th

Team will consist of 5 Guy's and 5 Gal's. Entry Fee of \$5.00 will close at 6:00 p.m. SHARP Friday, August 15th.

Trophies to winning team. See Norm Carriere or Ron Stelmack, 307-6th

## VICTORIA BEACH MIXED VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Saturday and Sunday of August 23rd & 24th.**

Team entry forms are now available from Norm Carriere, our Beach Sports Director. Entry forms with the \$5.00 team entry fee must be submitted to Norm not later than Wednesday, August 20th.

A copy of the tournament draw will be posted on the Clubhouse bulletin board by Friday morning August 22nd at the latest.

Once again, you may register up to a maximum of ten players (five of each sex). A minimum of three females and three males and must be current beach club members. There must be three females and three males on the playing court at all times.

Volunteers to help with the refereeing of our matches will be needed (players or spectators). Please let Norm Carriere know if you would like to help.

*Have a Good Tournament.*

CAL HARDING

## ST. MICHAEL'S

There will be a *Celebration of Holy Communion* at St. Michael's Church on Sunday, August 10th and Sunday, August 17th, at 9:00 a.m. Celebrant will be the Very Rev. W. E. Harrison.

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**BEACH PEOPLE**

Mrs. Dulcie B. McFee celebrated her 95th Birthday at the summer residence of her son, James G. McFee and daughter-in-law, 223-6th Avenue, amid many relatives and friends.

Mrs. McFee, a long time resident of Victoria Beach, has one son, James G. McFee, former Provincial Auditor of Manitoba, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, all residing in Winnipeg.

Mrs. McFee will continue to reside in her apartment at 5-415 Stradbrook Avenue, Winnipeg.

The Robinson's — of 337-6th Avenue have had a wonderful summer, when all of their family were able to come to enjoy the Beach and renew many acquaintances.

Daughter Beverley, hubby, Gerald Urschaty, with their children, Jeff, Dustin and Alison spent the first two weeks in July here.

Then daughter Janice and her husband Dave Richert and wee sons Jay and Todd came from Calgary and enjoyed 3 weeks.

Meanwhile, grandson Keith Robinson from Los Angeles, California, was here for 5 weeks enjoying new friends and Beach activities. He was joined by his dad Bruce, and sisters Carrie, Heather and Katherine, and all were able to spend a few short days here before continuing on their way to Nova Scotia, where they will make their new home.

It's been a busy summer, but a most enjoyable one, and we all survived.

David and Margaret Zellis, had cousin Baby Sarah Brianne, Aunty Glennis and Uncle Don Wilkinson from Vancouver at the Bennett family cottage 312-8th Ave.

The Clarks of Pine & Grove are now enjoying the area of Summerland, B.C., a close second to Victoria Beach. They are not coming down this summer, but the cottage is being occupied by their son Jerry and wife Linda and kids Scott and Cindi Clark from Flin Flon, Manitoba.

Andrea Downey of Calgary was a guest at the Harrison cottage, 409-6th Ave., for the weekend of August 1-4.

On Friday, August 8th, Jane Searle and daughter Ashleigh will arrive from Toronto to be guests of the Harrisons for a week.

**JUST A REPLY**

Just a note in reply to A. A. Wolfe's letter in last week's Herald. We do appreciate the very kind remarks that were directed toward the Golf Course.

It is true that many beginners play at Victoria Beach, and that many of our golfers do not seem to be aware of the basic rules and etiquette of the game.

Now in regard to the suggestion that a few golf notes be posted!

Apparently, even the writer failed to notice that the rules of golf are clearly posted inside the Clubhouse. Also large notices with local rules and golf etiquette are posted both inside the Clubhouse and on the outside wall. A large signboard situated near the first tee gives more infor-

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mation. And as suggested the basic rules of etiquette are clearly printed on the back of every score card.

Our question is: — How do we encourage our golfers to read and adhere to these rules? If only we could, the game would be more enjoyable for all.

LLOYD SMITH,  
MANAGER

**CARNIVAL DAY**

Carnival Day ballooned into a swell show. Sponges, sopping with cold water, were tossed at Doug Hancock and Ron Storozuk. The water slide delighted many youngsters, while colourful balloons, donated by Sears, and filled with helium, either soared skyward or were carried home on the wrist.

Thanks to all those people who helped inflate and tie balloons, and to Al Steward and his grandson Mark, who built the wet sponge toss stand. Many thanks to Ron and Doug for being such good sports at the wet sponge toss.

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200 METRE SWIM RACE

On Saturday, July 26th, ten girls and fourteen boys attempted the 200 Metre Swim Race. The trophies stayed in the family, the Nelson family as with Sherry as triumphant amongst the girls and Kevin as leader amongst the boys. Trevor or Throp, the youngest swimmer receives an honorable mention as he made a game attempt to complete the course.

Thanks to the swim instructors, Ron Storauck and Doug Hancock for their help to make this event run smoothly.

The results are as follows:

**10 and under (Boys)** — (1) Richard Kowal, (2) John Rogers, (3) Jeff Cameron, (4) 12 years (Boys) — (1) Tyrone Rogers, (2) Mike Dickson, (3) Randy Cameron, (4) 14 years (Boys) — (1) David Belski, (2) Gary Wall, (3) Don Gale, (4) 16 years (Boys) — (1) Kevin Nelson, (2) 17 & over — (1) Brent Hancock, (2) Dick Dawson, (3) Isadora Van Riemdyk, (4) 12 years (Girls) — (1) Sherry Nelson, (2) Tammy Nelson, (3) Maureen Hancock, (4) 14 years (Girls) — (1) Jennifer Gunter, (2) Megan McMillan

ADDITIONAL TENNIS COURTS

There has been enough interest shown to warrant having a meeting regarding the possibility of building additional tennis courts. This meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 10th at the Clubhouse.

All those interested are asked to attend and bring along suggestions. Now is the time to take positive action!

DOUG HANCOCK

DID YOU KNOW???

The Victoria Beach tennis courts were originally built on a bed of cinders dumped by the steam engines at the end of their run to the beach. Several members of the Victoria Beach Company paid \$500 each to create two courts, using shale from Winnipeg. The courts were turned over to the Victoria Beach Club on the condition that there should be no charge to players for their use. In the 1950's there were two courts and a practice board. Cec Grover suggested that another court be built, on several tennis enthusiasts, including Chris Jurda, Dr. McTear and George Green-grass got busy with shovels and wheelbarrows and used the leftover shale from the first two courts to create a third court.

"The way we used to make a court," says George Green-grass, "is spread the shale, then 16 or 20 people would rake it. Then it was rolled, and some parts would go lower than the others, so we'd rake again. Then we'd drag a carpet over the court to smooth over the holes, then roll again."

It was hard work, and the courts today are maintained in the same way by the two court attendants, using a carpet discarded by the Green-grass family. Mr. Green-grass nailed it to a board and attached a rope so it could be pulled.

"The courts today are hard to maintain and are not really in good shape because it's impossible to get shale," he says. The powder that tops the courts is too light and blows away constantly.

Tennis at the beach, which has had its ups and downs in popularity, has hit a peak in the last few years. Mr. Green-grass recalls the weekend in the 1960's when Cec Grover invited young Mr. Jones, then British Empire Amateur Champion, to the beach for a weekend to run a tennis clinic.

"The kids learned a lot that weekend," he says. "Jones told us that in competition he just used eight kinds of serves. This was a revelation to the local players, who thought they were doing well just to get the ball over the net!"

Mr. Jones said that when he was learning to play tennis, he was not allowed on a court for two years. First, he had to learn to hit targets on a wall.

Tournament play at the beach was begun in the 1950's by the Wingates. Many beach children were encouraged and taught to play by Freda Bjarnason and George Green-grass. These two "old-timers" are still holding their own in beach tournaments, and will be playing together in the finals of the mixed doubles this weekend.

"We have 132 years on our side of the court," says Mr. Green-grass.

THE GREAT FRISBEE CONTEST 1980

A total of 76 Contestants took part in the contest under practically ideal conditions.

Results: 5 & under: Accuracy: (1) Tim Marchenko, (2) Amy McCaig, (3) David Bamburak, Distance: (1) Megan Bamburak, (2) Jennifer Wilson, (3) David Bamburak. 6 — 7 years: Accuracy: (1) Ron Moody, (2) Shawn Brown, (3) Mark Adams, Distance: (1) Jimmy Clapham, (2) Scott Clark, (3) Rob Moody. 8 — 9 years: Accuracy: (1) Tracy Clapham, (2) Allan Glover, (3) Trevor Throp, Distance: (1) Trevor Throp, (2) Doug Pollard, (3) David Wilson. 10 — 12 years: Accuracy: (1) Patrick Yarnell, (2) Debra McMillan, (3) David Sage, Distance: (2) Patrick Yarnell, (2) Doug Jowatt, (3) Damien Holland. 13 — 15 years: Accuracy: (1) Curtis Ateah, (2) Rob Brett, (3) Greg Morrison, Distance: (1) Greg Jowatt, (2) Rob Brett, (3) Glen Patti Page, (3) Gerry Clark, Distance: (1) Gerry Clark, (2) Allan Wainwright, (3) Tom Parivan.

After a grueling 3 hour of assorted tricks, a select group of judges gave the following team awards. 1st — Jim Berger and Allan Wainwright. 2nd — The "Sensational Sokolniks" Barb and Bob. 3rd — A Tie. Doug and Greg Jowatt. Patti Page and Gerry Clark.

Many thanks for their help to Patti Page, and the Jowatt boys, Doug, Greg and Jeff.

JEANNE & RON BLOCK

COULD TENNIS TOURNAMENTS BE EVEN BETTER?

The setting for the following two scenes is the Victoria Beach tennis court. The occasion: The Annual Tennis Tournament.

Scene #1

You and your partner have just won the toss. You stand confidently behind the baseline, ready to serve. You draw your racket back deliberately, the ball gracefully overhead, whip your racket through with controlled power, and drive the ball into the corner of the service court, out of reach of a helpless opponent. It's the first of several aces. Other serves will be only slightly less devastating. Opponents will return them limp, and your partner will pounce, scoring point after point.

Scene #2

You and your partner have just won the toss. You stand behind the baseline, your throat dry, and tight, your heart

pounding, your nerves a-jangle. The tennis ball in one hand seems made of lead, the racket in the other is like an oak slab. Stalling for time, you try bouncing the ball — but it skips out of reach. You retrieve it, and brush your wristband across a sweaty brow. Like a shot-putter, sorry old, you hurl the ball upward. Desperately you await your racket at the lead ball. It's the first of several double-faults. Other serves will just make it over the net. Your opponents will drive the ball off your partner's forehead. "Love-40", you will hear them say — often.

Which of the above scenes, assuming you were a participant, did you experience in this year's Victoria Beach Senior Tennis Tournament? If you were like me, entering my first tennis competition since taking up the game two summers ago, it was Scene #2.

Which of the above scenes, assuming it is time for a change in the tournament format? Next year, should we have two tournaments-in-one? Here is what could happen. Scene #1 players would face one another in a double-knockout "championship flight". Spectators would enjoy the skill of the fine players testing one another on every shot. The rest of us would play away for the fun of it, cheered on by the occasional relative and close friends.

What do you think? If you agree with the idea, and/or you have suggestions, why not make your wishes known to the executive of the Victoria Beach Club?

Let me emphasize, this year's tournament was a great event, in spite of the untimely rain. Dave Quinton, Matt Simpson, Geoff Owen, Jeff Swystun — and probably others — put in long hours. The draw reflected their concerned and skillful effort to match opponents fairly, and to anticipate good competition. The tournament was run smoothly, in an atmosphere that was friendly and sociable. People had a fine time. I would be dismayed if anyone misunderstood my suggestion and thought it reflected negatively on Dave, Matt, Jeff, Geoff and the others.

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The young man emerged from his sleeping bag. He sniffed the fresh morning air as a stiff breeze blew across the breakers rolling in to the shore of Lake Winnipeg. Picking up his toothbrush he trod the pebbles with firm calloused soles and sat down on a rock lapped by swirling water. His small kayak was beached beside the simple tarpaulin he had strung between two wind-swept poplars. The trees leaned across the rocks where they had precariously rooted into the shale. Returning to his blanket, his abolutions complete, he took out a small leather-bound volume of poetry, seemingly more preoccupied with mental sustenance than with the thought of breakfast.

The small black-faced dog approached, sniffing the houlders for signs of chipmunks, dead fish, or edible debris. The woman, seeing the sparse campsite, called the cairn terrier back. She mentally noted that the stranger knew nothing of signs, which outlawed camping here, and must have approached from the lake.

"Lovely morning. Have you come far?" she queried tentatively.

"Twelve hundred miles, from Bloomington, Minnesota" - "Is that far," she asked to drive it.

"Via Red Lake and the rivers, it's further."

She looked at the sparse gear and small craft with renewed interest.

"Where are you heading?"

"Cherchill." Inconspicuously. He turned to his pack, the kayak had limited space under either bow or stern end.

"Do you know about our lake? It's shallow and tends to change to stormy conditions very rapidly."

"I realize that now," he said, "this stuff has really slowed me down."

"You're late you know. It will take you some time to reach Norway House, you'll have to tack back and forth in this water. Why don't you go on to the Winnipeg River or try something calmer?" His stony look froze.

"Where is your next checkpoint?" she ventured after the brief pause.

"Norway House."

A hundred and fifty miles of desolation, blackflies and rough water, with danger in every rolling breaker.

"You're taking enormous chances, but I see you're determined to go. May I ask your name?"

"Jeff."

"Good luck Jeff, you're a brave man," (to himself too, she thought). Canadian searchplanes have to burn for missing American tourists. [He relished her offer of food at the cottage. She retraced her steps up the beach. Passing

her friend's cottage nearby, she stopped to communicate her concern; both women had seen several drownings during their summers at the resort. Together they thumbed through newspaper clippings of an expedition attempted earlier this year, and elaborately supported venture, followed and supplied by helicopter. The reports were of rapids that cut rubber dinghies to shreds, flies, and discomfort of cold and stiffness that had thwarted two older men.

The rough water continued all that day, and from a distance she could see that the young man was still camped. The next morning early she returned to the lakeside; once again her dog chased scaugli happily along the sand. The water was calm and the man had gone.

In the days that followed and after her return to the city, she thought about Jeff frequently. How far had he progressed? Did that thunderstorm catch him unprepared? Would his checkpoint phonecalls be to a worried mother or a young friend? Perhaps she would never hear the outcome, but the young man's bold courage and selfassurance had left her wishing she could get to know him better.

One day in mid-October she noticed a short newspaper column, "RCMP Rescue U.S. Man." Apparently Jeff had reached about one hundred miles from his destination when the Little Churchill River had frozen in front of and behind him. He had calmly sat and waited thirteen days, knowing that a search plane would be sent out when he failed to reach Churchill on October 20th. She pictured him there beside that frozen river with nothing but the slim leather book of poems, the cold and the thirteen day wait.

H. M. 7th Ave.

Written after an encounter on Patricia Beach in 1970

**9th ANNUAL BLUEBERRY HUNT**

The 9th Annual "Rth Ave. Order of the Blueberry Hunt" was held August 1st. There was a good turnout of the Charter Members and things got rolling with our impartial judge from 5th Ave., Bob Williams, ringing the starting bell. After a 15-minute search and much measuring and discussion, the winners were declared to be Laurie & Kerry Mitchell. We missed Ed & Fran Cree this year, but had 13 entries. Visitors were Mr. & Mrs. Walter Mitchell, Pearl Solty, visiting at the Sarchuk's, who had the second largest berry, Stuart Juzda, his wife Lianna and baby son Nicolas, from Montreal, and the Blatz family who were visiting at the Jack Williams'. Lemonade and Cookies were served at the Juzda cottage.

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On Sunday, August 10th, at 10:00 p.m. there will be a star gazing party! No, we're not waiting for Bu Derek's or Burt Reynolds' yacht to appear at the docks! A Meteorite shower at the rate of thirty per hour will occur throughout the night. Bring some binoculars if you have them. A telescope for star and moon viewing will be available. Meet at the Clubhouse.

**BRIDGE**

The usual enthusiasts were on hand for an evening of bridge on July 28th.

The high score for the evening was Mrs. Sheila Hurland with 5670, Mrs. Joan McMorris 2nd with 5110.

There are only a few more weeks left this season, so don't miss out on this pleasant way of spending a Monday evening. A Thank You to Mrs. Kathleen Ginter for standing in for me on the 28th. See you on Monday!

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**PRESS RELEASE!!**

This year, the fifth year of operation for the Canadian Coast Guard's Inshore Rescue Unit based at Gimli, has been a busy one for the crews as they have been called out for over 50 rescues so far this summer.

The boat, which you may have seen during one of the regular patrols in Victoria Beach, is an Erik Avon Searider with twin 35 h.p. outboard motors. It is equipped with complete first aid supplies, navigation equipment, oxygen ventilator, salvage and fire fighting pump, fire extinguishers, tow lines, search lights, and a 25 watt VHF FM Marine Band radio.

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In case you witness any marine emergency (overdue vessels, capsized boats, etc.) don't hesitate to contact the unit. They may be reached 24 hours a day, on VHF Radio channel 16 (156.8 MHz), or by phoning the Gimli base at 642-8379, Coast Guard Radio Winnipeg at 786-4157, or through your local R.C.M.P. detachment. Response time from Gimli to Victoria Beach is approximately 30 minutes. The Inshore Rescue Unit at Gimli wishes you a safe, enjoyable summer at the beach.

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