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SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP — August 27 & 28 FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF V.B. COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION — Sunday, August 28th — 1 P.M. — at V.B. Clubhouse

A LAST WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another excellent weekend. The volleyball was lots of fun for all the participants with keen competition. Thank you Phyllis Ducharme for organizing the tournament. In the evening there was a successful Dog Show run by Sheila Quinton. Thank you Sheila. It's tremendous to see the same people continuously helping the club. It sets a fine example. I did not go to the dog show as Lam from the "No dogs, no booze, no rhythm, no smoking, keep it, heaches clean persuasion". A busy day left the Oliphants with energy left over to run a fantastic campfire sing-along on clubhouse beach. I understand this is the third generation of beach sing-alongs. Thank you Janet Wolfe for the words, Sheila Burland for the music and Robert Johnson for the fire permit.

As this is the last issue of the Herald let's also thank Hugh Fraser for the Snow Pitch Tournament and Alan and Hilda Robinson for the 60 Plus Golf Tournament to be held on September 12.

There are a few vacancies on our roster of convenors for next year. If your children enjoyed the fish derby and sports day, maybe you would like to run it next year. We also have adult dance opportunities open.

Although the summer really ends with the last issue of the Herald the Club carries on. There will be the convenors' meeting in the fall, and your directors meet every month so I will be seeing lots of Straszuk, Wengel & Richardson. Then there is our annual meeting which we will run as economically as possible and I hope you will be there.

It has been a good summer, good tennis, good convenors, good recreation programs with the Oliphants, good swimming and good library. May I also take credit for good weather?

Thank you for allowing me to be your president this year. We have been blessed with a splendid summer.

JOHN LEWIS
President V.B. Club

MANITOBA RAPIDS ARTS COUNCIL

Perhaps some readers of the Victoria Beach Herald have wondered why the Manitoba Rapids Arts Council, with its office in Pine Falls, would use this weekly as a vehicle of communication for its activities. The answer is simple. Victoria Beach falls within the boundaries of a former-municipal Arts Council, on days Traverse Bay, Hillside, Grand Marais, Grand Beach, Stead-Grand Falls, St. Georges, Powersview-Pine Falls and Manitogagan and Bisset.

The Arts Council considers it a matter of policy to keep all inhabitants of the region informed about its activities.

The board also welcomes suggestions, remarks and or critical observations. Anyone interested in the aims and objectives, as well as programming and organizational make-up of the Manitoba Rapids Arts Council is invited to become a member for \$2.00 per individual or \$5.00 per family and will receive all pertinent information. Memberships can be obtained through Dorothy Gregory, Pine Garth, Ateah Rd., Victoria Beach 754-8406 or by writing to the Manitoba Rapids Arts Council, Box 670 Pine Falls RJJ 1X0.

Meanwhile all artists and artisans in the region are asked to participate in the Art Exhibit & Sale, which will take place on September 4th and 5th 1983. (Labour Day Weekend) in Pine Falls and Powersview. This exhibition and sale will be part of the 2nd Annual Paper, Power, Pickering and Pot Festival.

Posters and pamphlets are distributed far and wide to announce this event. Highlights are an old fashioned parade, trapshoot, a market square, a musical evening called the 4P Jig'n Jam and fireworks.

For more information call the Arts Council office in Pine Falls 467-8785 or speak to Lila Larson 220-8th Ave. Victoria Beach.

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Pine Falls

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COUNCIL CORNER

Your Council has been very concerned about the dead fish that have been washing up on our beaches. Rather than leave the disposal to our regular beach boys and girls, we engaged two boys in our main cottage area to patrol the beaches and dispose of the fish by burying them. In addition to this Diana Pennington organized a clean up crew for Nandy Bay. Members of your Council patrolled all of the beaches in the Municipality on August 13. As a result of this patrol, we determined that the problem was confined mainly to the western beaches.

Provincial environmental authorities were contacted and in turn they obtained information from the health authorities that would assist in the proper disposal of the fish. The prescribed disposal method is by burial in the sand. This is being done, near the banks with at least a foot of sand over the dead fish.

Provincial authorities have two reasons for the fish kill. The first is the lake temperature. The extreme heat we have experienced in late July and early August has caused the lake temperature to be physically unacceptable to the Tullibee or Cusco. These are the small silvery fish that are usually less than ten inches in length. The second reason for the fish kill is related to an algae bloom near Hillside. This condition killed fish of all species in small numbers.

Application has been made to the Honourable John S. Plofman to assist us financially in this emergency. Regardless of whether we get financial help or not, we feel that your health's enjoyment of the beaches will be enhanced by disposing of the dead fish as soon as possible.

MORE RE BICYCLES AT PARKING LOT

I have been coming to Victoria Beach for 46 CONSECUTIVE years, first as a renter, and the last 45 years to our cottage at 128-6th Ave.

It is just recently since there has been "squabbling" over bicycles being parked at the parking lot. Yes, Mr. Nrahan, you are quite right. After paying the proper fees a person is entitled to choose any place not occupied by a vehicle. A bicycle is a vehicle and should not be removed without proper authority.

I am of the opinion that a person pays for a parking space for either a car or a bicycle. If someone thinks a vehicle is a car or a bicycle is parked illegally, he should go to the operator of the parking lot, or his assistant whom he leaves in charge, and request the removal of such a vehicle. If the operator, or his designated assistant, refuses to remove said vehicle he should then go to the Police authority and report a vehicle parked illegally. If, in the opinion of the Police, the vehicle in question is parked illegally the Police would have it removed, place it in custody and the owner notified and duly fined.

Under no circumstances should a person touch or move someone else's property from a public place. If he or she does then they are, in my opinion, breaking the law and liable to prosecution and proper punishment.

Victoria Beach has been a beautiful place to live for the past 46 years. Let us try and keep it peaceful as well.

R. WALLACE SPIER

TENNIS NEWS

The shale tennis courts will close for the season on August 28. The all weather courts will remain open and the weather permits and a volunteer is available to lock and unlock them after hours.

IIM HOYDA

LETTER TO COUNCILOR PAUL THAIN

Re: Dogs Loose — Victoria Beach

I wish to appeal for Council action after an incident outside the United Bakery August 15 which I reported to the Police Chief same day. I tied my dog (on a leash) to a very decent Kibler (Retriever) outside the Bakery door while I went inside. A few minutes later I heard a dog fight going on just outside the door. Rushing to the door I find the huge beast "Bronson" on top of my dog. Separating Bronson from my dog I yelled, and fell off the stairs onto my shoulder and thigh (I will use I field if I suffer any complications — as I have witnesses). Fortunately I had rescued my Golden Retriever before Bronson could inflict any injury.

I appeal to the V.B. Council to please do something quickly about this huge beast (Bronson) who which wanders freely in the shopping area and scares the hell out of children and smaller dogs. In this day of social awareness it is ridiculous that we should allow this animal to intimidate the residents. Someday he is going to attack a child. (See "Mrs. Howes" and other dog-fights). Pass an order-in-Council to require the Bakery to keep Bronson chained (I will pay for chain). Block out a protected ZONE in the Sports and Shopping area where people gather and "all animals" are to be kept on a leash. If you would like a petition to support this motion I am sure several hundred residents and tax-payers would be happy to accommodate.

Item 2 Bylaw "Dogs loose on beaches" Since nobody seems to do anything about animals running loose on beaches, I wish to bring this matter to the attention of Council.

What is the good of having a By-law if it is not enforced. This laxity also encourages dog-fights.

Money from Beach Taxes could be used to dispose of the rotting fish.

Yours in the greater care of animals

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TO THE EDITOR

I am writing in regards to Mr. D. Ksawoff's letter last week regarding what he feels is his reserved parking. In all my years of visiting the beach, I have never noticed any price quotations for assigned parking spaces. It would seem to me that the people who are leaving bicycles in parking spots are the ones who are rude. Do we not pay OUR parking fees for each year? What gives this gentleman the right to throw himself a spot (and a prime spot no doubt) when he can use or hold depending on his whims. The parking lot is for everybody who pays the fee. By the way, there are bicycle racks provided for the Victoria Beach CAR PARK.

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DOG SHOW 1983

The rain held off and the annual Dog Show proceeded with 75 dogs and over 100 owners taking part. Many of these furry friends were escorted around the show ring by one or more proud owners — some dogs dressed with bows, frills and even knitted sweaters.

Each dog received a bag of Dog Chow and their owners a bag of candy and a balloon.

Many thanks to Ralston Purina, makers of Dog Chow, Puppy Chow, Butcher's Blend, and Protein Plus for donating the dog food for the show.

I would like to thank Beth Anderson, Helen Guest, Pam Davies, Norma Wainwright, Shelagh Martin, Dave and Dick Quinlan for their assistance in making the dog show a success.

Also to Craig Oliphant for his commentary and Carla Oliphant and her helpers for getting up the tables and stands.

These are the winners in their special categories and their owners.

Glen Mitchell — **All-Cup** — The Shaggy D.A., **Derna** & **Vanessa Watson** — **Ci-Ci** — **Fanciest**, **Christy Cottrell** — **Bear** — Longest Legs, **Tammie Cottrell** — **Bandit** — Most Lovable, **Debbie Atwah** — **Phenix** — Most Character in Face, **Brenda Valour** — **Misty** — Most Aristocratic Nose, **Don Michael** — **Heidel** — Best Clow, **Lee Reynolds** — **Duke** — Happiest, **Ter Reynolds** — **Bear** — Longest Eye Lashes, **Trevor Harper** — **Shamus** — Darkest Eye Brows, **John Corona** — **Sebastian** — Best Movie Star, **Scott & Andrew Raynes** — **Smokie** — Most Energetic, **Michelle Annandale** — **Nipper** — Most Expressive Eyes, **Scarlet Drexler** — **Henry** — Finest, **Scarlet Drexler** — **Bandit** — Most Enthusiastic, **Lisa Aisp** — **Ching Chang** — Whitest Hoofs, **Cara & Renee Brannomer** — **Dusty** — Most Playful, **Brock Campbell** — **Cleo** — Most Sorrowful Eyes, **David Zellis** — **Bingo** — Floppiest Ears, **Margaret Zellis** — **Sunny** — Noisiest Dog, **Stephen Alker** — **Minnie** — Most Constant Licker, **Natalie Delbraere** — **Buffie** — Best Groomed Coat, **Scott & Christie Johnson** — **Ben** — Most Inquisitive, **Margorie Delbraere** — **Princess** — Waggiest Tail, **Jennifer Harburt** — **Sigga** — Longest Whiskers, **Danny Dickson** — **Duchess** — Shortest Dog with Shortest Tail, **Chry Steinhilch** — **Cuddie** — Raciest Red Head, **Andrea, Suzanne, Elaine & Stephen Bird** — **Margie** — Strongest Dog, **Robbie Mann** — **Misty** — Strongest Tail, **Chry Alker** — **Kelly** — Lassie, **Debra M. Milan** — **Missy** — Fluffiest Tail, **Kris Hayden** — **Arthur** — Fullest Coat, **Kevin Hachuk** — **Bully** — Cutest Nose, **Yona Aldridge** — **Captain** — Finest Coat, **Charlene Hampton** — **Fido** — Most Unique, **Holly Aldre** — **Taffy** — Finest, **Holly Aldre** — **Missy** — Most Invisible Eyes, **Kristina Del Beare** — **Trixy** — Best Fed, **David Ingleson** — **Duffy** — Priciest Ears, **Carolyn Fuller** — **Cleo Johnson** — Most Lady-like, **Trevor McDonald** — **Rags** — Most Colorful Nose, **Rob Anderson** — **Storky** — Most Pointed Ears, **Sandra Rayner** — **Chelsea** — Sniffles (best sniffer), **Christopher Harburt** — **Misty** — Finest Teeth, **Danny & Amber Fletcher** — **Perky** — Kinkest Tail, **Heather Jessiman** — **Johann** — Curliest, **David Fletcher** — **Brands** — Dog with the Most Spots, **John Sullivan** — **Mabel** — Most Colorful Coat, **Julian Fuller** — **Benji** — Brightest Eyes, **Kristine Watts** — **Blackie** — Shapeliest Legs, **Kristine Watts** — **Sara** — Curliest Eyelashes, **Christine Berger** — **Shadow** — Most Royal; **Ann Stuart** — **Judi** — Best Behaved, **Karen Juddes** — **Publio** — Curliest Tail; **Blaine Clapham** — **Cuddie** — Coat with Best Tone; **Alexandra Taylor** — **Shadow** — Most Jet Black; **Carol Vadeboncoeur** — **Rapid** — Most Sociable; **Carol Vadeboncoeur** — **Vince** — Most Patient; **Trevor Bowden** — **Curky** — Sturdiest Legs, **Julie Jonett** — **Blue** — Best Color; **Amanda Warren** — **Dachie** — Shortest Legs; **Stephie**

Laudler — **Samantha** — Sharpest Teeth, **Carol Mc Kee** — **Gus** — Shiniest Coat; **Heather & Laine Brydon** — **Snoopy** — Sleepiest, **Cathy Hodgson** — **Nicky** — The Deepest Chest, **Tim Clapham** — **Captain** — Most Golden Coat, **Barb Prochard** — **Trisky** — Best Tanned Dog, **Moureen Stewart** — **Whiskey** — Starloooklike Best; **Susan Gray** — **Cindy** — Quietest Dog, **Rosanne Blauw** — **Chiclets** — Most Freest Tail, **David Glover** — **Benji** — Best Mustache, **Keith Klatt** — **Chieu** — Dog with Most Freckles; **Jeffrey Hodgson** — **Fritzie** — Smallest Dog with Longest Ears, **Susan Hodgson** — **Buffie** — Wettest Nose, **Cathy Auld** — **Barna** — Scariest Blunder.

Special prizes to the 2 luckiest dogs — **Trixy** — Kristina Del Beare, **Duffy** — David Ingleson.

We will see you all again next year at the Dog Show.

SHEILA QUINTON

BEACH PEOPLE

Kristina and Martin Hurtubise were the guests of Cassandra and Michael Potter at 221-1st Ave last week. They were joined by their parents Rodger and Gierda Hurtubise on the weekend. All enjoyed the beautiful weather and took part in many beach activities.

"Dunrobin", 306-8th Ave was a busy place all summer. Ida and Dave Brown had their #3 granddaughter, Barbara with them in July. Daughter Betty and son-in-law Ah Hansford were here for two weeks in August. Granddaughter Laura and friend Rick visited for the long weekend in August and newly-wed granddaughter Diane and husband Scott Ball also visited on and off, and will now be living in Winnipeg. All the family like to visit Victoria Beach each summer even if they do live in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Paul and Elaine (Fletcher) Juretwicz, from Ottawa, are spending the summer at their cottage at 315-7th Ave. Their new baby, Kent J. Leicher, is enjoying his first summer at the beach.

Visiting this summer at the Bennett family cottage at 312-8th Ave. were grandchildren Margaret and David with parents, Sherill and Ron Zellis, Carol and Lorn Bakko, Lorenda, Larry and Benji of Calgary.

From Vancouver Sarah Besanac with parents Glennis and Don Wilkinson who had a "magic" time at V.B. Friends who came to visit were John, Joyce, Michael and Leslie Hawryluk, Sandy Greve, Carol and Julie, Delevo, Grant Foster and Aunt Arvella and Uncle Alan Meacham.

July visitors with Dr. and Mrs. B. B. East, 145 Victoria Beach Blvd., daughter Catherine and granddaughter Martha Bahick, Calgary, son Arthur and his wife Carol, Montreal, daughter Carol and her friend Tom Brack, Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. John Goossen and Jan, Winkler, Dr. and Mrs. Randy Goossen, Kenora, Dr. Marvin Goossen and Allen Fusty, Winnipeg.

August guests were Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Hurten and their children Laura, Lesley, Jeffrey and James, Minnedoma Mrs. I. A. Clark, Fred Douglas (Judge, Mona Sheridan and Jeff Anderson were Frances East's guests.

CARDIAC DEFIBRILLATOR FUND

With the passing of Mrs. Victoria Wallace of 321-1st Ave., mother of Mrs. Dodie Dennehy, the family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be forwarded to the Cardiac Defibrillator Fund, c/o Dr. Peter Duke, 333 Montrose Street, Winnipeg or 205-5th Avenue, Victoria Beach. The purchase of the Defibrillator will help upgrade emergency medical facilities at the beach to an acceptable standard.

NEW BALL FIELD

We would like to thank all those who participated in and patronized the Donkey Baseball on July 13th at the new field on Hwy. 59. This was a first for this type of event in the area so we were somewhat unsure of the outcome. All the hard work of the volunteers who made it a success was greatly appreciated.

The Donkey Baseball also proved to serve another purpose besides a spectator event, it gave many an opportunity to view the new field and the operation of it. The sports fields has been a major undertaking by our Club, but, we must admit that the pleasure derived from it far outweighs the work.

For interest's sake, a little history of the how and why the new field was built. First, as the sports field inside the restricted area caused conflicts in events hosted by the two clubs (V.B. Club and Sports Club), the vehicles driving in, parking, etc., we were always interested in locating a recreational area for outdoor sports outside the restricted area. As it happened, Helen Traimor in discussion with Councillor George Ferguson had thought of the piece of property between the Fire Hall and Larson's Propane on Hwy. 59. The land was applied for and we were granted by the R.M. of Victoria Beach a 99 year lease on 10 acres of land to be used for recreational purposes. At this time, we'd like to publicly thank the R.M.V.B. for their cooperation in this matter.

Funding for this project began with the application for the Sports Facilities' 1980 Grant. Our Ex-Im Recreation Consultant for the Man. Dept. of Fitness, Recreation & Sport, Ellen Kelly, provided a great deal of her time and efforts. Thus, we applied for a grant with expenditures totalling \$20,000.00 which was spent on the upgrading our electrical system in our main club and the establishment of the new field. For those unfamiliar with these Provincial

Grants, they are determined by resident population — meaning that due to the number of residents we were only eligible for the \$20,000.00 maximum expenditure of which \$10,000.00 of actual grant money was given to us. You see you must spend 20 to get back 10. Also the organization in receipt of the grant must first spend its own resources and have the project well underway before the Provincial Grant comes through.

The Sports Club received a second Provincial Recreational Grant in the amount of \$6,000.00 in total, spending of which \$3,000.00 of actual grant money was received. This was used in the establishment of the combination bathrooms and concession stand.

Thus, all in all, we have received \$13,000.00 in grants from the Province. The R.M.V.B. contributed towards the material for the bleachers. Other large donations have come from other local organizations — the Merry Makers Club and Al-Niters (Men's) Baseball Team, the Al-Niters (Ladies) Baseball Team and the Snowdrifters Club. In the R.M. and those clubs, we extend our sincere gratitude. To date we have spent a total of \$30,752.00 which *does not*

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include the value of all the volunteer labour which in the initial stages of the field was back-breaking.

One point that must be added is that this is a small community and many of us belong to almost all of the local clubs, but we seem to have one common goal of seeing something that needs to be done and doing it. Our main club and field are excellent examples of this cooperation. Without the countless hours put in by our volunteers, we just wouldn't have them. We want to say a big "thank you" to all and we appreciate your efforts.

We hope that this article will give an insight as to how we got the field started. To maintain and improve it, we rely on the continued support of those who volunteer and patronize our events. Please watch for news of opening ceremonies in late spring or early summer of next year.

In closing, although we have not individually recognized any one person, we'd like to gratefully acknowledge the recent donation of a 15 passenger bus by Ives and Laurette Thomas of Thomas Car Services Ltd. It's being well used. Thank you!

LAURIE DANWICH
Secretary Victoria Beach Sports Club

VICTORIA BEACH TENNIS COURTS 1980 — 1983

For a number of years, people at the beach complained about having to wait endlessly for a chance to play one-half hour of tennis or were disappointed that the courts were unplayable after a heavy rain. There had been discussions from time to time about constructing additional tennis facilities having an all weather surface. These discussions lead to a meeting which was held August 10, 1980 at the Victoria Beach Clubhouse. Forty-eight people attended to discuss the feasibility of new tennis courts. A Committee was struck and Dave Drybrough agreed to act as Chairman if Russ Yarnell would be co-chairman. Other members of the Committee were Bill Mitchell, Tom Richardson, Fran Pollard, and Merv Storozyk and Hancock from the Club Executive.

Over the 1980-1981 winter, the Committee busied itself obtaining estimates of costs, investigating various alternative types of playing surface, and considering a variety of suggestions as to methods of fund raising. In June 1981, the Committee recommended an ambitious project that involved the surfacing of the existing three courts and the construction of three new all weather surface courts at a total cost of \$65,000.00. It was proposed that the financing for this project would be by way of donations, user fees, and Municipal funds to be repaid by a tax assessment. In order to assess the degree of support for this project, a questionnaire was contained in a July 1981 issue of the Herald and cottagers were asked to complete the questionnaire. The response made it abundantly clear to the Committee that the Club could not link to the Municipality for financial support and any new facility would have to be financed essentially from donations and user fees. It was necessary to reassess the program and the result was the elimination of the resurfacing of the existing courts so that the project would involve the construction of three new courts at a cost of \$50,000.00.

How could the Victoria Beach Club finance a \$50,000.00 capital budget of less than \$20,000.00. In a June 1982 issue of the Herald, "The Executive of the Club," said to the Committee, "Show us how you can pay for the new courts before you go any further."

The Committee recruited Laurie Pollard to assist in the fund raising and in the winter of 1982, the first appeals were made to keen tennis supporters. The response was significant

and the Committee was encouraged to proceed. At the March 1982 Annual Meeting of The Victoria Beach Club, the recommendation of the Committee to proceed with the construction of three new tennis courts was approved and the sum of \$5,000.00 of the funds was reported by the general membership towards the cost of the courts.

Fund raising continued during the spring and summer of 1982. The request for donations were made on the basis that donors would receive an official income tax deduction receipt. In order for this to be done, The Victoria Beach Club had to become registered as a Charity under the provisions of the Income Tax Act. Application was made to Revenue Canada for such registration in April 1982. Revenue Canada asked for additional information and material from the Club and stipulated that the Club had to amend its Charter as certain of the original provisions were no longer appropriate. The necessary changes to the Club's charter were prepared and approved by a special meeting of the members in December 1982 and shortly thereafter, the required registration number was issued to the Club by Revenue Canada. Receipts were printed, typed and distributed to all 1982 donors in time for filing with 1982 Income Tax Returns. As long as the Club remains unregistered, all donations to the Club are tax deductible and the Club does not have to pay tax on any income it earns.

With fund raising underway, the Committee turned its attention to the location and construction of the courts. Negotiations took place with the Municipality and several alternative sites were staked out for construction. At the August 1982 Meeting of Council at the Beach, the location site was finalized and the Municipality agreed to lease the property to the Club for the nominal rent of \$1.00. It appeared that problems associated with the location of the court might well see the project flounder but these problems were overcome with the cooperation of all concerned.

Bill Mitchell was responsible for preparing the specifications for the construction of the new courts and a tender package was prepared. In September 1982, Maple Leaf Construction submitted the successful tender and a building contract was prepared calling for Spring 1983 construction, to be completed before June 23, 1983. Once the contract was signed, the fund raising and more registrations, forms and letters were sent out to potential donors. The committee agonized about the imposition of a user fee as a means of raising additional revenue. On balance, it was felt that the Club would prefer not to impose a special tennis fee. It was preferred that the Courts be available to all members of the Victoria Beach Club and not just those who had a fee to join a tennis section. This arrangement would only be possible if the full amount of the contract price would be on hand when the contract was completed. Donations were coming in on a regular basis and the objective was in sight.

In addition to the donations from cottagers, the Club applied for and received approval of a \$3,000.00 grant from the Manitoba Government under its Recreation Facilities Program sponsored by the Department of Fitness Recreation and Sport.

Construction began as soon as the frost was out of the ground and the road restrictions lifted. The construction was not without problems and completion was delayed unexpectedly when the fencing subcontractor went out of business. Bill Mitchell did a yeoman job supervising construction and keeping in daily contact with the contractor with a view to having the courts ready for July start.

Included in the project are a number of things that could almost be taken for granted. For example, the old shelter had to be demolished and a new shelter acquired. How do you go about getting a new shelter? The Committee strong-armed Reg Johnson, who is not even a tennis player, to undertake the construction of the new shelter. Reg designed

the shelter, ordered the materials, cut them at his home in Winnipeg, and with the help of his family and a few friends erected the new shelter. Reg did such a good job, the Committee has considered offering him free tennis lessons.

The courts were officially opened during the August long weekend. Present John Lewis provided and thanked the Committee, the donors, Reece McMorris and Councillors for their support. The consensus is that the new tennis facility is a significant addition to the amenities of Victoria Beach and will be such for many years to come. The last matter to be attended to is the landscaping around the courts and it is expected that this will be done this fall. If you intended to contribute, it is not too late. Dave Drybrough will see that you receive a receipt for any gift.

Three years have gone by since August 10, 1980 and during that time a great number of people have made contributions in one way or another and they can be proud of a job well done. Thank you to the following, all of whom have made contributions.

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VOILEYBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The 1983 Victoria Beach Volleyball Tournament was held August 20th with the weatherman favoring us with cloudy skies, a great relief from the heat we had been feeling.

Six great teams, The Grubbies, The Connaghts, The Beekets, The Sloppy Six, The Wallbangers and the A Team, played 5 games each in a single round robin with 4 teams moving into the Semi-Finals.

Many thanks to the team who so gracefully withdrew so as to prevent a long intermission for calculating out a 3 way tie.

The final match for the 1983 V.B. Volleyball medals was between Russ Hampton's and Ken Beckett's teams with the Beckett team rising to victory.

Members of the two finalist teams were as follows.

1st Place: Ken Beckett, Christine Wall, Carol Wall, Pat Harding, Joanne Quinton, Joanne Jaeger, Jamie Whitlaw, Carrie Vadeboncoeur. **2nd Place:** Russ Hampton, Bruce Evans, Gordon Nash, Joanne Clarke, Kim Baker, Susan Baker, Craig Oliphant, Carla Clapham, Gora Buchanan.

Many thanks to everyone who participated and assisted in the tournament. Special comment should be made about the great sportsmanship and friendly attitude that prevailed throughout the whole tournament. A special thanks to Bill Ritchie who refereed all day long.

PHYLLIS DUCHARME

FRED DAVID TO DEFEND SLOWPITCH TITLE

Fred David, popular veteran of the softball wars, will put the championship he won in 1982 on the line on August 27 and 28. Come out and see your friends and neighbors have a good time and watch some darn good softball! The tournament runs all day Saturday and Sunday.

ATTENTION 60 PLUS GOLFERS

See old times for the 60 Plus Golf Tournament will start at approximately 9 a.m. Monday, September 12th, plus a shot gun start at 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to make up their own tournaments, or having a preference as to tee time, please let me know by September 4th. Starting times will be posted at the golf course, Phone 754-2435 and at Lloyd Smith's 222-7176 Phone 754-8612.

LUYD SMITH

1983 SING-A-LONG

There is never any thing new under the sun. Last Saturday 50 people and more gathered behind the clubhouse to enjoy a sing-a-long. When Doreen Benningen was councillor we understand she organized one, and we believe there have been such activities on other beaches in every decade since summer residents started coming to Victoria Beach.

Last Saturday's singing was that of benches in a semi-circle around a big firepit set in the middle of the circle of racks. Sheila Burland accompanied the singing on her guitar. The crowd had the use of song sheets provided by Ian Wolfe, and Craig Oliphant acted as M.C. By all counts the evening was a success and will be part of next year's program. A more comprehensive song sheet is being planned.

A WOLFE

BRIDGE

By the time you read this our Bridge season will have ended for 1983. I hope you all had a very good summer and that your Monday evenings at the clubhouse have provided some pleasant memories.

On August 15th we had 2 tenthouses and the top scores were: Fran Pollard 1st with 4,890, Pat Greengrass 2nd with 4,580.

I would like to thank all those who gave their willing assistance in tidying up after our weekly bridge sessions. Have a nice winter, see you next July.

GLADYS MILDREN

HOW THE LIBRARY GOT STARTED

People have been asked me questions about the Library lately, and it has set off a great train of memories. How in 1967 my three daughters were all away working, and I felt that I needed a project to justify my existence.

Thinking of all the years I had juggled armfuls of library books to the beach I realized that Victoria Beach really needed a Library. So I gathered together donations of books and announced in the Herald that books could be rented at Walkabout, 304-4th Ave. Only near neighbors and friends took advantage, however. I realized that my cottage was too difficult to find. We needed a central location.

My husband, Jack, and I scouted the Village Green and discovered that one of the former Inm cottages, which had been moved there for use as a lumber store, was now only a receptacle for used lumber and cements from the Mounlight Inn. Getting a key from Wally Speer, we all looked over the situation. Jack found enough lumber to build shelves which are still in use. Bobby Grant and a

number of other friends volunteered to paint the shelves. I asked, again through the Herald, for donations of books, preferably paper backs. We were inundated with boxes and boxes of books. So, using a method of pricing rentals that I had learned from a book seller in Corpus Christi, Texas, we opened our Library on the first Monday in July, 1968. I discovered a most valuable assistant in Mrs. Best, for many years a book seller herself. All the other volunteer help came from teenagers around the beach.

At the end of the first year we netted over \$100.00 in rentals which we spent on new books and shelving.

In 1969, after carrying and storing all the books at our cottage through the previous winter, we opened up again in July, this time with a lot more confidence. As the first Gregory wedding was planned for September this year, I was in a quandary as to who would operate the Library in August, and was delighted to find that Elizabeth Sutter was planning to visit her family during that time and was eager to take on the job. With her experience held over, again, Mrs. Best's knowledgeable efforts, we had another very successful year.

In 1970 the Victoria Beach Club approached me re taking over the project. As I had another wedding in the family coming up, needless to say, I was very glad to hand over the reins. And the Club has been doing a super job ever since. And Mrs. Best is still indispensable.

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CHILDREN'S READING CORNER

TITLE: The Magic Fish

BY: Freya Littledale

This book is the classic folk tale about someone who is too greedy. Through the magic fish she accumulates her fondest wishes. Her greed, in the end, makes her lose all she had wished for and she finds herself back in her hovel. Illustrations are in black and white and blue. A good book for ages 4 to 8.

TITLE: Seven in One Blow

BY: Freire Wright and Michael Foreman

This book is a story about a poor tailor who kills seven flies in one blow. The tailor was so proud of this feat, he closed up shop and went out to seek his fortune. The story goes on to tell how he outwits a giant and his six brothers. He went on to achieve his fame and fortune. Well illustrated. Excellent for ages 4-8.

You can find these books in the Children's Section of the Victoria Beach Library.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE RECREATION DIRECTORS

The sun's constant shining and our new friends made at Victoria Beach have made this a very warm and wonderful summer. We have enjoyed being with the children of Victoria Beach in all our programs. So many children shine with enthusiasm as they ride their bikes down to the Sports Field every night or the Clubhouse in the morning. It is a pleasure to see the faces and the hands of children exploring crayons, playtime, paint and even "mucky" paper mache. There are so many rewards that come from watching the shy or hesitant child come to life as they become more confident in hitting a baseball, trying to serve in tennis, drawing a picture, playing a new game or making new friends. Special thanks go out to all those children who have brought their enthusiasm, friendliness and helpfulness to all our programs.

It is wonderful to see all the spirit and teamwork that come from all the people involved with the Victoria Beach Club. The co-ordinators for the special events who volunteer their time, help to provide so many varied recreation activities. The tennis assistants: Geoff Kirbyson, Rob Henderson and Scott McDonald have helped greatly with the adult and children's tennis lessons. We congratulate Dorothy Gregory for a wonderful program of yoga throughout the summer and Jackie for the great dance aerobic on the beach.

As this summer comes to a close we would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding. John Lewis, as president of the club, has provided us with endless support and encouragement for all our new ideas and goals. We would also like to use this opportunity to thank our assistants: Lynda Nowotak and Rodney Stelmach for all their help through their punctuality and efficiency in getting the jobs done right. It is sometimes a thankless and tedious job to keep the clubhouse and washroom facilities at Victoria Beach in good shape after all the many activities but they have done a fine job this summer. A thank you must also go to Ross for all his help around the clubhouse and the recreation director's cottage.

We are looking forward to return next summer to see everyone again. Have a nice year.

Yours sincerely,

CRAIG AND CARLA OLIPHANT

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

The story of St. Michael's Parish in Victoria Beach, closely parallels that of the growth and development of the Community. Prior to 1910 there were no permanent residents and only a few transient people camped in the area for short periods of time. However, in that year 1910, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Atcah built their homestead, and before long other families followed and a small community was established.

During the War years, from 1914 to 1918 some of the women organized a Red Cross sewing group, and met regularly to sew and knit for parcels overseas. When the war was over they wanted to continue their association but

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decided to work for the Missionary Society of the Church and a Women's Auxiliary Branch was formed, under the leadership of Mrs. Falls and Mrs. Atcah.

Team service to Victoria Beach began in 1916, and after that date more permanent and summer residents began to appear.

Occasional church services were held in the school at Bayview starting about the year 1924 and then for a number of years in the Legion Hall. Names such as Canon Glover, Rev. H. Sherrin and Rev. E. Core appear in the Parish register as officiating clergy.

In the years between the two World Wars during the twenties and thirties, the W.A. continued to meet, to work and to raise money for the Church building, always looking to the day when their goal would be achieved. The entire community supported the endeavor and generous contributions were given by Mrs. Falls and Mrs. Atcah.

With the encouragement and guidance of the clergy who through the years conducted services on a regular basis, Canon Leslie Taylor, Archdeacon Noel Holmes and Canon R. E. Dawson, work on the church was finally begun. The construction was entirely voluntary. Canon Dawson obtained some plans from the Diocesan office. Brown and Rutherford supplied much of the building material at reduced costs. By the summer of 1981 the church was completed and on August 10th of that year the Most Rev. E. R. Sherman, Archbishop of Rupert's Land dedicated it as the Parish of St. Michael, Victoria Beach and provided the Deed of the Formation of the Parish.

It is interesting to note the names of the wardens and vestry men at that time: Rectory Warden - Mr. Rex Lester, People's Warden - Mr. Bert Martin, Vestrymen - Mr. A. Larson, Mr. John Atcah, Mr. Bert Trueman, Mr. Fred David, Mr. Charles Thomas and Mr. Walter White.

In the intervening years, Victoria Beach has been blessed with a great community spirit. Many denominations have conducted services in the church and indeed a great ecumenical spirit has prevailed. Today ecumenical services are frequently held. Roman Catholics hold services on a regular basis and others from time to time. In the 25 years and more that I have been a summer resident here, many Anglican clergymen have volunteered to conduct services of Holy Communion and services of Evensong. Today St. Michael's is a Parish that continues to serve under the auspices of the Anglican Church, but it is supported and frequented and loved by all who live in the Community.

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The marriage of Alanna Sophia David and Taylor Stuart Beaubien, was solemnized by the Reverend Thomas Saunders, on July 23, 1983, in Knox United Church in the city of Winnipeg.

A delightful reception followed at the Airliner Hotel in Winnipeg.

Alanna is the lovely daughter of Leonard and Katherine David of Victoria Beach, and Taylor is the dear son of Joseph and Margaret Casperone of Dallas, Texas.

Alanna's attendants were Kim Getty and Lee Pruden of Winnipeg, Sandra Granger of Transcona, cousin of the bride, Joan Johnson of Victoria Beach, a 2nd cousin, Colleen MacKay of Orlando, Florida, a close friend.

Flower girls were twin sisters, nieces to Alanna, Elizabeth and Jennifer Dickinson, from Edmonton, and ring bearer was nephew Ricky Dickinson also from Edmonton.

The groomsman to Taylor were best man, Robert Summers from Washington, D.C., Chuck Brozman of Chicago, brothers Scott and Garrette Beaubien of Dallas, and Brenden David of Victoria Beach, brother to the bride. Other out of town guests came from Victoria Beach, Toronto, Edmonton, Calgary, British Columbia and Oakbank.

The happy couple honeymooned in Detroit and Bermuda.

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DONATIONS NEEDED

The Recreation Director's cottage is in need of a few items that would be greatly appreciated. If you have a comfortable living room chesterfield and/or double mattress in good condition that you could donate, please contact John Lewis, 329-7th (city phone 269-1611).

THE POLICE REPORT FOR JULY as read at the Council Meeting

32 lost items, 18 found items, 4 break and entry incidents, 1 attempted break and enter, 3 thefts (a camera, two paddles, gasoline from a car in the parking lot), 7 complaints of noisy parties, 1 charge laid on anti-noise by-law, \$25 fine, 10 assists to public requests, 2 incidents of vandalism, 2 reports of nudity on the beach, 1 missing sailboat, 1 case of debris left on the boulevard for a total of 83 complaints. To date there have been 107 charges for breaking traffic by-laws, 79 of these were parking offences and 28 for driving in the restricted area.

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