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The events and activities this summer were run by an extremely well organized group of volunteers. On behalf of all Victoria Beachers I would like to thank this very impressive group of people. Your contribution this summer has meant a lot to many people and continues to make Victoria Beach such a wonderful place to spend the summer.

A special thank goes to Janet Sampson and her wonderful team of swimming instructors. Janet puts in many hours ensuring our swim program is fun, well organized and safe. With numbers jumping every year this is an ever increasing challenge.

Pam Bolton and Nancy Hudson have done a fabulous job of organizing, stocking and running our library for the past few years. This is a hot commitment and we thank you for making our library one of the hot spots at Victoria Beach.

On behalf of our bridge enthusiasts I would like to thank Gladys Mildren for her dedication and enthusiasm each Monday night.

Dorothy Gregory has opened her home to yoga buffs this year and it has been a highlight for many people's week. Thank you for your generosity Dorothy.

There are many other people who deserve to be mentioned at this time but I hope the people who enjoyed the activities will help me spread our appreciation.

Thanks for a great summer!

TRISH RATHWELL

## Three Cheers for Derek

This year we have had a fantastic turn out of children, teens and adults to our recreation program. This is an indication of a program well run with something for everyone. Derek Sokolski has worked very hard to develop a well balanced and fun agenda. We can all admire his enthusiasm and stamina as we watch him play football in thirty-five degree weather.

Derek also showed great insight in his choosing of assistants this year. Jona, with her lovely smile, coaxing the shy ones to join and Garth with his undying patience and understanding as the little ones learned the rules of baseball. Congratulations, you three did a fabulous job — hope you had as much fun as the children.

We will look forward to next year's program as fortunately for us, Derek has agreed to stay another year. If you have any suggestions or comments that may help to enhance our program, please contact Derek or myself. If you have enjoyed the program this year please thank our hard working recreation staff.

TRISH RATHWELL

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## Bridge

This is the last time this season that I shall have the pleasure of writing this little note to all you bridge enthusiasts. However, there is still one more bridge night to go before we pack our cards and fold our tables until another year. I would like to thank all those who have supported our group by attending on Mondays, and a special thanks to those who have helped me in many ways, particularly Rene, Edna, and Derek Sokolski.

On the 15th of August, there were seven tables of regulars and three of beginners. High scorers for the evening were: Cherrie Archibald 1st with 5740, and Joan McMorris 2nd with 5390. It was pleasant to see a number of new faces in attendance.

See you on Monday at 8. Have a nice winter, with lots of bridge, and we hope to see you next season.

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The annual meeting of the Victoria Beach Cottagers' Association was held in the Clubhouse on August 24th. This was the 6th annual meeting of the association which was founded in 1982 to preserve the historic, unique character of the vehicle-restricted area of Victoria Beach.

During the past 6 years there have been several attempts by various parties to strike a course of action which the association felt would dramatically change the character of the beach. With this help and participation of the membership, the association has successfully safeguarded the quality of life we have come to enjoy so much.

At this year's meeting it was agreed to launch a campaign in the spring of 1989 to encourage each cottage owner to plant seedlings within his/her property. The association will purchase the seedlings and distribute them free of charge to all interested owners together with planting and watering instructions.

Concern was also expressed that any proposal to add an additional nine holes to the golf course be examined very carefully. The members were concerned that if such development took place, the existing character of the beach, and in particular the restricted area, might change significantly.

The following members were elected directors to serve until the next annual meeting: Alison Bell, Terry Angus, Frank Friesen, Ron Smith, Jack O'Malley and Laurie Pollard.

## Swinging Seniors Supper Dance August 13th, 1988

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL — Yes, 133 fun loving Victoria Beach "Prime Timers" and their weekend guests, ate and danced the evening away. The Merry Makers served another delicious meal and wonderful dance music was provided by Play All Music Services.

It was a pleasure to find the Clubhouse beautifully prepared and cleaned by the V.B. Clubhouse boys — thanks to Derek. My set up crew of Reg and Nancy Johnson, Billy and Nancy Mitchell, Nick Beaton and my husband, Dave, put the finishing touches on, while Vivian Moore and Joyce Howe did a beautiful job of making the table center pieces.

My thanks go out as well to Sidney Stevenson and Shawn O'Toole who did a terrific job with the Bar and cleaned up down to the very last bottle cap! You don't see this much effort very often these days.

Barb Pritchard and her friend, Louise, ran the Drink tickets and never once gave me an anxious moment with all that cash.

Cleaning up was fun and with so many taking a green garbage bag, it went really fast. Thanks especially to Dave and Jean Stevenson, Joan and Mike McCuaig, Marg Hirschfield, and Dora and Bert Luckhurst.

It was nice to see so many Guests at our Annual Dance — Eileen Bergman has become a regular and so has her cartwheel! Joan and Don Gallie were looking great, Rita and Dave Campbell were swinging as usual, Mary-D and John Turner kept up with everyone. Helen and Bill Grey renewed old friendships and Dora "from Kenora" Luckhurst kept her dancing all night long! It was also nice to welcome newcomers, the Chalmers and their guests, the Wilsons, the Zilkeys, the Mercurys and many more who made the evening such a success. Thank you, everyone.

JANICE WILLIAMSON

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## Rec News

Results of the August 19th Adult Tennis Round Robin: 1st Place tie — Don, Ken Bowman. 2nd (also tied) — Weil, Dick Dawson, Jeff.

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Victoria Beach board sailors, representing the Winnipeg contingent, were excellent participants at the Manitoba Games in Pinawa, August 19th and 20th.

Out of a field of 40 plus in the Men's, Brian Matthews placed 2nd, James Huger 3rd, and Chris Mason 5th. Donna Mathieson was 4th overall in the Ladies'.

Also showing lots of spirit, skill and good sportsmanship in the races were Donna Swyston, Scott McDonald, Deb McKibbin, Lisa Huger, Patricia Richardson, and Kelly and Amy McCaig.

Good work, gang! We are proud of you. Thanks to Bob Marshall, a fine coach.



### Yacht Club News

First of all, a couple of apologies are in order: to Dave McKibbin for spelling his name wrong — twice, and to the readers for not having an article last week — I was on holidays.

Finally the long-awaited Sprague Cup results are in. In the Laser Division, the top sailors were: 1.) Ron Smith, 2.) Dave McKibbin, 3.) Ron MacIntosh and Rudy Isaak (tie).

In the Catamaran Division, it was: 1.) Paul Nagle, 2.) Tam Scott Sr./Yours Truly, 3.) Harry Wall/Tam Scott Jr.

Congratulations to all!

On the weekend of August 20th and 21st, V.B.Y.C. hosted the Manitoba Laser Masters Regatta. In the Apprentice category (aged 35 to 44): 1.) Reg Walsh — Gimli, 2.) Barry Warrack — Victoria Beach.

All in all, we've had another great sailing season, and on behalf of the V.B.Y.C., have a good fall, winter and spring. See you next summer.

FRED JOHNSON

In the Masters category (aged 45 to 54), it was: 1.) Orest Dackow — Victoria Beach.

The overall winners were: 1.) Reg Walsh — Gimli, 2.) Orest Dackow — V.B., 3.) Barry Warrack — V.B.

Well done, guys!

At this point in the season, the overall Club standings are as follows: In the Monohull Division: 1.) Orest Dackow, 2.) Dave McKibbin, 3.) Rudy Isaak.

In the Catamaran Division: 1.) Paul Nagle, 2.) Tam Scott Sr. & Yours Truly, 3.) Harry Wall & Tam Scott Jr.

Unfortunately, the final standings will not be available before the final *Herald* is out. Hopefully I'll remember to publish them in the first issue next year.

The results of last week's demolition derby are available: Hobie 18s — I, Hobie 16s — 0.

Apparently, Chris and Richard had a collision with a motor boat last Saturday, and came away with a hole in the bow of their catamaran. According to the rules of the road, a sailboat has the right-of-way over a power boat. I'm not sure this rule applies to this particular situation, however, as the power boat was tied up to the pier! At any rate, the motor boat sustained no damage and the catamaran should be back in action shortly.

### Memorial Service

In memory of Mr. Bruce Gunn, a service is being held at the Victoria Beach Cemetery, Saturday, September 10, 1988 at 11 A.M. for anyone wishing to attend. Mr. Gunn, whose summer residence was Victoria Beach, will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

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### Dear Editor

My family owns a cottage at Victoria Beach and I have been coming to the lake every summer for the past thirty years. To me, Victoria Beach is a place of joy — of fun and action, of beauty, renewal and dignity. I appreciate all it has to offer, part of which is the convenience and yet simplicity of the stores — Bakery, Grocery Store and Moonlight Inn. (I can't say I was too thrilled with the addition of the video parlour this summer!)

However, I had an experience this August which disappointed and concerned me. Upon entering the grocery store, I was aware of the magazine rack. The first caption which immediately caught my eye on one of the magazines was in bold, black letters. It proclaimed, "Kids Who Love To Kill." I was amazed. I picked up the magazine and looked through it. Inside was an article on Jack the Ripper and his pursuits. Among other things were two photographs — one of a dagger as a weapon and one of the mutilated face of a murder victim. When I asked the store owner about this magazine, he said that these magazines were for teenagers and that he ordered many magazines, "some clean and some dirty."

As a mother of ten and thirteen year old boys, I felt very concerned that it would be possible for them to obtain magazines like these at the store.

Don't get me wrong — I appreciate the convenience of the store and the fact that they have someone to run it. I realize that magazines such as these are readily available in many places. Perhaps it seems especially affronting and disappointing in a place such as Victoria Beach!

I'm drawing this to your attention with the hopes that if there are others who feel as I do, steps may be taken to discourage the sale of such material at Victoria Beach.

Yours sincerely,

JANE GATESON

### Editors Note:

I guess most of us our beach is a special place, a sort of Brigadoon which reappears once a year. We all know that sunset and pornography seem somehow to be a part of the times, but it is censorship to suggest that materials of this kind simply not be ordered for sale here?

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Many thanks to Aidan Conklyn and Phyllis Bayne for arranging the summer services each year.

There will be 11 a.m. Services until Thanksgiving week-end.

If you are in the Beach on Christmas Eve please drop in to our annual Christmas Eve Service at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday School will begin in September for children of all ages, with Bert and Helen Trainor.

BERT TRAINOR

**Sun Country Arts & Crafts Founding Meeting**

A small but eager group of craft people and artists met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gibson at Belair on Sunday, August 21, to form an organization to motivate, display and educate those interested in crafts and art.

Officers elected at our first meeting were: President — Nancy Lou Ateah, Vice President — Al Thornton, Secretary — Betty Gibson, Treasurer — Bill Eisler.

The group will be displaying their arts and crafts at the 4-P Festival in Pine Falls on Sept. 3. Their next meeting will be at the Victoria Beach Sports Center on Sept. 11 at 11:00 a.m. All interested are invited to attend. For more information call Nancy Ateah at 754-3447 or Bill Eisler at 754-3103.

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**Ed. Note:**

Color copies of the above church photo are available for \$08. The regional history "From the Falls to the Beaches" — St. George's, Victoria Beach, Belair and in between — is set for publication this fall. The Trainors are looking for early pictures of places and people. Dip out those family albums!

## Library News

This summer a Read-a-Thon program was begun at the Library. Participants were encouraged to read as many books as possible in their age category. Those reading the most books will be receiving a gift certificate from a Winnipeg book store. We hope that this can be continued next year. Congratulations to:

Deborah Hill — 5 and under — 13 books  
David Hill — 6-10 years — 10 books  
Megan Barrett-Fleit — 11-13 years — 36 books  
Patrick Peacock — 14+ — 9 books  
Congratulations also to the runners-up: Chris Willoughby, Wendy Palmquist, Deana Watson, Megan, David and Stephen Hodgson. A big thank you to Joan Marshall who has agreed to take over the Library next summer!

The library hires a teenager each summer to work 2-3 hours a day Monday to Friday. Interested teens should call or write to Trish Rathwell, 489-0292 by the new year.

Thanks again to everyone we've had contact with and the Vincents, Garretts, Gilmours, Wrights, Truscots (plus one illegible name) for donations.

NANCY HODGSON and PAM BOLTON

## Correction:

Tickets for the 60+ Golf Tournament and Pot Luck Supper Sept. 12th are four dollars, not fourteen as printed in last week's issue.

Watercolour paintings by Nancy-Lou Ateah will be for sale at the 4P Festival, Market Square, (40 booths to see). It will be held Sunday, September 4th at the Powerview Arena (Pine Falls), from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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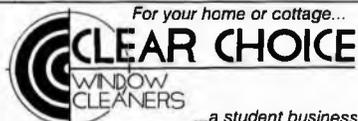


In front of Falls' General Store (L to R) Terry Rooke, unknown, Dan Sprague, Ross Newman, unknown, Jack Withrow.

Thanks to Mrs. Edith Rooke, 317-2nd Avenue, for the pictures. We did not receive much by way of old photos and stories this summer. You have a winter to go through old albums, memories, and recipe books!

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## Beach People

First time visitors to Victoria Beach were Barbara Gale, Liverpool, England, and Catherine Airey from Linden, Indiana. They were guests at a beach party held at the Cameron cottage, 308-7th Avenue on Sunday, August 21st. Relatives and friends numbered 18. The sun shone all day and a great time was had by all.

JOYCE CAMERON

Visiting at 307-4th was Rosemary Main of Nairn, Scotland. Rosemary enjoyed visiting all our local "high spots" and loved the good laning weather. She admitted that our lake is much warmer than the North Sea!

Andy and Nancy Wiswell from Calgary recently completed their annual "bopodoggle at the Beach" with their three children, Kimberly, Fraser and Ainsley. Good visits with Grace and Calvin Fraser, and Middlebroos and their children from Oakville. As usual, an excellent time was had by all, especially with perfect weather and no mosquitoes. For those of you we didn't see — YES — the Olympics were fabulous and we had a great time. See you next year!

361 Sunset has been a busy spot this year. From west, east and south they came. Aton family from Calgary, Mary and Gregg Hanson with children Adam and Janine, Priscilla Wiswell from Baltimore, Margaret Douglas from Nova Scotia, Elizabeth Alibone with Catherine and Emily. All enjoyed this beautiful summer — earning swimming badges, learning tennis, playing games at Sports Night — all well run — and adding up to a wonderful vacation.

Joanne Swystun and Michael Nairne came from Toronto, with children James and Tacy, to spend a week with her family at 405 Sunset. Much activity prevailed when John and baby sister Caroline joined their Toronto cousins for fun and games.

Longtime residents Cameron and Monica Shewan of 405-5th Avenue will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 27, 1988.

Their daughter Lesley and son-in-law Leon Rouillier and grandchildren Lise, Liane, and Louis-Paul came to spend a few days last week with Cam and Monica in honour of this special event. Maid of Honour Gwen Fogel and husband Maurice flew in for the visit, too.

A good time, with lots of surprises was had by all. Congratulations to them both!

Congratulations to Aidan and Gladys Conklin who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary! A weekend of celebrations were held at the beach in their honour on August 19th to 21st.

On Friday, 28 family members enjoyed a delicious dinner. Aidan and Gladys were presented with many thoughtful gifts which symbolized the love of their family.

On a fine Saturday, 90 people from near and far gathered at 127 Sunset for a garden party catered flawlessly by the Merry Makers. It was a time for good conversation with old friends.

June and Charlie Harvey paid tribute to the happy pair. Charlie recalled doing the same, 25 years ago, on the occasion of their Silver Anniversary.

A reception was held in their honour following the community church service at St. Michael's on Sunday. Aidan has served the community church for many years and took real delight in sharing this special time with the congregation. Thanks to Mrs. Trainor for her kind help with this.

Guests who travelled far for this occasion were son Bob and his wife Nona, Chris and Mimi and Aidan's sister Verona Conklin, all from Vancouver; Gladys' sister, Janet Carter, from Toronto, her brother Bob Conklin and his wife Jean from Brechin, Ontario; Aidan's sister-in-law Rosemary Conklin, her son Jamie and his wife Marina, Emily and John from Cookstown, Ontario; her daughter Gail and husband Karl Hourigan and son Demian from Vancouver; Marina's father, Bill Dowsley from Toronto and Kath and Clair Zryd from Moose Jaw.

Many friends drove down from Winnipeg for Saturday. Last but not least many beach people helped to make this occasion memorable.

## Perennial Complaint

I just received a complaint from a lady concerning the disgusting amount of dog excrement on Alexander Beach, which situation was also a major topic of concern at the August Council Meeting. At present there is a bylaw prohibiting unleashed dogs from being on bathing beaches, which seems to be observed only by people without dogs. If you are a barrackroom lawyer you might even argue that the municipality does not have jurisdiction over the lakefront.

There are, however, two levels of law. Formal law is set by governments and administered by the courts with penalties such as fines or imprisonment. Informal law is set by community standards and the penalty for infractions is incurring the censure of your neighbours, immediate and extended. And from what is being said about YOU, if you are one of those who allow a dog on the beach, you should be concerned.

Let's start observing the intent, as well as the letter, of the law. NO DOG, leashed or not, muzzled, diapered or whatever should be on the beaches ever — not during the afternoons, early mornings, or evenings. **NOT EVER.** The results are the same at anytime, and no owners have ever been observed picking up after their animals, and taking it home in their pockets. Dogs are not people; they have their needs and do not share our toilet practices. They shake themselves when immersing from the water, track sand over towels, and scare small children.

If you share the concern expressed here, it is your duty to speak out when you see dogs on the beach. If you are a dog owner and care what your neighbours think of you, leave even the smallest, cutest, best behaved dog at the cottage!

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## Aunt Vickie's Recipe Corner

### HONEYED GINGER BABY CARROTS

1-1/2 lb. baby carrots  
2 tbsp. honey  
2 tbsp. butter  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. ginger  
dash of cinnamon

Cook carrots in boiling, salted water until just tender. Meanwhile, combine remaining ingredients and heat until honey and butter melt. Pour over hot carrots. Garnish with parsley sprigs. Yields 6 servings.

### ONION CASSEROLE

1 lb. onions, sliced  
1/8 lb. butter  
salt and pepper  
3/4 cup bread crumbs  
3/4 cup sour cream  
2 eggs  
1/2 cup grated cheese

Butter casserole and coat sides and bottom using some of the bread crumbs. Sauté onions in butter and season with salt and pepper. Place onions in casserole. Mix sour cream with eggs and place on top of onions. Top with grated cheese and the rest of the bread crumbs. Bake at 350 F. for 20 minutes.

## Senior's Club

The Senior's Club of Victoria Beach and Traverse Bay includes the areas of Hillside Beach, Traverse Bay, Victoria Beach, Wanasing Beach, Sandy Bay, Belair, Albert Beach and Lester Beach. It is open to all full or part time residents 55 years and over. The annual dues are \$5.00 per person.

We welcome your participation in our programs. Those interested in joining please contact Nellie Danwich (2613), Irene Lowing (2723), Jack Gregory (8406) or Jessie Ateah (2357).

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