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Yacht Club News

by Fred Johnson

Sorry that I missed last week's *Herald*, but summer caught me off guard this year.

I was intending to report the final results for the 1988 racing season last week, so I will give them now.

In the monohull division, which consists mainly of Lasers, Orest Dackow took first place. (So what else is new?) Second place went to Dave McKibbin and third place to Ivan McMorris, who nudged out Rudy Isaak on the last weekend of the season.

In the multihull division, consisting of Hobie Cats and Sol Cats, first place went to Paul Nagle, who had a terrific season last year. Paul sails one of the newer members of the Hobie Cat family, a Hobie 17. Second place went to the incumbents, Tam Scott Sr. and yours truly. Not far behind, in third place, were Harry Wall and Tam Scott Jr.

The 1989 season should be quite interesting, in both divisions. There are several excellent Laser sailors, all capable of finishing in the top three, if not first place. (No offence, Orest). Of further note to those who care, I will be sailing my invitation again this year, if I can find all the pieces!

With Bruce's new hulls, Richard's new sails, Tam's crew, and Harry's steady improvement, 1989 could be a real loss-up in the multihull division.

Although membership in the Yacht Club has remained stable, the number of boats participating in the races has declined over the last few years. So if you've been toying with the idea of entering a race or two, please don't hesitate. It's a lot of fun and an excellent way to improve your sailing skills.

We have a new commodore this year - Chris Aldridge. Many of you know Chris through his involvement with the Victoria Beach Club. Chris was also responsible for the sailing schools, which were a great success under his direction. Chris succeeds Tam Scott Jr., who did an excellent job as commodore over the past two years.

I would like to welcome Ron Pratt back for another term as editor of the *Herald*. Ron did a super job for us last year and we look forward to working with him again this year.

So for the latest news from the Victoria Beach Yacht Club, keep tuned to this column. Have a great summer.

Junior Tennis Tournament

The Junior tennis tournament (16 years of age and under) is being held on Monday, July 10 and Tuesday, July 11.

The sign up sheets for the tournament are up at the tennis courts.

The closing dates for entries is July 8 at 9:00 p.m. The draw for the tournament will be posted at the courts Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

Junior tennis players who enter the tournament must be prepared to play anytime on Monday or Tuesday. Singles events will begin at 8:00 Monday morning.

Entry fee is \$1.00 per event, payable at the first match. You may enter three events plus the bonus parent and child event.

The events are as follows:

Singles	Doubles
12 and Under Girls & Boys	Girls
14 and Under Girls & Boys	Boys
16 and Under Girls & Boys	Mixed
	Parent & Child

Events with consolation will be the Singles (if entries warrant) and the Parent and Child.

Last year's winners are asked to return the trophies to 321-7th before Sunday evening, July 9.

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Letter to the Editor

We arrived at VB shortly after noon on July 1st. After unloading the car, having lunch and getting ourselves organized, we were finally able to pick up a VB Herald around 4:00 p.m. Reading it, we discovered we had missed the swimming lesson registration at the Clubhouse that morning. We thought the timing somewhat poorly planned.

The Membership Blitz had barely started, yet to register for swimming lessons you had to produce your VB Club membership card. How many people would have had their cards by 12:00 noon? Surely the registration could have been scheduled after the blitz had ended, as it was last year, or there could have been better communication between the swimming co-ordinators and the membership committee.

Sincerely,
G. and M. McCALLUM
201-6th

Editor's Note:

Quite so. Unfortunately we are dealing here with two separate operations, the blitz which requires tremendous organization and a great deal of time and effort, and the swimming which is to get organized and started early in the week. To facilitate the conflict, Grant Bennington, chairman of the membership committee, was on hand and sold a large number of memberships at swimming registration. For those who did not have funds on hand, they were asked to show their cards at swimming lesson. It was a tight weekend. Both swimming registration and memberships can be arranged on an on-going basis.

Retraction

The Herald extends apologies for erroneously suggesting in the previous edition that the ugly grass in front of 222-7th was the result of municipal brush clearing. A stump had been removed at this site by a private contractor.

On a more positive note, many compliments have been heard concerning rock clearing on the beaches and the excellent potability (and pressure) of the drinking water.

A Huge Bouquet of Flowers to:

Patti and Laurie Peterson for taking on Sports Day - a wonderful event enjoyed by many families.

Richard Hill and Janet Ingleson for running the favourite Adult Dance featuring Carman la Rosa. The fast-selling tickets indicate a very popular event.

Thank you, Ron, and congrats on the Vice-Presidency!

YOGA ENTHUSIAST

Please note a change in time for
Yoga Classes Tuesday 8:45 a.m.
to 10:00 a.m. at the Club House.

Council Corner

The Council of the R.M.V.B. welcomes everybody to the beach for the summer months. Please enjoy yourselves and while doing so, help us to keep Victoria Beach a beautiful place to spend the summer.

Over one thousand seedling trees were planted this spring. They are very small and will need your help and protection to survive.

We want to bring to your attention once again the increasing costs of refuse and bush disposal. Please see that your refuse is properly packaged for easy pickup. Brush, etc., that was not put out before the June cleanup should be kept on your own property until after September 1. It will not be picked up in July or August and is unsightly on the street during those months.

A new bylaw regulating the areas where all terrain vehicles may be used in the municipality is now in force. Anyone found operating an ATV outside those areas will be prosecuted. Copies of the bylaw, along with maps may be obtained from the Police Office.

Since improvements to the water system in 1984 and 1987, the operating costs of the system have risen dramatically, with a resulting severe deficit for the utility. There will probably be a major increase in the annual water rate as soon as the Public Utilities Board holds a hearing for our requested increase.

Since dogs are one of the commonest causes of complaints to the council, we urge owners to properly control their dogs.

1989 is an election year. Nomination Day is July 12, and the election is July 28. Four councillors and the reeve are to be elected.

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Single	20	15	10	5

Beach People

Congratulations to Sherill Zellis who is celebrating 40 years at Victoria Beach on July 8th. She started her LONG beach years at 312-8th Avenue. Drop in at Pine and Juniper to wish her a Happy 40th.

8 Photos Needed

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1988 60+ Golf Tournament

The Seniors and 60+ Golf Tournament and Pot Luck Supper wound up the 1988 Seniors' program, September 12.

A beautiful fall day with 101 golfers taking part in the tournament. 184 persons attended the Pot Luck Supper which was held at the Victoria Sports Center.

Winners of the Tournament:

Ladies' Low Gross
Low Net
Men's Low Gross
Low Net
Ladies' Low Puts
Longest Drive No 2
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Low Puts No 2
Hidden Hole No 1
Hidden Hole No 3
Hidden Score Low
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It is very easy to lose golf balls on our course - but a golf Bag? Johnny Ateah did - it took the foursome a long time to find it, along with several balls.

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The event was organized by a committee consisting of Bonnie & Murray Kerr, Eileen & Dick Little, Peggy & Doug Bell, Roger Smith, Marion Maclean & Jacquie Darwin.

The 1989 Golf Tournament and Pot Luck Supper will be held on Monday September 11th. Work is already underway to make this year's event as enjoyable and successful as in the past with Eileen & Dick Little co-chairmen. We all look forward to seeing the Seniors at this fun event.

JACQUIE DARWIN & MARION MACLEAN
1988 Co-Chairmen

Art News

I thought you might be interested in our group of local artists and craftspeople. We had our first meeting in August 1988, at which we organized in a non-profit group called Sun Country Arts and Crafts Inc. Our members are 50 strong, and growing. They come from permanent and summer residents and blend together the various beaches from Victoria Beach down to Beaconia, although most are from our immediate area. We meet every first Sunday of the month at the Victoria Beach Sports Center for our general meeting - everyone is welcome! Also we paint on location at various spots every Saturday from May through to September. As well, we sponsor workshops on various arts and crafts.

Once a year we hold our Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition and Sale at the Victoria Beach Sports Center on Pine Road (it is car accessible). This will be our fourth annual sale, and it will be held on Sunday, July 9, 12:00-4:00 p.m. We have a wide variety of arts and crafts for sale, including paintings, handicrafts, wood-work, lawn ornaments, hand made knives, and leathercraft. Also we offer a canteen for refreshments and a Dutch auction table.

Our executive is:

President - Nancy-Lou Ateah	-3447
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Wolf Encounters Bear

This is a true story and it could have ended quite tragically for both Mr. & Mrs. Wolfe and Mr. Bear. We are not sure how Mr. Bear's 'behind' is today, no doubt a bit sore, but thankfully Mr. & Mrs. Wolfe suffered no physical harm, a bit shaken up maybe, and there was only a small amount of damage to the left front corner of Mr. Wolfe's vehicle.

It all happened on Friday at about 8:30 p.m., just a few hundred yards north of Patricia Beach. Mr. & Mrs. Wolfe were headed for their cottage on Centre St. for the weekend, when it seems, Mr. Bear decided to cross the highway on his way to the lake too.

Mr. Wolfe's vehicle skidded first to the right then to the left as the brakes were applied suddenly but time and/or space was a bit short and Mr. Wolfe's vehicle hit Mr. Bear's 'behind'.

In any event, it seems, that Mr. & Mrs. Wolfe and Mr. Bear had the same thing in mind; a dip in the cool waters of Lake Winnipeg. What they did not know was that their paths were to cross.

So BEWARE, if you are wandering around in the vicinity of Patricia Beach, and do keep an eye out for Mr. Wolfe's bear with the sore 'behind'.

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Some Personal and Happy Memories
of Life at Victoria Beach, 1921 to 1960
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Getting There - continued

It was important that one get to the Winnipeg station early to get a seat in the front coaches to prevent the moving up at Grand Beach. This was always a sore point with YBers as the CNR authorities would frequently state that the first two or three cars were for stations beyond Grand Beach and those riding to Grand Beach must take the other cars. This was great in theory but never in practice as few trainmen would make the effort to control this.

One hazard riding the train, particularly for small boys, was a cinder in an eye. Every small boy or girl would always beg a window

seat, and the first thing they would do was to open the window and bang their head out. The accompanying adult would demonstrate ineffectually and somehow or other, within a short time of departure, those nasty hot cinders from the engine would find that tiny spot on the face where there is an eye and, presto, a very sore eye.

As an aspiring doctor, it wasn't long before I mastered, along with others, the technique of rolling up the upper eyelid on a wooden match (always available in those days) and removing the offending cinder with a clean hanky, sometimes moistened with the victim's spit. I developed a good reputation from the regular YBers on the train who knew me for my ability. (Later on, at West Hawk Lake, the ability was removing embedded fish hooks, but that's another story.)

To return to the actual train journey past Grand Marais. This was always the exciting, and, in a paradoxical way, the more boring probably because of the twenty-five minutes to go fifteen miles. The hill at Belair (hardly noticeable on the present highway) was relatively formidable for steam engines. It wasn't too difficult going north up the grade as it was not too steep, but the other side was steeper so that the trains usually descended fairly quickly and had to brake hard to stop at Hillside if there were passengers for this tiny resort. I don't recall anyone ever getting off at Amanda which was on the side of this hill and marked only by a sign.

Just after passing Hillside the government dock at Victoria Beach could be seen across the marshy bay. The track then made a wide curve after the Albert Beach station (one mile further along) around the marshy bay and across the sandy spit quite close to the water of Traverse Bay. This required fairly slow speed due to the unstable road bed. Just after passing the "Y" for turning the trains, the engineer would blow a long whistle as he brought the train around the final curve for the last mile of track. The train would then enter the station slowly with its bell ringing. The crowd on the platform, always large on the weekends, would become animated, the big high railway baggage carts positioned, and the train would stop as the baggage car came opposite the carts. The actual end of the track was 200 yards farther along by the tennis courts.

When we lived on Corydon Avenue in Winnipeg, we had a neighbor named Mr. Kunza, a CNR engineer who occasionally brought the train to the Beach. Mr. Kunza was remarkable for two things: he had a mouthful of shining gold covered teeth and he loved to let the train highball down the hill to Hillside. If we were passengers on the train we could always say: "It's Mr. Kunza up front" when the train swayed along at great speed and then would have to back up at Hillside because he could not stop in time. If we were at the station to greet the train (frequently in my case) Mr. Kunza would let me and my friends climb up into the cab of the big locomotive and inspect its operation.

One of the rituals of all the engineers on arrival was to get down with a huge oil can and ceremoniously oil several vital spots. I think it was just an opportunity to get out of the hot cab and stretch their legs.

If we were well behaved and the crews were in a good mood, children would be allowed to ride back to the "Y" in the cab or in the coaches while the train was reversed.

The return trip to Winnipeg up the grade was another matter! A single steam engine could only pull ten passenger cars and a baggage car and on Sunday nights these cars were always filled to capacity. More than once when I was riding the Sunday night train the grade was too much for the train and the engineer had to back up almost to the "Y" and try again. The fireman must have earned his salary on those trips as the engines were all hand fired with coal. Other times, even with a light train, it was a slow ride up the hill.

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