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Gathering on the Green

Come and join the gathering on the green to celebrate Canada 125. Nothing formal; everything fun. We have a wide variety of activities planned. Helium balloons will be given to the first 300 children. There are commemorative ribbons and cake. The Merry Makers will have a bake sale. You may have your photo taken with a Mountie in full dress uniform from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

- 10:30 am Gathering (at the green).
- 11:00 am Mainstage entertainment (by library). Musical musings of Franz Christoph. Fort Alexander North Shore Dancers.
- 11:00 am Kids Bike Decorating Begins (Sports Field). We will have some materials available for those who don't decorate at the cottage.
- 11:45 am Grand Parade of Bicycles, from the Sports Field through the Village Green.
- 12:00 noon Mainstage entertainment continues with Franz and North Shore Dancers.
- 12:30-1 pm Stretch Stroll and Commemorative Tree Planting Ceremony.
- 1:00-1:45 pm Simbo-Childrens entertainer Simme Nasberg.
- 2:00 pm Grand Finale - Flag Raising - Oh Canada.

Plan to pack a picnic and head down to the gathering on the green. If you are among those who have just arrived and really do not have the time or energy to pack a picnic, please come anyway. The Moonlight Inn will run a concession stand. Hot dogs, drinks and other items will be available.

Many people have contributed to making our Canada 125 Day

a success. We all need to acknowledge cash donations made by the RM of Victoria Beach, the Victoria Beach Community Club, Victoria Beach Cottage Association, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Harbour of the Village Green Grocery, Einfield's Bakery, and Dennis Houston of Len's Fine Fare. Jake Penner of Penndale Nursery donated the Canada Day tree. We also must acknowledge Cliff Jones and his assistant carpenters for the erection of the stage, the Merry Makers for the baked goods, pastries, pickles and jam, the V.B. Volunteer Fire Department, the V.B. Public Works Employees for setting up the extras on the green, the V.B. Sports Club for the picnic tables, Bill Storry for decorating the village green buildings, the V.B. Police Constable Dan Matheson, Ivan McMorris and his windy friends for filling balloons, RCMP Constable Sparrow for the photo session, the North Shore Dancers from Fort Alexander and the many others who have planned and helped make this day perfect.

Put on your patriotic colors. Come in red or white. There is time for so much.

Visiting - Take time to stroll on the green and visit with friends and neighbors.

Eating - Bring a picnic or buy your lunch from the Moonlight Inn BBQ pit out on the green.

Sitting - Tables will be placed around the green, park benches will be brought in. If you really want to secure a seat, bring your own lawn chair.

Bug Swatting - Hopefully as this is mid day, there will be none, but if you want to be safe, put on the OTF.

Singing - At 2 p.m. at the flag raising.

Biking - Ride your bike down, but park them out of the way. We really do not want to walk around your bike. So don't cause an accident, park your bike away from the Village Green.

Bike Decorating - Materials to decorated the bikes will be put out in the Sports Ground. There are three age categories. The prizes for the best decorated bike in each category is free movies for the summer.

Litter Removing - Trash containers will be all around. Let's all use them, so that on July 2 the green is spotless.

Enjoying - Take time to stroll down to the Green and enjoy the niceties of meeting and greeting. Let us all enjoy each other and this very special event.

If it is hot, bring sunscreen. If it is cool, bring a jacket or parka. If it is damp, bring an umbrella, but no matter what bring yourself, your family and a friend.

Every Canada Day is special, but perhaps this year more than ever, we each need to make an effort to join and say Happy 125 Canada.

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KIDS!

Decorate your bike for the Bike Decorating Contest, July First - Canada's Birthday! Two classes, ages 6 - 8 and 8 - 12. Prizes for the best decorated bikes. Red and white paper streamers available (limited quantity). Call or phone Allison or Doug Guest at 316-2nd Avenue, phone 756-8269. All bikes must be decorated by 11:00 a.m. Assemble at Community Club Sports Ground for judging. Parade of bikes will follow around village green, behind Victoria Beach Fire Brigade.

Membership Blitz July 4 and 5

Our team of volunteers will be knocking on your door Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5 with membership forms in hand. Rates for membership in the Victoria Beach Club are once again unchanged and to refresh your memory, they are as follows:

Seasonal:	\$35.00 - family \$25.00 - couple \$20.00 - single
Month:	\$30.00 - family \$20.00 - couple \$15.00 - single
Two week:	\$20.00 - family \$15.00 - couple \$10.00 - single

Family membership is defined as a mother and or father and their dependent children. Memberships may also be purchased when registering your children for swimming lessons on July 4 or 5.

Perhaps you feel that your are at a stage in life when you would not really participate in many activities. Why not consider making a tax deductible donation. All membership fees and tax deductible donations provide the V. B. Club with the funds necessary to run many of our sporting events, children's programs, adult dances and activities, and special events. Those funds also allow us to maintain and enjoy the library, the clubhouse, the swimming docks, the tennis courts, and the V.B. Herald.

I am still in need of canvassers for the Wanasing area and in that regard I can be contacted at 303-4th Avenue up until July 3rd.

Thank-you in advance for your support.

Penny McMorris
Membership Chairman

Swimming Registration

Swimming Lessons will start on Monday, July 6th. Registration will be Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the clubhouse. For more information read next week's Herald.

If you cannot be here for registration, do not panic. You may register your children on the docks between the hours of 10:00 and 10:30. Please see Patrick Peacock or Bette Lodewyck. Don't forget the \$5.00 per child cost.

Recreation Programs

Once again Derek has organized a program to suit all ages and abilities. Here is your choice this summer.

Family Rec Room	Mon., Wed. & Fri.	7-9 p.m.	Sports Ground
Movies	Tues. & Thurs.	8 p.m.	Clubhouse
Hikes (ages 7-12)	Wed.	10:30-noon	Clubhouse
Tennis (ages 7-9)	Mon.	9-10 a.m.	Tennis Courts
(ages 5 & 6)	Wed.	9-10 a.m.	Tennis Courts
(ages 10 & over)	Fri.	10-10 a.m.	Tennis Courts
(Toca Round Robin)	Wed.	10:30-noon	Tennis Courts
(Adult Round Robin)	Mon. & Fri.	10:30-noon	Tennis Courts
Golf (ages 9-14)	Tues. & Thurs.	9-10 a.m.	Sports Ground
(adults)	Tues. & Thurs.	10:30-noon	Sports Ground
Arts & Crafts (4-11)	Thurs.	10-11 a.m.	Clubhouse
Low Organized Games (ages 5-12)	Mon. & Fri.	10:30-12:00	Sports Ground
Adult Mixed Volleyball	Fri.	8-9 p.m.	Sports Ground
Tea Night	Wed.	8 p.m.	Sports Ground

Please remember to wear a hat and sunscreen for these activities.

Other opportunities include:

Mixed Bridge	Mon.	8 p.m.	Clubhouse
Acrobatics	Mon., Wed. & Fri.	10 a.m.	Library
Yoga (Adults & Teens)	Tues.	10:30-noon	Library
Library	Mon. - Fri.	11:00-noon	Library
		7-8 p.m.	Library

Hope to see you there!

Trish Ruthwell

1992 Executive Changes

We are deeply indebted to two very hard working members of the executive who have moved on to other projects. Bill Storry has been an inspiration to all of us these past ten years. Always pitching in and offering his fabulous selection of tools. Bill put a tremendous amount of time and energy into his maintenance position and just about everything else the executive was doing. Thank you Bill, your energy and enthusiasm is much appreciated.

Shelly Saunders has been a real asset to our executive as Advertising manager to the Herald. Her sound financial advice and library skills kept our meetings on track. People like Shelly help keep our beach vital.

This year we are pleased to welcome Fred Buffy as our Vice-President. Fred is a long time Victoria Beacher and resides with his wife and two sons on Sunset. Already he has been a great asset.

The other on the executive may have switched positions but are still serving. Why not start thinking about volunteering for 1993? It is a wonderful group with which to be involved.

Trish

Arts and Crafts

Please note that arts and crafts are now on Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. See you there!

Looking Forward to Another Busy Golf Season

The course is in good condition, except that the greens did not winter well. A combination of freezing rain last October and November and heavy snow in the spring, produced a lot of winter kill. By the time you read this article, they should have recovered.

Improvements to the course so far this year include the addition of two fiber teeing mats on Number 3 and 8 tee boxes. The eighth fairway has been widened to expose the green and has been sodded. Two major projects are the lengthening of number 7 and number 9 fairways. These holes will be 323 and 334 yards in length respectively when completed. They will not be in play until 1993.

The various tournament chair persons are reserving dates for the ladies', men's, junior and plus 60 annual golf tournaments. Firm dates will be published later.

The management and staff are committed to providing the best possible conditions for your golf, and we ask that golfers cooperate by keeping the course tidy, repairing ball damage on the greens, and replacing fairway divots.

Have a good golf season.

John Evans, Manager

Weekly Movies Starting July 7

For those of you just joining into the activities at Victoria Beach, we would like to invite you to join us on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8:00 in July and 7:30 in August for the movies. The first movie is Tuesday, July 7th.

Soft drinks and chips are available from the canteen. The profits from these items go to help subsidize the movies so that we can keep the rates down.

If you bring a car drink to the movie, be sure to drain it and place it in the recycling bin just outside the clubhouse door. That way we save the recreation assistants from having to work as janitors. If we each do a bit, the job is effortless.

Hope to see you there.

Wow! What a Summer!

This year setting up the calendar was a challenge. Because of Canada Day falling on a Wednesday, we only have three weekends in July. We had to do a lot of shuffling, but decided to use a few Sundays to run events and tried to keep all the wonderful conveners happy. The fishing derby, cross country run and the dog show have all been moved to Sundays. We hope this will be acceptable. Thank you very much to all our wonderful conveners and to all our participants for being so understanding.

Trish Rathwell

Flea Market

This is just a bit of advance notice of the Flea Market coming up on July 11. As you finish your spring clean up, take a look at those items that can be contributed to the Flea Market. Pick up, as usual, will be early Saturday morning on July 11. This year Linda Sudermann of 221-3rd Avenue is in charge. If you have time to help in any way, contact her at 756-3644.

Quilt Raffle

Old quilters never die, they just go to pieces. The fact that Dawn & I are short a few (pieces) may explain why we offered to coordinate a quilt raffle for the community club using tennis players. (They may know how to hit a ball but can they thread a needle?) YOU BET! The following crafty crew met Sunday afternoons and created a masterpiece which would be a valued addition to any cottage:

- Master Quilters - Cathie Lee, Sally Knox, Connie Dryborough

- Great Tennis Players but Questionable Quilters - Freda Bjornson, Susan Dudek, Lillian Hancock, Leslie Holland, Sally Lawler, Hilda Morrish

- The Iron Lady - Irene Hyman

- Great Cutter - Roz Munday

- Cookie & Coffee Provider - Lindsay Duke

This was no onerous task as comradery and Freda's cheese balls made it all worthwhile. Thanks to all who participated and for those who bought/will buy tickets in support of this community club fundraiser.

Pollard Banknote printed the 3000 tickets gratis - thanks Lawrie! Dave Dryborough, Coopers Lybrand, is keeping us honest and handling the supervision of the draw - thanks Dave. Let's not forget the ticket sellers without who no dollars would flow! We all know how much fun it is to pedal tickets for yet another cause.

Seriously, the quilt is beautiful. Don't miss the opportunity to get in on the draw. Tickets, \$2 each or 3 for \$5, are going like hotcakes. They are available at the Flea Market, Library, Moonlite Inn (thanks Barb), and from the Quilters.

Barb Duke/Dawn Kirbyson

Recycling News

Another summer is here and how lovely it is to come back to the beach and unwind. Earlier this month there was a summit in Rio on saving the environment. I wonder if anyone mentioned those dignitaries that we, here at Victoria Beach have been working to save our environment for the past two summers.

This year again the barrels will be placed around the beach for your recycling. We will be dealing with aluminum cans, plastic pop bottles and glass liquor bottles. We ask that you help us by removing the lids from plastic pop bottles. So that the glass does not shatter and cut the volunteers, would you please bring glass bottles to the bins in boxes or take them to the Recycling Centre next to the Firehall. Also could you drain the aluminum cans for us. We will recycle both American and Canadian beer cans, pop cans and de-alcoholized beer.

Our Sports Club and Community Club, who provided such wonderful volunteers every Monday at 2:00 p.m., have each received a cheque in the amount of \$539.88 for our second year of operation, this despite the fact that the price per pound had dropped.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered in 1991. We really are a great group but there just aren't enough of us. Join us on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. starting JULY 6. Volunteer sorters are so important to our success, so see you Monday.

Diana Pennington

Victoria Beach Yacht Club - 1992 Sailing Schools

July 13-18, 1992: Mobile Optimist Program

The Mobile Optimist Program of the Manitoba Sailing Association for junior sailors aged 8 to 16 with morning classes for beginners and afternoon classes for those who have had some previous sailing instruction or experience. This program is conducted in one person optimist sailboats by MSA certified instructors.

Tuition is \$50 per student for 5 - 1/2 day sessions.

July 20-24, 1992: Learn to Sail Program

Mobile learn to sail program of the Manitoba Sailing Association for teenagers or adults of any sailing ability conducted in two person Laser II sailboats by MSA certified instructors.

Tuition is \$75 per student for 5 - 1/2 day sessions.

For further information or application forms contact:

Harry Wall
141 Victoria Blvd.,
Phone: 756-8834 (Beach) or 668-1612 (City)

VBVC 1992 Sailing School Application Form

Manitoba Sailing Association Mobile Optimist Sailing School

for Ages 7 - 15 Years

Victoria Beach Yacht Club, July 13 - 17, 1992

(5 - 1/2 day morning or afternoon sessions)

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address (City) _____ Phone no. _____

Address (Lake) _____ Phone no. _____

Session choice (check one) _____ AM (No previous sailing exp.) or

_____ PM (Some previous sailing exp.)

The course curriculum consists of the Canadian Yachting Association's Optimist Sailing Program, which will involve some dry-land instruction, such as rigging and de-rigging of the sailboats, as well as on water instruction such as sail trim and sailing the boat. The basic sailing instruction will enable you to sail competently without instructor supervision upon successful completion of the course. Students will also gain experience in the fun racing of the Optimist dinghy. Lifejackets (PFDs) are provided. Please bring bathing suits, windbreakers, towels and proper footwear (ie runners).

Please complete the following Release:

In consideration of acceptance of this entry or my being permitted to take part in this event, I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Canadian Yachting Association, the Manitoba Sailing Association, the Victoria Beach Yacht Club, its organizers and their respective agents, officials, servants and representatives from and against all claims, actions, cost, expenses and demands in respect to death, injury, loss or damage to my person or property, however caused, arising out of or in connection with my taking part in this event notwithstanding that the same may be caused or occasioned by the negligence of the same bodies, or any of them, or their agents, officials, servants or representatives. I further understand and agree that this Release is binding upon myself, my heirs, executors and assigns.

Signature of Applicant _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Tuition is \$50 per student with a \$25 deposit required with this application form. Make cheques payable to VBVC. The remaining \$25 is due at the beginning of course instruction. Instruction will begin at the VBVC at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm sharp rain or shine on July 13, 1992.

Return this form, with your cheque, to the VBVC Sailing School Director, Harry Wall at:
190 Roosevelt Pl. Wpg. _____ or _____ 141 Victoria Blvd. V7
R2K 1M5 Ph: 668-1612 _____ Ph: 756-8834

1992 Sailing School Application Form
Manitoba Sailing Association Learn to Sail Program
for Teenagers and Adults.
Victoria Beach Yacht Club, July 20 - 24, 1992
(5 - 1/2 day morning or afternoon sessions)

Name: _____

Address (City) _____ Phone no. _____

Address (Lake) _____ Phone no. _____

Session choice (check one) AM _____ or PM _____ All Day _____

The course curriculum consists of the Canadian Yachting Association's White Sail Program in two person Laser II sailboats, which will involve some dry-land instruction, such as rigging and de-rigging of the sailboats, as well as on water instruction such as sail trim and sailing the boat. The basic sailing instruction will enable you to sail competently without instructor supervision upon successful completion of the course. Students will also gain experience in the fun racing. Lifejackets (PFDs) are provided. Please bring bathing suits, windbreakers, towels and proper footwear (ie runners).

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Signature of Applicant _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian if under 18 _____ Date _____

Tuition is \$75 per student with a \$37.50 deposit required with this application form. Make cheques payable to VBVC. The remaining \$37.50 is due at the beginning of course instruction. Instruction will begin at the VBVC at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm sharp rain or shine on July 20, 1992.

Return this form, with your cheque, to the VBVC Sailing School Director, Harry Wall at:
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Complements Column

Thank-you's are once again in order. Thank you to the executive who have been meeting over the winter to plan the summer activities for each of us to enjoy. Those hours of behind the scene phoning and planning are really appreciated.

Thank you to each person who volunteered to chair an activity or to assist in some way. If each person does a bit, a great deal is accomplished.

Thank you to Gerry Dennehy, Jeff Quinton and those who helped them to plan our Canada Day celebrations. Hopefully many of us will be able to join in and celebrate Canada's birthday.

Thanks to John Evans who laid the sod on the new sports ground. All those baseball players and volleyball enthusiasts who have worried that they or their child will twist an ankle in the pot hole should think on John with kindness.

Thank you to the ladies of the tennis committee who made a quilt and are trying to sell tickets to raise money for court maintenance and for the club in general.

My most important complement goes to Bill Storrey who cleaned, polished and fixed the clubhouse, the rec director's house and the library for the past years. Who of us would give that much time to the community, when really our family needed us first. Bill, you really display Victoria Beach at its best.

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Library News

Another season is about to begin at the library! We have managed to find some volunteers to coordinate the library and Megan Hodson has been hired as the Library Assistant for the summer.

The library will open for the season on Thursday, July 2nd. Regular hours will be Monday to Friday 11:00 a.m. to noon and from 7 to 8 in the evenings. As in past years members of the Victoria Beach Club may borrow books for a two week period at a cost of \$2.25 for a children's book (\$3.10 refund upon on-time return) and \$5.00 for an adult's book (\$7.25 refund upon on-time return). There is a maximum of five books for children to borrow at one time.

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1991 60+ Golf Tournament

The seniors 60+ Golf Tournament and Pot Luck Supper ended the 1991 program on Monday, September 9th. We are most grateful to all of you who helped make this event a success, setting the tables at the Sports Center, remaking the center pieces (Murray), organizing all the years photos in albums (Smith), the beautiful food that came from the many, many kitchens, it all was so good. To the Merry Makers who supervised the kitchen and serving.

There were 108 golfers - 42 ladies - 66 men.

The Tournament winners were:

LADIES

Low Grass
#1 Doreen Langdon
#2 Irene Mossop

Low Net

#1 Pat Greengrass
#2 Kathleen Murray

Lowest Number Putts

#1 Hilda Horne
#2 Joan McMorris

Longest Drive

#2 Shirley Woerch
#5 Ruth Huriburt
#9 Terry Woakey

Ladies Grace Long Trophy

#4 Jacque Darwin

Closest to the Hole

#3 Helen Smith
#6 Chessie Todd

Our sincere thanks to Roger Smith, Grant Murray and Murray Kerr for their help with score cards.

Our sincere thanks to the following persons and organizations who made very generous contributions to this event.

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Jessie Angus
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Isabel & Bill Richardson
Joan & Sam McMorris
Ed & Agnes Galka

The tournament was organized by a committee of Lou and Tom Kitcher who were in charge of the Golf Tournament, June and Gord Saunders who were responsible for getting the hall set up, the bar, decorations, name tags and other chores and Doreen and Bill Langdon who sold tickets and were responsible for arranging for all the lovely salads, hot dishes, pies, cakes and the gourmet delights that were enjoyed by 190 people.

MEN

#1 Bill Wilson
#2 John Evans

#1 Jim Muir
#2 Ron MacIntosh

#1 Dave Johnson
#2 Norm Nagle

#2 Nell McDermott
#4 Gord Mathieson

Sprague Trophy

#5 Bill Richardson

#3 non awarded
#6 Bill Brownscombe

We had our delightful entertainers of singing and sng along, Ann & Hugh Fraser and Ann & Gord Gooding. Thank you so much, it's super entertainment.

The 12th Annual Golf Tournament and Pot Luck Supper will be held Monday, September 14th, 1992. The committee is hard at work now with Doreen and Bill Langdon chairing.

We look forward to seeing you all again and meeting the new folks that come along.
Jean McCloy/Jamie Brown

Community Church News

Welcome back to another summer at Victoria Beach. We at the Community Church trust that you had a good winter and are ready for another exciting summer at the Beach. We have prepared a series of summer worship services which we trust will edify and uplift you. Worship services are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. While the "official" summer services begin next week, I encourage everyone to come out this Sunday, June 28th at 11:00 a.m. for a service led by Pastor Leon Fontaine of the Selkirk New Life Church.

Additionally, this summer marks the 40th anniversary of St. Michael's Church building. We are planning a special anniversary service the third Sunday in August. Make plans now to join us for this special service of celebration and watch the Herald for more details.
Geoff Bell, Chairman

Volunteers Needed

At least six carpenters are needed to erect the stage at the library for the Canada Day celebration. The volunteers are to report to Cliff Jones at 9 a.m. on June 30. Please bring power screw drivers if you have them.

One More Convener is Needed

Trish has done an excellent job at finding conveners for all the various activities at Victoria Beach, but even Trish is not perfect. She still needs one more volunteer. If the 50+ Dance is to occur this year, a chairperson is needed. So if you are interested in having a 50+ dance, call Trish and volunteer.

Clubhouse Rentals

Are you planning a family reunion? Is your cottage too small to accommodate the herd descending on you for dinner? Would you like to hold an anniversary dinner or tea?

Think about renting the clubhouse. If you are a member, \$100 for a half day, or for an evening. Talk to Trish Rathwell or a member of the executive.

Cottage for Sale
Lots 5 and 6 Sprague

(off David Road in the Non-restricted area)

Cozy 3 year old winterized cottage, indoor 3 piece bath, large deck and screen porch, European L shaped kitchen, cedar living area. Asking \$51,000. Call 756-3690.

KRAFT'S STUDIO
ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE
Stained Glass, Jewellery, Wood Sculptures, Watercolor
Paintings, Greeting Cards, Silks
Wednesday, July 1st, 1992
118 Birch Ave., Victoria Beach

Cottage Owners Speak Out

A large number of cottage owners turned out on August 18, 1991 for the annual meeting of the V.B. Cottage Owners Association. They were virtually unanimous in their feelings about a number of issues which were discussed.

Concerns were expressed about speeding within the municipality and the members were pleased to hear that the new speed limits are being enforced. Any changes to the municipal speed limits are the exclusive right of the provincial government and councillors in attendance promised to take our concerns to the Highway Traffic Board.

There was a renewed commitment to oppose any further development of Pelican Point in the restricted area. Members expressed the opinion that they were assured in 1988 that no further development would be undertaken in this area once the original development was in place. The members assured Council they would be present in full force if any application is made to V.B. Council for approval of any further zoning variance in this area.

The Earth Corp test project which saw some 30 white bicycles placed within the municipality was also a subject for discussion. Cottage owners expressed the opinion that in the restricted area, because bicycles are already in plentiful supply, there is no need for more bicycles. Councillors were urged to turn down any request for such a project next summer.

The finances of the Association are in good shape with \$ 2,783.00 on deposit and there is no need for further assessment of members at this time. The incumbent officers were re-elected for one year, with Lawric Pollard, President, Jack O'Malley, Secretary, and Allison Bell, Treasurer.

Bike Identification Stickers

As an added safety feature, perhaps you should consider having the bikes around your cottage identified. You can register your bike with the police and help the First Responders. The cost this year is \$5.00. Stickers are available from the police station at the gate, during regular office hours.

New Editor

In the last edition of the Herald in 1991, I mentioned that we are looking for a new editor for the Victoria Beach Herald. I will continue assembling the paper for 1992, but for 1993 we really need a volunteer or two. The job does require a commitment on Sundays, but large sections of the information can be assembled in advance, so it is not onerous. The set up has been done by the printing company, so you do not need to know how to set up a paper.

I am planning to go to Australia for a year in 1993 so I really will not be here to write the paper. A replacement is essential.

Think about the job. It is fun and the editor certainly gets to know people around the beach. If you are interested and wish to talk to me about it, give me a call.

P.S. I received a phone call this spring offering help, but have misplaced the name. Would the caller please call me at the beach.



Robert and Donna Johnson

Robert Retired

On January 18, 1992 the community of Victoria Beach honored Robert Johnson and formally acknowledged his retirement. A social evening and roast was held at the Sports Club with over 200 people in attendance. Robert has served as Superintendent of Police, and later as Chief of Police, as bounty man for skunks and gophers, as Building Inspector and as Fire Chief. He had retired as Fire Chief earlier and on this occasion the community said thank you for two decades of faithful service. Robert will continue to live at Victoria Beach and no doubt will continue his life of service to the community.

Best Wishes in the future, Robert.

Complaints

What a dreadful way to begin the year! BUT I have heard of a few situations which really were astonishing. Would you believe that someone steals bedding flowers? At least three residents have had their newly planted flowers stolen from their gardens. I cannot believe that someone here has pink inpatients, among others, that they did not purchase.

And then there are the break-ins and thefts. I was most surprised by the thief who took the inner tube off the bike, but was careful to reassemble everything so that the owner did not notice until June that the theft had occurred. Even scarier was the situation where a person was in the cottage as the break-in occurred. We must take responsibility for ourselves. These are not incidents that others do to us unfortunately. Many are incidents that we do to ourselves.

Yoga

Please note the change in day. Dorothy Gregory and Jane Carroll are pleased to offer us yoga once again this year starting on Tuesday, July 7th at 10:30 - 12 noon. This activity is open to adults and teens. Please bring a mat and join in.

Capital Opportunities for Cottage Owners

Dan Torbiak, CA

In the February 25, 1992 budget, the Federal government proposed changes to the Income Tax Act which will have important consequences for cottage owners. This article will explain the changes and some planning opportunities to use them to your benefit.

The changes deal with the rules for claiming the capital gain exemption on real estate. Previously, you were allowed to claim the unused portion of your \$100,000 lifetime capital gain exemption against the capital gain arising on the sale of a rental property or your cottage. As a result, many people were able to "shelter" the gains on their cottages, so that there was little or no income tax to pay when they sold them.

However, as a result of the proposed changes, the amount of capital gain exemption you can claim will be reduced by a formula which takes into account the number of months you owned your cottage before and after "C Day" (Cottage Day), March 1, 1992. And if you bought your cottage after C Day, you will not be entitled to claim any capital gain exemption at all.

Let's say you bought your cottage in 1980 and you wish to sell it in 1997, five years from C Day. Your cost, including improvements you made, was \$75,000. The sale price in 1997 is \$110,000. Due to the reduction in the capital gain exemption, you will have to pay up to \$4,000 in tax on the resulting capital gain of \$35,000. By contrast, under the previous rules, you could have avoided paying tax altogether or maybe only a few hundred dollars.

Also, you will be entitled to less capital gain exemption the longer you own the cottage past C Day. In the above example, if you keep the cottage another 10 years past 1997, you will end up paying about \$7,000 in tax, even if it does not appreciate past \$110,000. If it appreciated to \$140,000, the tax bill will be as high as \$14,000.

Not only that, but tax may be payable under other circumstances. For example, when you die and leave the cottage to your children, tax will be payable just as if the estate sold it to a third party. In some cases, if there isn't enough cash in the estate, the children may have to sell the cottage to pay the taxes!

What kind of tax planning can be done under the new rules? One way to reduce the tax otherwise payable on your death is to make a gift of the cottage to your children during your lifetime. As a result, you might have to pay a small amount of tax now, but this may be better than your estate paying a lot of tax later.

Of course, it is important to make sure you retain control of the property, so you can use it during your lifetime. One way is to transfer the cottage to a family trust under your control. Another would be to gift only a "residual" interest to the children and retain a "life" interest. On that basis, you would control the cottage for the remainder of your life and it would pass to your children on your death.

In addition, you may be able to reduce the tax payable using your principal residence exemption, but be careful because you may need this exemption to avoid tax on selling your house, if it has also appreciated in value.

Finally, if you do not plan to sell the cottage in the foreseeable future, but you would like to provide for the tax payable when you leave it to your children, consider buying "second-to-die" life insurance.

Looking at your cottage situation may be your first introduction to estate planning, which is a very important part of your overall financial picture. Needless to say, this type of planning is very complicated, so be sure to consult with your professional tax advisor, to take the right action in your situation

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Aunt Vickie's Cookery Column

This year I'm looking for recipes from you. I think I've shared my best. Here I have a few that were given to me last year and that I have saved over the winter.

Hamburger Corn Casserole

1 to 2 lbs. hamburger, cooked and drained
1 c. chopped onions, cooked
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 - 15 ounce can of kernel corn - drained
1 cup sour cream
a small jar diced pimento
1 can or cup of chicken or turkey
3 cups dry egg noodles
4 slices of soft bread - cubed
5 tsp. melted margarine
salt and pepper to taste

Cook hamburger and onion together, drain fat. In large bowl add soups, corn, sour cream, pimento, shredded chicken and hamburger-onion mixture. Cook the 3 cups of dry egg noodles. Add to bowl. Toss. Put all the mixture in a 11 x 15 pan. Toss the cubed bread in melted butter and layer over casserole. Bake at 350 for 40 minutes or until croutons are brown.

(If you are a small family, you could put the mixture into two pans and freeze half)

Broccoli Salad

1 - 2 heads of fresh broccoli washed and cut up (Do Not Cook)
1 cup raisins
1/2 jar (40 grams) of bacon bits
1 small pkg. shelled sunflower seeds
1 c. chopped onion
Top with the following dressing:
1 c. salad dressing
1/2 c. white sugar
Toss and chill.

New Police

As a result of the retirement of Robert Johnson, the RM of Victoria Beach has hired a new police officer. Last autumn Dan Mathison, his wife Diana McCaw and two sons, Lee and Scott moved into their new home on Ateah Road. Many beach club members had the privilege of meeting Dan at the Annual General Meeting in February, others met him on duty over the May long weekend. If you have not met Dan yet, drop by the police office and say hello.

Welcome to Victoria Beach.

