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## Recreation News

### TENNIS ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

#### ADULTS

August 13th Winners Lillian Hancock / Dianne Strome  
George Greengrass / Elsie Hughes  
(Records of 4 - 0)

August 16th Winners Lorna Obrien / Lillian Hancock  
Bill Vroom / Brenda Pink  
Lenny Vroom / George Gilmour  
Frieda B. / Stewart Juzda  
(Records of 4 - 1)

August 20th Winners Frieda B. / Chris Fricke  
Sheila Quinton / Heather Willoughby  
Rae Donovan / Donna Dunn  
Iris Gilmour / Lenny Vroom  
(Records of 4 - 1)

#### TEENS

August 18th Winners Kristi Willoughby / Anders Strome  
Debra Hill / Janet Dunn  
(5 wins each)

## Bridge

Well, here we are again at the end of another season and soon all those slams, missed tricks and almost-made bids will be memories. Now all you enthusiasts can prepare for those long winter evenings when you get together with friends to indulge in our favourite pastime. Perhaps some experiences of the summer will help you to new triumphs in bridge playing.

I must express my thanks to all those who assisted with the necessary preparations for our Monday night bridge, particularly Edna Macleod and Rene Strachan. On Monday, August 16th there were six tables of regular players and two of social/beginners. Top scorer was Ann Manning with 5010 and runnerup Fran Pollard with 4990.

It seems that I did not include in my first notice for this year the top scorers for our last two sessions in 1992. Here they are: August 17/92: Norrie Wiswell top with 4750, Fran Pollard 2nd with 4240; August 24/92: Elsie Dewar top with 6400, Betty MacRae 2nd with 5130.

Hoping to see you all again next year on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. Gladys Mildren

## Bouquet

When I go out biking, I am grateful that the spring clean-up did not result in a lot of cross-the-road ruts this year. Most of the time one can wend a way around the pot holes but ruts across the road are rather jarring obstacles (now if only we could persuade the chipmunks to cross the road at designated times!).

I have also been pleased that I have not had to look at the huge ugly gouges by the roadside or a lot of piles of brush and junk this summer while out for a stroll or ride along our beautiful streets. M.A. Russell

## Yoga

Yoga sessions will continue until further notice at the Seniors Centre on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Thanks to all who have attended the sessions this summer. See you next year. Dorothy and Jane

## Hydro Development at Victoria Beach

Although Winnipeg Hydro had several dams on the Winnipeg River built during the period 1910 - 1930 electricity was not common outside of Winnipeg. At the end of World War II most of rural Manitoba did not have the benefit of hydro. During the 1950's rural and resort areas began to acquire electricity.

The lack of hydro power made life extremely hard for the ranchers and fishermen along the shores of Lake Winnipeg. In 1954 a meeting with local residents, the Manitoba Power Commission, the Minister of Highways and the Premier resulted in a decision being made to extend hydro service from Grand Beach. The summer residents clearly made it evident that they were not in favour of hydro installation. Their argument was that hydro lines and poles would mar the fragile natural surroundings and the beach resort would never be the same.

John Ateah was determined to have hydro power available for local residents, but when he became aware of the horrendous costs, he had meetings with summer residents in 1955. He tried to convince them of the benefits of hydro power hoping they could help to absorb some of the costs. The vast majority of summer cottagers were still very much opposed to hydro development and would not support it.

After meetings with Premier Campbell it was decided that if all residents from Grand Beach in Victoria Beach who would benefit from hydro power would contribute \$60.00 and offer assistance in clearing a 50 foot road allowance between the two resorts, hydro power could arrive that year. Some farmers and ranchers could not afford to pay and John contributed for many that could not raise the money. The great undertaking was accomplished that year.

Within two years, the summer community began to realize the benefits of hydro power and after referendums finally decided to have hydro extended to the summer community. Procedures of installation, however, had to be carefully adhered to. Poles were placed behind cottages and out of view where possible. Many hooked up in 1957 and most cottagers were serviced by 1958. Fred Greengrass

## 60+ Golf Tournament and Pot Luck Supper

SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

Tickets sell for \$5.00 each and everyone is expected to donate food for the Pot Luck supper that evening.

There will be shot-gun starts both morning and afternoon, and the dinner will be held at the Sports Arena at 5:30 p.m. Donations towards prizes will be gratefully received. We will hope for less wet weather and lots of sunshine. Let's make it a great day with your presence!

P.S. Tickets will be available at the home of Tom & Lucile Kitchur 301 Eighth Ave., also at the home of Dorothy Gregory Lot 6 Ateah Road.

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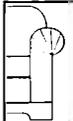
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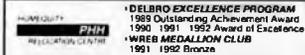
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Total surveys returned	133	0.095
Surveys answered yes	131	0.093
Surveys answered no	2	0.001

	#	Comment	No Comment	Totals	% of Responders
Glass food containers	1	56	64	121	90
Liquor containers (glass & plastic)	0	52	55	107	80
Aluminum beverage cans (rinsed)	0	56	60	116	87
Soft drink bottles (rinsed)	0	58	61	119	89
Household plastic containers	1	53	63	117	87
Metal food cans (label removed & washed)	1	56	67	124	93
Other metals (scrap, appliances)	1	31	24	56	42
Newspapers	1	53	65	119	89
Flyers	1	51	57	109	81
Grocery bags - plastic	1	39	50	90	67
Grocery bags - paper	1	28	31	60	45
Egg Cartons	0	49	58	107	80
Milk Cartons (rinsed)	1	56	62	119	89
Other	None	Cardboard	Cardboard		
		Composting	Magazines		
		Oil containers	Office paper		
		Binsh	Composting		
		Magazines	Magazines		
		Office paper			

Compiled by the L.G.D. of Alexander on August 13, 1993.

## Congratulations, Recyclers

1993 has been the most profitable in four years for recyclables. We have filled the recycling garage twice and have had two pick-ups - July 12th and August 16th.

To date we have kept out of our landfill:

1507 lb. aluminum cans 1308 lb. plastic bottles  
5232 lb. liquor bottles 402 lb. juice jars

over 4000 beer cans and bottles

This has raised over \$1,000.00 already before our final pickup in October. Our Sports and Community Clubs are the benefactors.

Many thanks to our wonderful and dedicated volunteers who support us so much every Monday, rain or shine. Our thanks to Jan and Herb Harbour for providing pop for our volunteers on August 23rd.

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Diana Pennington

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## Recycling News

I would like to extend a very big thank you on behalf of Diana Pennington and myself to all the volunteers who came out so faithfully every Monday to help with recycling.

Although it was never too hot, there were many times when it was very wet and rainy, and there were always enough mosquitoes to go around.

We had a very profitable summer, with two pick-ups from Manitoba Soft Drink Recycling.

We would like to thank the following volunteers for all their hard work and perseverance: Liz Alsip, Margaret Bellhouse, Andres and Patti Berko, Doreen Bourget, John, Kathy and Lynne Brydon, Bill, Sheila and David Burland, Sheila Down, Janet Dunn, David Heilmann, Linda Jarmen-Barnett, Bill, Betty, Steven and Kristie Jennings, Jeanne Kaye, Lucile Kitcher, Marion Maclean, Duncan McMillan, Sam McMorris, Jennifer Penner, Blair and Joan Pitcairn, Michael, Gord and Dave Saunders, Blake Tokarchuk, Jim, Frances, Karen, James, Garth and Katelyn Woolson, Scott, Lee and Diane McEwain and Claire Jewers.

Thank you also to the kind and most thoughtful person who donated 12 pairs of rubber gloves. We really are becoming a class operation.

Also, a big thank you to the R.M. workers for picking up the recyclables from around the beach and bringing them to the Recycling Centre, and to Daryl from MSDR for all his hard work and patience.

Last, but not least, thank you to Marina Chapel for clearing away all that we could not recycle.

See you next summer!

Heather Brydon

## Great Bike Race Results

(August 21, 1993)

On a bright sunny Saturday morning, 26 boys and girls got up early to see how fast they could be. Three different courses were set - for 7 and under, 13 and under, 14 and over. Competition was fierce and friendly. There were only a few lost racers and mechanical problems.

The results were:

Boys 7 & under:	Jamie Thomas	1st
	Jamie McKee	2nd
	Jason Yuel	3rd
Girls 7 & under:	Sara Spangeld	1st
	Jamie Noseworthy	2nd
	Jessica Rathwell	3rd
Boys 8 - 10:	Kevin Kavanagh	1st
	A.J. Tooley	2nd
	Peter Rathwell	3rd
Girls 8 - 10:	Janine Smith	1st
Boys 11 - 13:	Anders Strome	1st
	Ryan Smith	2nd
	Kevin Mumryk	3rd
Girls 11 - 13:	Sheena Kereluk	1st
	Sara Manning	2nd
Boys 14 & over:	Michael Carrol	1st
	Paul Hesse	2nd
	John Gaunther	3rd

Thanks to all the adults who cheerfully helped out at registration, street corners and the finish; to all those who rode with the children and to the cheering section.  
Jane Carroll

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## V.B. Trivia Challenge

The winner of last week's Trivia Challenge was Steve Carroll, who can enjoy his free ice cream at the Moonlight Inn. Many thanks to the Moonlight Inn and the V.B. Store for accepting all submissions and especially the Moonlight Inn for providing free ice cream to the winners. Thanks to all of you who contributed questions and to all of you who participated by answering the questions in this, the first Trivia Challenge. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed putting it together for all of you.

Last week's ANSWERS:

1. The special Provincial Legislation that gives our Municipal Council the right to restrict vehicular traffic, was passed in 1932.

2. (Excerpt from August 6, 1976 Herald)

Mrs. Freda Johnson has an interesting story to tell of the first golf ball to be hit at the beach. The honour went to Mrs. G. Cummings. It was approximately 60 years ago (now approximately 75 years ago) when Mrs. Cummings approached the late Alfred Ateah to do some clearing on a site which is now part of the present golf course. A building on the property was being used as a school house. (The building still exists and is located beside the third hole). The site where the brushing was to be carried out was already partly cleared as the school house had been the family home of Jim Paulson, father of Peter. Mr. Paulson had attempted some farming on the land, though he found the soil too sandy.

Once Alfred, then about 14, had finished clearing brush to Mrs. Cummings's satisfaction, he and sister Freda watched wide eyed as Mrs. Cummings produced a set of golf clubs and proceeded to clout balls about. They had never heard of golfing.

3. The Sports Club (Legion Hall) had its beginnings in 1935 with the construction of the Legion Hall, followed by the construction of a curling rink in 1954.

4. The fire that nobody saw occurred January 14, 1973. During that evening a fire reduced the public works building to ruins. Ironically, inside of it was a fire truck, with two thousand gallons of water. The truck and much valuable public works equipment was destroyed, as well as a grader and utility truck.

5. Water levels rose to critical levels on Lake Winnipeg in 1974, and resulted in severe erosion of the banks around Victoria Beach.

6. The "V. Beaches" are an accomplished group of Karankee singers that sing from their hearts each Wednesday at the "Birchwood".

7. The "Boarding House" was located at 305 Second Avenue. The forest fire at the V.B. Golf Course occurred in 1947.

9. The real estate office was called Downie Real Estate Office and located in the log building beside the Moonlight Inn.

10. (Excerpt from July 25, 1975 Herald, which was an excerpt from a 1947 Herald)

When the Victoria Beach Club decided that a war memorial at Victoria Beach should take the form of an athletic ground, it acted wisely. A recreation ground has long been past due. The municipality was asked to see if the former air force grounds could be purchased from the Federal Government, the municipality having a long-term lease on the grounds.

In the meantime the young men have been busy in preparing these excellent grounds for the purpose the Club had planned. The old foundation pillars, 48 in number, have all been removed... These pillars were intended to be the foundation for a large hotel the Victoria Beach Company had planned in 1916. Removal was a tough job and a locally owned bulldozer did effective work. The ground has been plowed and harrowed and will soon be laid out for baseball, football, and other athletic games.

After reading the article I remembered that a sign in front of the Moonlight Inn by the large flower bed reads Memorial Park. That sign is obviously misplaced and requires replacement at the hall field which is the authentic Memorial Park. Where the sign currently stands, in the bogus Memorial Park, is where the rail lines were previously laid and, therefore, make that location impossible to be Memorial Park.

Harvey Cramp Jr. and Scott Thain

## Beach People

"East Neuk", 421 - 6th Ave., was happy to have visiting Rob Duncan from Japan and Cameron Duncan from Vancouver. In September, Robin and Maureen Wright from Glasgow, Scotland, will be visiting. Welcome to all of you!

218 - 5th has been a little quiet this year as Kevin spent most of his time away with sports. Congratulations go out to Kevin who was on the winning team who brought back the gold for Team Sask. under 17's Rugby team in Edmonton. He then came down for a week.

The youngest member of the Pages, Tyler, has spent several weekends and two separate weeks with Nana.

Pattie has had several friends down in early spring and Carolyn for her two weeks and David Marti along with Tyler.

Ivanoff's "Lakewood Cottage" came alive again late in the summer. Tamara's daughter Maria and three granddaughters Lisa, Katya and Tina were visiting from Virginia and Mr. Oleg Loboff, old school friend of Dimitri, with his wife Elga from Caracas, Venezuela. Everyone was enjoying their stay at V.B. in spite of the weather conditions and mosquitos.

On August 21st Suzy Cramp brought down her old friend, Ali Pinder (1988 SCR exchange student from England) and Ali's friend, Kirstin Smith. They spent an enjoyable evening at the cabin. Suzy will be visiting them in England in September.

## A Note of Thanks

As another summer comes to a close, I would just like to thank a few people for their time and effort in helping run our Recreation Program. My Recreation assistants, Anders, Jennifer, Donna and Matt for being so enthusiastic and responsible. The Tennis attendants, Stephen, Mike, Janet and Maureen, who proved to be very dependable all season. I would also like to applaud all of our volunteers, from the Aerobic Girls, Sheila, Lisa and Linda, to our vast support staff of weekend activities people.

Finally, a Big Thank You to Trish Rathwell who coordinated just about everything on the Beach and has always tried to do her best to ensure all programs run smoothly. Thanks again!

Derek, Recreation Director

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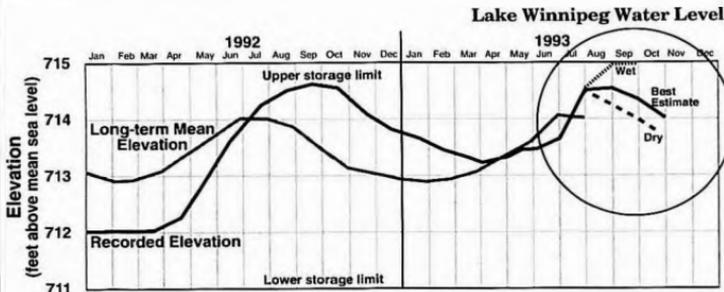
# Lake Winnipeg Water Level Information

August 1993

*The following information is provided by the Water Resources Branch, Province of Manitoba, and published by Manitoba Hydro as a courtesy to those interested in the outlook for water levels on the lake.*

## LAKE WINNIPEG REGULATION

The level of Lake Winnipeg is regulated by Manitoba Hydro by a control structure at Jenpeg on the Nelson River near the outlet of the lake. While the wind eliminated level of Lake Winnipeg is between the UPPER STORAGE LIMIT of 715.0 feet and the LOWER STORAGE LIMIT of 711.0 feet, Manitoba Hydro regulates the lake for hydroelectric purposes. During periods when the water level is above 715.0 feet, Manitoba Hydro must operate the control structure at Jenpeg in such a manner to effect maximum discharge possible under the circumstances then prevailing until the water level of Lake Winnipeg recedes to 715.0 feet. During periods when the water level is below 711.0 feet, Manitoba Hydro must operate the control structure at Jenpeg as ordered by the Minister of Natural Resources.



## CURRENT CONDITIONS

The wind eliminated level of Lake Winnipeg is 714.4 feet and is rising slowly. Inflows to the lake are well above normal for this time of the year due to heavy rainfall over the Lake Winnipeg drainage basin during July.

## LAKE WINNIPEG LEVEL FORECAST

The water level forecast above shows a range of future water levels on Lake Winnipeg for the next three months. The forecast shown "**BEST ESTIMATE**" will occur if present inflow trends continue. The remaining two forecasts show the range of possible levels given the extreme wet or dry conditions. The forecast shown "**WET**" will result if rainfall over the Lake Winnipeg drainage basin is well above normal. The forecast "**DRY**" will result if precipitation is much below normal and evaporation from the lake is high.

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## Letter to the Editor

I wish to comment on Connie Graham's letter and Dr. Harry Hoff's reply.

In the first place, I felt that Connie Graham could have been more specific in her letter. We were all left wondering at her comment about Dr. Hoff acting as a veterinarian, and we were baffled as to why her child should have been refused attention. I'm glad that Dr. Hoff wrote and shed light on the entire situation.

I would personally like to thank Dr. Hoff on behalf of our family for leaving the beach on Sunday afternoon, August 1st, to attend to our three-month-old granddaughter Samantha who had suddenly gone into heart failure. Dr. Hoff acted with both compassion and efficiency, contacting Samantha's pediatrician in Winnipeg for advice and sedating her so that she could be taken back to Winnipeg. Samantha, a victim of Trisomy 18, died on August 4th.

I would also like to thank Dr. Hoff for opening up his office, at 8:00 p.m., on Sunday, August 15th, to stitch a gash in my leg which was caused by my bike pedal. I was bleeding profusely and very much appreciated the doctor's care and, once again, his efficiency.

I'm sure that the owner of the injured dog was also very appreciative of Dr. Hoff's concern. I feel that it is unfortunate that he was subjected to unwarranted public criticism.

Margaret Owen

## V.B. Community Church News

Another successful season at the Victoria Beach Community Church is drawing to a close. This Sunday, 29 August, 1993, the worship service will be led by Rev. Bill Davis, immediately followed by the church's Annual Meeting. All persons interested in the life and work of our church are invited to attend.

To all members of the congregation, thanks for coming out and faithfully supporting your church. We look forward to seeing you next summer.

## Victoria Beach Sailing Club News

As the sailing race season nears the end for 1993, plans are being formulated for the 1994 sailing schools. We had a busy season this year with an overflow of participants for the sailing schools. Next year, we are strongly considering having the optimists going for 5 - 6 weeks with four students participating in the mornings and four in the afternoon for a one week session. We must know in advance the interest V.Bers have. Please call Harry Wall at 668-1612 before January if you have children 7 - 12 years of age who may wish to take sailing lessons.

The Sailing Club had a long lost (1 year) member appear from B.C. last weekend. Upon his arrival he was seen many times offering a critique to all the Hobie sailors, especially his son. Tam and Jacque Scott have graciously offered to host the wind-up party on Sunday, September 6th. This way he can see all the new and old! members from the Sailing Club.

Don't forget that on the long weekend we have five races scheduled beginning each day at approximately 10:30 a.m. Come down and watch! The race committee will help to explain the race tactics.

May you get a Hobie Cat for Christmas!

Chris Aldridge

## 1993 Co-ed Sixes Volleyball Tournament

As promised, the 1993 Co-ed Sixes Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, August 21st, took place in the sun! The day couldn't have been more perfect.

There were seven teams participating at two levels of play.

Recreational	Competitive
Neon Derthal	6 Packers
Savage Dragons	Lucky
Slam Dancing Ostriches	Sensational Swatters
The Rookies	

"The Rookies" defeated the "Slam Dancing Ostriches" (were they too busy dancing or were their heads buried in the sand?) in Recreational play and at the Competitive level "Lucky" defeated the "Sensational Swatters" (should we stick to swatting mosquitoes?) in the final. Members of the winning teams are:

The Rookies	Lucky
Patrick Yarnell	Wendy Romanovych
Kae Dawson	Daniel Bezie
Paul Kemp	Daryl Bezie
Marnie Schlingerman	Cheryl Bezie
Rob Sharpe	Candi Friesen
Scott Thain	Mike Carroll
Lee Ann Johnson	
Shannon Johnson	

It was great to see such a good turnout of young people, a few still young at heart and Hurray! for the grandpa who played with Neon Derthal.

Thank you to Derek who stayed around to make sure we were all set up despite his bride waiting to celebrate their anniversary; to Greg, my right-hand man, who just happened to have a set of free-standing VB standards under his cabin and was able to improvise a second court when we discovered our regular court under water; and to everyone who assisted with refereeing, scorekeeping, set up and clean up.

It was a great day of "fun in the sun" - we're looking forward to seeing everyone back for Volleyball '94.

Pat Peacock

## Tennis

With the September long weekend coming up, the tennis season will come to an end.

At this time, I would like acknowledge those who have contributed their time and effort to help make this another successful summer. They are: Ann and Frank Manning, Rae and Joe Donovan, Sheila and Ross Yarnell, Bob Johnson, Les Carter, Iris and George Gilmour and Lillian Hancock; also the court attendants, Maureen Stewart, Janet Dunn, Mike Lodewyks and Stephen Desrochers. Let us not forget Derek Sokalski and his capable handling of the Round Robin Tournaments.

Weather permitting, the courts will remain available for play until the Thanksgiving weekend in October. Doug Hancock

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**THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIA BEACH UNDER THE PLANNING ACT  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING BY-LAW NO. 1326**

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach under the authority of The Planning Act will hold a Public Meeting at the Seniors Scene Lot 1 Ateah Drive (corner of Ateah Drive and Highway 59) Victoria Beach, Manitoba, on October 9, 1993 at 1:30 p.m. at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-law No. 1326 being an amendment to the Victoria Beach Planning Scheme 1969, as amended. A copy of the above amending By-law and supporting material may be inspected by any person between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday at the Municipal Office at #303-960 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba and during office hours at the Victoria Beach Post Office at Victoria Beach, Manitoba.

The general intent of By-law No. 1326 is to:

- (1) Revoke the existing "SR" Seasonal Resort District and to establish a new "SR" Seasonal Resort District and "SR1" Seasonal Resort One District. The newly created "SR" and "SR1" Districts will contain provisions for Detached Sleeping Quarters (guest cottages) including regulations respecting maximum dwelling unit area, maximum height and location with respect to front, side and rear yards.

Other provisions include changes to the site area minimum, rear yard minimum, cottage dwelling unit area minimum, accessory building maximums and height maximums in both the "SR" and "SR1" Districts.

- (2) Amend District Map No. One in order to redesignate the lands described on the map below from "SR" Seasonal Resort District to "SR1" Seasonal Resort One District.



**APPENDIX "A"**

ATTACHED TO BY-LAW NO. 1326 OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIA BEACH AMENDING DISTRICT MAP NO. ONE, AS AMENDED, OF THE VICTORIA BEACH PLANNING SCHEME 1969, AS AMENDED.

**LEGEND:**

"SR1" SEASONAL RESORT ONE DISTRICT

---- AREA AFFECTED

Raymond J. Moreau  
Secretary-Treasurer

## The Future Beckons

by *Beaverbrook*

As our forefathers inscribed the heritage of uniqueness we all enjoy here today, so too must the next generations follow on in order to preserve this little community. The generosity of our elders in teaching us our first swimming strokes, how to hold golf clubs, tennis rackets or paint brushes, must continue. With it comes a way of life which goes beyond the Beach. What is most important is that for most of us, it started here. This place becomes our anchor and refuge through each stage of life.

An example of one of Victoria Beaches' finest moments takes place every day on King Edward Beach. Sheila Quinton has been the first member of our community into the water every morning for many decades. Patiently and with great love, she taught all her own children and all of theirs, swimming, tennis and now wind surfing. Not just the reigning queen of King Edward, she has set an example for everyone of the legacy of raising our children in the finest tradition.

Bob Marshall follows on with a pride of young enthusiasts. He has taught more children how to dance on a windsurfer this summer, including one entire family over a weekend from scratch. There will be a whole generation of world class board riders to catch up to Murray and Kelly McCaig thanks to Bob's continuing efforts.

Volunteer and impromptu rescue crews are another feature which proves we're all looking out for each other. A few young windsurfers have been pulled out of the hazardous rocks and undertows thanks to the relentless third eye efforts of many adults on the beaches. I was pulled out of the water at age 5 by Ruth McLandress who shot off the sand in seconds after not seeing my bobbing head resurface from a rock collision. I owe the continuation of my life to her. Keeping our eyes on everyone's kids proves that we are more than community, this is a family.

The Beach events were an outstanding success this summer as were many of the organized events. The dozens of volunteers make this not just a reality, but a memory which will effect every young participant for a lifetime. Michael Carroll came home with first prize in the Bike Ride and helped his team to win the volleyball tournament, all in one day. A second in the 5 km run rounded out a summer for him which he won't forget for the rest of his life. There are the days we must recreate for the children year after year.

Bob Sokalski has elevated the Dog Show to national acclaim. I remember forty years ago when perhaps twenty people showed up with their dogs, walked in a circle and went home again. Bob's raucous ad libbing, superb prizes and props make this an energetic three ring circus which even the dogs enjoy. Notice how there were no noisy barks exchanged this summer. Just good cross-over jokes! If the Geneva Rules of Engagement allow it, I nominate Bob for another year as ring master. It was the hysterically funny highlight of the summer and if he has the energy to pursue it again, there isn't a dog at the Beach who wouldn't bark in appreciation.

In addition, the road race, bike race, golf and tennis tournaments, masquerade, yoga, dances, fishing derby, aerobics, mountain hiking, library, bridge, the movies which bring standing ovations, flea market, swimming lessons, all these contribute to the magic of memorable summers which provide

enduring fun and should outlive us all. For \$35, can there be a better bargain anywhere on Earth?

There is room for everyone, competitor and participant. Let us not quibble on the organization of events. It exposes the elements of disharmony we should leave behind at the parking lot. For every child who wants to win a prize, there should be a willing parent prepared to manage the event. For every suggestion at the golf course, there should be willing hours spent doing the repairs proposed. The golden rule to continue for each event should be that everybody gets a roughly equivalent prize for first, middle or participating. The Olympic motto reads "It matters not who wins the race, but that everyone gave their best".

As so ends the summer of '93. I wish the mosquitoes a long winter's nap and like the Sea-doo's, please find another location to enjoy your buzzing sport next year. With the returning hummingbirds, I look forward to seeing everyone again next summer and waxing mildly through a long overdue hot one.

## Indoor Biffies?

"The time has come". Come to the Victoria Beach Club meeting at the Clubhouse Saturday noon, September 4th, have lunch and hear a proposal for this overdue improvement. The Club has approximately \$58,000.00 as of last year's balance. Voice your opinion.

*Editor's Note: I have spoken with Al Wainwright, Treasurer, and he confirms that as at December 31, 1992 the bank balance, including investments, was approximately \$58,000.00.*

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