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V.B. Executive Report

On Friday, July 25th, the V.B. Executive held a meeting to discuss the "role of the V.B. Herald". After a substantial amount of discussion, the Executive felt the V.B. Herald's main purpose is to report on the Beach Club's activities, i.e. dances, flea market, swimming lessons, tournaments, etc. Consequently the Executive passed a motion to make every effort not to be involved in publishing views on political issues. We feel that municipal issues can be addressed by making briefs or sending letters to the Councillors of the area.

Although there may be some people that will be disappointed in our decision, we are also confident that there will be many others who will be happy. We would like to see the Herald get back to the sun and fun of Victoria Beach.

Sincerely,

THE V.B. EXECUTIVE

Manitoba and Ruth took particular interest in the Council meeting as she is a town councillor in Chase, B.C. where they reside.

Barbara and Jack Peake of Lake Cowichan, B.C. were visiting at 401 - 5th last week. After an enjoyable stay at Victoria Beach we are looking forward to a return visit real soon. By that time we hope that the men will polish up their game so that the women will have some competition for their evening "Aggravation" games!

KEN & JEAN McELREA

On Monday, July 26th, at the Bennett cottage at 312 - 8th Ave., the annual birthday party was held for the grandkids: Briar and Bevin Boyko, Sarah and Taryn Wilkinson, David Zellis - unfortunately Margaret Zellis was unable to be with us this year. Luckily we had "pinch-hitters" cousins - Todd and Dean Richert and friend Andrew Palaschuk. Everyone enjoyed the miniature golf, scavenger hunt and supper at the "Birchwood" and, of course, birthday cake back at the cottage to finish a pleasant evening.

Mrs. Tom Cascadinn (formerly Dorothy Sprague) with daughter Gail and son-in-law Jerry Grant are visiting from Calgary at the family cottage with Jacque Darwin and Peggy Sprague, 123 - 4th & Arthur.

On Saturday, July 23rd, Diane Peters and Vincent Martin were married by Paul Martio, the groom's father, in St. Michael's Church. The bride and groom's five daughters Courtney, Stephanie and Caitlin Tokarchuk and Nicole and Chantal Martin were the maid of honour, bride's maids and flower girl. Blake Tokarchuk, the bride's son, escorted her down the aisle.

A reception followed at their cottage at 117 Centre Ave., attended by family and friends. The couple honeymooned in Seattle, Point Roberts and Vancouver but were very happy to return to beautiful Victoria Beach to spend the last few days of their honeymoon.

A Victoria Beach birthday was celebrated by Rory McMorris on July 26th. The birthday boy turned 5 and took the opportunity to celebrate the day with 11 little friends, neighbours and relatives and their moms. Pin the tail on the Donkey, Feed the Funny Face, Bubble Blowing and face painting were enjoyed by Rory's cousins Ben and Culin Russell, and by friends and neighbours Alec and Leanne Wuxton visiting from their cottage at Gull Lake, Jenna and Robbie MacKenzie, Hrdic and MacKenzie Quinton and Michael and Jacqueline Pollard. Rory's little brothers Dylan and Adrian also joined in the fun and dad took the day off to help mom cater to the partygoers. It was a fun afternoon and we thoroughly enjoyed hosting all the happy kids and we thank their moms for bringing them over and joining in the fun.

THE McMORRIS' 303 - 4th

Accolades

For the past 18 years my wife and myself have spent 2 - 3 weeks every second year visiting my wife's family at the cottage on 8th. Our interests are rather pedestrian: 1) the kids and grandkids, 2) old school friends and, 3) golf. The first two interests do not require explanation but the latter is understandable as we live on the 1st fairway of a golf course.

During the past four years the improvement in the golf course has been remarkable. I don't know who is responsible but the individuals who have turned a rather basic facility into something that the community can be proud of should be commended. With the completion of #1, #2 and #6 holes, this course will eclipse Pine Falls. Great work folks.

G. & M. McINTOSH
317 - 8th Ave.

Beach People

Glennis and Don Wilkinson, with Sarah and Taryn, from West Vancouver, are enjoying the new renovations at their cottage, 207 - 6th Ave. Friends and relatives gathered at their cottage on Sunday, July 25th for a great evening. At a "Xmas in July" party everyone enjoyed a lovely supper, even tho' Don had a couple of exciting episodes with the coffee urn and the barbecue. It was a fun evening and a great way to celebrate the big occasion.

Bruce, Sheila & Lisa Down welcomed Bruce's cousin, Leonard Simmonds, his wife Marilyn and children Jennifer and Kenneth, from Edmonton, Alberta for a few days during the last week of July. Leonard's grandparents first came to V.B. back in the late 1920s and were friends of Michael and Sophie Ateah. For many years they owned 205 - 7th Ave. The birdbath in the front yard was constructed by Len's grandfather some time in the '30s. Many memories were renewed during their stay.

The Embury's of 303 - 5th Ave. (Rosewood Cottage) will be hosting the McLavish Family of New York this week (Doug, Nomi, Rebecca, Emily, Charles and their dog Sophia). The charm of Victoria Beach may prove a bit of a culture shock, so if you happen to see someone trying to flag a yellow cab at the corner of Patricia and 5th, don't be alarmed - it's probably just one of our guests!

JOHN, NANCY & BRITT
303 - 5th Ave.

Trevor and Daniel Kitchur with their parents Tim and Ruth visited their family at 301 - 8th Ave. in July. The boys enjoyed the many kids' activities; Tim enjoyed renewing old acquaintances in

Cross Country Run

The annual V.B. Cross Country Run will be held on Sunday, August 7th at 9:30 a.m. at the Sports Field, with registration at 9:15 a.m.

There are three events to choose from:
Short Course - First to Patricia to Eighth to Gibson to the Sports Field.

Long Course - First to Eighth to Gibson to the Sports Field. Four-person Family Relay - Same as long run, with exchanges at Patricia and First, Sixth and First, and Eighth and Patricia.

Last year we had a record 75 participants running in this event. It would be terrific to surpass that number this year!

A reminder to the 1993 winners to bring their trophies on race day.

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Thank you to all the people who came out on the 28th on such short notice to help load the MSDR truck. It was much appreciated and very necessary. Since our last pickup (July 11th) we had collected and sorted

- 404 lbs. of aluminum cans
- 297 lbs. of soft drink bottles
- 209 lbs. of juice/water glass bottles
- over 300 lbs. of glass liquor bottles

WOW! Our next pickup is scheduled for August 15th at 1:00 p.m. Come one, come all -- the more the merrier (and the same goes for every Monday -- we need help to sort our recyclables).

P.S. Thanks to Herb, Jan and Bert Harbour for providing cold drinks for all the volunteers. They were much appreciated on such a hot day.

HEATHER BRYDON

Missing Items

We have quite a selection of beach toys, towels, T-shirts and shoes at the Information Office at the Gate. They have been turned into the office by the beach girl who cleans up at Arthur Beach. If you're missing a towel or sand pail and you use Arthur Beach, stop by the office -- we might have it here.

JOANNE JONSSON

Letters To The Editor

It's great to see the initiative and creativity displayed by Victoria Beach teenagers this summer in their efforts to be self-employed (many of whom advertise in the Herald).

Maureen Stewart (The 5th Avenue Food Co.) recently catered a family birthday celebration. We were very impressed by her "Mocha cheesecake" and her professionalism.

"Thanks" to Maureen and to all the young people who are contributing their skills to the community of Victoria Beach.

NANCY McMILLAN

Bike Race

The great annual V.B. Bike Race will take place Sunday, August 7th at 4:00 p.m. Oil up your old beach bike or bring your "mountain bike". All bikes with gears will be taped in one gear. There will be three age categories:

- 7 and under
- 8 to 12
- 13 and over

The racers will leave the Sports Grounds shortly after 4:00 p.m., travelling up First Avenue. Ages 7 and under will turn up Arthur Road to 8th, the 8 to 12 year olds will turn up King Edward Road to 8th, and the 13 and over will go right around on First to 8th. All three groups will continue up 8th to Gibson and back to the Sports Grounds. Pedestrians, please be on the lookout for these enthusiastic racers during this brief period.

The girl's bike trophy has still not been returned. If you know who won it last year, please jog their memory and have them bring it to 402 - 7th Avenue.

See you Sunday!

MARJ BIRLEY

**Fishing Derby**

The pier was rocking and reeling on Sunday, July 24th, with 56 fishing enthusiasts.

A total of 24 perch and one walleye were caught, measured and released.

Congratulations to the following prize winners who had top catches of the day:

Biggest Fish Caught:	Boys	Girls
	Chris Flook 25 cm. perch	Sasha Hastings 24 cm. perch

Most Fish Caught:	Chris Chyllinski 5 perch	Sasha Hastings 2 perch Samantha Luczenczyn 2 perch
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Other participants in this year's derby were:

Dorian Deben	Danny Birley	Mike Fagundes
Chris Flook	Andrew Flook	Chris Nick
Kirk Kaldor-Bull	Matthew Manning	Peter Woodward
Paul Woodward	Tavis McGregor	Bryce Doell
Troy Ross	Shane Ross	Bruce Carlson
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Meaghan Flook	Emily Birley	Laura McGregor
Robin Woodward	Morgan Phillips	Diana Fair
Sasha Hastings	Lana Hastings	Samantha Luczenczyk
Lindsay Fagundes	Sarah Murrell	A.J. Tooley
Meghan Tooley	Danielle Clarke	Cloe Allard
Aleeta Murrell	Melissa Murrell	

A special thanks to Pat Hastings and Jodi Korolyk for their help. Also, thanks to Tri-Power Electric for the many prizes.

See you at the pier next July!

ADELE KORLYK & BRUCE WOODWARD

**Beach Events On CLUBHOUSE
BEACH**

All children 11 years and under are invited down to CLUBHOUSE BEACH, Saturday, August 6th (raindate Sunday, August 7th) at 10:00 a.m. for fun in the sun, sand and water. The scheduled events this year include Deep Hole (group effort), Sponge Relay, Beach Ball Toss, Beach Wear Relay and Swim Event. Ongoing fun will be face painting, bubble making, panning for treasure, long jump, fishing pond and the popular Silly Hat & Noisemaker Parade. Remember to bring your silliest headwear creations and anything that shakes, rattles or rolls for the grand finale.

Volleyball net for teens 12 and over will be set up.

See you at the beach!

LISA HASTINGS

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Sand Castle Building Event

The annual V.B. Group Sandcastle Building Event will be held on CLUBHOUSE BEACH (not Patricia Beach) along with the Beach Events this Saturday, August 6th from 10:00 to noon.

There were a record number of entries last year and we expect the same level of enthusiasm this year. Therefore, please pre-register your "Castle" and the names of all participants at the start of the event. (It would be helpful if you could prepare a card in advance).

Keep in mind the following categories:

- Disney Inspired
- Artistic Expression
- Structure
- Traditional
- Original
- and "Strictly Kids"

Remember, we welcome sculptors of all ages. This event is not just for the kids! See you there!

M. TOOLEY and J. ISBISTER

**Two New Scrabble Stars
Capture Elk Island Trophy**

Two new stars burst onto the Victoria Beach Scrabble scene this week when Francie Adamson and Jennifer Fridfinnson-Elliott, comparative unknowns, swept away the field of elite finalists to capture the coveted Elk Island Trophy in a thrilling and hotly-contested duel of words at the 7th Avenue Scrabble Championship venue.

Adamson's commanding lead in the preliminary round was equalled by Fridfinnson-Elliott's score in the final play-off, making the pair co-winners of the Trophy under the official Grand Aggregate Scrabble Formula.

It was a case of an irresistible force meeting moveable objects in the form of their opponents as Francie and Jen - as they were affectionately dubbed by admiring onlookers - left their competitors behind in a trail of triple-letter word scores.

Their triumph was all the more remarkable since it came at the expense of a galaxy of former Trophy-holders including A. Adamson and G. Swinton, and highly-regarded veterans of previous tournaments such as L. Storski, J. Hart, M. Kaye and K. Nero.

Newcomers to the championship scene making impressive debuts included V. Cadre-Bergman, M. Elliott and T. Bergman.

The '94 tourney also introduced Charles Elliot of Edmonton and Michele Pohl, a junior player of great promise.

Notable absentees were J. Meyer, outstanding in previous competitions and A.J. Black, who has made a name for herself as a junior player in the Scrabble "Grapefruit League" most recently in last February's Cuban Invitational.

The V.B. Scrabble Club Founders' Committee has decreed that the two winners will share possession of the glittering prize til the 1995 Tournament next July.

Beginning in January, the Elk Island Trophy will be displayed in the window of the Saga Cafe in Arborg, the Interlake community where Fridfinnson-Elliott grew up and first honed her skill as a Scrabble strategist during the long winter evenings.

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July 25th (4-way tie/record 4-0)
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Lillian Hancock/Larry Peachell
Carolyn Peachell/Jim Boyda
Sue Quinton/George Greengrass

July 29th (3-way tie/record 4-1)
Rae Donovan/ Maureen Swyston
Patrick Matthews/ Al Moore
Jim Boyda/Murray Otter

Teen Round Robin Winners

July 27th (4-way tie/record 4-1)
Alana Erickson/John Holland
Natasha Osipov/Jeff Strome
Anders Strome/Kristen Harden
Josh Peterson/Arny Laser

July 28th (3-way tie/record 4-1)
Anders Strome/Matthew Manning
Jeff Strome/Tannis Robins
Kim Willoughby/Jennifer Ford

Golf - Adult 2 ball Foursome - July 26th
1st Carol/Derek - 53
2nd Elaine/Pam - 54
3rd Betty/Joyce - 61
4th Donna/Lillian - 63
Tie 5th Mary/Beth - 64
6th Joy/Shirley - 64

Novelty Tennis Tournament

Attention all racketeers! The Novelty Tennis Tournament is scheduled for August 13th & 14th. We can't guarantee you an appearance by Andre Agassi or Steffi Graf, but we can guarantee you a partner and a weekend of fun and good fellowship. The entry sheet will be posted at the Tennis Courts on Saturday, August 6th and remain there until Wednesday, August 10th. Deadlines for entries is 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday. All participants must be V.B. Club members. Weekend memberships will be available for \$10.00. Entry fee is \$3.00, payable prior to the first match. The draw sheet will be posted Friday evening.

TANIS and GALE PETRENY

Ode To The Watchorns'

A sigh of relief can be heard at Victoria Beach! Those English "rellies" have finally left after three weeks. They played the "Watchorn" for all this time. Never refusing to drink a case of wine! The Mannings and Coronas did not escape, And had to entertain them by the lake. A daily inspection of the Watchorns' new palace was a must. To see the building in progress and make a fuss. Sprawled out on Victoria Beach was the usual scene. And the "rellies" v. the locals at bowls was a scream. Now the "rellies" have gone at last, And squeals of hilarity are a thing of the past. Victoria Beach can return to serenity. Now the "rellies" have gone back home to reality.

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Ladies Golf Tournament

Under hazy skies and a cooling breeze, 90 eager golfers challenged the V.B. golf course with the following impressive results:

- Championship Flight:**
1. Donna Mathieson (39)
 2. Betty Hansford (40)
 3. Myrha Sawshuk (40)
 4. Fay Morrison (43)
 5. Marlene Parnell (43)
 6. Denise McLaren (44)
 7. Joan Marshall (44)
 8. Maureen Hancock (44)
 9. Marlene Boyda (45)
 10. Joanne Buchanan (46)
- 2nd Flight:**
1. Sally Lawler (46)
 2. Ruby Garden (46)
 3. Donna Thain (46)
- 3rd Flight:**
1. Gail Anderson (49)
 2. Vivian Penner (50)
 3. Pearl Sienmack (50)
- 4th Flight:**
1. Janice Williamson (51)
 2. Jennine Prejet (52)
 3. Pat Greengrass (52)

Longest Drive - 1st hole: Sandra Crawford
Longest Drive - 7th hole: Maureen Hancock
Longest Drive - 9th hole: Trish Rathwell
Closest to the pin - 3rd hole: Heather Willoughby
Unlike last year, Canadian Airlines hole-in-one competition was unclaimed.

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Refreshing punch, graciously served by Monica Fry (distributor for Kressman Wines) and Tie Rowson, awaited the parched players. Many thanks to John Evans and his staff for their commendable job at the golf course and to Bruce Morrison, Anita

Gooding, Lisa Hastings and Gerylyn Rouault for their help on tournament day. A special thank you to Fay Morrison and Ken Rowson whose many contributions are indispensable. My appreciation for the support and positive feedback that so many of you offered to make this job even more enjoyable. Congratulations to the winners!

MICHELLE ROWSON

In Memorium

In loving memory of my dear wife and pal who was taken out of this world of pain and darkness on November 4th, 1983. Anne died peacefully in a nursing home in Winnipeg.

God saw you getting tired

The cure was not to be

So he closed His arms around you.

And whispered "Come with me".

You suffered much in silence

Your spirit did not bend.

You faced your pain with courage

Until the very end.

You tried so hard to stay with me;

Your fight was all in vain.

God took you to His loving home

And freed you from all pain.

Never does a day go by

That I don't think of you;

A lump forms deep within my chest

And tears begin to flow.

So many times I've needed you

To talk, to share, to laugh.

If love could have saved you,

You never would have died.

Always remembered and sadly missed by your husband and pal, Wallace.

May you rest in His arms until I go to you.

Bridge

Monday, July 25th, saw our largest gathering of enthusiasts in the season so far. There were 10 tables of regular players and one of social/beginners. Play was brisk and lively. The time for our summer sessions is slipping quickly by - do come and join us, you are always welcome.

The top scorer for the evening was Dodie Dennehy with 5000 and runner up Ruth Lillie with 4700.

See you Monday at 8:00!

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The Very Latest News Of Pooh

We have established a 24-hour surveillance of our yard with our super sensitive polaroid night vision camera along with our ever reliable deputy guard dog. With these measures we felt we could capture our yet unknown culprits who are placing Pooh animal lawn ornaments on our property. The camera did, in fact, capture three of the conspirators as, while they were establishing Owl beneath the sign, they also placed a copy of the snapshot by the "hidden camera" on the front of the camera. It shows a mother, father and child with mother giving us an obvious RAZZBERRY! This week Rabbit appeared, this time at our back entrance off Patricia, claiming that he is looking for his friends.

We believe the perpetrators of the Pooh adventure are playing tricks on all of Victoria Beachers. We therefore request that everyone should aid in solving this mystery. So come all you cryptogram experts, would-be sleuths, crossword puzzlers, put on your thinking caps.

Clues to date:

1. It appears that they are a couple with a child old enough to join in the scam.
2. One or all of the threesome are very good artists.
3. Somebody had to be extremely tall or have brought along a step ladder to hang Owl from the sign.

Although all the animals are quite perfect and closely resemble the characters in A.A. Milne's story, let it be known that they have made one notable mistake: Owl spells his name "WOL".

Anyway, we have put up a "suggestion box" on our property and encourage one and all to join in the fun and help us discover just who these clever tricksters are. And boy, do we need HELP!

Latest occurrence overnight: they have blindfolded old deputy dog after putting a bone in his mouth, leaving behind a sign saying "Every dog has his price". Meantime our granddaughter Ashley had made a Garder Snake to help protect us.

A.A. Milne who passed away many years ago must be rolling in his grave with laughter.

JUNE and GORD SAUNDERS
"Pooh Corner"

Superstars Of The Week

Lauren Johnstone and Lisa Hastings deserve their superstar pins this week for planning and organizing this year's Beach Events. These two energetic ladies and their merry band of helpers

have put together slate of events to keep our youngsters busy on Saturday morning. Thanks for being such enthusiastic volunteers, ladies!

Our thanks to Melanie Tooley and John Isbister, who deserve the respective titles of Queen and King of the (sand) castle. These two have taken sand castle building into an event all it's own and we appreciate your time and energy. We all look forward to seeing some unique creations on Clubhouse Beach this weekend.

Thank you to Dodie Denny and Peggy Bell for ensuring all the proper cards are on the table and accounted for at the Duplicate Bridge tournament Saturday night. The bridge enthusiasts have no doubt been consulting with Goren and Omar in anticipation of the big tourney and we're glad you two accepted the task.

Gail Johnstone and Bob Fisher volunteered once again to set the pace in the Cross Country Run on Sunday. This dynamic duo have organized this event for a few summers now and the runners and joggers of the beach will be laced up and ready to run when you give the signal. Thanks very much, Gail and Bob.

The Bike Race is on and Marj Birtley receives our thanks for organizing this fun event. The moving boxes are hopefully unpacked and we trust the Bike Race is a breeze compared to the move from Saskatchewan. Thanks for fitting the cyclists of the beach into your busy summer, Marj.

Pat Hastings once again teed up a great Junior Golf Tournament early in the week. This is a big tournament and very much enjoyed by our young golfers. Thanks for putting on this popular tournament one more time, Pat.

PENNY McMORRIS

Thanks, Linda

A huge thank you to Linda Nelson for her terrific aerobic classes. This is a real treat to watch to watch (even on Wednesday at Karaoke in the Birchwood) and does a terrific workout. Thanks, Linda.

TRISH RATHWELL

Swishies Were...Smokin'

Last weekend's adult dance was a big success. Despite the heat, people drank, sang and danced until the wee hours. As a matter of fact, the Clubhouse hasn't seen so many wet bodies since they showed "Free Willy" at the movies.

But, the dances don't happen without the work of a lot of people. Thanks to Chris, Richard, Betty, Doug, Allison, Bruce, Laurie, Ivan, Liz, Harry, Greg, Jeff, Scott, Lee Ann, Barry, Brad, Chris and any other volunteers I may have missed. Thanks to the band and bartenders for working so hard. Thanks to Labatts, The V.B. Store, Einfeld's Bakery and the Moonlight Inn for the prizes. Special thanks to Dan and the Inn staff for handling ticket sales.

I hope everyone had a good time. See you next year.

DOUG POLLARD

Council Corner

Some residents are piling brush on the road allowances. Council would like to remind residents that no brush will be picked up again until October. Brush and trees should be piled on your own property until after Labor Day.

Once again we are asking weekenders not to put their garbage cans on the street. Garbage should be left in plastic bags in garbage cans in your yard to be picked up by the refuse contractor. A weight on the lid will often discourage dogs and skunks.



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V.B. Trivia Challenge

Thanks to those people who submitted answers to last week's questions, Dawn Johnson correctly answered five questions and is entitled to two ice cream cones from Dan at the Moonlight Inn. Thanks to Bert at the Store for accepting answers to the Challenge.

Answers to last week's questions:

- The band which played "Corefest" was "Running with Scissors". It is comprised of V.B. summer residents Sean Brown, Pat Lynch and Harvey Cramp Jr.
- Mar Desmet uses a stick to create her paintings.
- Scott's Point is named after Victor Scott who was the Reeve during the 1940s and into the 1950s.
- David's Store opened during the Second World War and closed September 30, 1990.
- The Railway was closed 1952, from late summer to mid-September.
- There is one building on Elk Island.
- The tallest tree in V.B. (located at the new ball field) is a Spruce tree.
- V.B.'s surrounding forest is classified as a Boreal Forest.
- Although V.B.'s fastest moving land mammal is likely "Buffer" the dog, evidence is inconclusive.

This Week's Questions:

- Which summer resident represented Manitoba in the 1991 Canada Winter Games and the 1993 Canada Summer Games?
 - Name the boat which was owned by Walter Thomas and ran regular "Sunset Cruises" from the pier? Name the destination for the boat's day cruises?
 - What was the location of the ONLY public phone at V.B. in the 1940s?
 - Where did the policeman live during the summer in the 1940s?
 - Which person's name is found most often on trophies won from the Victoria Beach Tennis tourney?
 - Who was the oldest competitor in the 1994 Tennis tourney?
 - Which person has won the Monday night Bridge the most times over the past two summers?
 - Approximately how many drinks were sold in Victoria Beach on the previous August long Weekend?
 - What was the hottest temperature recorded in V.B. on the previous August long weekend?
- Thanks to Ross Yarnell for the submission of questions 2, 3 and 4.

SCOTT THAIN and HARVEY CRAMP JR.

Birthday Breakfast

Sunday, July 31st at the Village Green was the scene of a scrumptious pancake breakfast held to celebrate the 75th birthday of the R.M. of Victoria Beach.

Over 850 breakfasts were served to a very patient crowd. Thanks to Diane Thomas of Hillside Marina Restaurant and her cheerful crew. Everything tasted great, so I'm told. Thanks must go to Barb Suderman for pitching in with those "forks" at the last minute.

The morning was alive with music, happy voices and sounds of delight from breakfast goers of all ages.

A very big thanks to "Sparkles" the Clown who drove all the way from Lac Du Bonnet through the fog to volunteer his talents for the children. What great fun! I'm sure he made every type of balloon creature you could ever imagine. Finally by 11:15 we had to put him on his bike and say go home. Michael, thank you - you

were just fabulous. If anyone would like to have Sparkles at their children's party, see his card below or call me.

Of course there was more and still more. Thanks to Lynne Brydon, Sarah Wilkinson and Dmitri Berko for all the juggling expertise and instruction. Weren't they great?!



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Face painting central was another very busy spot. Thanks to our very creative and friendly artists - James Woolston, Jessica Wansbutter, Jenny Butler and Susan Brandt (our cottage guest who just couldn't say no).

After you visited Sparkles, watched the jugglers, and had your face painted, you then visited Giant Bubble Maker - Garth Woolston. Thanks, Garth, you were so bubbly! They were great fun weren't they, Joan!

Bubble Recipe: 1/3 Dawn (Joy) to 2/3 water - mix - wire coat hangers, slightly bent - mom's roast pan (ask first) - have fun.

Thanks to the Fire Department for their great water dodge ball display. Wasn't this your day off, too? Thanks guys.

A big thanks to my husband for helping me with everything. As always, you're there when I need you.

Last, but not least, a very special thanks to Dodie Denny for coordinating all this with me. This was truly a joint venture with the R.M. of V.B. Council and V.B. Community Club.

Hope you all enjoyed Sunday morning. It was not meant to be formal or have speeches, but rather in a friendly, fun way say Happy 75th to our beloved Victoria Beach.

KATHY BRYDON

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by Allan Whicker, C.A.

Many cottagers may have heard that the government discontinued the \$100,000 lifetime capital gains exemption. However, it is still not too late to do something about the unrealized capital gain you probably have on your cottage. You can still claim a capital gains exemption, but it must be claimed on your 1994 income tax return which you file by April 30, 1995. You don't have to sell your cottage to claim the exemption! In future, about 38% of any increase in value in your cottage which you realize when you sell it or pass it on to the children will go in income taxes. The following procedure will at least stop the taxman from grabbing that kind of tax on the gain you have already made.

If you have already used up your \$100,000 tax exemption, you do not need to read any further.

Claiming the capital gains exemption on your cottage is a little bit complicated, but there is supposed to be a special form included with your 1994 tax return. One of the things that complicates your calculation is that the government actually discontinued allowing a capital gains exemption on any gains made on real estate after February 29, 1992. The other complicating things you have to know before you start to make a calculation are:

- If you acquired your cottage after December 31, 1971:
 - What was the cost of your cottage when you bought it?
 - Or, what was it worth when it was given to you or you inherited it?
 - If you acquired your cottage before December 31, 1971:
 - What was it worth on December 31, 1971?
 - What is the cost of major improvements made since the later of December 31, 1971 or the date you acquired the cottage?
 - What is the value of your cottage on February 22, 1994?
- There may be various ways of establishing the above values, but the surest way and one that should stand the test of a tax audit

would be to have formal appraisals made by a certified real estate appraiser. You want to find out all of the above information well in advance of next April 30th.

Your maximum gain is the difference between what the cottage was worth on February 22, 1994 and what the cottage was worth when you acquired it (plus improvements). If you acquired it before December 31, 1971, use that value as the original value because there was no tax on capital gains prior to that date. Also, you don't need to use the value at February 22, 1994 if it is not to your advantage. You can use any lesser value you want.

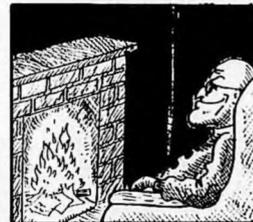
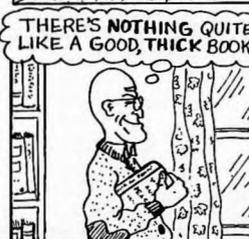
Once you have determined what your gain is, you now have to calculate how much to report on your 1994 tax return. There is a little formula:

Number of months before March 1992 (subsequent to December 31, 1971) you owned the cottage divided by total number of months you have owned the cottage (after December 31, 1971) up to March 1, 1994 times total capital gain.

Seventy-five percent of the answer to the above calculation is reported as a taxable capital gain on page one of your return and as a capital gains deduction on page two of your return.

There are a few things to remember. Capital gains, even with the exemption, are not totally tax free. In Manitoba, there is a 2% tax on income before the deduction. The gain could trigger a social benefits drawback and could also affect the calculation of refundable age credits for those over 65. In addition, although I believe this is the way it will work, I have yet to see anything official. By the time the government gets around to producing their form and telling us how it works, it may all change. My suggestion is that you start to think about accumulating the information needed to make the calculations and consult a tax professional for help. The tax savings could be significant.

Allan Whicker is a senior internal auditor with United Grain Growers.



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