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President's Message

The summer of '96 has been one of the best! Gorgeous weather, fun activities, good friends, great food and very few complaints about anything. On behalf of the executive I would like to thank all members of the Victoria Beach Community Club for their patience and understanding as we try to implement new policies. In our search for better ways to serve you, some ideas will be great and some will need fine tuning.

On behalf of everyone at the beach I would like to thank the members of our hard working executive: Scott Haywood, ably assisted by Allison Guest, has done an excellent job of keeping us on track financially. Pam Borutski has gone above and beyond her job description as Membership Chair. She has offered many great suggestions for improving our effectiveness and has also been willing to sit at events and collect those loonies. Pam started this job in 1994 and has improved upon it each year. This is Pam's last summer and we thank her very much for the commitment and dedication she has shown over the years. I am pleased to welcome Lauren Johnstone as our new Membership Chair.

Penny McMorris has entertained us with her wonderful Superstar column, and was willing to run the dance when no one stepped forward. Another baby in the fall and Penny manages to do it all!

Thank you to Doug Hancock who spends most of his summer helping out at tennis tournaments, digging up weeds around the courts or testing the surface to make sure it's playable.

Betty Lodewyck is every President's dream of an executive member. She handles her job, instructors and any problems that arise with caring and common sense. She has run a fabulous swim program for the last six years and we thank her for her time and commitment. We welcome Pat MacRae (who just gave birth to her second daughter) to this position.

Already John Brydon has been analysing the Club House and coming up with creative ways of solving problems. Thank you John and welcome aboard.

Mark and Melanie Tooley have done an incredible job with the *Herald* this summer. They have put many, many hours into making our *Herald* a newspaper everyone wants to read. Thank you both for your generosity.

Sheila Down has been an efficient and conscientious secretary. Thank you Sheila for keeping us on track. It is a pleasure to refer to your well written notes and see what we are supposed to be doing.

Please join us for our Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 31 at noon, have a sandwich and find out: Did enforcing membership cards really work? Will we put up a basketball court? Do we have any money? How many tennis toe tags were given out? What kind of sandwiches are they serving? Will there be toilets in the clubhouse? — Whoops, sorry - did that one!

Trish Rathwell



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COMING EVENTS

Novelty Tennis Tournament
Saturday and Sunday, August 17 & 18 - Tennis Courts

Victoria Beach Club Annual Meeting and Lunch
Saturday, August 31, 12:00 Noon - Clubhouse

60+ Golf and Dinner
Monday, September 9 - Golf Course



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Letters to the Editor



To the Editor:

The auction at the recent flea market included among its prizes, a coffee maker in its original carton. Surprisingly it was tagged 'donated by anonymous'. Well, we won the coffee maker only to find it not in working order. The moral here, of course, is that convensors of auctions in future years must refuse to accept items by anonymous donors. To the donors I must say it is one thing to give an item to sell at the flea market marked 'not working' and another to give such an item as a prize in the auction. Prizes are expected to be valid wins. Finally, I have to say the machine had been used but not well cleaned.

A. Wolfe

Spotted Around the Beach...

by a number of cottagers. Large Palliated Woodpeckers — magnificent handsome black and white birds with bright red crests. They grab in old rotting stumps and seem to favour the tall fir trees.

DD

Victoria Beach Yacht Club News



The Yacht Club continues to be a hive of activity this summer with Sailing School, fund-raising races and general fun for all.

The Sailing Schools have been completed with over 90 children and adults attending. The range of participant ages were from 7 to 62 years old. There are now another 90 sailing enthusiasts out there to enjoy this great relaxing sport.

"It doesn't matter what age you are, you can still enjoy sailing."

During the August long weekend there was a five race series called the "Sprague Cup." The results follow.

Multi-Hull Division:

1st	Tam Scott and Chris Warrack	Hobie 18
2nd	Paul and Corey Gray	Hobie 20
3rd	Bruce and Doug Guest	Hobie 18

Mono-Hull Division:

1st	Orest Dackow	Laser
2nd	Ross Cavanagh	Laser
3rd	Ron MacIntosh	Laser

This weekend the Manitoba Hobie Cat Provincial Championships will be held at Victoria Beach. This is a five race series with races on Saturday and Sunday. Come out and see the "Cats" fly.

Chris Aldridge



From the Editor



Many thanks must go to Kim Chipman who looked after inputting all of the submissions for this issue. I returned from Lake of the Woods, just in time to catch Kim packing up and therefore avoided the hours of typing incurred by a very slow typist.

Which brings me to the following: I would like to spend more time editing the *Herald* and less time typing the *Herald*. I would be pleased to hear from Mavis Beacon or reasonable facsimile who at least can come close to meeting the following qualifications: (a) extremely reliable; (b) interested in spending three to 7 hours typing starting at 5:00 p.m. every Sunday night next summer; (c) that can type at the speed of light; (d) has their own computer at Victoria Beach; (e) is Windows-based, preferably with Internet access; (f) is willing to work for a reasonable wage.

Please give me a call to discuss.

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Books at the Beach



Marr Campbell

Circle of Friends by Maeve Binchy

"There's no sex and no swearing in the entire book, which is a refreshing change. The story centres around a circle of teenage friends growing up in Ireland and chronicles their relationships through the years. It reminded me of my friends when we were all growing up at Victoria Beach."



James Woolison

The Clan of the Cave Bear by Jean M. Auel

"The Clan of the Cave Bear is an excellent book about a newcomer to a clan of hunter-gatherers. The amount of detail reveals that an astonishing amount of research has gone into its writing. It is book one of The Earth's Children Series."



Fran and Lawrie Pollard

Capture Coveted Victoria Beach Bridge Trophy



As usual, the cream rises to the top. The Pollards gained a 4.5% lead over the second place finishers, the Ron Hockings, relatively newcomers to the Club who reside on Gibson. Third place was a tie between Peggy Bell/Dodie Dennehy and Donna Thain/Barb Lillie.

It was a fun evening with everyone pitching in to get the show on the road. Coffee and bakeshop treats were served. Thanks to Donna Thain for supplying the Duplicate Bridge boards, Dave and Noreen Reid for scoring and Gladys Mildren our bridge chair for her cooperation.

For those V.B. player who missed this occasion, make it a point to set aside this important date, get yourself a partner or ask the convenor to get you a partner and join us next year.

Dodie Dennehy



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- * **Sunday, September 1 - Customer Appreciation Day.** Noon - 2:00 pm, free BBQ, prizes, balloons

Musical Theatre School '96



On Friday, July 26th, a recital was held at the V.B. Clubhouse by the 45 students who attended this year's classes. The 5-7 year olds performed a song and dance routine to Cyndi Lauper's *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun*. The two boys in this group were as enthusiastic about this song as the girls. The 8-9 year olds looked great in their matching head bands and sashes in their interpretation of Madonna's song *Material Girl*. The oldest group of 9-10 year olds finished the afternoon performance on a more serious note to the song *Circle of Life* from *The Lion King*.

The more than 100 people present seemed to enjoy watching the terrific enjoyment and enthusiasm of every single performer. A special thanks goes to Michelle Kaye, Sarah Leslie and Laura Burr who helped make this summer's school such a success! '96 students: 5 to 7 year olds: Katherine Dubienko, Meaghan French, Emily Keating, Danny Sisler, Kristine Wilson, Kaija Bailey, Stephen Lewis, Katie Wilson, Stephanie Friesen, Kira Keating, Heather Lewis, Kukkik Sammons, Rebecca Sisler and Jane Yagi. 8 to 9 year olds: Virginia Dueck, Alaina Yvon, Victoria Alleyne, Alexandra Ateah, Maria Grant, Lana Hastings, Lauren Johnson, Sheila Johnson, Lisa Spangelo, Andrea Borutski, Kaitlyn Seiberras and Kate Sveinson. 9 to 10 year olds: Meghan Tooley, Jessica Rathwell, Sara Spangelo, Jaymie Ateah, Ashleigh Boyce, Cathy Butler, Jane Dueck, Sasha Hastings, Lauren Johnson, Alex Manning, Emily Passey, Nanaq Sammons, Jennifer Sudermann, Aynsley Walker, Katie Woolison and Jeanette Dyck.

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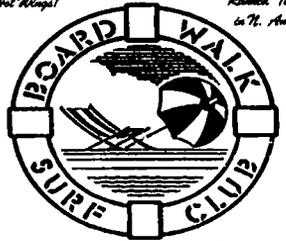
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Beach People



In June, the Bayer family of 402 and 403-6th Avenue enjoyed a happy reunion with Mrs. Bayer's cousin, Mrs. Margit Egeter from Yugoslavia. Her stay at beautiful Victoria Beach will be a memory she will always cherish.

Returning to the late Joan (Reeve) Dumka's cottage at 309-4th Avenue are Catherine Davidson and Alain Mickelson, from Victoria BC. Joining them on August 9th is Philip Davidson (13), for three lovely weeks at the Beach. It always feels wonderful to return to the Beach when years pass but the Beach and the memories remain the same.

Shannon Kohler (nee Ormiston) of Steinbach, and Laura "Lollie" Draper (nee Homme) of Kelowna, BC, recently took a brief walk down "Memory Lane" by revisiting magical Victoria Beach. Both are granddaughters of the late Connie Ormiston whose father built one of the original cottages at 221-6th Avenue in 1905 (cottage now under new ownership). Five generations of Barnards, Ormistons and Hommes have been a part of V.B. over the years and it has been wonderful to come back and enjoy its familiar sights and sounds again...not to mention those Dream Cookies and White Irish Bread!

218-5th Avenue has been a busy place this year. Young Tyler has really discovered the beach is a great place to be and he doesn't want to go home. He has enjoyed his swimming lessons and got his yellow badge, has mastered his two-wheeler (no training wheels) and the shows. Mummy and Daddy, Mari & David, have also enjoyed the beach off and on all summer. Kevin was back but for only a short week this year along with his mother, Carolyn for her two weeks holiday. Bill came for only a week end and Nana Page has been down since June 5th. Other visitors were the Harveys, Brenda, Glen, young Alyse and Brendann who has been here a week.

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Alma Chatwin celebrated her 100th Birthday! and the Chatwin Cottage at 333-4th Avenue enjoyed many family visits this year. The first two weeks of July saw a long-time coming visit from Pat Ball's son George, daughter-in-law Lori and grandson Jamie. On July 6th Pat's family celebrated 126 years of Birthdays: Pat (70), George (42) and Beth (14). Pat's daughter Mary with husband Mario and daughters Wendy, Laura and Ruth with husband Trevor, son Thomas and daughters Beth and Kristin were in attendance, as well as special guests Dawn, Ken, Chris and Cheralce Pennuta. For four weeks in July and August, Pat marvelled at the antics of four grandchildren - Thomas, Beth and Kristin Norman, and Jamie Ball. They did not miss even one activity in those four weeks! A very happy Jamie won the Teen Golf Tournament! August 18th will see another long overdue visit from Joan Hume's son David, daughter-in-law Rosie and granddaughters Carmen, Erin and Lauren, all the way from BC. Our Chatwin Cottage has been indeed blessed with good times, good friends and lots of terrific family this summer. Thank heaven we have Victoria Beach!

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Superstars of the Week

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Thanks to all Activities Convenors

Thank you to all the energetic resourceful volunteers who convened an event or events this summer. As always, without your support the shows would not go on. New faces and ideas are always necessary and more than welcome. If you have the time and desire to convene an event next summer I'd love to hear from you. I can be reached at 756-6159 until school starts or in Winnipeg at 489-1881.

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Although we are not aware of any significant concerns with respect to our beach, this is your opportunity to voice any concerns you may have. If you have any questions or suggestions prior to the meeting, please call Lawrie Pollard at 756-2814.

Lawrie Pollard

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Tennis



To all winners of trophies at the various tennis tournaments, we have an arrangement with Listowel Trophies to supply the shields and bill the V.B. Club. Please note their new address is 245 Notre Dame Avenue, approximately one block west of Portage Avenue.

Work was completed on courts 4, 5 and 6 where the weeds were starting to encroach on the playing surface and the bottom guidance was pulling away from the fence. When you see George Grimont and Fred Donaldson, show them your appreciation for a job well done.

On occasion (and they are very rare), the department of some players has been less than acceptable. Strong and profane language will not be tolerated and your committee has the authority to suspend individuals in extreme cases.

Enjoy the balance of the season - it has been great up to now!

Doug Hancock

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Results of the 200 Meter Swim



Saturday, Aug. 10 was cool and very windy but a brave group of swimmers competed in the annual 200 meter swim. Congratulations to Kristin Harden and Ben Johnson who were 1st overall in the Women's 200 meter and the men's 200 meter open swims. Kristin, who lives in Victoria, B.C. spends her summers here at Victoria Beach. Even after taking her Bronze Medallion & Bronze Cross at the pier she still has a fear of swimming among all those fish. Congratulations on out swimming "all the fish" this year.

In last year's 800 meter, Ben Johnson and Derek McPetrie had a photo finish for second place overall. This year they didn't disappoint the fans. What a great race with Ben winning in another photo finish. Congratulations to him and we look forward to seeing them both back next year. Well done to all the swimmers.

Boys 8 & under	1st	Kyle Otter
Boys 10 & under	1st	Brett Priestly
Boys 11 & under	1st	Martin Alvaro
	2nd	Mark Priestly
	3rd	Scott Main
Boys 12 & under	4th	John Forrest
	1st	Ben Johnson
	2nd	Jamie Gibbs
	3rd	Garth Woolison
Boys 13 & over	1st	Derek McPetrie
	2nd	James Woolison
Adult Men	1st	Alan Einarson
Girls 8 & under	1st	Nicole Priestly
Girls 10 & under	1st	Vanessa Johnson
	2nd	Sarah Ball
Girls 12 & under	1st	Krystal McPetrie
	2nd	Peira Tittenberger
	3rd	Katie Ball
Girls 14 & under	1st	Lisa Flanders
Girls 16 & under	1st	Kristin Harden
	2nd	Kim Horrocks
Adult Women	1st	Andrika Tittenberger
Master's	1st	Betty Lodewyks

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Recreation News



Round Robin Results:

Teen August 7: 1st - Dan Lindquist/Tim Millican (80%); 2nd - Chris Lindquist/Matt Raffey (75%); 3rd - Kate Daniels/Eric Rice (70%)

Adult August 9: 1st - Sheila Quinton/Robert Strome (13-7), Carl Ruban/Lillian Hancock (13-7); 2nd - Ann Manning/Cheryl Lowery (11-9); Arroll Stewart/Dave Lowery (11-9)

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1996 Coed Sixes Volleyball Tournament

The 1996 Coed Sixes Volleyball Tournament at Victoria Beach has made it a must to attend on the Summer Beach Circuit. If you missed it this year be sure to mark it on your calendar for next summer.

Competition was fierce as teens and adults bumped, volleyed and spiked their way to victory and the thrill of taking home the prize.

Our thanks to the Willoughby Family who generously donated two trophies to be awarded at the tournament.

Congratulations to all competitors for a great day: The Fishfiles, The Irascibles, Pizzaz, Shag Toast, The Wasps and Road Kill.

On the Competitive side "The Wasps" won a stinging victory over "Road Kill" and on the Recreational side "Pizzaz" (they had a lot of it) defeated "The Irascibles" (who really were quite irritable).



Competitive Side Winners - "The Wasps": Michael Peacock, Mike Lodewyks, Peggy Lawler, Steve Lines, Chris Altker, Sarah Fuller, Pierre Bedard.



Recreational Side Winners - "Pizzaz": Jane Daniels, Maria Peacock, Michael Szkwarek, Sherri Jack, Greg Daniels, Pat Peacock, Louie Szkwarek, Lucy Szkwarek, Ken Jack, Kate Daniels.

A special thank you to the Gatorade Patrol who provided music to move by, thirst-quenching Gatorade and great prizes. Thanks Pierre!

To everyone: set-up and clean-up crews, referees and scorekeepers, spectators and scorekeepers. Thank You! See you next year!

Pat Peacock and Greg Daniels



Bridge



Where did you first learn to play bridge? Have you ever stopped to think about this? I am sure that some of the answers to this question would be very interesting. Wherever it was, you know that it opened a door to many a pleasant social encounter. Although for this year time is running very short, our group is an ideal place to learn or to brush-up your skill. Those who showed that skill on August 5th were Fabiola Lambert first with 4360 and runner up Dorothy Morlock with 4280.

There were five tables of regular players and three of social players. We are sorry to report that Edna MacLeod will not be with us for the rest of the season due to an unfortunate accident. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to her.

See you Monday at 8!

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Junior Golf Tournament Results

A Windy, hot summer's day greeted more than 100 eager players. Ages ranged from 8 to 17 with the older groups playing in the afternoon. The coveted Boys 13 and Over Trophy was decided in an extra 2 hole playoff to add to the excitement of the day. Twelve and Unders all played with the course shortened. Groups were divided as follows.

10 & Under Girls: 1st - Sasha Hastings (48), 2nd - Sarah Warrack, 3rd - Alex Paton, 4th - Vanessa Johnson, 5th - Andrea Unruh, 6th - Lauren Nash, 7th - Ashley Schmidt

10 & Under Boys - 1st Flight: 1st - Stephen Hildebrand (42), 2nd - Ken Mazurak, 3rd - Patrick Daniels; **2nd Flight:** 1st - Michael Patton, 2nd - Jeff Mazurak, 3rd - Peter Woodward



10+ Under Girls Champion -
Sasha Hastings with John Evans and Pat Hastings



10+ Under Boys Champion - Stephen Hildebrand

12 & Under Girls: 1st - Krystle McPetrie (61), 2nd - Petra Tittenberger, 3rd - Deanna Fair

12 & Under Boys - 1st Flight: 1st - Ben Johnson (39), 2nd - Michael Taylor, 3rd - Brian Sokolowski; **2nd Flight:** 1st - Brian Oliver, 2nd - Joseph Dort, 3rd - Jeff Gural



12+ Under Girls Champion - Krystle McPetrie



12+ Under Boys Champion - Ben Johnson

13 & Over Girls: 1st - Mary Birley (60), 2nd - Jenny Butler, 3rd - Kate Daniels, 4th - Jamie Kehler, 5th - Jessica Wansbutter
13 & Over Boys - 1st Flight: 1st - Jamie Ball (40) (playoff), 2nd - Chris Warrack, 3rd - Adam Boge, **2nd Flight:** 1st - Dan Buetner, 2nd - Kevin Neal, 3rd - James McLeod



13+ Over Champs - Jamie Ball, Mary Birley

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you to John Evans who continues to take Victoria Beach Golf Course to new levels; to his staff and maintenance crew who meet you with a smile (sometimes sleepy). A special thank you to the chipperies and score keepers who volunteered their holiday time. They are: Barry Warrack, Tim Coy, Lauren Johnstone, Gord Buchanan, Lloyd Schmidt, Bruce Mollison, Rob Strome, Mark Tooley, Geoff Oliver, Rick Fair, Brian Phillips, Andy Wind, Jim Woolson, Miles Kerluk, Dave Gural, Dana Ford, Ross Martin, Helen Forrest, Bill Langdon, Murray Kerr, Laithe Gagnon and Greg Daniels who spent the entire day helping out wherever he could. Without any volunteers there would not be any tournaments.

We once again managed to have a prize for every entrant. This was possible due to the continued support and generosity of the following people and companies: Bob Brickley, Helmut Unruh, The Wharf, MTS, Starkey Canada, Hastings Hearing Centres, Keith & Louise McMurray, Traverse Bay Corner, Gord Gooding, Helen Forrest, Canadian Airlines International, Peter Ewert (Lartets Golf Course), Brian Taylor (Wood Gundy), Paul Gooding, Charlie Fisher (Nesbitt Burns), Bryan Crampton (CIBC Eaton Place), Ken & Michelle Rowson, Jim Shepherd, Larry Adams, Pepsi, Kevin Gooding, Gord Patton, Sally & George Friesen, Norm Nagle, Investors Group, Canadian Pacific Railway, Brian McArthur, Pronar Canada, Unitor, C.N. Rail, Northern Stores, John Evans, Pat Hastings, Herb's V.B. Grocery, Bruce Woodward (Tri-Power Electric), Dan Sudermann (Moonlight Inn), Jamie Horne, Dave Paton, Resound. I apologize if I have missed mentioning any of our supporters.

It has once again been a pleasure and I hope to see you all back again next year.

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Thank you to Pat Hastings for running the Junior golf tournament again. I had lots of fun!

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Cross Country Run



On Sunday, August 11, 41 enthusiastic runners participated in the annual cross-country "fun" run. The results are as follows:

Women's 3 Km:

10 and under: 1st - Kate Thomas, 2nd - Andrea Boruski
10 - 15 yrs: 1st - Katie Cibinel, 2nd - Mary Birley, 3rd - Beth Norman

16 - 20 yrs: 1st - Heather Dawson, 2nd - Lynne Brydon

Masters: 1st - Pamela Boruski

Overall: Katie Cibinel

Women's 5 Km:

20 - 29 yrs: 1st - Lee Ann Johnson

30 - 39 yrs: 1st - Patti Peterson, 2nd - Debb Brethauer, 3rd - Tannis Petursson

Masters: 1st - Heather Wolloughby, 2nd - Joan Dawson

Overall: Patti Peterson

Men's Short Course:

10 and under: 1st - Jamie Thomas, 2nd - Robin Kooymans, 3rd - Geoff Kooymans

11 - 15 yrs: 1st - Danny Birley, 2nd - Matthew Cibinel

16 - 20 yrs: 1st - Anders Johansson, 2nd - Jamie Ball

30 - 39 yrs: 1st - Jamie Whitlaw

Masters: Greg Holowka

Overall: Jamie Whitlaw

Men's Long Course:

11 - 15 yrs: 1st - Josh Peterson

20 - 29 yrs: 1st - Jamie Dawson, 2nd - Murray McCaig

30 - 39 yrs: 1st - Bruce Barbuti, 2nd - Bob Sudermann, 3rd - Gary Brethauer

Masters: 1st - Larry Lindquist, 2nd - Chuck Mulvenna, 3rd - Dale Shurvell

Overall: Jamie Dawson

Thank you to Bill McDonald for his role as "starter," Sandy McCaig and Deanne McDonald for keeping the runners "on track," Elaine Archer for her registration duties and result tabulations and Derek Sokalski for setting up the finish line. As well, thank you to the Moonlight Inn for their donation of a T-shirt and a special thanks to Chris Trainor for his donation of bottled water for the thirsty participants.

Congratulations to all the participants—keep running and we'll see you next year!

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As usual, the six weeks of swimming lessons flew by in a "splash"! Here's a special thank you to a few of many who made this year's water safety program a success.

- To the Brydon family who lent us their time and kayak, thank you see you on the dock teaching in a couple of years!
- To Kim and Kristy Wolloughby for putting down their raquets and putting on their suits to teach for a few days, thanks, you were great!
- To Ian Peterson for coming to Victoria Beach to examine our Bronze classes, thank you.
- To all the parents for their help, encouragement and extra involvement in our program, thank you.
- To Betsy Lodevys for her guidance and advice, thank you. Your many years of dedication to the water safety program at VB have not gone unnoticed.
- To Pat McRae for her enthusiasm in our program and her help at Beach Events, thank you. Good luck next year. I hope the weather is beautiful.
- To Jen, Lise and Heather for a great summer, lots of laughs and good memories, thanks.
- Congratulations to all the Bronze Medallion and Cross students - your hard work paid off! I hope everybody had a great time this year!

Megan Barrit-Flatt



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Open House at Dr. Reg Gallop's Gardens at McCord Drive, Sandy Bay, V.B.

In response to invitations in two late July issues of the *Herald*, the recent annual tradition of visiting these extensive, interesting, and beautiful gardens, was followed when about 100 visitors from Victoria Beach areas and beyond, came to enjoy these delights on July 28. They were taken in groups around the many small to large gardens involved at Dr. Gallop's beach front cottage add then at his nearby bushland lot with the specific matters of interest in each being explained, with numerous questions, helpful comments from all, and answers being forthcoming. Cameras and notebooks were kept busy during these tours, especially in noting some beautiful groupings of plants, and individual specimens, novel cultural practices, and the names and sources of lovely lilies, delphiniums and other plants, that each visitor wished to obtain. Leaflets were distributed on the forthcoming Bulb Sale of the Manitoba Regional Lily Society (of which Reg is currently President), in the Lobby of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory on Saturday, October 5th from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

These gardens have been under development since the mid-1970s, after Dr. Gallop and his dear wife Mary, had largely built and serviced their beautiful, ambient Cedar Cottage there, with a high ceiling and 16 large picture-windows right across the front, facing the Lake. They provide a dynamic panorama of lovely framed scenes throughout the whole year, as a haven of peace and beauty — the "Sane Asylum," that one must have these days to sustain one's balance and optimism in life. The gardens have been formed to highly respect and enhance the natural situations in each location. They have been designed to trap sunlight, to provide adequate restful shade daily for the plants, to break and beneficially deflect the strong winds off the Lake, and to ensure good ventilation between the plants to minimize fungal and other problems.

They are stocked with about 1000 different perennial liliiums, including about 250 of Reg's own selections under five-year trials, from seeds derived from international sources, and from his own crosses. More than half of them were in bloom during the Open House, thus providing the guests with a delightful range of forms and colours, in white, cream, pink, yellow, orange, red and reddish-black shades, in single colours, bicolors and some more complex ones. A few cold-hardy fragrant lilies were also seen. Reg is trying to breed more of these. As foregrounds and backdrops for the lilies and other shorter plants, about 100 of his selections of perennial tall "Pacific Giants" Delphiniums were seen (photo), in all their magnificent colour



combinations, types and positioning of their blooms, from white through pinks to pastel bluish shades, deep sky-blues and almost purple shades, as singles to doubles. Fragrant tall Nicotines were also in bloom among some gardens; with the less-tall Nikkis in many colours also being evident on borders. Many gardens were edged with pretty annuals, such as Impatiens, petunias, ageratum, pansies, petunias, and marigolds, to add to the beauty. Reg also grows more than his annual needs for vegetables between the rows of lilies under test, with about 15 varieties of tomatoes, and several varieties of beans and other vegetables and berries being evident at his bushland gardens.

Care of these gardens require some skill with much effort and time, but this was chosen about 1988 as the best way to immunize and support an Alzheimer's caregiver of his dear wife, against the long, heavy, potentially deadly doses of spiritual, moral, intellectual, emotional and bodily stresses that this role imposes. Using an RRSP Investment approach in these five accounts, Dr. Gallop has ensured that the positive credits, needed to counteract and override the negative debits inherent to such caregiving, have always been ample. He recommends gardening as fine therapy to all who face major stresses in life from any sources. This approach began with Adam and Eve and will never be obsolete. He regrets that he cannot grow figs here, but looks forward to many of you visiting his gardens in future to enjoy many other plant species.

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Senior Open Tennis Tournament Results

Each year the competition at the Victoria Beach Open tennis tournament heats up both on and off the court. On court, there have never been more hotly contested, highly skilled matches. Off court, nobody wanted to be in the hot seats, and cool bleachers in the shade were at a premium. But mostly, it was just plain hot. Except when it rained, which was just plain annoying. The rain on Sunday afternoon forced matches to start at 7:00 Monday morning, using a no-ad format. (At deuce, the receiver chooses the side to which the server serves and the winner of the point takes the game.)

Once again we had a strong contingent of transplanted Victoria Beachers fly back to take part in the tournament. From St. Louis: Andy Gow. From Toronto: Don Bushuk, Kae Dawson, Scott Irving, Heather Jessiman, Glen Mitchell, Jeff Mitchell, Andrew Lang, Tim Lang, and Doug Pollard, who came back especially to show off his shiny new backhand. Some of the improvements we are considering for next year are running a couple rounds of the men's qualifying on Friday evening for those who can play and having a roving official to enforce the five minute warm-up limit. Any other suggestions would be appreciated.

Special thanks to Rick Riess and Ron and Dawn Kirbyson for running the draw desk, Doug Hancock, George Gilmour and Kim Willoughby for making up the draws, Bob and Grace Johnson for their barbecuing skill, Dan Sudermann at the Moonlight Inn for providing burgers and hot-dogs, Jan Harbour at the store for providing drinks, the court attendants for promptly doing whatever was asked of them and especially for opening the courts at 6:45 Monday morning.

The results are as follows and see you next year!



Men's Singles Semi-Finals: Jeff Mitchell defeated Darren Causon 6-4, 6-4; Geoff Kirbyson defeated Matt Heiman 7-6 (7-1), 6-3

Final: Jeff Mitchell defeated Geoff Kirbyson 6-4, 6-7 (8-6), 6-4

Men's Doubles Semi-Finals: Dave Quinton/Matt Heiman defeated Dan Charbonneau/Bill Serbin 9-2; Don Bushuk/Scott Irving defeated Geoff Kirbyson/Jack Stephens 10-8

Final: Dave Quinton/Matt Heiman defeated Don Bushuk/Scott Irving 6-3, 6-7 (7-3), 6-4

Ladies Singles Semi-Finals: Susan Quinton defeated Kim Willoughby 9-3; Linda Sudermann defeated Melanie Charbonneau 9-4

Final: Susan Quinton defeated Linda Sudermann 6-0, 6-1

Ladies Doubles Semi-Finals: Susan Quinton/Linda Sudermann defeated Barb Pritchard/Amanda Hefelfinger 9-3; Missy Purchase/Val DeRocco defeated Kim Willoughby/Natasha Osipov 9-6

Final: Susan Quinton/Linda Sudermann defeated Missy Purchase/Val DeRocco 6-0, 7-6 (7-5)

Mixed Doubles Semi-Finals: Jill and Geoff Kirbyson defeated Trish Rathwell/Matt Heiman; Leah Mitchell/Don Byschuk defeated Kim Willoughby/Mike Lodevys 9-7

Final: Jill and Geoff Kirbyson defeated Leah Mitchell/Don Bushuk 9-7

Men's Singles Qualifying: Mike Lodevys defeated Scott Irving

Men's Doubles Qualifying: Geoff Chipman/Jim Millican defeated Scott McDonald/Bob Sweetland 7-6 (7-3), 7-5

Geoff Kirbyson, Jean and Rick Riess

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Council Corner

Have you signed the School Tax Petition yet? If not please do so and encourage a neighbour if you are dissatisfied with the half-million dollars the Lord Selkirk School Division assesses the RM of VB to educate our fifteen students. Only property owners may sign.

Under Section 5 (1) of the Public Schools Act our municipal council can request a board of reference and state our wish to withdraw from Lord Selkirk and establish our own school district. The petition will be presented to the board, along with other documents, to express the feelings of our rate-payers regarding the very high education levy and the fact that the great majority of us cannot benefit, or even vote for school trustees.

While a charter school could be established here, this may not be the most practical solution for only 15 students from kindergarten to high school. An alternative would be to pay non-resident fees for each student to attend a school of choice.

K to 12 is available in Pine Falls and Powerview. Most parents seem generally dissatisfied with elementary education at Walter Whyte School for various reasons. Some are happy with the regional high school in Selkirk, although students leave the beach at 6:45 am and return at 6:30 pm.

We would still be responsible for the provincial school levy as shown on your tax bill, but the special levy to Lord Selkirk is excessive, unfair and produces unsatisfactory results.

This petition will be available during the month of August at the Information Office 8 am - 8 pm, seven days a week. It is also available at the RM of VB office in Winnipeg.

Did you know - If you have questions and/or concerns and are not sure who to call, we have a 1-800 #. It is listed on the Information to Residents card as are many other pertinent facts about VB. The number is 1-800-513-3839.

Reminder - Recycling is alive and well but could use some fine-tuning. Could you please rinse containers, flatten cans and plastic pop bottles. Please no milk or water jugs. Flatten all cardboard boxes; they take up too much space otherwise. We can only have a recycling pick-up twice a week so we must make the best use of our bins. Don't forget to leave us your beer cans and bottles and wine bottles in the little white bag. All money from this goes to the community clubs. **Please No Garbage.**

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Gardening at the Cottage



Now that summer is on the downward slope some people have inquired as to readying their garden for the fall and (I shudder to say) the winter seasons. So, I thought I would explain a few things that I do in my gardens to get them ready for their long winter's nap.

I usually make sure all the annuals are pulled out in September. If there are seed pods on any of your annuals, and you would like to see if they will self-seed, sprinkle a few around in the garden. You should be careful when doing this as some will self-seed very rapidly and take over the garden next year. A few to watch out for are Cosmos, Nicotiana, Calendula and the perennial Shasta Daisy.

Any bulbs that you would like to plant should be in by Thanksgiving. A good rule of thumb is to plant the bulbs to a depth two to three times the diameter of the bulb. Keep in mind that rodents like the small bulbs, Tulips and Lilies, but do not like the strong onion taste of Daffodils. Sprinkling cayenne pepper or crushed red pepper flakes in the covering soil may help. The rodents seem to like bone meal so I no longer use it as fertilizer when planting my bulbs. I use a water soluble 15-30-15 fertilizer in early spring when the shoots first appear.

I don't cut down my perennials in the fall. I have found that as the leaves fall they are trapped around the plants and when the snow comes air is trapped around the plants and they winter much better. Most perennials, shrubs, roses and bulbs that are hardy to our area winter very well. The problem arises when temperatures are such that there is a lot of late winter, early spring freeze, thaw, freeze conditions. The leaves that are covering the plants help keep this from occurring. If you are not sure how hardy a perennial is, a couple of armfuls of extra leaves on top of the plant will help.

I usually start to clear away the debris around my bulbs in late March and my other perennials in mid to late April, depending on the weather. A frost or snow fall in April usually does not hurt the growth unless it is for quite a prolonged spell. Even with the harshness of last winter my plants did quite well. The only ones that had some winter damage were the ground cover that does not die to ground level but remain green, like Creeping Dianthus, Creeping Thyme, Creeping Phlox and some Sedum. I have found it much easier to recognize the plants that I have left in tact in the fall from the old growth when cleaning in the spring, remembering that some perennials are quite late at poking through the earth so be careful when digging in the perennial garden.

Another question that I get asked is when is the best time to split your perennials and how to go about doing it. I prefer splitting them in the spring because it is much easier on the plant than doing it in the fall, even though most books say that either season is all right. I think they get a better start if done early in the spring when the new growth just breaks through. Use a clean sharp shovel or knife to make a clean cut, then dig out the part you want to move to a new location. Of course you can dig up the whole plant, providing it is not of a deep rooted variety.

During the winter, get some books on flowers, especially perennials. You will enjoy them immensely and it will help you get through some of those -30° days in January and February and get you to dreaming about your garden and cottage. Have a safe and healthy winter. We'll see you again in the spring!

Joanne Jonsson

Library News



The summer of '96 is over for the Victoria Beach Library. It's been a great season with wonderful volunteers, lots of books signed out, and many, many books read and enjoyed by young and old. My two summers as your librarian have been a terrific learning experience for me personally. One of the great things about V.B. is that people my age (15 yrs.) and younger are given a lot of responsibilities and leadership opportunities they can't get in the city. I want to especially thank Trish Rathwell who had the confidence that I could do this job and supported me so much these past two years.

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VB "Open" Tennis Tournament Remembered... Diary of a Tennis Hacker!

Friday Night -

- "I wonder if the tournament draw is posted at the courts yet. Better go down and check..."
- "How do you figure out this draw? I've never seen half these names before. Oh...Oh...I'm playing at 8 AM tomorrow! Oh well, at least there won't be anyone watching!"
- "Maybe I should practice a little tonight to tune-up. On second thought, that might just depress me...or I might peak too soon...or I might sprain my ankle and have to default — Hey...there's an idea!"
- Probably going to have a restless sleep tonight — dreaming of shots that go out, missed volleys and serves that find the net!

Saturday -

- "It's a beautiful morning! What a shame to mar it with my backhand!"
- "The Kirbyson's and Reiss's are doing a great job organising this — and Doug Hancock should get the "good guy" award for always being there to pitch in with whatever needs to be done. I think Doug has been tennis convener since he was about twenty!"
- Trying to schedule all these players who are often in EVERY event must be a tennis nightmare — especially when the really good players end up in the finals of almost everything."
- "Better pay the game fees for the family. Let's see...four people playing...we're in a total of ten events...\$3 per event...that's...\$30. In my case, that's a lot of money to pay for the "joy" of playing one game and losing gracefully!"
- "That's a great idea to bring out a barbecue and sell hotdogs and cold drinks at the courts. Certainly looks more appetizing than the squashod sandwich in the bottom of my tennis bag."
- "Hey... They've got a racket-stringing machine over there. I've never seen one of those...looks like a drum stand. I suppose a few people will need that, but some of us can't hit the ball hard enough to actually break a string!"
- "Maybe I need some sustenance from the bakery. I'll bet a couple of those expensive, air-filled apple turnovers would inspire my serve; although I guess it's more likely that they would simply widen my mid-court!"
- "Can't seem to volley today. That hasn't happened for a long time — like since yesterday!"
- "Okay, so now I'm eliminated from all but one event...Mixed Doubles. We're still in that one only because we haven't played our FIRST game yet! And look at that — because of schedule delays, we play our first game tomorrow, SUNDAY. We hardly ever make it to Day TWO; people will think we've improved. Yeah, sure...at chance."

Sunday -

- "What will I do if a miracle happens and we make it to Monday's games — I have no more clean tennis clothing! Oh well, realistically, I don't think that's going to be a problem."

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Fond Memories...

In each edition of this year's *Herald*, we will be publishing articles from days gone by. We hope you will enjoy reading them as much as we did researching them.

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It is regretted that the Community Club in charge of arrangements for the annual Winter Train to the Beach has reported that the C.N.R. finds it impossible to guarantee a train for March 5th, the tentative date set for the outing. The railway has given its assurances, however, that if there are signs of relief from the present coal shortage, the train will run on the date set.

This day has always been very popular, with over 900 boarding the train last year. Despite such large numbers turning out, the railway has always supplied an adequate number of heated coaches plus dining facilities which are left open at the Beach station for use during the day. In addition, light lunches are served at the Legion Hall, which is located beside the skating rink where the traditional Permanent Residents vs. Summer Residents hockey game takes place.

Tally Ho's and sleigh rides are available throughout the day, with skating, skiing, snowshoeing, tobogganing and the like, providing fun for all.

Keep Sunday, March 5th, open just in the event the railway finds some coal. If you are a Club member or a Beach taxpayer you will be advised by mail, otherwise watch your daily newspaper. If you have a spare bin of coal, kindly contact the Club President.



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Diary of a Tennis Hacker (Continued from page 17)

- "So, predictably, I'm now dead in all three events and free to excel in my real expertise - bench warming!" • "Oh... oh.... here comes another tie-breaker. Certainly is a challenge to figure out how those work!"
- "Look at that..... it's clouding over..... and now we're hearing thunder. Is this going to be another tournament rain-delay like the 'Masters'? Here comes the rain..... better take cover."

Monday -

- "This is incredible. Every court has a fabulous game in progress. Doesn't matter where you look - unbelievable shots are being made. We're certainly fortunate to be exposed to such high caliber tennis right in our own backyard - funny how we sometimes take it for granted."
- "Should probably go home for lunch, but don't want to miss anything."
- "When played by experts, tennis looks so simple..... from here in the stands."
- "Nice professional touch to have those flip score-cards on the court for the finals - IF you can figure out how the score works!"
- "Should probably go home for dinner, but still can't leave....."
- "Amazing how certain families have the skill to make it to the finals year after year. Very impressive!"
- "Well, the VB 'Open' did it again with wonderful, inspiring tennis! Gee.... I must try some of those shots in the 'Novelty' - that should be good for a laugh!"

Allen Willoughby

Those Dehydration Blues

The *Herald*, of a couple of weeks ago, carried an article attributed to me on the subject of dehydration. I think I should explain a couple of things about the piece. It makes me look like an authority on dehydration and how to avoid it.

I'm not complaining, you understand. It's just that my knowledge (that is, of dehydration) is pretty well limited to suffering from it.

The basis of my submission to the Editor of the *Herald* was a column in the June 13th edition of the *International Herald Tribune* (brought to my attention by Barbara Duke, noted health consultant). My source did not get included in the material printed.

So, a journalist named Jane E. Brody is the smart person who advised athletes, especially weekend ones, to stick to water and not to wait until thirsty, either.

Few people have spoken to me about "my" note on dehydration. Those who did complained about the elevation of water over beer. I wish to assure them, on the record, that such advice was not my idea.

Ron Kirbyson



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