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## Tennis



How fast July and August have flown by. But, don't despair, the courts will be open for play until the Thanksgiving weekend. This was by far the busiest year for court usage. At last count 761 shoe tags had been issued.

All tournaments provided exciting play, good sportsmanship and excellent viewing for those people watching the events. However, this would not happen without a great supporting cast.

Thank you to Derek Sokalski for supervising the tennis lessons and the teen and adult round robins.

Thank you to the court attendants - Kim Willoughby, Michael Kaye, Kevin Willoughby and Jason Quinton.

Thank you to Geoff Kirbyson (assisted by Jean and Rick Riess), Mike McCuaig (assisted by Nick Beaton), Tanis and Gale Petreny, and Ann and Frank Manning for convening the four tournaments.

Thank you to those who helped put up the nets on the May long weekend, and thank you (in anticipation) to those who will help take the nets down on the Thanksgiving long weekend.

Thank you to George Gilmour and Fred Donaldson for assisting with court/fence maintenance.

Finally, thank you to you, the player, who made use of these great facilities. Your adherence to the few rules we do have and words of appreciation make my job worthwhile.

Have a good winter - see you in the spring.

Doug Hancock



## Bridge



It's hard to believe that another season is drawing to a close and all those master strokes at Bridge and grand slams we have planned to bring off at our Monday night sessions will have to wait for another year. Once again, it has been a pleasure to organise this event and I would like to thank all those willing hands who assisted me, especially Edna, Rene and John.

On Monday, August 12th, there were six tables of regular players and two of social players. Top scorer for the evening was June Saunders with 5700, which was the highest score for this season and runner up was John Brydon with 4190.

I hope you have a pleasant winter with lots of Bridge and other enjoyable activities.

Gladys Mildren



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## COMING EVENTS

Victoria Beach Cottagers' Association Annual Meeting  
Sunday, August 25, 1:30 pm - Clubhouse

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### Letters to the Editor



#### To the Editor:

One sunny Sunday while the rest of us enjoyed the beach, a good Samaritan was busy removing roots and rocks from the long path behind the golf course between McCauley Road and Eighth. That path was in really bad shape and it must have taken hours of work. Now, thanks to Al Jeffries, I can take my eyes off of the path and start watching for the bear. Thanks Al.

Linda McMillan

#### To the Editor:

This is a message to the person who dug out four little spruce trees from our V.B. property. Our V.B. lot is very special to us. We know every bush, plant and tree, and try to keep it as natural as possible. We feel this person has invaded our privacy and has mutilated our property. We only hope that the person did not know what he/she was doing. In this case he/she should have the decency to return the trees to the owner.

Please let's all respect private property — even at the beach!

W. and B. Weber

#### To the Editor:

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June

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### From the Editor



This being the final issue of the 1996 *Herald*, I would like to thank Reid Anderson for transporting the *Herald* from the printer to Victoria Beach each week. Also to Susan Millican for her idea of "Books at the Beach" and subsequent weekly column. Many thanks also to all other contributors.

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**Novelty Tennis Tournament**



Another season of tennis tournaments is over at Victoria Beach. The weather was very co-operative — NO RAIN. Fun and friendship reigned over the weekend. The competition was wonderful. The rallies long and hard fought. The shots amazing. The comments from the players were simply astounding. Some of the most notable quotes:

The gallery heard one player shout while running after a ball "if only I was younger" just as the ball bounced a second time just out of his reach.

One team was walking arm-in-arm toward the gallery after one game and were told by the organiser at the time not to fraternise while on the court. The gentlemen replied "But it was a love game."

Conversation between the finalists on the consolation side on how they got there: "We played good players and you played my Dad!"

In the quarter finals, one gentleman started to untie his shorts. The organiser on duty had no idea what he was doing and told him "you must have your tennis shorts on." He retorted "I thought this was a novelty tournament."

Remember — Big Brother is listening when the comments are flying around the courts.

The competition was wonderful leading up to the semi finals for both sides of the draw. Jim Carlson and Kim Willoughby faced Ken Bowman and Linda Sudermann with Jim and Kim defeating Ken and Linda for a berth in the consolation final. In the other consolation semi, Allen Willoughby and Sue Anderson pitted wits against Vic Garden and Carole Corona. Vic and Carole went on to the finals thus eliminating the chance of a father versus daughter match-up. In the consolation final, Vic and Carole faced a determined team in Jim and Kim. They split the first two sets and went on to a tie-breaker in the third set. Vic and Carole won in two and one-half hours in a fabulous match.

In the championship semis, Chris Fricke and Gail Henderson faced Fred Donaldson and Fran Steele. Chris and Gail overcame the steady play of Fred and Fran to advance to the finals. The other semi had Todd Anderson and Hilda Morrish take on Peter Duke and Tanis Petrency. After a small delay due to an injury to Peter's shamsring, Peter and Tanis prevailed in three sets to advance to the finals, thus having a mother versus daughter confrontation. The final saw a wonderful match between four players having a great time. They split the first two sets with the second set going to a tie-breaker. In the end, mom showed up daughter and won the tournament. Chris Fricke and Gail Henderson take home the illustrious Duke Family Trophy as winners of the Novelty Tennis Tournament.

Our thanks go out Doug Hancock for his help at the beginning and end of the tournament. To Chris Fricke for assisting us this year in running the tournament. To Allen Willoughby for looking after the draw for an hour while the organisers played a little tennis. And lastly, to all the participants in the tournament — if it was not for your participation, we could not hold this tournament.

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## Beach People



Ron and Ann Shepherd formerly of "The Sheepfold" on 4th and Arthur (in the 60s, 70s and 80s) are here for a family reunion for 2 weeks. With them are Mary, their daughter; her husband Lenry and children, Aaron, Jasmine and Jerome. Also visiting are son Christopher and daughter Susie.

Notice to those awaiting the "grand" opening of the Plantation (including Jeff Q.) — due to circumstances this event has been postponed until July 1997. We apologize for the delay and thank you for your patience!

The Wiswells at 361 Sunset had a visit early this month from son Jim and wife Ellen from Toronto — a good time was had by all — with early morning jogs, visits to the bakery and acquainting Ellen with points of interest at Victoria Beach.

To help Don Wilkinson celebrate his "Big 50" birthday on July 31st, friends gathered at the Bennett cottage, 312 - 8th Avenue, to surprise Don.

The "piece de resistance" to honour Don was a picture of the Man of the Hour, surrounded by several dozen flashing lights. The poster photo was of Don, attired in his polka-dot towel, a glass of "cheer" in his hand, sporting black wavy hair. This was to remind him of his younger days. He was feted with gag gifts suitable for the occasion; followed by fun and games, including a water balloon bash.

The evening ended with two Jeannie's cakes and a toast to Don. Glennis and Don also celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary on August 13th, and Glennis celebrates her birthday on August 28th.

On Sunday, August 4th, Glennis and Don Wilkinson hosted their annual Christmas party at 207-6th Avenue. About 65 friends gathered at their cottage to celebrate the early festive season. Starting with nibble goodies and liquid refreshments, guests socialised and met old friends. Then it was time for Christmas Dinner which was terrific. Everyone looked forward to Don's great speciality — BC Salmon cooked on the BBQ, along with ham, turkey, veggies, casseroles, and scrumptious desserts and Christmas cake.

After dinner we all waited for Don, in his Santa cap, to render his version of "The Night Before Christmas" with lots of help from his audience. Then we all delighted in gift-giving; swapping and swapping, until Don gave the word to open our gifts. Some of them made by very ingenious people. To mention a few: there was a flying pelican, a belly-button duster, toe floss for toe jam, fuzzy worms, frogs, butterflies and a grass cutter for a tennis player. We are all waiting for next year's party, and certainly thank our hosts for a wonderful time.

Anne Neufeld, 405 Sunset, had the pleasure of many family visitors through the summer. Her daughter Donna Swystun, from Calgary, visited early in the summer and especially enjoyed the tennis.

In mid-July, Corinne Karasevich and her friend Benny Mac Hendrix from Abilene, Texas, were delighted to spend a few days at V.B. and join in the friendly bridge sessions. In August, Joanne Swystun and her husband Michael Nairne arrived from Toronto with their children James, Tasia and Alex. The children spent many happy days with their Winnipeg cousins, John and Caroline Swystun. They also enjoyed the events planned by Uncle Richard and Auntie Karen.

It was a warm and sultry night, as the auspicious occasion began with Gregorius Berko hustling many pounds of live lobster & fresh frozen shrimp, from the Gimli Fish Market within the warehouse district of northend Winnipeg.

This 4th annual bacchanal was planned by a sterling executive committee headed by Evelyn Pius. Three chefs were brought in especially for this event: Lucille Arnason, formerly of Gimli, Day Woytko formerly of Hamilton, specialists in crustacean culinary arts and Averil Berko formerly of Woods Harbour, Nova Scotia, authority of East coast gastronomic creations.

The table was exquisitely appointed with Tulipano Capri crockery with matching patio ware and limited edition Schwatloff crystal, ceramic butter warmers and Cooks Creek beeswax candelabra.

Pre-dinner cocktails were flown in from London, England. The menu was extensive, with four sumptuous courses and the first consisted of two appetisers. A layered crab dip au fromage was lavishly appointed by Marilyn Thomlinson, formerly of Blairmore, Alberta. A broiled stuffed mushroom cap dish avec couchon was created by Averil Berko.

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## Tennis - Adult Round Robin



On Monday, August 12th, 36 tennis players tried out for the Championship of the day. The winners were:

1st - Ann Manning and Barb Pritchard  
2nd - Dawn and Rob Strome

On Friday, August 16th, we had a great crowd of 40 players seeking the day's Championship. The winners were:

1st - Joyce Dryden and Chris Fricke

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After this indulgence, the palate was cleansed magnificently by either lime or raspberry sherbert, as was each succumbing course. The second consisted of shrimp. The irresistible succulent sautéed shrimp bathed in garlic, overcame the taste buds of all 10 hedonists. The third consisted of fresh Nova Scotia lobster, along with either lemon dredged butter and/or garlic soaked butter.

Accompaniments to these courses were: sticky rice, garlic bread and two salads; one with garden fresh vegetables from the Manastersky farms, the other a seven layered tossed salad. The garlic bread, made from original VB bakery Vienna loaf, was a superb addition to these courses.

The fourth consisted of a dessert called "Sex in a Pan" — a taste bud benchmark — created by Joyce Shurvell, formerly of Kane Avenue, especially for the evening. Accompaniments were fresh stemmed cherries from the Chorney farms.

Throughout the evening, the thousands of eating instruments were meticulously cleansed by the trio of Dale Shurvell, Robert Thomlinson and Gregory Berko. As well, the vintners from districts of Midnapore, Lake Bonavista and West St. Paul, satiated the palates of the participating sybarites.

After an evening of pleantries, the celebrants descended upon the starlit shore for fireworks at Arthur Beach south, and the meteor showers. Twenty-three additional guests were invited for this latter part of the festivities. Robert Thomlinson was instrumental in all parts of the operation, especially crowd control. The pyro technician, Dmetri Berko excited the assembled entourage with a scintillating display of light filled views in front of the Milky Way, and the glow of the Gimli lights.

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The family cottage at 330-4th Avenue has been a busy place this summer. Nancy (Grierson) Occhipinti, husband Robert and son Giorgio were here, as were her sister Marilyn, husband Bob and their younger daughter Laurel. Mid-August, Joanne (Grierson) Weston with daughters Julie and Christina arrived. All were here to visit their mother Mary Stewart and husband Ross.

The Fast cottage at 145 Victoria Blvd was completely occupied these past two weeks. Visitors included Catherine Fast and her husband Derrick Chamberlain, daughters Martha and Sarah from Port Moody, BC, and Carol Fast, Tom Brock, and Peter and Allison from Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Arthur, Jennifer, Brian, Ian and Andrew Fast and Heather Reimer of Winnipeg were just down the road at 161 Victoria Boulevard, (the "old" cottage). What better place to have chicken pot!

Frances Fast, Kitchener, Ontario was unable to join the merry through this year.

The "Fast Cousins' Olympics" kicked off the season and caused considerable uproar August 5th. Participants in the Trampoline Contest displayed such talent, imagination and professional finesse at all age levels that gold medals (edible) on gold chains (twine) were awarded with great ceremony to all. The recipients rose, as one, to the occasion and presented a similar reward to Derrick — organiser extraordinaire. The water balloon relay race had a unique handicap system due to a great variety of ages — 4 to 16. Andrew — just turned one — was disqualified due to feeding time.

Merriment continued with Auntie Catherine's Annual "one size fits all" birthday party. Pizza, money cake and presents for all the nieces and nephews (some early, some late). Quite a day for the Brooks after a three day drive from Ann Arbor.

Martha had her own "Sweet Sixteen" party August 16th — complete with money cake (she got the twooney), home-made ice cream and gifts, of course.

Then the bike riding, pier jumping, fishing (and catching sometimes), being big enough to "sign" at the store, etc., etc., ended. They all went home. The "varminits" are safe from Peter's slingshot; the Taboo, Scrabble, and Spite and Malice victories have been recorded in memory. Grandma and Grandpa can listen to the waves, watch the birds, look at the pictures and reminisce until next year.



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Over the last few years, I have found some wonderful books at the V.B. Library. Here's one:

Sheehy, Gail. *Spirit of Survival*, New York: 1986

Sheehy, a well known American journalist and author, adopted a daughter from Cambodia. This is a story of the memories and survival of a six year old girl forced into a work camp by Pol Pot forces. She survived for four years following the death of her parents and family. She managed to find the courage to escape to a refugee camp outside Cambodia where Sheehy met her. Sheehy develops the concept of "survival merit." She tells us of the qualities of children who transcend trauma and tragedy to become some of the most successful, compassionate and resilient adults. This book is truly inspiring and uplifting.

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Katie Woolison (age 9)

My name is Carly Mayer, I am 10 years old and I am visiting here from Vancouver. I have come here for a week every summer since I was 6 days old. This year, my favorite part was diving off of "Big Rock" at Alexandra Beach with friends. The only problem was transportation to the "Big Rock"; who got a boat and who had to swim. Usually I was the one to swim. I had a lot of fun this year and I hope I come back next year to visit A.J., Cocoa and Meghan.

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You did Grandma Isbister and all of us proud, Jamie. Congratulations!

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Thanks also to those individuals and businesses who support us by donating prizes. A list will be displayed at the event, and published, along with the winners in the first *Herald* next season.

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VICTORIA BEACH, MAN., AUGUST 22nd, 1931

No. 10

### Victoria Beach Has Made Good

**T**he season of 1931, happy and congenial as it has been, is drawing to a glorious ending, but there are still a number of delightful weeks ahead at Victoria Beach and quite a few hundred will remain down until the last train leaves the Beach, Sunday, September 13.

This autumn is full of promise for good weather, the prophets state and arrangements have been made to supply all the wants of those who remain, in matter of groceries, meats, milk, butter and bread. So those who look forward to the early days of a golden autumn will find much to enjoy and relish.

Victoria Beach has stood out this year of all the Beaches in the west. The numbers who have been down, either as cottage owners or tenants, have been equal to any of the previous bit seasons. Nothing depressing in the outside world appears to have any deterrent on this beach; the outside worries are lot and forgotten, and happiness and contentment reigns.

The policies which govern this beach have been strictly maintained this year. There has been no lessening in the demand that autos from outside. The local fleet of cars have been restricted in their operations and a fine spirit has been shown by the owners towards the feelings of the cottage residents.

The Company has continued its development programme, and next season will see a fine, large tennis court ready for play, convenient to all. The golf course has been a popular centre. The company has the air station grounds at its disposal and one may rely on the wisdom of the management in seeing that its attractive location is not lost to the welfare of the Beach.

Next season will see many changes around the dock. The plans for the "jetting out" dock to give shelter to smaller lake craft will be carried out as soon as employment at the Beach shows signs of disappearing. There will be a few weeks work for the year-round residents on this project.

Our seasonal railway services to the Beach. The finest spirit of co-operation has been the attitude taken by the officials of the Company, and they have lived up to the promises made at the beginning of the season: so that there has been nothing but praise for the government road at this beach this summer.

The Community Club has carried on, although there were a number of week-ends at the beginning of the season which had an unfortunate effect on the attendance. The week nights have been enjoyed and the time as come when the club-house should be kept open each night. Forty to fifty boys and girls, who were at the Beach all summer long, have made a demand for this, and next season their position should be given every consideration. Their behaviour at the impromptu dances this summer has been of a high order, and they have lived up to the high traditions of the Beach.

The pyjama question was to the fore. It is a delicate question for the fathers and the mothers of the Beach to solve. The young people have already solved it to their satisfaction; so why worry? But after all it is a worry at this Beach, as there are pyjamas and again there are grotesque and undefinable articles of wear, called "pyjs."

The municipal council has bent its effort to see that the sanitary arrangements are of the best and the government inspector recently gave the Beach a clean bill of health. Plenty of water is what is needed and a careful and thorough inspection of outhouses and back yards. There have been no fatalities at the Beach this season and the patrol along the shores has been well looked after. The roads have been improved also but the municipality could use several carloads of cinders to good purpose almost in every part of the Beach.

The church has done its share to promote happiness and contentment and its influence has been felt everywhere.

The merchants and the owners of the Inns, the transfer men, the creamery and the ice man have been "on the job" continuously, night and day, and "service" has been well taken care of and the motto lived up to in a practical way. Victoria Beach community is proud of its Merchants as a class, and they are worthy of the esteem they enjoy.

With this issue the "News-Herald" concludes its service to the Beach this season, happy in the thought that in 1931 progress to high and better heights has been made with the help of the entire community, and the foundation for 1932 strengthened and made good.

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