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Superstars of the Week

Lisa Hasting and Laureen Johnstone are planning a morning of fun on the shores of Clubhouse Beach on Saturday. This talented twosome have been bringing us Beach Events for many years and have developed lots of fun, amusing games. Thanks to you both for convening this event yet again, and for your never ending volunteer spirit! We are also grateful for the many helpful volunteers required at this event. I know you all delight in seeing the excited and eager faces as the kids participate in each activity, and especially when they receive their prizes and treats.

Don and Pat Spangelo will be calling all excavators to the Sand Castle Building area at Beach Events this Saturday morning. It's not easy for their team of judges to select the best creations, as they are all winners! Thank you Pat and Don for "structuring" the Sand Castle event once again and for providing over 100 participants with the opportunity to show their (architectural) stuff!

The Duplicate Bridge Tournament has been trumped up this Saturday night by the Grand Slam team of Dodie Dennehy, Donna Thain, and Noreen and Dave Reid. We know your "hearts" are in it and we thank you for your commitment to this traditional VB event. Have a great evening!

Thank you to Grace and Bob Johnston for making the Cross Country Run a possibility again this year! This event gives those early morning regular runners a little challenge and provides the not-so-regulars and families an opportunity to get together for a fun run! The VB Club members appreciate your dedication to this event!

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Dogs and owners having a great time at Dog Show '98 last weekend!

Coming Events

Beach Events and Sand Castle Building
Sat., Aug. 8, 10:00 a.m. to Noon - Clubhouse Beach

Duplicate Bridge Tournament
Sat., Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m. - Clubhouse

Cross Country Run
Sun., Aug. 9, 9:00 a.m. - Sports Ground

"Seniors Scene" Annual Bazaar & Tea
Sat., Aug. 8, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Ateah Road

Volleyball Tournament
Sat., Aug. 15, 9:00 a.m. - Sports Ground

Council Meeting
Tuesday, Aug. 18, 7:00 p.m. - Sports Center (on Pine)

Novelty Tennis Tournament
Sat. and Sun., Aug. 22 & 23 - Tennis Courts

Annual VB Club Meeting & Lunch
Sat., Aug. 29, 12:00 Noon - Clubhouse

60+ Golf and Dinner
Mon., Sept. 14 - Golf Course



The tennis crowd enjoying the "open" semis and finals on the holiday Monday

Library News



The library will close for the season on August 14th. Please try to have all your books returned by that date. This is just a reminder that next week, from August 10th to August 14th, the library is open for people returning books only.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped me in the library this year: Anna Penner, Alex Paton, Andrea Unruh, Jamie Ateah, Jocelyn and Ian Burr, Amanda Bauman, Sheila and Lauren Johnson, Katlyn Seiberras, Lana and Sasha Hastings, Sydney Woldman, Larissa Barr, Chelsea Laycock, Megan Burns, Megan Tunnell, Leigh Rhymmer, Lisa and Sara Spangelo, Ryan Unrau, Andrea Borutski, Kate Sveinson, Allison and Megan Shepard, Kristen and Andrew Mattson, and Hailey Benoit. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

The winner of the Jelly Bean Contest will be announced in next week's *Herald*.

Laura Burr
Librarian

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Victoria Beach Club

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Bits and Pieces from the Editor



• It's hard to believe that we've already completed one week of August, isn't it? Where did the month of July disappear to? (March never goes that fast, does it?)

Looking back through the first half of summer '98 — we had a memorable blast of sweltering, oppressive heat — followed immediately by the first taste of what seemed like fall. (One day, every fan was running. The very next day... the fireplace was on! What a climate!)

Our new Rec team of Jaret and Monique (and their assistants) have worked off a ton of youthful energy from our kids in the past month.

As the days flew by, there was — door-to-door blitzing; bike safety and races; assorted fleas; library browsing; countless swimming metres; arts and crafts; movies; dancing in over-drive; fishing, masquerading, hiking, aerobics and yoga; golfing precision beyond our wildest dreams (Not!); the annual sports day extravaganza (rain notwithstanding); and dogs galore! The Masters, Juniors, little ones, and Round-Robin Regulars have thrashed away at countless tennis balls — and the "pros" have had their weekend at the "Open."

Just listing all the activities makes a body weary! Three cheers for the countless volunteers who helped to make all these events a success!

This new month of August brings more of the same...only different...and it goes just as fast (sometimes faster!)... So brace yourself...and enjoy!

• A reminder that *Herald Classified Ad forms* are always available just inside the VB grocery (by the door, near the *Herald* submissions mailbox). The forms enable you to write out your ad, determine the cost, and specify the date you will be published.

Lost and Found announcements are free — but advance payment must accompany all other classified ads. (There's no free lunch with Sheila, our fabulously efficient *Herald* Business Manager!)

And, don't forget that we're always happy to have your submissions to *The Herald* — on whatever subject. Just drop off your blurb in the *Herald* mailbox in the VB grocery store or in the editor's mailbox at 16 1/2 Bayview. Depending on the volume of material we have, your submission might not make the very next *Herald*, but we will try to get it in before the end of the summer. There are still two more issues to come and we'd be happy to hear from you!

(Remember: the more you submit — the less of my stuff you have to read!)

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Superstars (continued)

The Library is just buzzing with activity! The jelly bean contest and the new selection of books is really bringing people in! Head Librarian, Laura Burr, has been running the library with great efficiency and keen interest. Thank you, Laura, for doing a great job! You and your competent assistants have been helpful, and have become quite adept at handling those line-ups and keeping the shelves neat and tidy!

I would like to acknowledge the work of the tennis court assistants. The job comes with a lot more responsibility this year because of the changes to the tennis court operation and you have been doing a great job! Special thanks to: John Holland, Jeremy and Brian Walker, Tamara Ansons, Anna Peacock, Ryan Sorenson, and Jeff Strome.

I know I speak for all Members when I say that our Recreation Assistants are invaluable! Before their job is done for the summer, I would like to acknowledge their energetic and enthusiastic efforts on behalf of the VB Club. Anders Johansson, with his past experience has been an huge asset to our new Rec Directors. Eric (Ike) Ullberg, being a beach kid himself, knows everyone and everyone knows him... which is very helpful to the program. Lisa Flanders and Jocelyn Duncan are fine new additions this year. Thanks to you all for being great role models for our kids!

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Cross Country Run

Sunday, Aug. 9

Dust off your runners, the annual VB Cross Country Run will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday August 9th. Registration is at the clubhouse at 9:00 a.m. The start and finish will be at the sports ground. Again this year we will have a celebrity starter — not only that — we will have a new category for those (of us) 50+. The three events are:

Short Course: First to Patricia to 8th to Gibson to the sports ground. (About 3km.)

Long Course: First to 8th to Gibson to sports ground. (About 5 km.)

Family Relay: Four family members (immediate family/grand parents) — same course as long course with exchanges at Patricia and First, 6th and First and 8th and Patricia

This race is for all speeds — fast or slow — would last year's winners please bring their trophy to the clubhouse on race day or deliver to Johnson's — 309 - 3rd before race day. Thanks!

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60 Plus Golf Tournament - September 14th

Tickets for this annual event went on sale Aug. 1 at the Golf Course. Price is just \$9.00 (Green fees extra for nonmembers). Get your ticket early and reserve your tee time, starting spot, and place at the banquet table.

The Canadian Airlines Hole-in-One Challenge is repeated, along with other competitions. (You must be 60 plus and a member of the VB Community Club or the VB Golf Course or the Senior Scene to qualify for a golf prize. If your spouse is "under age" he or she is welcome to golf but cannot claim a golf prize.)

Time: Shotgun starts at 9:00 a.m. and at 12:30 p.m. Cocktails at the Sports Club at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30.

Don't miss this fun-filled day, with prizes galore for golfers and ticket holders, a great dinner and entertainment for all.

Vic and Ruby Garden



Beach Banter!

• The Knight Rider

Victoria Beach nights produce interesting Objets d' Art nearby the lapping waters as one strolls at dawn.

As Maggie and I enjoy sunrise we walk on, or by, beer bottles, underwear, sun hats, towels, cigarette packages, the *Globe and Mail*, diapers, castle-making tools, hunks of beer bottles, prophylactic left-overs, pop cans, cast-away shoes, eaten items of every description, shards of beer bottles, and the after-the-weekend special — charred remains of nearby fires. (Oh! I am a sinner too! My new pup pooped in the water right in front of her ancestral home and I had not "a piece of plastic.")

But notwithstanding, I find in my senior years that our beloved beach can be truly disgusting. Toodle-de-doo-dedoo...! A Knight appeareth. Clad in a reverse baseball cap and beach grungies as armour, carrying a plastic bag as weapon of choice, he cleareth at Clubhouse beach all across the sand.

Later I see this magnificent soul at the pier, depositing non-flea market items into the trash can. *A novel idea!*

And again, somewhat later, at the Store, repeating the same task of dumping cargo from his lonely bag into a bin, and returning same to his bike handles.

My dog, properly tethered to the store hitching post, I say: "You seem to be a man of mission with great purpose." Says he: "Some people jog, others walk early in the morning. I pick up the night. There's nothing else to do for a couple of hours until the beach wakes."

And off he goes on his mighty mount, a VB vintage "machine."

Please salute with me the knight unknown who rises to defend against the beach night marauders.

Can we find the knight some companion riders?

Joy S. McDairmid

(Editor's note: I wonder if the subject of this compliment is the same fellow (Bill Main) who Lillian Hancock wrote about in July 24th's Beach Banter? Or, maybe there are several admirable VB "litter-fighters" trying to keep our community clean. Either way, he/they are certainly an inspiration to the rest of us!)

• A big bouquet to Jan and Herb Harbour for the good job they are doing operating the Victoria Beach Grocery. We have found the store to be well stocked with a good variety of merchandise, which has not always been the case in other years. The cheery word at the check-out is also welcome. It's a pleasure to shop there.

John Funnell

• As a first time visitor to Victoria Beach, I have enjoyed my four days here with my sister and her family. A great place for cousins to spend time together and dogs to play with each other. Beautiful scenery, warmish water and four days of sun!

I've enjoyed reading old issues of the *Victoria Beach Herald*, and among other articles, noticed mention of bicycle and pet bylaws. It's a shame so few bicyclists have taken advantage of the bicycle bells. When you are walking with a group of children or even a dog, it is often difficult to hear a bicyclist coming from behind. It's also sad to see pet excrement not cleaned up by dog owners.

Otherwise the myriad activities offered by volunteers, the friendly VBers, and the whole atmosphere of Victoria Beach have made our visit with the Georgi Mundle gang a great one.

Rosanne Nelson

• The 1998 VB Tennis Open Tournament I would like to congratulate Geoff Kirbyson and his very competent crew for a job well done! Sure, some people (including me) don't like the "No Add Deuce" but I realize with the large entry in this tournament, shortcuts such as this one are sometimes needed to complete the draw on schedule. The calibre of tennis at VB seems to rise every year and has to be a reflection of the environment created by the events such as the traditional August long weekend tournament. I, for one, vote for Geoff to continue at least spearheading the draw for the Open in the future. Again, Congrats!

Vic Garden



Bike Race Results

A total of 68 cyclists entered the bike race on Sunday, August 2nd. The weather was hot, but dry, and all the bikers had a safe race. (Though Mother Nature frowned on the Tennis Open later in the day — the bikers had excellent weather conditions in the morning.)

Results were as follows:

Short Course — 7 and under

Boys

First	Second	Third
Chris Thomas	Nathan Jenkinson	Dylan McMorris

Girls

Robyn Anderson	Alana Kernaghan	Rita Beck
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Middle Course — 8-10 years

Boys

First	Second	Third
Cam Oliver	Graeme Phillips	Ben Russell

Girls

Nicole Isbister	Emily Birley	Catherine Thomas
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Middle Course — 11 & 12 years

Boys

Peter Woodward	Jamie Thomas	Colc Robson-Hyska
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Girls

Katie Boyd	Madeleine Pundyk	
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Long Course — 13-18 years

Boys

Patrick Carroll	A.J. Tooley	Danny Birley
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(Trophy Winner)

Girls

Mary Birley	Hayley Anderson	Eden Britton
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(Trophy Winner)

Thanks to all the parent volunteers who directed traffic at the corners, helped tape the gears, and managed the finish line. A special thanks to Penny McMorris, Rory McMorris, and Mr. Osadchi for helping with registration and results tabulation.

See you all next summer!

Marj and Jim Birley

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The Pine Falls Health Complex phone number is 367-2278
The Pine Falls Ambulance number is 367-2333



VBYC Junior Racing Results



Once again a good turnout of 15 youngsters came out to race the "Opti's" last Saturday. We had a perfect on-shore breeze of 10 knots for two races. The results are as follows.

Race 1

Skipper	Crew	Time
1. Ben Russell	Colin Russell	12:52
2. Rory McMorris	Sudsy Dyke	18:25
3. Spencer Guest	Mitchell Guest	21:00
4. Dylan McMorris	Liam Morrow	22:06
5. Sydney Woodman	David Woodman	31:32
6. Nicholas Adamson	Reg Carther-Krone	39:55

Race 2

Skipper	Crew	Time
1. Ben Russell	Colin Russell	13:48
2. Rory McMorris	Sudsy Dyke	14:04
3. Jamie Thomas		18:53
4. Spencer Guest	Katie Thomas	19:43
5. Dylan McMorris	Chris Thomas	23:22
6. Nicholas Adamson	Reg Carther-Krone	26:41

This weekend the junior Optimist race will be at 1:00 pm after Beach Events. Thanks also to our official photographer and statistician, Laurie Guest.

The VBYC junior racing program is also very grateful to Orest Dackow for his generous donation of a new Laser "Radial" rig. (The radial rig is a smaller sail that fits the Laser which allows the more experienced young sailors to graduate up from the Optimist.)



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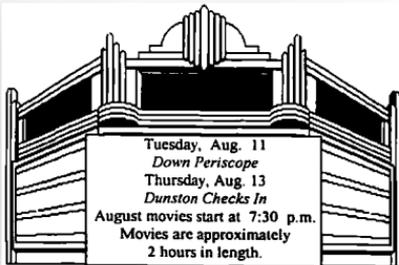
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Can We Still Join The VB Club?

You certainly can! If you missed the membership drive, or if you're renting at the beach and want you and your kids to enjoy the many activities — you can still buy your VB Club Membership throughout the summer at the following locations:

- 112 Centre Ave.
- 347 Sunset Blvd.
- 117 Sunset Blvd.
- Sandy Bay area can call Cam or Debbie @ 756-3251



Recreation News

Teen Night - Gym Riot

Thank you to all teens who participated in this "First" at Victoria Beach. For those who have no idea what a gym riot is, it is basically four teams representing a colour/house that engage in a variety of activities trying to gain points for their team. Congratulations to the Green Team winning the championship with a total of 1130 points (Jocelyn Duncan, Ike Ullberg, Danny Birley, Mark MaMahon, Murray Birt and Derek McPetric). 2nd place goes to the Red Team with 1090 points, 3rd - Blue Team with 1030 points and 4th to the Yellow Team with 940 points.

Here are the 1st place winners for each event:

Water Balloon Pass	Green
Weak Bladder Contest	Green
Soccer Kick - Distance	Blue
Soccer Kick - Accuracy	(Tie) Yellow, Red, Green, Blue
Football Throw - Distance	Blue
Football Throw - Accuracy	(Tie) Yellow, Red, Green
Frisbee Throw - Distance	Green
Hula Hoop Contest	Green
Frisbee Target Shoot	Yellow
Frisbee Golf	Red
Juggling Combat	Yellow
Jello Eating Contest	Red

Thank you to our recreation assistants and to all other teens who helped run the events. Your leadership and co-operation in making this event work are greatly appreciated.

Children's Hike

Wednesday August 12th - Sandy Bay Hike (Bike Hike)

Please meet at the clubhouse between 10:15 and 10:30. Remember to bring your bicycle, helmet, lunch, bathing suit and towel.

Tennis Results

Monday July 27th - Adult Round Robin

1st	Fred Donaldson and Hilda Morish with 14 - 2
2nd	Bill Vroom and Marilyn Wright with 11 - 5
3rd (Tie)	Chris Fricke and Dawn Kirbyson with 10 - 6 Mark Bittner and Eleanor Jaeger with 10 - 6 Rex Neundorff and Marlene Boyda with 10 - 6 Rick Dryden and Lillian Hancock with 10 - 6

Wednesday July 29th - Teen Round Robin

A Side

1st	Brian Walker and Christine Lapp with 17 - 7
2nd	Jeremy Walker and Sara Manning with 13 - 11
3rd	Jeff Strome and Britt Harvey with 10 - 14

B Side

1st	Siobhan Holland and Mark Bachynski with 17 - 3
2nd	Aynsley Walker and Daniel Riess with 13 - 7
3rd	Sarah Osipov and Justine Osipov with 12 - 8

Thursday July 30th - Teen Round Robin

A Side

1st	Brian Walker and Sara Manning with 10 - 2
2nd	Jeremy Walker and Isaac Simonson with 7 - 5
3rd	Jeff Strome and Matt Raffey with 6 - 6

B Side

1st	Siobhan Holland and Cam Mundie with 14 - 2
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2nd	Alison Strome and Adam Perry with 12 - 4
3rd	Diana Welch and Mark Bachynski with 11 - 5
Friday July 31st - Adult Round Robin	
1st (Tie)	Ken Capelle and Hedy Wiktorowicz with 12 - 4 Robert Wright and Natalie French with 12 - 4 Ann Manning and Barb Pritchard with 12 - 4
2nd (Tie)	Trish Rathwell and Joan Worsh with 10 - 6 Jean Bushuk and Shawn O'Toole with 10 - 6 Mike Lesiuk and Jay McLeod with 10 - 6 Rick Dryden and Eleanor Jaeger with 10 - 6
3rd (Tie)	Bill Steele and Sheila Quinton with 9 - 7 Fred Donaldson and Fran Steele with 9 - 7

Results of the "Grudge Match"

Jeff Strome/Jeremy Walker defeated John Holland/Brian Walker with a score of 7 - 5. Congrats guys! Jeff and Jeremy lead 2 sets to 1. (Aside to the girls in the gallery: please try to keep the noise/laughter/distractions, down to a minimum Thank You!)

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Ladies Golf Tournament

The threat of thunder showers did not deter 90 enthusiastic golfers from attempting to ace hole #3 (for 2 tickets anywhere, sponsored by Canadian Airlines) Former 2-time winner, Donna Matheson, shot a 43 to lead the field as follows:

Championship Flight:

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Donna Matheson (43) | 2) Joanne Buchanan (44) |
| 3) Monique Lamy-Ditter (45) | 4) Betty Hansford (45) |
| 5) Susan Docker (45) | 6) Lynn Strachan (45) |
| 7) Ethel Laidlaw (46) | 8) Lillian Hancock (47) |
| 9) Norma Ritchie (47) | 10) Yvette Hamilton (48) |

2nd Flight:

- Audrey Duke (49)
- Fay Morrison (50)
- Janice Williamson (50)

4th Flight:

- Bonnie Bike (55)
- Irene Fotiuk (56)
- Mary-Anne Sedo (56)

6th Flight:

- Lorraine Mysak (60)
- Linda McMillan (61)
- Shelagh Yarnell (61)

8th Flight:

- Lorette Thomas (68)
- Debbie Bingeman (69)
- Diana Klinek (70)

3rd Flight:

- Barb Sudermann (53)
- Jeannine Preget (53)
- Pat Roberts (53)

5th Flight:

- Carol Wilson (58)
- Leanne Van Bergen (58)
- Barb Clapham (58)

7th Flight:

- Ingrid David (65)
- Jean Dawson (65)
- Jeane Purtill (65)

9th Flight:

- Mary Ann Michler (77)
- Barb Leslie (79)
- Brenda Vopni (81)

Closest to the pin on 3 - Yvette Hamilton

Longest drive on 5 - Tara Grosser

Longest drive on 7 - Donna Matheson

Straightest drive on 9 - Ruby Garden

Chipped in: Susan Docker, Jean Stevenson, Lillian Hancock, Darlene Phillips, Doris McKay, Lori Guest, Anita Gooding, Maureen Hancock, Liz Alsip, Susan Schmidt, Trudy Tritt

The generosity of the following sponsors enabled each participant to select a prize: Hastings Hearing Centres, Bols Amaretto (Monica Fry), Canadian Airlines, Hot 103 FM, Grand & Toy (Jim Rae), Russel Food Equipment (Bruce Morrison), Birchwood Motor Hotel, VB Parking Lot (Sandra Ateah), Alumicor, AFG Glass, Moonlight Inn, Traverse Bay Corner Store, The Players Course, Investors Group (Dick Archer), Cargill (Bob Johnson), Canadian Pacific Rail (Ron Zellis), Guertin Equipment, Scotia McLeod (Ivan McMorris), Pepsi, Tupperware (Trish Rathwell), Even Spray, Pitney Bowes (Pat McMahan), Ken Rowson, Lisa Hastings, Gordon Mathieson, Jaret and Monique Lamy-Ditter, VB Club, Mark Campbell, Liz Alsip, Gary Laidlaw, John Evans and the Dockside Restaurant

Many thanks to John Evans, Tara, Debbie, Herb and staff for all their time and efforts spent in making the day so successful and enjoyable. My appreciation goes out to Fay Morrison and to Lauren Johnstone for their help on tournament day, to Gord Gooding (Sr.) for pick-up and transportation of the Bols Amaretto from Winnipeg and to Ken Rowson for his annual aid in prize obtaining, paperwork, and last minute details.

A big thank-you to my five-some who were not only a delight to golf with, but also helpful:

- "Whistling Eagle Eye" Lisa Hastings who commanded the crowd's attention as well as their thirst (at refreshment time) and helped set-up the prizes
- "Chip in" Anita Gooding who pitched in to carry out prizes, tabulate flights and hold the umbrella during the reading of the results
- "Member's Bounce" Geryln Rouault who skipped in to assist at the prize and bar tables
- "Barmaid" Louise McMurray who was close to the line on the 9th and closer to the line on the bar glasses

Many thanks for the support and positive feedback that so many of you offered, (Even after drinking VB Black Bears!) My apologies to those participants whose names I misread or mispronounced. Congratulations to all our winners!

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The Fabulous Lemon Swishes Disco Dance July 98

I would like to thank "The Village of People" who helped behind the scenes to make this dance a sold-out success. The day of the dance the average temperature outside was 33+ which means at least 38+ inside for the crew setting up. As the disco ball was raised volunteers came off the beach to help. It was the fast thinking beach men who hung the lights on snow shovels pushed in the rafters. Outside a snow fence was in place by Public Works outlined by tables donated by the Rec staff. Inside, the crew was melting as they stocked a fridge full of Traverse Bay Corner and Birchwood Products. Meanwhile, back at my cottage, frantic calls came about lost tickets.

As the night drew closer, the "Disco Dog" Gals arrived in full costume — each sporting a unique hair style and bright blue 80's eye shadow. "The Fabulous Lemon Swishes" with Russ dressed in a full green wool suit (which is still drying out). Following the band, came the volunteers to help sell drink tickets, collect dance tickets, set up, run the dance contest, manage the float, set out food, direct the volunteers, tend bar, "bounce" at the door with the policeman, supply music between sets, and help with clean up! (All for just four hours of great disco fun!) I would also like to thank Melanie Tooley for all of her long hours of work which started long before the season began!

Barbara Prichard

Tennis News



Under sunny skies (until Sunday afternoon) and the capable supervision of Joan and Dick Dawson and Geoff Kirbyson, the Open Tennis Tournament was held last weekend. As usual, there was a large entry, and we really appreciate the hard work of the organizers. Thank you all!

The Dawsons are involved in the Pan Am Games next summer, so we need a volunteer (or two) to help in running next year's event. Please call me as soon as possible if you are willing to assist.

Vic Garden once again got out his glue gun and repaired the net on court 6, just in time for the tournament. Your repeated helpfulness is much appreciated. Vic!

I am now accepting applications for next year's tennis court attendants. Please submit a resume to me at 309 - 7th, as soon as possible. Applicants must be at least 14 years old.

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1998 Sand Castle Contest

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Beach People

Congratulations and Good Luck to Mike Bayer. 403 - 6th Ave. He will be competing in the World Championship of Public Speaking on August 22 in Palm Desert, California.

Barb, Cheryl and Katherine

Who knew when we boarded the plane in Montreal last Wednesday night that we would find ourselves four hours later in paradise in the middle of Manitoba. VB has to be the best kept secret around and we are not about to spill the beans. Enjoyed four glorious days with the Tritts, golfing, swimming, biking and the highlight — a guided tour of Elk Island with "Mighty Mike!" Have to admit there was a point when crossing the sandbar as I felt the water lap at my neck that my faith in his navigational wavered but we made it. And definitely worth the moments of panic. All this along with Martha Stewart — like meals from the kitchen of terrific Trudy. It doesn't get much better than this. Thanks to the Tritts for their wonderful hospitality.

The Red Rebel Queen
(a.k.a. Eileen Kay and Peter)

The Fun House, home of Dorothy and John Funnell at 319 - 3rd Avenue was the scene of a "Three for the price of one" birthday bash on Saturday, July 25. John, son George and son-in-law Ken all have their birthdays in the last 10 days of July. Four generations of family were present, including granddaughter Laura and her husband Clayton Kellough and their son Benjamin from Lynn Lake. All contributed to the general enjoyment and high sound level of the afternoon. "Happy Hour" presents and cards were distributed to the birthday boys. The highlight was a treasure hunt prepared for George. A series of 10 clues written in a somewhat obscure rhyming style sent him looking hither and yon and finally finding garden tools hidden under a bed. Laura iced a birthday cake, which was made to look like a football field, complete with goal post, three players in Blue Bomber uniform, (John, George and Ken) fans, and candles in the shape of footballs. Full of roast chicken, various salads, birthday cake and wine, the non-resident merry-makers wended their way home. Now peace and serenity has once more returned to the Fun House.

John Funnell

More members of "Clan Craig" at 316 - 7th with the arrival of daughters Shauna and husband Marc of Montreal — plus Lea from Saskatoon. The last gathering took place in England in 1993!

Carole Craig

School was out for the summer and to my kids — Cody, Sean and Dana — this means one thing...the anxiously awaited annual trip to Papa's cabin at VB. This year was extra special since we were bringing, Jessie, the youngest member of the Dangerfield family to experience her first visit here. Jessie is the 14th grandchild of James and Monica Dangerfield. James and Monica have been VBers since 1956 (the same year the Jessie's dad, Mark, was born). So far Jessie does not share her siblings' opinion of VB.

While they love building sand castles and digging holes at the beach, licking ice cream at the Moonlight Inn, eating "Happy Face" cookies from the bakery, and climbing, swinging and sliding at the playground, Jessie has made her opinion of the bumpy stroller rides known...she cries. Well...there's always next year!

Helena Dangerfield

They loved VB so much...they came back! Wesley, Liam and Suzannah came back from Halifax to join Robbie Sokalski at "Camp Gramma Joyce" at 335 - 4th. After a day on the "Sea Biscuit" being towed by the "Kahuna Grande." The kids revelled in the "big surf." The wave-jumping and body-surfing was led by "Poppy" Mike Moriarty who had some time off the movie set in Winnipeg. The VB Surf made a big splash with Michael and the boys. His remark: "This is Waikiki Winnipeg...all the surf without the salt!" Back for more of Gramma Joyce's home cooking at the VB Brigadon. Mike says we have lots to be proud of down here...a "national jewel." Thanks for the visit Mike and Co. PS: Suzannah Joyce is now sporting a new Canadian flag at Burt-Inn courtesy of our American friend and Robbie says thanks for the new ski-Bob for the boat.

Since Freda (nee Ateah) and Axel (Alec) Jonsson built their family homestead in 1925 at the corner of Spruce and Pine, Victoria Beach has been the home and favourite holiday destination of their ever-growing family. It was a happy home coming this July as 84 Jonsson descendants gathered for a reunion weekend.

We started Saturday morning at Jack and Joanne Jonsson's lakefront home at Wanasing with a picnic lunch and beach fun. We marvelled at Joanne's beautiful flower gardens and at the wonderful 2-storey playhouse built by Jack for the grandchildren, complete with spiral staircase and slide on which the kids made a quick descent from the balcony to the sand. The Tarzan rope had a lineup of eager jumpers while others built castles and went boating.

That evening everyone gathered in Freda's yard for a cookout and incredible potluck buffet which included many traditional Icelandic dishes. The cameras clicked steadily as four generations of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces and Nephews were photographed in front of the veranda and the stone wall flower garden, a tradition that has continued for decades.

On Sunday morning, an extravagant brunch was hosted by Marlene Farrell (nee Jonsson) and the visiting and reminiscing continued throughout the day. Relatives travelled to the beach from throughout Manitoba and from Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, BC, Alaska, Oklahoma and Massachusetts.

Thanks to cousins Maureen Crook and JR Jonsson for turning the idea into reality. See you all again next time! Thank you

Jeni Jonsson

"A garden to remember!" At the corner of Arthur Road and Fourth Avenue is a beach landmark — a log cottage which sits in the midst of a fairyland of flowers. Each and every summer for over 65 years, the Sprague family has treated hordes of beach goers with a festival of colour, and always a warm invitation to passer-bys to pass through the gates for a truly good inspection of gardening's Acumen. After all, the tenders of this garden won the garden-of-the-

Beach People (continued)

year award, how many years? Well, you ask them when you next pass by. Built by Frank Sprague in 1932, the cottage and garden were home to his six children, Kay, Mary, Peggy, Dan, Jacque, and Dodie. For most of those 65+ years, Jacque, Darwin and Peggy Sprague have lovingly recreated the garden each spring recording, meticulously, what goes where. On August 13, 1998, and September 10, 1998, Jacque and Peggy, known as "the girls" will celebrate 85 years and 88 birthdays respectively as Chateaines of their beautiful grounds. And their sister, Dodie, of Calgary, the remaining sister, visits regularly to share her 83 years of memories. Won't you drop by and say, "Happy Birthday"....."Job Well Done!".....and "Thanks" for the winter memories of a summer garden blessing on Arthur Road.

A godchild, with love
Jacque, Godchild Joy and Peggy.



How Two Friends From Opposite Sides of the World Met Each Other

This is a story about friendship. Dylan is an 8 - year old boy from White Rock, BC. He had come to Victoria Beach for his eighth summer and was hoping to find a friend. He put a sign on the board by the grocery store asking for a friend to telephone him, putting eight telephone numbers on the sign. Each day he rode past the sign to see if anyone had taken a number, but no one called!

Finally one day the phone rang. Julian, an 8-year old boy from Switzerland who also spent every summer at VB, had seen the sign. He was looking for a friend too! Julian and Dylan quickly became good buddies, here are some things they did together at the beach.

On the first day, they went to the Fishing Derby and Dylan caught a fish. They played a lot on their bikes and even went once to the arcade. They had dinner at each other's houses many times and had sleepovers at each other's cottages. Dylan had lots of beanie babies and Julian had a computer. They built forts and went for swims in the big waves.

They told Terminator stories and drew lots of pictures. Julian liked to draw helicopters, tanks and ships. Dylan drew aeroplanes and trucks. One day, they set up a Kool-Aid stand and tried to sell it for 25¢ each. Instead they drank it all themselves.

They made several trips to the library and had lots of fun at the Moonlight Inn. Then they saw the movie *Twister* at the Clubhouse Cinema. One night they lit green, red and blue sparklers for Julian's dad's birthday.

At the birthday party, there were balloons coloured as world globes. They could see they each lived on the other side of the world, but that didn't stop them from coming to Victoria Beach where they first met and became great buddies. While they live 10,000 kilometres apart in the winter, they look forward to seeing each other every summer.

Dylan Welch and Julian Stewart

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Post Office News



Fourteen years ago the permanent site of the Post Office was moved out of the restricted area to a more central location - Lot 9, Ateah Road. Maureen Henderson (Postmaster) moved the post office to VB gates every summer at her own discretion, this was not at the request of Canada Post. In fact, they did not look upon the move favourably. In order to move the post office it required three people working eight hours each to clean, move equipment, postal supplies, manuals and mail. In order not to disrupt regular postal services this all had to be done after regular postal hours. This expense of time and money was always borne by me. The building and telephone were supplied and maintained by RMVB.

On January 7th, 1998, Canada Post installed 150 lock boxes for the permanent residents in the year round post office at Lot 9, Ateah Road. This lock box service has allowed local people to pick up mail from their boxes an additional 3.5 hours per day on average, which for a working person makes a big difference. At present there are 130 boxes occupied, and with an average increase of six households per year becoming permanent, there is already talk of installing more lock boxes.

It was unfortunate that I was not made aware of the lock boxes being installed in the summer of 1997. I would have informed the summer residents at that time. When I realized Canada Post intended to put in the boxes, I informed the RMVB that the post office would no longer be able to move to the summer location. I suggested that a note be included in the RMVB notice that goes out on May long weekend.

People who had, in 1997, forwarded their mail to Victoria Beach, I notified myself, that the summer post office would no longer be at the VB Gates. This was approximately 75 people. Unfortunately, there are no records required to be kept on file regarding who uses the post office. As a result, I was unable to inform everyone. I did inform the RMVB in the season that the tax payers should be notified of the change in the post office location, to allow them the opportunity to choose whether they want to forward their mail in 1998. It is unfortunate that this never occurred.

I have enjoyed my association with the summer residents and hope to see you at Lot 9, Ateah Road.

Thank you, have a great summer!!

Maureen Henderson
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Dog Show '98

Even though the weather didn't co-operate, we had 53 eager participants in this year's dog show. Many thanks to all who came out despite the conditions and cheered on some of the most beautiful dogs in the world!

I'd like to personally thank Pat Kraft, wholesaler of Mother Kraft's Gourmet Biscuits. They're available throughout the city at many different outlets. A list of their outlets will be up on the main bulletin board outside the store. Also a big thanks to Marianna Fedoryshyn of "Dudley's Delights" for her special "homemade" treats. You can call her at 228-4317 to special order any kind of treat for your pet. I hope you'll all patronize both of these kind "donators" as our VB way of thanking them. Marianna's cards will also be up on the bulletin board. And now, here is a list of all the "winners!"

"Bingo" owned by Scott Koropas - babies dog
 "Maggie" owned by Courtney Tait - slobiest dog
 "Sox" owned by Jaret Ditter - dog with the "tuxedo" coat
 "Benji" owned by Jordan? - fastest amputee at VB
 "Malcolm" owned by Monique Lamay-Ditter - most timid dog
 "Wolfie" owned by Like Suderman - floppiest ear
 "Brody" owned by Cam Oliver - goldenest golden retriever
 "Jazz" owned by Nicole Isbister - craziest dog
 "Sasha" owned by Kirk? - golden oldie
 "Sparky" owned by Felicia and William Ross - longest whiskers
 "Mask" owned by Daniel Riess - curliest dog
 "Simba" owned by Ben and Sam Crawford - piggiest dog cause he eats everything
 "Lava" owned by Violet Brown - best kisser
 "Scamper" owned by Pamela Lapp - wimpiest dog at VB
 "Tucker" owned by Ron? - shortest nose
 "Wilson" owned by Ron? - curliest tail
 "Angus" owned by Sarah and Ashley - youngest dog (11 weeks)
 "Molly" owned by John Blumberg - longest tail
 "Ruffles" owned by Ashley Sulfron - worst behaved dog
 "Kobe" owned by Ryan Harbour - nicest eyebrows
 "Mollie" owned by Jordan Scurfield - nicest coat

"Snooper" owned by Lea Crawford - quietest dog
 "Molly" owned by Catherine Thomas - Olympic Sumo Wrestler
 "Phantom" owned by Justine Osipov - most affectionate dog
 "Jackson" owned by Reg Carther Cronc and Nicholas Adamson - dirtiest dog
 "Tango" owned by Andrea Unrah - the dancing dog
 "Tinker" owned by th Andersons - Heinz 57
 "Dutches" owned by Brad and Kristina Vannan - best swimmer
 "Angus" owned by the Mattimoos - saddest eyes
 "Gisby" owned by Graham Wren - happiest dog
 "Cocoa" owned by Meghan Tooley - soggiest dog
 "Toby" owned by Jennifer and Jacqueline Richelle - old English sheep dog with a summer cut
 "Maggie" owned by Joey Adamson - most mixed breed; best gopher catcher and digger
 "Koko" owned by Robynd Zachary Paul - wooliest tail
 "Smokey" owned by "The Moonlight Inn" - most fluffy, stinky and weirdest dog
 "Fergie and Scruffy" owned by Meghann? - happiest dog
 "Gizmo" owned by Alex? - high five puppy
 "Rosie" owned by Lauren Nash - the lab of 7th Avenue
 "Chip" owned by Heather Kirkpatrick - nicest fan tail
 "Kelsey" owned by Katie Boyd - highest jumper
 "Spoonster" owned by Brenda Friesen - pointiest ears
 "Petrie" owned by Ross Muldrew - sturdiest legs
 "Ginger" owned by Joy McDiarmid - best dragon
 "Eddie" owned by the "Mannings" - friendliest dog
 "Max" owned by Paige McDonald - most skunk-looking
 "Amigo" owned by Grant McDonald - tiniest pup
 "Scottie" owned by Lauren Johnson - most "Einstein" looking
 "Sweep" owned by Patrick Smith - cutest dog
 "Shami" owned by Chelsie Laycock - best hugger
 "Sammy" owned by Jamie, Taylor, Mackenzie and Serina - the longest dog
 "Miss Daisy" owned by Tess and Annabelle Klachefsky - dog that rolls in fish

Barbara Riess

Swim Program News

Reminder: The ongoing Swim Registration Hours at the swimming dock are:

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VB Tennis "Open" '98

Another successful Adult Tennis Tournament saw 134 players take to the courts in more than 160 matches over the course of the long weekend — once again the largest tournament in the province and once again, VB tennis players came back from all over the country to take part.

This year's event saw the introduction of "next match on" scheduling instead of specific draw times, which was very well received. We also developed an entry fee spreadsheet which made the collection of fees much easier and less time consuming. The template will be passed on to other tournament convenors for their benefit. The idea of buying draw making software is also being bantered about. One click of a button could replace the decks of cards and coin tosses currently used to produce a random draw.

The no-ad scoring also helped us get through 76 matches on Saturday, and reduced the backlog caused by rain on Sunday and Monday. Some purists disagree with the no-ad, but short of starting matches on Friday, limiting the number of events to two, asking masters players to choose between the Adult and Masters tournaments, or shortening matches to one set, it seems to be the least of the possible evils, at least for now. Believe it or not, no-ad scoring is used virtually exclusively in high school and university tennis competitions and many other sanctioned tournaments throughout Canada and the US.

To give some context to how the tournament has grown, consider that in the mid 80s, the Adult, Masters and Noveltly Tournaments were run as one on the August Long Weekend, instead of the three weekends they now consume. Every year the tournament grows bigger, as does the challenge of finding enough

Volleyball Tournament

The Teen and Adult Co-ed Volleyball Tournament will be held on Saturday, August 15 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Start putting together your teams for a great day of volleyball. Pat Peacock

Post Office Location and Hours

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Please note:
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Here's an opportunity to find out who the VB taxi-drivers are and what they're up to in their lives. Since they're almost constantly busy with their taxi duties, it wasn't possible to get more than a fleeting (and often funny) capsule-bio from the friendly crew. As Sandra Ateah tried to co-ordinate a little *Herald* interview amid a zillion taxi-calls — here's what we learned.

- Paul Hesse is a University of Winnipeg student. Paul says he's a Scorpio; loves romantic strolls on the beach and candle-lit dinners at the Moonlight Inn. (Paul apparently thought I was doing research for a "Personals" column.)
- Donna, 20, is in her third year as a VB taxi driver and is also a third-year University of Manitoba student majoring in Recreation Studies (Sports Management). She's also one of the captains of the U of M track team. (Donna Kaye is the daughter of newly elected councillor — Captain Crunch. Although that sounds like a breakfast cereal, it's actually a flashback reference for long-time VBers who may remember her father, Gord Kaye, who as a youngster was a rec assistant.)
- Ian Sorensen is also a third-year student of the University of Manitoba and says that he's studying to become a psychiatrist. He also enjoys hockey and rugby. (And just as he said that, he had to race off to Sixth Avenue to pick up a fare.)
- Mike Carroll, 21, is going into 5th year Fine Arts at the U of M and will be doing a Graphic Design thesis. He says he's been

coming to the beach for about 15 years. His taxi is the '79 Burgundy Pontiac Catalina Safari. Mike says he enjoys playing music and slowing down at intersections.

- Shawna Plischke is an English student at the University of Manitoba (when she's not busy reading the classics), and says she hopes to become a writer.
- Ian Hayes is yet another student at the U of M. (He was also racing off to pick up a fare on the avenues and said, with tongue-in-cheek that he is presently unsure of what he'd like to be when he grows up.)
- Another worker at the parking lot is Chris Ateah. Chris has been an attendant there for the past two years. He'll be heading to the University of Winnipeg in the fall and says he really enjoys playing soccer. (In fact, you've probably seen the taxi crew doing soccer-ball tricks at the parking lot entrance in their idle moments.)

The taxi staff said they have often talked about collectively writing a little *Herald* blurb about the many funny/odd/weird/ "Go figure"/annoying things that happen during the summer "taxi world" of Victoria Beach — so maybe we have that to look forward to in a future issue.

In the meantime..... give the taxi crew a friendly wave when you see them chugging up and down the Avenues of VB.

Allen Willoughby

(PS: There's no charge for this short taxi-ride. Tips accepted.)

Meet your TAXI driver!



Unfortunately, three of the six VB cabbies were busy doing their "taxi" thing when this photo was taken. But between fares, we did manage to get a quick picture of Paul Hesse, Donna Kaye, and Ian Sorensen "Summer in a Station-Wagon!"

Whimsy

- Things to worry about while you're away on vacation:
 - You left the upstairs windows open to any and all thunderstorms.
 - Assorted neighbourhood animals discover your clever cat-door and are roaming through every inch of your house.
 - Water starts to gush from your washing machine.
 - Your home-security alarm goes off accidentally and bellows for two days until someone can get in and shut it off!
 - The person you hired to feed the dog decides to use your phone and call his friend in Malaysia!
- Definition of a mosquito: A small biting insect created by God with the intention of making us feel better about the common house fly.
- A summer loser is a guy who -
 - Believes the story about the bears in the campsite never bothering anyone.
 - Was sure there was a beautiful little lake just a little further down the highway. Instead, there's a large sign that reads: "Heavy construction equipment next 50 kilometres - Dusty road - Expect delays!"

Allen Willoughby

*(If you have a joke, riddle, or funny thought to share - let's have it.
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Terry Lacrosse nits the beach



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A Mini-History of Victoria Beach

(Continued)

- 1923 – The air-base moved from Victoria Beach to Lac du Bonnet. The wooden floor of the hangar became the first Victoria Beach tennis court. The golf course was completed in 1923 – 75 years ago this summer. Later, there was a tennis court located just off the ninth fairway.
- 1925 – The present Clubhouse on the beach was built and furnished by funds raised through donations (amounting to \$5,000).
- 1926 – The first edition of *The Victoria Beach News* (which later became *The Herald*). One of the first articles concerned the threat of automobiles to the pristine landscape of Victoria Beach.
- There were three trains to the beach on Fridays: at 3:10; 5:30; and 7:45. They came to be known as the "Daddy Specials." Usually, around 900 people arrived on the weekend – the record (depending on which source you use) was 1300 – 1500.
- A favourite pastime of youngsters was to jump on the train after it unloaded, drink ice water, and enjoy the ride down what is now "Gibson" to the "Y" and back. Many will know, but some won't, that the "Y" was the area behind Bayview near the lagoon where the train turned around for its return trip to Winnipeg. The "Y" later became the VB dump until the present dump/"land-fill" was established just off the Pine Falls highway.
- 1927 – Golf course fees were: 9 holes – 25¢ for adults; 15¢ for children; "Kids Day" – a nickel!
- 1928 – A unique fire engine was purchased. The fire-fighting apparatus was attached to a Ford car.
- The "Moonlight Inn" was built on the present site.
(To be continued in future issues, as space permits)

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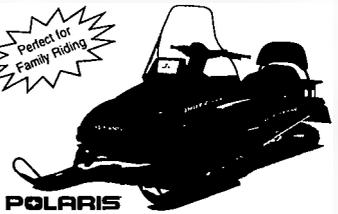
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Memories

1940's Vacations...Time 6-7 p.m...Summer Evening

Most of the beach residents are waiting for the train. Soon they see it chugging down the track, steam billowing over the top, down the sides and underneath while the whistle blows. It seems forever for it to come to the station and stop. When it leaves people go into the Moonlight Inn for a "cone," drink or one of the Winnipeg papers. As soon as the mail is sorted and picked up the station empties.

Dad always rented the same cottage. It was the 2nd or 3rd one from Patricia on 6th Avenue on the right hand side. It was a low, wide, numberless building. Inside it there was one large room with two small bedrooms to the left, a tiny kitchen with an ice box and a drop door to the cellar completed the space.

Each wall was covered with Bamboo pictures. I'd say 50 at least, maybe someone remembers such an art gallery. The cottage was tiny, but our castle for three weeks. I remember the quiet waters lapping the shoreline, waves rolling ever so high, fun to jump and the crashing waves over the rocks were a thrill. The slide was great.

Now, after 60 years, water brings those memories back full tilt. There was a family at Donovans. They used to look after the priest who came from Winnipeg. Also do you remember the name of "Hazeltings?" She was a great Bridge player. I envy all of you who can still enjoy the sights, smells and joy of the beach. I'd love to hear from anyone who recognizes the bamboo picture-filled cottage or who knew anything about it. You are very lucky people.

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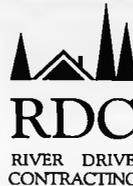
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Insane in Spain '98

From July 12th to 14th, Vbers Jill Kirbyson, Doug Pollard, Dave Preston and Jeff Swystun were in Pamplona, Spain for the running of the bulls. It was a tremendous sacrifice to miss the July dance, however, Hemingway's writing drew the group. All had dog-eared copies of *The Sun Also Rises* as required reading.

The festival is a balance of rich Spanish culture, copious amounts of Sangria, perplexed tourists, and a few angry bulls. Jeff ran the event twice, feeling quite out of place the first day in full athletic gear, while all else were in casual clothing. Jeff broke all running records — seeing no bulls except in his imagination.

On the second day, Jill, Dave and Jeff participated in appropriate attire (you can confront Doug on the August long weekend for his litany of excuses as to why he did not run). Hats off to Jill, perhaps one of five females in an overall field of 400 that day. The three were less aggressive in running pace and entered the coliseum an instant before the six bulls.

The event continues with each bull released into the crowd to knock about the unsuspecting. This is optional insanity, which Jeff chose to participate in on the second day. And had it not been for Dave's assistance in getting Jeff over the wall, a different tale might have been told.

We understand that one American was killed on the day the three of us ran and that one Canadian is in serious condition. We count ourselves fortunate and very thrilled to have participated. One fellow Canadian, a Torontonian who ran, when confronted with the prospect of becoming a statistic remarked, "Man, I can't die here, my Mom will kill me." We all nodded and ran.

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Dr. L. Sam McMorris

Dr. Sam McMorris has served on the RM of Victoria Beach Council for over 27 years. He was first elected to Council in January, 1970, as a Councillor, and remained in that position until July, 1977. He ran for the position of Reeve in October 1977, was elected, and continued to hold this office until July, 1995 when he decided to seek re-election as Councillor. Sam relinquished his seat on council on Saturday, July 25, 1998 as he has decided to retire from municipal politics.

Sam has devoted much of his leisure time over the past 27 years to preserving and enhancing the unique nature of Victoria Beach. He has served the municipality with integrity and has contributed many hours of his free time to the benefit of all the tax payers. This has earned him the respect of every Council member who has had the privilege to work with him on Council.

He was Chairman of the Golf Course, Finance and Water Systems Committees and his accomplishments are many and varied. He was instrumental in planning the 1986 and 1988 capital water improvement projects to the Victoria Beach System which resulted in the installation of a water filtration treatment plant, improved distribution system and construction of a reservoir. The Albert Beach, Hampton and Golf Course water systems were also installed during Sam's time in office. Many other significant improvements have occurred during Sam's tenure including the building of a new fire hall in 1979, the purchase of new equipment. In particular — the new fire pumper, major capital improvements to the golf course (equipment and course) and significant upgrading of the communications equipment for the police, fire and public works departments.

Sam has been an outspoken advocate for minimizing vehicular traffic in the "Restricted Area." The speed limits within the municipality were reduced as a result of Sam's urging to incorporate reduced speed limits for Victoria Beach under The Highway Traffic Act.

As Reeve, Sam always emphasized the importance of a united Council or would work towards a compromise whenever that was not possible. He has been a major contributor to all the councils with which he has been involved. Sam's hands-on approach, expertise and knowledge will leave a large void to be filled on the council. He will be missed by all Council members, employees and taxpayers.

Thank you Sam for your dedication and many years of service to the RM of Victoria Beach. We hope you enjoy your well-deserved retirement.

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(Editor's note: This tribute to Sam was written by Raymond Mareau (Municipality Secretary-Treasurer). It was read at the July 21st Council meeting, where Reeve Bill MacDonald presented Sam with an honorary lifetime membership to the VB Golf Club and a certificate of appreciation from the RM of Victoria Beach.)