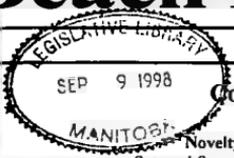


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Superstars of the Week



Coming Events

The Novelty Tennis Tournament will be co-ordinated this year by the Open Tennis Women's Singles champion - Kim Willoughby. It's great to see our young members running events like this. Thanks, Kim. We appreciate your role in organizing this fun weekend of tennis!

Thank you to Ruby and Vic Garden and friends for organizing the 60+ Golf and Dinner in September. This is an annual event that many "young at heart" golfers really enjoy and look forward to summer.

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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

Mainstays of the Beach! - The Bakery and The VB Grocery Store



Kim Main, cheerfully serving up bakery goodies



Herb Harbour - always ready to please - in the VB Grocery

VB Heritage Fund

The Executive of the Victoria Beach Club is considering the establishment of a capital fund aimed specifically at capital improvements and/or repair of property and equipment owned by the Club.

The Victoria Beach Club owns several heritage buildings, such as the Clubhouse, the Rec Director's cottage and the Library. These buildings are facing long-term capital needs. (This project is separate from planned improvements to the tennis courts.)

This capital fund would benefit all VB residents, and would grow from tax-deductible donations, gifts and estate bequests by beach people. We hope to have this fund in place next summer.

VB Club Executive



Superstars continued

"Superstar" recognition should go to our President, Penny McMorris, for her year of work on behalf of the members of the Victoria Beach Club. Penny has those special qualities necessary to ensure that we can all enjoy the many things that make VB so wonderful. Thank you for your leadership, Penny. I know you are looking forward to another rewarding year!

"Volunteers - Our greatest natural resource!"
Melanie Tooley

President's Message

As another great summer draws to a close, there are many people to thank for ensuring your family had so many traditional VB events to participate in and enjoy.

Many thanks to Jaret Ditter and Monique Lamy-Ditter for running our recreation program with so much energy, enthusiasm and fun. Your first summer at VB was a tremendous success and we appreciated your new ideas and your understanding of our special traditions. We're looking forward to having you both back next summer. The recreation programs wouldn't have run as smoothly as they did if not for the help and energy of Anders Johansson, Ike Ullberg, Jocelyn Duncan and Lisa Flanders. Thank you all for treating our children with respect and for providing so many hours of great fun.

Thanks also to our tennis court attendants, who collected our new shoe tag fees and guest fees, and who helped keep our courts clean and dry. The swimming instructors worked hard to teach our children how to swim and be water safe — a life skill when you spend any time around water. Thank you for coaxing our kids into the sometimes chilly water and for teaching them such an important skill.

Laura Burr and her family embraced the Library completely. Not only did they uncover a garden long ago planted by Mrs. Hughes, but they also made a lovely new sign, fixed some screens, and ran *Bookzilla* for the first time. Thank you, Laura for keeping the Library so well organized and such a pleasure to visit.

Your VB Club Executive also deserves a tremendous amount of applause for working very hard behind the scenes all year long to ensure we not only have events and activities to enjoy, but that we also have people and plans to continue the events. Thank you to our voice of experience (and Past President) Trish Rathwell, our efficient record-keeper Secretary Sheila Down, our money man Treasurer Scott Haywood; our handy maintenance man John Brydon; our Intrepid Events Convenor Melanie Tooley; our stroke-improver Swimming Convenor Pattie MacRae; our witty, words *Herald* Editor Allen Willoughby; *Herald* Business Manager and advertising guru Sheila Grover; Tennis Convenor and ace net-minder Shelley Lindquist; our canvassing queen Lauren Johnstone and member-at-large, helpful Heather Willoughby. All your hard work and input are appreciated.

Finally, please join your VB Club Executive at our Annual General Meeting and Lunch, Saturday, August 29th at noon at the Clubhouse. Seasonal reports will be given by the members of the Executive and some of our plans for the Club's future will be discussed. How much should we raise membership fees in 1999, and what repairs or renovations need to be done to our various buildings and facilities? Come and be a part of the process, we welcome your constructive ideas and positive input. We are also still searching for a new Treasurer and in that regard, Scott Haywood or myself would be happy to talk to anyone who is interested in the position.

Thanks to all for a great summer. We'll see you at the meeting on August 29th.

Penny McMorris



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Bits and Pieces from the Editor



The summer sun is slowly setting on *The Herald* for another summer. This is the last issue of '98, so I'd like to pass along Thank You's.....to everyone I've ever met!

On second thought, I'll just thank: Sheila Grover, my *Herald* Business Manager partner (and organizational wizard); the ever-efficient and patient Dale Carvery of Elite Secretarial Services; John Heppenstall and his capable and helpful staff at "Print It"; plus Patzer Office Equipment (who supplied our all-important fax machine).

We were fortunate this summer to acquire the typing skills of Siobhan Holland (of the famous Holland tennis family). We're most grateful for her eagerness and pleasant personality, as well as her flexibility and speed during the "deciphering" of a vast and varied assortment of *Herald* submissions. Many thanks, Siobhan, you did a great typing job!

Getting back to those "submissions" — we thank all of you who took the time to contribute to your newspaper! Here's a reminder to anyone thinking of making a *Herald* submission next summer — if possible, please submit material by e-mail or computer disk in text only. It speeds the newspaper process; eliminates the enormous typing burden; and increases the chance of your item getting into the next available *Herald* issue. (It also eliminates the risk of the #1 "*Herald* Headache" — indecipherable, and thus misspelled names in the paper due to sloppy/creative/colourful/messy/unclear/crawled hand-writing.)

However, if your cottage is still electronically geared to the sixties, rather than the nineties — don't worry — we are also happy to accept your blurb hand-written on those traditional tiny bits of paper! (Well, maybe we're not exactly "happy" about it, but we completely understand.) And, if you think your handwriting is just fine, that's okay, too, and we'll just guess at the proper spelling of all those names!

Special thanks also go out to Reid Anderson, who volunteers to pick up the newly-printed *Heralds* at "Print It" in the city every Friday and deliver them out here to the lake. On the same subject — we're also grateful to Kevin and Sandra Aitch for their Friday night taxi-help in distributing the *Heralds* to various locations around the beach. (This job often comes at a very busy and inappropriate time — taxi-wise — and we appreciate their tolerance.)

Let's see, have I forgotten anyone? Oh, yes! Thanks to my family who helped field the many and varied *Herald* phone calls, helped with the typing and *Herald* delivery; and tolerated the editor's occasional stressful moments and emotional "venting" as the weekly deadline approached.

The *Herald*, like so many VB volunteer jobs, is a group project. Sheila and I really appreciate the wonderful team contribution of everyone involved. Their co-operative effort made our "first year" a very smooth transition. Many thanks!

Finally, if you have any *Herald* submissions planned for the first issue next summer, you can e-mail, fax, or mail them in advance (next spring) to any of the following:

e-mail: willough@minet.gov.mb.ca

Fax: 889-0068

Mailing address: 70 Brittany Drive, Wpg., Mb.
R3R 3G9

Editor's phone: 889-8666

If you'd like to arrange *Herald* Advertising for next summer ahead of time, just call Sheila, the Business Manager, next spring at 233-0092.

Have a great "rest of the season," a wonderful Fall, a tolerable Winter, a splendid Spring '99, and we'll meet you here on these pages again next June for another memorable Victoria Beach summer!

Allen Willoughby

1998 VICTORIA BEACH GOLF COURSE RATES

Manager: John Evans

MEMBERSHIPS

	Seasonal	Monthly	Two Weeks
Family, Adult Couple	\$220.00	\$130.00	\$90.00
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Junior 13 - 17	90.00	60.00	55.00
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Beach Banter!

• Congratulations to the newly elected Council and hopefully the next four years will be a rewarding experience.

Summer is the time for relating and enjoying the warm weather of Victoria Beach. However, I hope the cottage owners will take time to address a very important political issue that affects us all.

Cottage owners at Victoria Beach have been paying school tax on their properties, which have increased at an exorbitant rate. The summer residents are subjected to school tax on their property while the privilege of voting in a school election is denied them. Their children cannot attend Lord Selkirk School Division without their home division (the division where you have your permanent residence) paying a non-resident fee to Lord Selkirk School Division.

I believe that most summer residents expect to pay municipal tax for services they receive at the beach. However, Manitoba is one of the few provinces that continues to collect education tax on property, thus not basing it on the ability to pay. This archaic system penalizes one segment of the population who own a summer residence.

This is also an inefficient and costly method of tax collection. If we had chosen to spend our vacation money on a winter holiday, or purchase a yacht, the government would not levy an additional education tax, nor would they levy an educational tax on cottages that are in Provincial or Federal Parks. (Clear Lake or Falcon Beach.) Cottagers at Victoria Beach should not be subjected to double taxation.

I would like to ask all residents to take a few minutes to speak or write to their MLA and ask them to address the question of the unfair burden they are putting on cottage owners.

If you wish more information please feel free to contact me.

Liz Foster (756-8998)

• These are our thoughts regarding the recommendations in the *Long Range Plan* mailed to cottage owners in the Spring of 1998. The following are the items which we take exception to:

- 1) The increase of commercial services. If these services are needed, they are available elsewhere within a short distance.
- 2) Recreational activities such as Mini Golf, Putting Green, Lawn Bowling, etc., should be located at the Sports Field off Hwy. 59, not on the Village Green which is presently a peaceful place.
- 3) A permanent band/concert shell would not be used sufficiently.
- 4) Addition of three tennis courts. We do not consider this necessary as the long range population trend is smaller families.
- 5) Expansion of the Golf Course is not needed as there are several others in the area.
- 6) Day Trippers/Campers - We do not think any tax money should be allocated to meet their needs, thus encouraging their presence. This is a major issue because of: The increased need for security both for private and public property, the potential for attracting undesirable elements, increased vandalism, and environmental damage.

It is to be fervently hoped that the Councillors will listen to the cottagers who enjoy Victoria Beach as it is and has been for many years.

Concerned Property Owners - The Pearce Family

• This is in response to *Dogs on the leash are not allowed on the beach. By-law # 1412*. I've been on the main beach every weekend and vacation for the last three years and have yet to see a dog-control-officer.

During this time there are dogs on leashes, in and out of the water. There are no visible signs posted near or along the main beach regarding dogs. A solution to the problem would be: Having people at the gate reminding dog owners that their pets are not allowed on the beach between 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., etc. It may be that these dog owners are "renters" and are not aware of the by-law.

Are there any by-laws that can be enforced regarding the docking of boats on the beach? Why do we have a pier? Get the signs repaired or put new ones up. Rules are rules; but I guess not for everyone.

Chris Bartlett

• Our license plates read *Friendly Manitoba*. I like this slogan for it speaks of what was, and what should be. But I do not find today the same, genial manner I knew twenty years ago and especially the atmosphere of the late 40s and 50s. I am speaking of the friendly habit passers-by on these shady lanes of ours had at one time of acknowledging each other with a "Hello" or "Good Morning."

This summer I have been conducting tests. I wait until the last moment before speaking and I find with most passers-by I speak first and startle them. The older they are the more apt they are to speak first.

Then too, it tends to be the older ones on bicycles who give warning. Just recently I was nearly injured. I was pulling my golf clubs and moving to miss potholes. Just as I was going to move to my right, a cyclist brushed my shoulder as he passed. He himself was brushing leaves with his other shoulder. This cyclist was a man of 200 lb., going fast. This was one time I wished bicycles were licensed. I could have got the number and followed with a visit.

In order to enforce licensing of bicycles (really another name for registration) it would be necessary to impound those without a license. An act even more difficult than the enforcement of the by-law requiring a bell. And all because of thoughtless people.

A. Wolfe

• A recent, "too close" encounter with a bear family in my back yard, has inspired me to brush up on my bear awareness. Thanks to the helpfulness and knowledge of the Natural Resources officers and the VB Police, here is what I've learned:

- Remove all garbage from your cabin and store it in a bear-proof shed or a refuse holder.
- Bird seed and hummingbird feeders may attract bears to your yard. (And onto your deck!)
- When out hiking or biking, make noise. (Talking, ringing those handy bike bells!)

Teen and Adult Co-ed Volleyball Tournament



Competitive winners — Alike and Paul Ledevyts, Alana Erickson, Stephen and Brian Boyd, Steve Lines, and Sara Stammig

Great weather, great people, great volleyball — what more could you ask for?

This year's Teen and Adult Volleyball Tournament boasted our largest entry ever: five "competitive" teams and eight "recreational" teams.

On the competitive side, "Team Brisk" defeated the defending champions "Nord Lite" in an exciting battle that went to three games. On the recreational side, the youthful "Sandblasters" blew away "The 29ers" (who wished they really were).

Congratulations to all participating teams: Les Olympians, The Bayview Bums, Tabernak, All Sports, The Supremes, Beyond the A's, Team Roberto Carlos, The Spikers, and Greased Lightning. It was wonderful to see so many new faces.

Thank you to everyone for making the day a huge success.

Pat Peacock
Greg Daniels

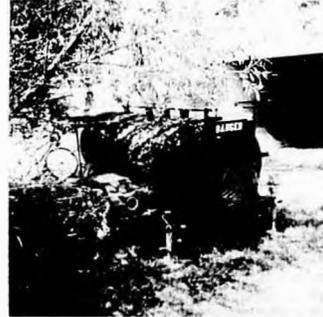


Recreational Winners — Melanie Charbonneau, Bari McDonald, Jeff and Dave Fraser, Walter Lambert, Allison and Scott Muir, and Joelle Russell

- If you see a bear, face away, watching the bear through the corner of your eye. (Never approach or feed a bear. Never run away from a bear as this may trigger a chase response. Bears can reach a 50 km per hour burst of speed!) If the bear stalks you, act aggressively to persuade the bear that you are not easy prey by shouting, waving your arms and raising your jacket to look bigger. If the bear attacks, fight back, with a stick, or rocks, striking the nose or eyes. Despite many bear-human encounters, bear attacks are infrequent. In Manitoba, there is only one record of a black bear-inflicted human fatality despite thousands of encounters.

Fortunately, the sow and her three cubs appear to have moved out of my neighbourhood, at least for the time being. Avoid luring them into your neighbourhood by removing all bear attractants from your yard.

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VB Doctor Information and Update



The doctor currently in residence at 124 Birch until August 30 is Dr. Ted Redekopp. (On Labour Day Weekend, September 4 - 7, the doctor in residence will be Dr. Carl Walker.)

The Doctor's phone number is 756-2247.

Doctor's Hours

Tuesday to Saturday - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
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The Pine Falls Health Complex phone number is 367-2278

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7:20 pm	11:25 am Victoria Beach Junction	7:50 am	4:35 pm
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For more information contact:

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To All Patient and Anxious Herald Recipients

On Friday, August 14th, I had the honour of transporting the Herald from Winnipeg to Victoria Beach. Unfortunately, I did not realize that the arrival time of the Herald affected so many people.

I have many excuses for being late, such as helping a truck driver escape from the burning wreckage of his fuel truck; nursing an injured deer back to health after it collided with a car; as well as coming to the rescue of multiple victims of flat tires along Highway 59...Or, maybe I just took my sweet time getting to the cottage.

To all the die-hard VBers (or others I have inconvenienced) who were expecting the Herald at 6:00, I am sorry. My apologies also go out to Jen who works at the Parking Lot, for all the stress she went through due to my being a little behind schedule.

Please be kind to the Editor, to spare me additional punishment and lectures about every complaint that is filed.

PS: I will not disclose my name to avoid all hate mail and obscene phone calls. I'm sorry. I have learned a valuable lesson — "Never come between VBers and their beloved Herald."

A close (male) relative of the editor

18th Annual Happiness is 8th Avenue Invitational Golf Tournament



August 15th, 1998, at 3:00 p.m., 16 invited golfers (that's all that could be persuaded to attend) teed off along with a set of rules that Tiger Woods would probably have trouble with.

Dunc McCaig, last year's trophy winner, was unable to host this year (he takes a rain check). Bob Johnson, with the most able help of his wife Grace (by blackmail, it is rumored) substituted as hosts and most ably supplied the use of their cottage, as well as a bevy of prizes along with a most succulent Carghill roast cooked to perfection, complimented with appetizers, salads, side dishes and, of course, decadent desserts.

Prize Results:

Closest to pin, hole #3: Female - no winner; Male - Ron Kirbyson (Three men — Ron, Dick Archer and Vic Garden — stayed on 3rd green. Therefore, each one in tourney owed each one 25c. Anyone who has not paid up yet, we leave to their conscience).

Longest Drive: Female - Ruby Garden; Male - Keith Drybrough

Low Gross: Female - Dawn Kirbyson; Male - Dave Drybrough

High Gross: Female - Marg Richardson; Male - Rollie Rohr

High Hidden Hole: Female - Grace Johnson; Male - Dick Archer

Best Tee Shot, hole #7: Female - Shirley Ruhr; Male - Dick Archer

Shortest Drives: Female - Irene Heiman; Male - Ron Kirbyson

(Elaine Archer tried to win the trophy by "putting" only)

Most Whiffs: Irene Heiman

(Irene also wins honourable mention as "MIG" which means that as her game improved over each hole, the question arose as to whether her long tee and fairway shots resulted in "Most Improved Golfer" or "Most Improved Gorilla").

Various other prizes were given out. The 1998 trophy low net winner was Tom Richardson (arrived at through a highly involved computer enhanced Calloway System) who, according to tradition, as his main prize gets to host the 1999 Tournament. See you all next year (if we're invited)!

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Recreation News

Thank You!

A big thank you to Marj Birley for supervising the Teen Dance on Friday August 14th. Your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Leslie, Sibhan, and John Holland for all volunteering their time at Family Rec Night to help sculpt animal balloons. Thank you to Jay, Desneige Lamy-Leger and Amanda Wowryk for your help as well with the animal balloons.

Tennis Results

Monday August 10th - Adult Round Robin

1st Fred Donaldson and Eleanor Jaeger - 16 - 4
2nd Maureen Swystun and Joan Wersh - 14 - 6
3rd (Tie) John Holland and Joan McCuaig - 12 - 8
Bill Steele and Leny Vroom - 12 - 8
Bill Vroom and Leslie Holland - 12 - 8

Wednesday August 12th - Teen Round Robin

A Side

1st Adam Florence - 12 - 4
2nd Tamara Ansons - 11 - 5
3rd John Holland - 10 - 6

B Side

1st Nicole Bachynski and Natalia Manastersky - 15 - 5
2nd Mark Bachynski and Andrew Peebles - 13 - 7
3rd Nicholas Juzda and Nigel Leslie-Allen - 11 - 9

Thursday August 13th - Teen Round Robin

A Side and B Side Combined

1st Jeff Strome - 19 - 1 (95%)
2nd John Holland - 17 - 3 (85%)
3rd Andrew Ciliusky - 13 - 3 (81%)

Friday August 14th - Adult Round Robin

1st Rex Neuendorff and Rhonda Plett - 14 - 2
2nd (Tie) George Greengrass and Jeff Strome - 11 - 5

Barb Sudermann and Carole Wright - 11 - 5
3rd (Tie) Barb Pritchard and Hanna Lailley - 10 - 6
Gary Stewart and Eleanor Jaeger - 10 - 6

Recreation Staffing '99 Season

Attention to all teens who are interested in applying for the position of recreation assistant for the 1999 season. I am looking for teens between the ages of 14 - 19 who are:

- responsible
- sports minded
- enjoy working with children
- outgoing/enthusiastic
- July/August resident of Victoria Beach

It can be a fun and exciting job for the summer. Present and previous employees may reapply. If interested, please drop off a resume to either myself (Jaret Ditter) at the Rec. cottage, or to our President Penny Morris at 303 4th Avenue. We will be here at the beach until the end of August.

After this date and up to January 1, 1999, you may send your resume to:

Monique Lamy-Ditter
c/o Ecole St. Germain
77 John Forsythe Road
Winnipeg, MB
R2N 1R3
Tel: (245-0120) or Fax: (253-7981)

All staffing decisions for the '99 season will be finalized by April 1st, 1999.

Good-Bye and have a super active winter! See you all next year!

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Beach People

1 218 - 5th Ave., had the pleasure of grandson **Kevin Tkachuk** for the weekend, along with friend **Mark Lubkiwiski** from Regina. They are here to pick up Mother Carolyn from her holidays.

This is Mark's first time here but you can bet it won't be his last. He has really fallen in love with it. See you next year.

Pattie Page

1 The high decibel count at 145 Victoria Blvd last weekend was the result of the annual summer migration of **Fasts**. **Carol**, **Tom**, **Peter** and **Allison Brock** of Ann Arbor, Michigan, were followed by **Catherine Fast** and **Sarah Balicki** from Port Moody, BC.

Adding to the brouhaha, **Arthur**, **Jennifer**, **Brian**, **Ian** and **Andrew Fast** arrived from their quiet Lake of the Woods retreat. Last, but not least, Catherine's husband, **Derrick Chamberlain**, co-ordinated the airport pick-up and delivery of **Frances Fast** from Kitchener and **Martha Balicki** from BC. These two busy gals flew in for a whirlwind weekend of family fun. Frances is returning to VB after a two-year absence, while Carol has maintained her unbroken record of 40 consecutive summers here. Martha really enjoyed her summer last year when she was one of the VB swimming instructors. However, life-guarding and teaching at BC pools proved to be significantly more profitable this year for this "soon to be" university student.

Uncle **Derrick's** annual mystery event was a smashing success with appropriately costumed young detectives scouring the beach for clues to the mystery in the "Case of Granny's Missing Apron."

The annual all kid's birthday bash looked like Christmas in August for the younger generation. Presents, birthday cake with money, and fireworks provided a lively (and quite noisy) evening of fun for all.

Thelma and Bernie Fast

1 Visiting the **Tritt's** at 325 - Sunset this weekend are **Mary-Ann Kraemer** and **Grant Wilson** from Montreal. This will be Grant's first visit to Victoria Beach while Mary-Ann was a visitor during the summer of 1994. Weather permitting, the standard Elk Island trek and tour will be part of the visit.

Trudy and Michael Tritt

1 The **Hurst** cottage on Sunset (aka "Dave's Workshop") had a few overseas visitors this year. Daughter **Nancy** came from England for the annual visit bringing her friend **Maria del Mar** from Spain who broke hearts all over the beach. Husband **Andre** also popped over from London for three days and managed to get a great tan in that short time! Thanks to all of our lovely friends and relatives who had us for supper and cocktails etc. Of course as soon as the cottage is finished we'll have you all over... (2010 or so!) Now that Nancy has gone back to London anyone with any cooking/carpentry skills should drop a resume' off to **Dave** at the cottage. Thanks dad for having us all and welcome to Mom **Patricia**, sisters **Sauna** and **Dee** and little sister **Tiffaney** soon to arrive. Cheers **Nancy Hurst**

1 For the past 31 years "the **Cramps**" have celebrated Thanksgiving at the cottage. Nineteen ninety-seven was a particularly happy time. **Harvey Sr.**'s two sisters from England were here.

It was also a week long prelude to **Patricia (Paddy) Mae Cramp** (the youngest) marriage to **Jamil Saeed Lucman**, at St. Andrews River Heights United Church. Special touches were; the bride's sister **Suzy** singing *O Perfect Love* accompanied on the piano by the bride's brother **Harv**, and the teddy bear theme throughout. Two hundred guests from England, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, USA, British Columbia, Victoria Beach, etc. attended the lovely reception and dance in Winnipeg. This year a new tradition of "round of golf" will be included in the Thanksgiving festivities.

We are also pleased to report that **Harvey Cramp Jr.** completed the 1998 Manitoba Marathon — third in his age category — with a finish time of 3:07:06.

The Cramp Family

1 **David** and **Joanne Johnson** of 12½ Thornton Blvd. are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first grandchild, **Cole Frank David Paige**. Cole was born on Grandma's birthday: August 6, 1998, to daughter **Lori** and husband **Gary Paige**. Equally proud grandparents are **Gloria** and **Frank Paige** of New York, and Great-grandparents **Roy** and the late **Betty Johnson** of Winnipeg and **Jack** and **Mollie Ellett** of Victoria, BC.



Happy 25th Anniversary! - Chris and Elaine Ford

Chris and **Elaine** have been coming down to Victoria Beach for the past 13 years and have owned their cottage for 10 of the 13. On August 18 they celebrated their 25th Anniversary while on a motorcycle cruise through the Rockies. This adventurous couple will be returning to their cottage on Mike Bay for a gathering of many close friends and relatives. You crazy kids!
Love, Jen and Rob

1 The **Hesses** of 311 First Avenue are curious: How many cottages are there at VB that were built in 1923 or earlier and have remained in the original family? 311 First is one such cottage. Built in 1923 for Dr. **Ross Mitchell** and family, it has remained in the extended **Mitchell/McIntosh/Hesse** clan ever since. During the first week of August, over 100 friends and family members joined in celebrating the 75th birthday of this cottage. Visitors from afar included **Susan (Mitchell) Church** and family from Calgary via West Hawk Lake; **Jim** and **Cathy Mitchell** from Morris, MB; **Andreas Hesse** from Mississauga, ON; **Nic Hesse**

from London, ON, accompanied by Jennifer Dinsmore of Oakville, ON; and Herta Vogt from Germany! Food, drink, conversation, memories and trivia games highlighted the social gatherings while tennis, golf, lots of swimming and a trek to Elk Island filled the days with enjoyment. Here's to another 75 years of VB fun! Helen Hesse and family members

Jamie Brown was happy to have his two daughters **Beverley** (of Winnipeg) and **Allyson** (visiting from Edmonton) and their families at 342 - 4th Avenue for the first two weeks of August. Allyson's two daughters **Amber** and **Melissa** each brought a friend from Edmonton. Both were suitably impressed with life at VB. In fact, **Melissa** and her friend **Katrina** were inspired to poetry. Reading the "under tow" warning sign at King Edward on a wavy day prompted Katrina's poem:

Under Tows

The sea is like a Timberwolf
As hungry as can be
On stormy nights
When lightning strikes
The sea just might eat me.

Katrina-Rei Labrecque, age 12

Melissa got the idea for her poem "because one day on my way to the beach I pet a chipmunk":

I saw a chipmunk in a tree.
I imagined him sipping tea.
Then he ran away
So I thought I'd see him another day.
I think I'll name him Lee.

Melissa Smart, age 11

Amber and her friend **Wanda** worked on their tans and enjoyed the water. A great holiday was enjoyed by all! Love that Beach Life!

On June 12, 1998, **Herb** and **Ollie Walker**, #6 Bayview, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. A garden party was held June 13th at their daughter and son-in-law, **Barbara** and **Donald Finkbeiner's** home. There was a wonderful turnout of family, friends and neighbours (both from Winnipeg and Victoria Beach). One of the most memorable aspects of this celebration was that, after 50 years, the entire wedding party was able to attend. A few weeks later, July 5th, the Walkers were presented with a "gift" from son **Ron** and daughter-in-law **Carmen** in the form of **Brandon Myles Walker**, grandson and "heir to the Walker empire." Seventeen days later **Brandon** had his first overnight visit to VB. He liked it so much he came back on August 8th to spend a week at the beach, becoming another loyal Vber.

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The End of Summer '98

Another memorable activity season has come to a close for 1998 with the exception of the 60+ Golf and Dinner in September. I would like to say thank you to our wonderful volunteers who ran events and to those who were there to help out. My job is made easier and more enjoyable because of your great ideas, enthusiasm and commitment to making your event work.

Thank you to those who will pass the activity torch and to those who plan to run their event again next summer. If you are interested in volunteering, please don't wait for a personal invitation. There are events available to run for next summer, including: the Volleyball Tournament, Sports Day, and the Adult Dance.

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Yacht Club Junior Racing



We had another perfect wind for racing last Saturday and 11 kids came out to compete. Dylan McMorris and crew Katie Thomas had their boat going really fast, winning all three races! Competition was fierce among the whole Optimist fleet with everyone hiking out!

RACE 1

	Skipper	Crew	Time
1.	Dylan McMorris	Katie Thomas	19:40
2.	Ben Russell		21:24
3.	Rory McMorris	Sudsy Dyke	22:12
4.	Spencer Guest	Ben Gillies	24:07
5.	Jamie Thomas	Jordan Ewanchuk	25:23
6.	Colin Russell	Chris Thomas	DNF

RACE 2

	Skipper	Crew	Time
1.	Dylan McMorris	Katie Thomas	17:51
2.	Rory McMorris	Sudsy Dyke	20:21
3.	Ben Russell		20:39
4.	Jamie Thomas	Jordan Ewanchuk	25:35
5.	Spencer Guest	Ben Gillies	28:16
6.	Colin Russell	Chris Thomas	29:20

RACE 3

	Skipper	Crew	Time
1.	Dylan McMorris		17:22
2.	Spencer Guest	Ben Gillies	19:32
3.	Rory McMorris	Sudsy Dyke	19:53
4.	Ben Russell		21:23

Junior Optimist Racing continues Saturday mornings at 9:30 am. (If wind conditions are bad, we race on Sunday.)

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Golf Joke #289

Golfer: "You know, I'd move heaven and earth to be able to break 100 on this VB Golf Course." Partner: "Well, you better try Heaven because you've already moved most of the earth!"

It was a VB gardener who said: "I can't believe it. I've had this cottage garden for three years now and all I've ever grown is.....disgusted!"

Harry and Charlie are playing one-ups-manship on Patricia Beach and Harry says: "You know, it seems to me that a bikini is much like barbed wire — it protects the property without spoiling the view!" Not to be outdone, Charlie counters with: "Yeah, and they say there's nothing new under the sun, but there's certainly a lot more of it showing on this beach!"

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Membership News

The summer activities have now come to an end and I would like to thank everyone who supported the VB Club this season, through generous donations or the purchase of memberships.

I am especially grateful to Linda Story, Jean Isbister, Joan Dawson and Cam Hepples for selling memberships from their cottages. Their help has been invaluable!

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Swim Program News



The 1998 swim program is now over, having served approximately 500 swimmers over its six-week run. Many, many thanks are due to Andrika, Jenny, Lindsay and Mary for its success.

I would also like to thank the people who have made a point of approaching me whether with meaningful compliments or with tactful, informed criticisms. The former are gratifying, encouraging, and a salve to the odd battle wound; the latter have led to some non-adversarial exploratory discussions, the results of which will probably be apparent in a few more small but helpful changes in next year's program. I appreciate all of this input very much.

The 1999 swim program will require one Head Instructor/Guard and another Instructor/Guard (minimum qualifications 17 years old, Bronze Cross, RC Instructor and LSS Instructor, with NLS preferred). As well, we will require two other Instructors (minimum qualification RC Instructor, LSS instructor preferred). First Aid, CPR and other emergency care courses are also highly desirable and will enhance your employability. Any young Victoria Beachers wishing to apply should do so, in writing, with a full resume detailing your aquatic qualifications and your age. Send your application to me, at 209 Yale Avenue, Winnipeg, R3M 0L2. Please ensure that I receive it by the end of the public school spring break in March, as I will be hiring immediately after that time.

Wishing all of us a good winter, and looking forward to next summer.....

Pat MacRae

Looking ahead to Summer 1999

The following is a tentative schedule of events for next summer which may enable you to plan holidays around your favourite VB activities! (Membership cards required)

Special July Activities:

- VB Club Membership Blitz: Thurs - Sun., July 1 - 4
- Flea Market and Silent Auction: Sat., July 3
- Bike Safety Rodeo: Sun., July 4
- Book Sale: Sun., July 4
- 200 Metre Open Swim: Sat., July 10
- Masters 40+ Tennis Tournament: Sat., Sun., July 10, 11
- Adult Dance: Sat., July 10
- Children's Masquerade: Sat., July 17
- Fishing Derby: Sun., July 18
- Junior Tennis Tournament: Wed., Thurs., July 21, 22
- Ladies Movie Night: Wed., July 21
- Men's Golf Tournament: Fri., July 23
- Sports Day: Sat., July 24
- 35+ Dance (Beach Ball): Sat., July 24
- Ladies Golf Tournament: Wed., July 28
- Adult Dance: Sat., July 31

Special August Activities:

- Open Tennis Tournament: Sat., Sun., Mon., July 31 - Aug. 2
- Bike Race: Sun., Aug. 1
- Dog Show: Mon., Aug. 2
- 800 Metre Open Swim: Mon., Aug. 2
- Junior Golf Tournament: Tues., Aug. 3
- Beach Events and Sand Castle Building: Sat., Aug. 7
- Duplicate Bridge Tournament: Sat., Aug. 7
- Cross Country Run: Sun., Aug. 8
- Volleyball Tournament: Sat., Aug. 14
- Novelty Tennis Tournament: Sat., Sun., Aug. 21, 22
- VB Club Annual Meeting and Lunch: Sat., Aug. 28
- 60+ Golf and Dinner: Mon., Sept. 13

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NORTHERN LIGHTS ARTISANS

Christmas in September Arts and Crafts Sale

Place: Victoria Beach Sports club, Pine Rd (accessible by car for this event, use Ateah or David Rd.)

Dates: Saturday, Sept 5 and Sunday, Sept 6
(many different artisans each day)

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This is our final sale of the season and our artisans will have their finest selection of Christmas gifts on display. We have some new and interesting crafters, photographers, and artists. Please see the list below for more information. We would like to thank all the people that have come to the sales over the last six years. We will be back again next year on the long weekends.

- stained glass bugs, dragon flies, ladybugs, spiders, butterflies
- award-winning photographer from The Pas, nature scenes from Manitoba, restoration of old photographs, hand painting of photos (see demonstration at sale)
- angels, crochet, clay pots, abacca Christmas ornaments
- baby knits, fridge magnets, small items for kids, earrings
- wood shelves
- 12" Christmas trees, topiary trees
- fret work, antler carvings
- sterling silver jewellery
- birdfeeders, garden signs, bobbing crows
- tree skirts, stockings, hair accessories, purses
- pets on china plates
- semiprecious stones set in earrings, necklaces, rings
- quilts, sewing items, baby things
- pottery
- native crafts, mukluks, slippers, mitts, gauntlets, treasure bags
- bears, dolls, bunnies, santas, placemats, doll and child's furniture
- folk art, painted washbuckets, frames
- children's clothing, women's wear
- Santa Claus, snowmen, ornaments, birdfeeders, wrought iron
- kids' imagination toys, dress-up ballerinas, pirate costumes, Hallowe'en costumes
- wooden toys for children, doll table and chairs, trucks
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- watercolour paintings of local scenes and acrylic florals
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- Porcelain angels
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60 Plus Golf Tournament and Dinner - September 14th



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Vic and Ruby Garden

60 Plus Golf Tournament Needs Help!

The expected onslaught of volunteers for the "60 plus" Golf Tournament did not materialize. Due to health problems and other commitments, the Committee is now down to two couples. Past members have offered their help for the day of the tournament, but they have had their turn and we need future members.

Therefore, for you who were too shy to come forward, we'd like to encourage you to gather your courage and step up. If it is not convenient for you to join the committee this year, how about putting your names forward for next year. We can be reached at 756-2524. Thank you.

Vic and Ruby Garden



The Canadian Red Cross Society



Yoga



Dorothy and I would like to thank all those who came to class this summer. From beginner to experienced students, teenager to "ageless," you made our Tuesday mornings a pleasure. It was also special for Dorothy and me to be teaching together again. Dorothy is an inspiration to us all.

We hope that some of you will continue class either with Parks and Rec or a private studio. Dorothy teaches here all winter! Wishing everyone a happy, healthy year.

Jane Carroll
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How did the "Senior Scene" get started?

In the early 70s the Victoria Beach-Traverse Bay district had no organized Seniors Group; nor was there any person or persons actively working to form such a group.

From a chance conversation with Ed Smolarski, LGD Councillor for Stead, Dolly Watling learned of a Government organization called "New Horizons" formed to assist seniors in starting a club. Stead had received a grant from them to form a seniors club Dolly met in Winnipeg with an official for this organization, and he attended a meeting in Victoria Beach with thirty-five seniors and near-seniors. It was decided to go ahead with the project.

Volunteers to work with New Horizons included Winnie Thomas, Jessie Ateah, Nellie Danwich, and Dollie Watling. A small room was added to the existing Sports Club as a meeting room for the new club and by the end of 1974 the club was inaugurated.

Now that the seniors had a meeting place, a Board of Directors was formed, composed of: Ed Ateah, Rex Lester, Jack Watling, George Heath, Freda Jonsson, and Nick Saffie. Next, the name chosen for the organization was "The Victoria Beach and Traverse Bay Senior Citizens Club."

The next step was activities. It was decided that the Sports Club should apply for and LIP grant to cover this and other renovations. Mr. Pat Cole of Beausejour, Mr. Bob Stewart of Health and Social Development, Mr. Bud Stipenski from Stead helped with the grant application of \$9,600. Mrs. Bonnie Griffith of Beausejour gave advice on contacting project people re crafts etc., e.g. Public Speaking (Toastmasters), Red Cross, Arts & Crafts, Deer Lodge Hospital, Folk Dancing, Pottery and T-shirts.

It was moved that classes should start before the Grant came through, as interest was high. Winnie Thomas and Jessie Ateah advanced the money for materials. The Club was on its way!

In later years of course, the seniors moved into their own building at the corner of the Highway and Ateah Rd. There, they continue to pursue a great many activities at "The Senior Scene."

Dorothy Gregory

"Best Spot on the Lot" Winner!



"Donna" will "Plant" her vehicle in the "best spot on the lot" next summer because when the draw was made last Sunday — the winning entry belonged to her! (Donna Plant of 429 Sunset.) Donna gets her very own parking space in '99 — up close, convenient, and reserved!

The second prize of taxi rides went to N. Dryden of 403 - Fifth! The "Best Spot" draw was designed to raise money for special equipment needed at the doctor's office. This year, \$805 was raised and will be used toward the purchase of a defibrillator (which I've probably spelled wrong — but, you get the idea, right — an important device for the doctor's office.) Last year, the funds raised purchased a sterilizer and an emergency drug kit.

Special thanks to:

- All those who sold tickets at the various locations;
- Sandra Ateah and her parking lot staff who did an outstanding job (as most of the tickets were sold there); and
- Bob Johnson, who has purchased \$50 worth of tickets in each of the last three years!

Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to all who entered the draw and contributed to this very worthy cause which benefits all of us at Victoria Beach.

Sheila Quinton



Sandra Ateah and Hayley Anderson making the "Best Spot" draw last Sunday



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A Mini-History of Victoria Beach

(Continued)

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- 1954 - Electric power came to the municipality — but not to the cottage area. There was considerable debate about the pros and cons of bringing electricity to the Avenues. The cottage area finally had electric power in 1958.
- Nine hole golf course fees rose to a shocking 75¢ for adults and 25¢ for children!
- 1957 - The "paved" Highway 59 was finally completed all the way to Victoria Beach.
- 1962 - The last train to Victoria Beach. (The engineer was George Joyce.)
- 1964 - The Victoria Beach Yacht Club was established.
- 1966 - High water levels and Lake Winnipeg storms resulted in considerable shoreline erosion.
- 1970 - Canada's Premier's visited Victoria Beach during Manitoba's Centennial Year (and said they wanted to go immediately to the bakery).
- 1977 - The original log clubhouse at the golf course was replaced by the present building.

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- Getting a special treat on the train if your trip to the beach coincided with the caterer's picnic at Grand Beach
- A speck of coal in your eye if you dared looking out the coach window- Waiting for Sam Ateah to transport the trunk from the train station to the cottage
- Going to the store to have the small metal container filled with coal oil
- Watching your Dad and Sam Ateah enjoy a Shea's (in a clear plastic bottle) when Sam brought the ice
- Making sure you didn't spill the drip tray from the refrigerator when it was your turn to empty it
- Cleaning the cloth covering over the top of the rain water barrel
- Locking at a full eclipse of the sun through glass blackened with candle smoke (1945?)
- The taste of cold well water from the red pump
- Finding out girls weren't always a nuisance
- Waiting in line at Kilpatrick's (with sawdust on the floor) to pick-up the family meat order
- Wondering whether or not you would ever make it to the balcony level of the Moonlight Inn for a cherry coke
- Picking up the mail in your mailbox at Baragar's store
- Patting Mrs. Ateah's horse when she stopped at your cottage to see if you wanted fresh vegetables
- Taking the trip to the "Y" when the train turned around for the return trip to Winnipeg
- Meeting the "Daddy's Special" on Friday
- Trying to buy a "stub" for the return trip to Winnipeg
- Leaving dinner early to get to the train on Sunday to save a seat
- The excitement of a message that a telephone call had been received for you at Fall's store
- The policeman's cottage on the way to the pier
- Pickered fish sold door-to-door
- Fish flies on the outside of the cabins near the Victoria Beach Inn
- A sunset cruise on the Valtanis, followed by an ice cream cone from the Moonlight - vanilla, chocolate or strawberry.

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COUNCILLOR WRITES HERALD

The Herald's editorial of July 23rd has caused some comment around the Beach in regard to neglect by the council of maintenance and improvements in the cottage area. Councillor W. Pope has written the Herald a letter which is too lengthy to be reproduced here, but two paragraphs are quoted verbatim:

"You have taken us to task for neglecting the camp site area and specifically for not clearing the beaches and foot paths and for not replacing the slide. The clearing of brush and trees has been occupying the time of the Works Department since Spring and will continue throughout the Summer, and most of the odoriferous debris along the beaches had been cleared by the date of publication of your article. This will be a recurrent problem as long as the lake is at its present level; a strong west wind will drive water to the banks and bring with it more residue.

"The discontinuance of the slide is unfortunate, but its absence is because of safety and cost. It is just not possible to keep it in a proper condition for use by children under the constant pounding of heavy waves. Indeed, last year, when the water was lower, the doctor recommended its removal due to the number of casualties, fortunately all of a very minor nature."

The Herald has no comment at this time regarding Councillor Pope's explanation regarding the slide, but one of the members of our staff has a bone to pick with him re "odoriferous debris" along the beaches. It appears this poorly paid scribbler arrived at the Beach last Friday evening, after an absence of five days from his family. When the children had been more or less settled for the night he noticed that there was a perfectly grand moon shining down on the lake and he suggested to the little woman that he and she sit on a favorite bench on the bank and have a chat under the moon. He had anticipation of perhaps a very-much-loved head eventually resting on his manly chest, and a few intimate little things taking place, to more than make up for his batching it in town. The lady thought it would be nice, but said that there has been quite a bad smell in the area of that particular bench. However, the moon soon pulled both of them down to the ground and they sat on the bench. The better half was not kidding about the smell and soon our disappointed hubby found that you cannot get very chummy with a young matron who is having to hold her nose tightly with thumb and forefinger, even under a beautiful moon. So the episode ended sadly, and the couple returned to the light of a gas lamp. Next

morning, ye scribe took a spade and buried the putrid remains of three large fish which Councillor Pope's boys had passed up. One wonders if the clearing of most of the odoriferous debris along the beaches by July 23rd is good enough — the vacation season being nearly half over. Why not shoot for this being done by June 23rd next year, Councillor?

The letter goes on to explain that there is only a certain amount of money available to the council, and often unforeseen expense occur, such as repair to road leading to nuisance ground which had to be done this year, due to high water, before garbage collections could commence; and the necessity of repairing doctor's cottage and installing power in it. Emergencies like that do prevent other work being done which is understandable. Councillor Pope did not mention it, but sometimes councillors feel impelled to spend a good sum of money to obtain a piece of equipment they think they need, like a road-maintenance machine, at an alleged bargain price, even though there was no provision in the annual budget; and then, again, normal services suffer.

He closes his letter by suggesting that taxpayers who have legitimate requests and complaints refer them to Alex Anderson, the Superintendent of Works, or to the Mayor or any member of council. He feels that many matters can be cleared up very quickly by Mr. Anderson. That is good news to the Editor or this here Herald. Ever since he has stuck his neck out in criticism, fair or otherwise, of the local administration, he has been receiving all manner of complaints, and it seems that there are many taxpayers who do not share Councillor Pope's satisfaction that everything possible is being done to keep our summer resort nice. Complaints have been voiced that footpaths are not receiving the attention they should have, particularly along lanes that are quite busy with motor traffic, such as Arthur Road and Patricia.

Well, anyway, folks, lay off the Editor and take your complaints to Alex Anderson, if you can find him when you are in the mood. We are grateful to Councillor Pope for his letter and, now if we can get a report from Mayor Gibson in regard to road traffic policy of the council, promised us twice a month ago, but not yet received, we can get our teeth into a problem that is worrying many of our motorists. They are becoming quite concerned about the number of cars running around the cottage area very late at night, and the amount of obvious joy-riding by cars with permanent drivers in their windshields. What are the road traffic bylaws, Mr. Mayor, and what steps are being taken to enforce them?

North Star Trail Tour

Saturday, August 29, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Please join us - Stan Kaczanowski, Forester, Manitoba Natural Resources and Vice-President, Manitoba Model Forest; and Cec Muldrew, RMVB appointee to the Manitoba Model Forest Board.

We plan to meet at the northern end of the trail on Highway 59 about two miles south of Belair at 10 a.m. The trail is part of the old road to the beach. It winds for 25 kilometres down to Highway 304, just north of Stead.

We will pile into vans or station wagons and follow the self-guided nature-trail with many interesting stops along the way. Brochures with a map of the trail and descriptions of the stations will be available. Stan will answer questions on forest management practices, as well as cutting and regeneration techniques.

From 12:00 - 1:00 we'll stop for lunch, so please bring a bag lunch (beverages will be provided). You will also need a sun hat, sunscreen and bug spray.

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