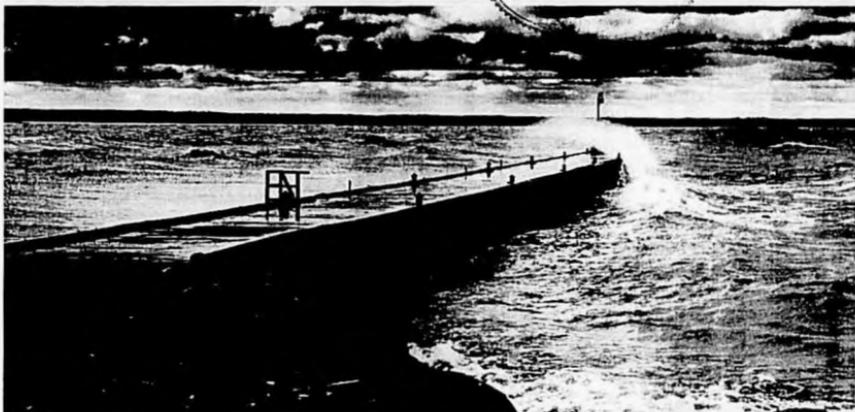


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"VB Pier during a storm in August, 1921"

COMING EVENTS

VB Club Membership Drive

Fri. July 2 thru Sun. July 4 - Door to Door

Flea Market & Silent Auction

Saturday, July 3 -- 1 to 4 p.m. - Clubhouse

Bike Safety Rodeo

Sunday, July 4 - 10 a.m. to Noon - Sports Ground

Book Sale

Sunday, July 4 - 1 - 3 p.m. - Clubhouse

Swimming Registration

Sunday, July 4 - 1-3 p.m. - Clubhouse

Swimming Lessons - Mon - Fri - July 5 - Aug 13

Lesson Inquiries - Mon - Fri - 10 - 10:30 a.m.

Masters [40+] Tennis Tournament

Sat & Sun, July 10 & 11 - Tennis Courts

200 Meter Open Swim

Sat. July 10 -- 11 a.m. -- Pier

Adult Dance

Sat. July 10 - 9 p.m. - Clubhouse

Mixed Slo-Pitch Tournament

Sat. July 17 - Sports Ground

Flea Market

Saturday, July 3rd - 1 - 4 p.m.

Don't miss the opening event of the summer season and the largest fundraiser in support of our Victoria Beach Club -- the famous FLEA MARKET -- Saturday, July 3rd, at 1:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

We'll sell anything [well, almost anything] to raise money for our cause, plus help you recycle your cottage treasures. Items for pickup should be at the roadside in front of your cottage starting at 7:30 a.m. Please-- NO MATTRESSES, BEDSPRINGS, APPLIANCES, OR CLOTHING.

This tremendous event is not possible without our wonderful volunteers. We need you all and we ask that you plan to arrive at the Clubhouse between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to help unload, sort, and price this year's goodies.

Be sure to watch for the spectacular "Special Flea Market Deal". Details to follow. You won't want to miss out!

Thanks in advance for all your help. See you Saturday, July 3rd at the Clubhouse.

Carol Beardsley
VB-- 756-2311
City-- 489-5575

The "Best Spot on the Lot" Raffle

Congratulations to Donna and Ian Plant who are now parking in the "Best Spot" at the Parking Lot for the 1999 season.

Tickets are now on sale for your chance to win this parking space for the 2000 season.

This fundraiser supports the Victoria Beach Medical Trust Fund. In collaboration with VB Council and medical personnel, plans are to purchase a defibrillator, suitable to the needs of the entire community (12 months of the year) and compatible with Pine Falls ambulance.

Tickets are \$2.00 and are available at the VB Grocery Store, Moonlight Inn, Parking Lot office and Information office.

The coordinator of this year's event will be Bev MacInnis (756-8694). The draw will be held Saturday, September 4th at 11:00 am at the Parking Lot.

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[Answer on the page 15]

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"Whimsy"

Slightly weird things to do in the summertime:

- Wear shorts with 9 different colours in them.
- Finally learn how to fold a roadmap.
- Go skinny-dipping.
- Stain the back fence --- one hour at a time, spread out over two months!
- Boat to that "special" bay an hour away from the cot tage --- and end up catching a seven-inch fish.
- Finally tackle that 2500 piece jigsaw puzzle! [

If you have a joke, riddle, or funny thought to share -- let's have it. Submissions are always welcome.]

The VB "Nancy Fund" Dinner -- August 21

You may or may not know that we have in our midst at Victoria Beach a very special person. Some might even call her an angel or a hero. At the very least, she would be called a very caring person. Her name is Nancy Johnson.

After 23 years, Nancy has retired as head chemotherapy nurse at the Manitoba Cancer Centre. To the countless people whose journey with cancer has taken them through the chemotherapy room at 100 Olivia Street, the name Nancy Johnson could mean any or all of these -- chemotherapy nurse; patient advocate; friend; psychotherapist; family counselor; comedienne; child psychologist; wheeler-dealer; and cajoler. In her own way, she revolutionized the art and science of caring for cancer patients.

As a tribute to this very special person [and our very own Victoria Beach neighbour, whose family is a fifth-generation cottage owner in the Bayview area], the Manitoba Cancer Foundation has established the "Nancy Fund for Kids with Cancer", and are seeking support from the public in their current fund drive.

A few of Nancy's friends thought it would be a fitting tribute to recognize her years of service with a down-home Victoria Beach dinner on Saturday, August 21 at the Clubhouse. We have some major raffle gifts for this occasion, including a grand prize trip for two -- anywhere that WestJet flies!

We invite you to share this evening with us by reserving your tickets early. For information and reservations, call 488-0136 or 756-8877.

Shelagh & Ross Yarnell
Nancy & Bill Mitchell
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Fran & Lawrie Pollard

Victoria Beach Club Membership Drive

A reminder that the Membership Drive for the Victoria Beach Club is planned for Saturday, July 3 and Sunday July 4. Volunteer canvassers will once again be going door to door to assist you in the purchase of memberships for your family. This year canvassers will also take payment for your tennis shoe tags (\$5.00 per person). Then you only have to take your membership application receipt to the court to obtain your shoe tag.

The primary source of revenue needed to provide all the VB Club activities and services is through the sale of memberships. We need your support to continue the traditions that have made Victoria Beach unique. If you feel that you would like to help us out even more than by simply buying your membership you also can make a tax-deductible donation to the Club. If you feel that you do not need a membership, we also ask you to consider making a donation to maintain the traditions of our Beach. This year for the first time, canvassers will provide a tax deductible receipt at the door.

Membership rates for 1999 are as follows:
(payment by cheque is preferred)

	Season	Month	3 Weeks	2 Weeks	1 Week
Family	\$40.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00
Couple	30.00	25.00	22.50	20.00	15.00
Single:	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$17.50	\$15.00	\$10.00

[Family is defined as mother, father and/or guardian and their children only.]

We want all members to carry their membership cards with them when participating in Victoria Beach Club sponsored events. Cards will be checked at events. We are also, once again selling plastic card holders for 25 cents. If you miss the membership drive you can buy your membership at swimming lesson registration or throughout the summer at the following locations:

- *112 Center Ave. (between 9:30 - 12:00 only)
- *347 Sunset Blvd.
- *117 Sunset Blvd.
- *Sandy Bay area can call Cam or Debbie @ 756-3251
- *Library (during hours of operation) see Laura Burr

Volunteers are always needed! If you would like to be added to our list of canvassers for next year please let me know. It is a great way to meet or get re-acquainted with your neighbors after a long winter and provides a valuable service to the Club.

As always, thanks for supporting the VB Club!

Laureen Johnstone
Membership Chair
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Beach People

Watch out VB'ers. The Hansford-Hambly family reunion is coming July 1st-July 4th. If you see anyone in a grey t-shirt looking lost, please direct them to 306-8th Ave!!

There will be 96 attending from Nova Scotia to Vancouver Island and from Texas, New Jersey, Georgia & California -- ranging in age from 3 mos. to 93. Many things are planned, including a golf tournament, lots of family stories, games of horseshoes, card games, bean bag, kid's olympics, ball games and a scavenger hunt, as well as fun on the beach. As they are Ab's relatives, all competitions will be done honestly and in a sportsmanlike way (unless someone wants to win!!)

We will be celebrating Canada Day & U.S. Independence Day - watch for the fireworks. A banquet will be held Sat. evening, when we will toast Lorne & Thelma Harris, who are celebrating their 50th wedding Anniversary.

Welcome to the whole crew!! Hope you have a great time at Victoria Beach.

Ab & Betty Hansford

Last August, ten "girls" gathered at 449 Sunset and enjoyed a lovely lunch and afternoon hosted by Ella Carmichael and Sheila Sampson. Nothing special, you say?

Ah, but these "girls", now 70 years and more, have been meeting monthly for the past 60 years.

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They started out as school chums during the war. [Not the Great War!] They formed their club and it continues to this day as the "Girl's Club." There have been sad losses from death, but also happy additions over the years.

During the afternoon, Margaret McGavin [nee McGregor -- an original member] called from her home in Vancouver. Of course, we had to fill her in on all our news, so it was a lengthy call!

Back in 1957, I remember my Dad asking how long we planned to call our group the "Girl's Club." We have no plans to change the name and look forward to continuing into the new millennium!

Jean Duncan

The highlight of last summer for the Bayer and Bilenki family of 402 - 6th was the visit of their very dear friends Maite, Jean-Francois and their daughter Amandine Breuil from Lalinde, France. Great fun was had by all and it ended

with a promise to return!

Judy Bilenki

After 31 years, the Frickers of 339 - 4th have "sold the farm", but we'll be renting for 2 or 3 years every June. We had a busy summer in '98 with lots of visitors -- Audrey Richmond from Unionville, Ontario; Jeannie

Mackay from Brandon; Liella Raymes from Outlook, Saskatchewan; and Carol Perch from Winnipeg. Also visiting were our daughters -- Mary and family from Markham, Ontario; and Wendy and family from England [who were house-hunting in Ontario]. The joint was really jumping and we finished on a high note!

Last, but not least, we owe special thanks to sister Leslie and John Godfrey who have faithfully opened and closed our cottage each year.

The Frickers

At 201-1st last summer, the Pritchards welcomed Tania Orgiu from Cagliari, Italy. She had a wonderful time learning English, attending the dances, moon-watching at Arthur beach, and making new friends. However, she said that riding off on a bike into the darkness was a little hard to get used to! Other visitors last summer included relatives Pat Lee, Brodie, David, Amanda, and Danny from Winnipeg; sister Betty Lee and grandchildren Morgan and Ross Alger from Calgary; David Lee, Marina, Luka, and Filip from Toronto; Mary Ann Hutchings Sector, Mathew and J.J. from Calgary; and Douglas Pritchard from Toronto.

They all enjoyed the bear, the beach and the bugs!

The Pritchard family

The "Rellies" went to Canada and drank the country dry: [If nominating champion drinkers, would Gary qualify?] There seemed to be no wine left in all Victoria Beach.

For when it comes to boozing stamina, he's got what it takes!

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We had so many happy times, such good times to recall. The memories will last us through spring, summer and fall.

There was the superb barbecue with Judy and with Duncan, We enjoyed it very much, [was Gary once more drunken?]

The hot dogs cooked by Duncan were totally supreme. The burgers were delicious -- a gastronomic dream. Though we hear he hid a hot dog, just for his own consumption. Of course we don't believe it -- we think it's just assumption!

Then there were Carol and Ian who lent us their bike. It was so much more pleasant than having to hike. And the really nice couple we met playing Charades, [We would mime our thanks, but feel that's too hard!]

Maureen, Bill, and Meghan, we're glad you're our relations,

For a holiday with you is a positive sensation. We really did relax and totally unwind. Enjoying hospitality of a pure Canadian kind.

As a family you are just the best.

And exactly what we'd choose. There is only one complaint. You ran out of booze!

211-6th Avenue welcomes Newlyweds Maxine and Jeff Parsons from White Rock, B.C. This is Maxine's first visit to Victoria Beach and we hope the first of many. "May the weather be with you!"

Congratulations and love,

Mum, Dad, Robin, Art, Ken, Deb, Sheri, Dave, Linda and TJ.

Important Correction!

The telephone number for the Municipal Rescue Vehicle and the First Responders given in the June 25th first issue of the Herald was incorrect. The correct telephone number is 367-2333.

Adult Dance -- Saturday -- July 10



The Big Summer Hummer is almost here!

Time is ticking away to pick up tickets for the July 10 Adult Dance featuring the "one and only" Dameon Styles Band.

The Beer Garden is back and the out-houses have been emptied!

[YEOW!] Leave the kids at home, start the fires and kick the tires!

If you missed Dameon Styles Band at the Birchwood last weekend, come and enjoy them next weekend!

Get those tickets now because they are MOVING FAST! See you there.

[PS-- If ya' don't look 18..... bring the ID.]

Tom and Chris Aldridge

Mixed Slow-Pitch Baseball Tournament -- Saturday, July 17

It's back! A fun tournament for family and friends -- Saturday, July 17th at the SportsGround. There's no entry fee.

Teams need a minimum of 10 players -- 5 male and 5 female.

The number and length of games will be determined by the size of the tournament entries.

Please drop off the name of your team and a player contact [beach phone number and address] at 325 - 5th by Thursday, July 15th. [Entries can be put through the slot in the back door.]

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Victoria Beach in the Winnipeg Free Press

[Editor's note] -- Last September, The Free Press ran a column by Calgary Herald writer Donald Campbell, who was bemoaning the fact that his family was unable to spend their summer vacation here at VB. Here's what he had to say--

"This is going to be a long winter, and it has nothing to do with El Nino or La Nina or the endless wrangling over Quebec or the sliding dollar or Monica Lewinsky or my mediocre Montreal Canadiens.

For me, the winter will definitely be that much more bitter here in Alberta. It will be darker. The snow shovelling will be more painful. The sun will be colder. All because I didn't go back to Manitoba and spend two weeks at Victoria Beach.

We have lived here five summers now since the big move from Winnipeg, and each year we have travelled 1,300 kilometres back to the beach. I thought we would try something different this year. I thought we would go searching for a lake in my home province of B.C., and my adopted home province of Alberta that would be a better substitute for the murky, fish-fly strewn Lake Winnipeg. Wrong.

After trying several poor substitutes, including a parking lot puddle-sized pond in southeast B.C. known as Tie Lake, we arrived back to our Calgary home trying to find nice things to say about the experience. "At least there weren't any mosquitoes." "The mountains were pretty to look at." "No sand in the beach toys spilling into the trunk."

Then, upon reaching the mailbox, I saw a package from Winnipeg. Our so-called friends (a family who introduced us to Vicky Beach) sent us a small box of dream cookies and three copies of the Victoria Beach Herald.

It struck like a smart-bomb fired by the U.S. military right into our hearts. They went to the beach and had a real holiday. We didn't. Dream cookies, for those who haven't visited the Victoria Beach Bakery, are these tenderly soft shortbread cookies with a little jam sandwiched between the wafers and topped with a gentle layer of icing. They fall apart in your mouth and slide down your throat, giving your senses the urge to guzzle ice cold beer.

The Herald, next to the Free Press, is the most important read at the beach. It gives the greatest depth of local affairs such as who won the kids' golf tournament, what movies are scheduled for the clubhouse, and what special parties were held in the past week in the neighbourhood's cottages.

Man, did we miss a lot during our normal two-week stint (the first two weeks of August).

During the swim meet, a six-year-old named Sean McMahon completed the 100-metre course despite the rolling waves, Dave Saunders won the men's golf tournament and skippers Spence Guest and Riley Horne won the yacht races, there was a bike race, a bridge tournament, a dog show, a sand castle competition, a cross-country run and preparations were finalized for the renovations of the 75-year-old clubhouse.

There was other action we missed. For example, a crisis was averted at the golf course when five-year-old Kate Charbonneau got her head stuck in a metal shelving unit. She

was saved by Scott Shepherd, who freed her head and saved both her ears.

That excitement aside, the beauty of Victoria Beach is its setting and its people. At the corner of Arthur Road and Fourth Avenue, the Sprague family cottage offers a spectacular vista of summer flowers along Arthur. You can't walk past without marvelling at the beauty of that garden, which runs about 10 metres along the dirt road.

The family has been there for 65 summers. Two daughters of Frank Sprague, Jacque Darwin and Peggy Sprague, maintain that patch of dirt each summer. This summer they turned 85 and 88 respectively. Then there are the newcomers who meet and discover Victoria Beach. This summer an eight-year-old boy named Dylan was visiting from B.C. He wanted a friend and put a sign up near the general store looking for companionship. Julian, an eight-year-old visiting from Switzerland, answered. He phoned Dylan and the two set a time to meet.

On their first outing, they went in a fishing derby and Dylan caught a fish. Their friendship was immediately forged by the excitement. They ate supper at each other's cottage; they had sleepovers; they even set up a Kool Aid stand in a bid to get into business together, but it was such a hot day they drank the product.

And I missed it. The rocks and pebbles they call a beach in Nelson was pretty. The water was refreshing and I had no problem singing soprano after one dive. But I should have come back to Victoria Beach. Our whole family will miss porpoise diving into the waves or sunset swims - my kids Andrew and Adrienne love swimming in the lake when the sun is setting into the water. Bread at the bakery. Elvis tunes and french fries at the Moonlight Inn. The Spragues' garden Spanking Gord Gooding at tennis . . .

It's going to be a long winter."

Victoria Beach in the "Globe and Mail"

[Editor's note] -- Last August, there were some nostalgic reminiscences of these shores in a "Globe and Mail" column by Jennifer Wells. Here's an excerpt from her column -- specifically about Victoria Beach:

"During summers in the sixties, the place to be, bar none, was Victoria Beach, an hour's drive north of Winnipeg on it's namesake lake.

"Attractions included an always fresh supply of "Milly the Model" comics; a superb penny-candy assortment, including the very excellent Mo-Jo's; warmluberry pie with Blue Boy vanilla ice cream; Irish soda bread and dream cookies from Einfeld's bakery [the Dream cookie -- two shortbread biscuits cut in circles, stuck together with jam, coated on top with a thin white sugary icing sporting a half maraschino cherry. See also: Empire cookies,]: the best dog competition [the family pug, Hogarth, won a prize one year for the shortest ears]; sleeping in rooms in which you could hear the rustle of birch leaves; my best friend Linda; double-decker rainbow ice cream from the Moonlight Inn; late-night games of Clue or Gin Rummy; popping corn in a wire cage over a

live fire; trying to strip a piece of bark big enough to use as writing paper; swimming at King Edward beach, which, because the undertow was strongest there, was deemed a bit of a risk-taking adventure; bicycling absolutely everywhere on sand trails lears were, save for a few station-wagons that served as taxis; bicycling from the cottage community, which at least once a year resulted in gin-pickled forty-something elderfolk going hum over handlebars into the berry bushes; my older sister's maximum cool boyfriend who could do magic tricks and who wore striped clingy beachwear straight out of the 20's; weekly movies at the Clubhouse; extreme rock-jumping; and the most fabulous sunsets in the world."



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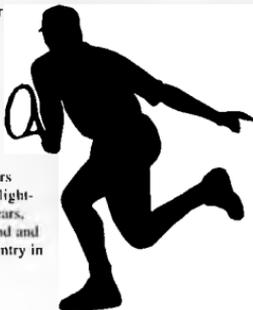
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July Movies start at 8:00 p.m.
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Masters Tennis Tournament '99 -- July 10 & 11

Knock the cobwebs off that racquet, limber up and get ready for Victoria Beach's famous Masters Tennis Tournament

If you are at least 40 or turning 40 in 1999 - male or female - you qualify. Our participant numbers have been dwindling slightly over the past few years, so lets reverse that trend and have our largest ever entry in 1999.



Basic Rules:

Club Members -
\$3.00 per event - maximum 3 events

Non Club Members - \$20.00 entry fee, plus \$3.00 per event, max. 3 events

Just a reminder, if you enter more than one event, in all likelihood you will have to play back-to-back games.

Entry sheets will be posted at the tennis courts on Saturday, July 3rd and will be available there through to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 8th. Draw Sheets will be posted at the courts by 8 p.m. Friday July 9th. In the event of inclement weather, it's up to participants to check with the convener for re-scheduled draw times.

Good Luck to everyone!!

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P.S. Sure would appreciate it if all last year's winners would return their trophies to 305 Sunset prior to Saturday, July 10th.

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A Winter Surprise on the Lake!



It's nice to reminisce about winter -- when it's over -- so, here goes.....

It was a beautiful sunny February day with hardly any wind, so I strolled across the lake-ice from Bayview to the Pier. I was amazed to find that the ice was only partially covered by snow. During a normal Manitoba winter, the ice would be completely covered by a hard crust several inches thick that would be easy to walk on. But, this past winter had produced so little snow, there were BARE ice patches everywhere. Wherever possible, I threaded my way from one

snow-covered section to another, and tried to avoid losing my footing on the smooth and slippery areas of bare ice.

And then I noticed it! Where there was no snow on the lake, I could actually see down through the ice. It was crystal clear.... just like glass! At first glance, it was rather frightening -- almost like walking on water. The illusion was that the ice was not very thick and that I would be crashing through into the freezing water at any moment. Then I looked more closely and discovered that I could see a sort of rippled effect on the bottom of the ice cover. It was very hard to tell how thick the ice was until I noticed that wherever there was a crack, I could see a visible texture to the ice all the way down through the crack. That's when I realized that the ice was at least two or three feet thick. I felt sort of stupid having been taken in by an optical illusion and having worried about crashing through the ice, since I know that winter ice on the lake is always very thick. That thickness was confirmed shortly afterward when a commercial fisherman drove across the ice in a large, heavy tractor on his way back from his nets.

As thick as the ice was, I gave the pier area a wide berth because I know there's usually open water at the end of the pier and sometimes over in the area near the pier jui-out. [I didn't want to become a Herald headline --

"Editor investigates open water -- and doesn't return."]

Anyway, that was a most remarkable experience and a great surprise to discover that the ice was transparent. I'm so used to the lake being murky and silty -- I guess I just assumed that the ice would be like that, too. As always, winter is full of surprises!

By the way, I think it would be interesting if some "Lake-Ice Expert" wrote a Herald blurb about Lake Winnipeg in the winter -- [freeze-up; ice thickness; winter water-currents; open-water areas; ice-forces; ice-cracks; and spring break-up]. Such an article would be welcome on these pages.

Allen Willoughby

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Beach Banter!

Golf course bouquet

It's been said before, but deserves repeating -- John Evans and his golf course staff are gradually transforming our cherished fairways and greens into a thing of beauty AND a considerable challenge to our ever-erratic golf skills.

It's a thrill for long-time VB golfers to be able to enjoy today's "regulation" nine-hole layout -- now with the challenge of a par 5 hole, and the luxury of nine "grass" tees. [With the opening of that immense new grass tee on #8 -- we gratefully say goodbye to those concrete tee-box relics..... forever!]

Some summer evening, ride your bike down the "Sandy Bay" path from 8th to McCauley Road: stand behind the 7th tee just before sunset and gaze down the fairway [through the swarm of gnats and mosquitoes]. The verdant vista laid out before you is the stuff that poems are made of.

It's a beautiful sight. [This memorable scene is marred only by the horrendous hacking and slashing that follows the tee-off.]

Anyway, three cheers for John and the golf course staff -- we sometimes take their hard work and impressive results for granted -- and we shouldn't. [All this and "flush" toilets coming, too!]

The Editor

[Constructive submissions for this column are welcome.

If you have a "beach" beef or bouquet -- by all means, share it with the rest of us.]

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Tuesday to Saturday - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
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Please note:

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In Memoriam

Gordon Mathieson

The Beach lost one of its most valued friends on June 1st -- Gordon Mathieson. Gord and Marian began their love affair with Victoria Beach on 3rd Avenue, subsequently moving to 7th Avenue in 1972.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to have Gord touch our lives, considered him a friend. Gord was a giver -- a giver of his time, his considerable talents, and his friendship. Gord gave to all of us at the beach through his volunteer work. Examples of which are his maintenance of the Rec Director's cottage, and his participation in sailing club activities. He was a ready volunteer for whatever job was asked of him.

Since Marian's passing in 1988,

Gord gave even more of his energies to the VB community and his neighbours. It was Gord that we called in an emergency. We have memories of Gord taking care of us during bad storms, repairing our beach plumbing, watching the children on the beach, helping the kids with their swimming strokes when they were having difficulty, and following them on shore when they were learning to board-sail. He cared for us in a variety of ways. Each Wednesday, Gord had a grass-cutting route of about ten yards. This was his gift to his neighbours. No one asked him to do it -- he just did it.

Last fall, Gord stepped in to help John Evans build the new 8th tee at the golf course when two of John's staff fell ill. Many of us will never stand on that tee without thinking of Gord.

May we all aspire to be as kind and thoughtful to our fellow man as Gordon Mathieson always was.

Kathy McKibbin

The family of J. Arthur F. Young are sad to report his passing at his home in Willowdale, Ontario. He would have been 80 last summer.

Art and Mary Young and their three daughters fell in love with Victoria Beach around 1954 when the rented at 315 -4th. In 1957, they bought a small cottage on 8th, and soon after, a lot on 6th -- the plan being to live on 8th while building at 335-6th.

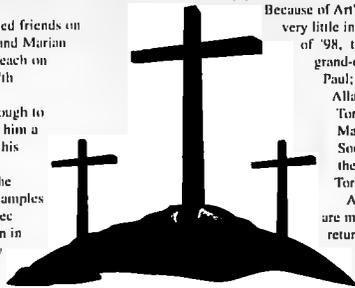
The new cottage was completed, but two family members were especially attached to the old one, so both remained in the family for the last 40 years. Even after moving to

Toronto in '69, the Youngs made two or three trips to VB every year.

Because of Art's illness, the cottages were used very little in '97. However, through the summer of '98, the usual family traffic included grand-daughter Cathy Landolt and husband Paul; daughter Janet Brown, husband Allan, and daughter Laura, all of Toronto. Also visiting were daughter Marilyn Britton and daughter Eden of Sooke, B.C.; and Mary Young with their third daughter Bonnie, of Toronto.

Art's wife, children and grandchildren are missing him terribly, but have returned to find Victoria Beach the same warm, friendly place that Art loved so much!

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Important Correction!

The telephone number for the Municipal Rescue Vehicle and the First Responders given in the June 25th first issue of the Herald was incorrect. The correct telephone number is 367-2333.

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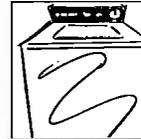
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The first ever "Black and White Beach Ball" will be a pre-millennium evening including a catered buffet sit-down dinner accompanied by wine, and an evening of ballroom and swing dancing plus entertainment in an attractively decorated setting - our very own Clubhouse. The first ever "Ball", which the organizers hope will become annual event, will be held Saturday, July 24th, 1999.

The talented and enthusiastic jazz band, "Atomic Swing", is a group of young people under the leadership of conductor David Hasselfield, who have been performing together as a community band for the past four years. Their gigs have included performances at the Winnipeg Airport, the West End Cultural Center, the Ruby Street Festival, a tribute to Pan Am Games volunteers, and participation in the Minneapolis and Chicago Heritage Music Festivals.

The evening will open with a cash bar at 6:30 p.m. followed promptly at 7:30 by a delicious, professionally catered dinner. At 8:30 p.m. "Atomic Swing" will perform for your listening and dancing pleasure, and during the band's intermissions there will be surprise entertainment for your continued enjoyment! The evening will wind up with coffee, and a special V.B. Bakeshop cake, "black and white" of course!

You won't want to miss this super evening of dining, dancing and fun. It's the perfect opportunity to wear black and white (encouraged), and to enjoy the company of your fellow cottagers and friends in a "black and white" setting accented with the sparkle of little white lights!

Seating for dinner and thus tickets are limited to 160 guests, so be sure to get yours early! Tables of eight may be reserved when you purchase your tickets, so gather your gang and lets "swing into summer"! Tickets will be available while they last or until July 18th.

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