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Junior Golf Tournament Winners



Chris Warrack - Winner - 15-17 Boys



[left to right] Mark Priestley - 13-14 Boys; Krystle McPetrie - 13-14 Girls; Pat Hastings; Alexis Barr - 15-17 Girls; Brodie Quinton - 8-10 Boys.



[left to right] Lauren Nash - 11-12 Girls; Danielle Clarke - 8-10 Girls; Michael Petursson - 11-12 Boys. [back] Pat Hastings*

COMING EVENTS

Volleyball Tournament

Sat. Aug. 14 - 9 a.m. - SportsGround

Duplicate Bridge Tournament

Sat., Aug. 14 - 7:30 p.m. - Clubhouse

Cross Country Run

Sun., Aug. 15 - 9 a.m. - Clubhouse

Novelty Tennis Tournament

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 21 & 22 - Tennis Courts

Annual VB Club Meeting & Lunch

Sat., Aug. 28 - Noon - Clubhouse

60+ Golf and Dinner

Mon., Sept. 13 - Golf Course

Superstars

Beach Events '99 was well organized this year by the team of Lisa Hastings and Nancy Van Berkel. The kids REALLY look forward to this event every year, and they were not disappointed! It has been noted, however, that the volunteers (and swarthy pirates) have way more fun than the kids! Did you notice, curiously, it never rains for Beach Events?

Although there was a threat of bad weather that morning...It turned into a beautiful day! (I think the organizers have some pull with Mother Nature). Thank you ladies and all of your fabulous volunteers for a fun morning of participation events on Clubhouse Beach.

Kim and Jeff Chipman were responsible for a great morning of sandcastle competition last Saturday. They assembled many volunteers and a team of judges who had the tough job of picking the best from an incredible array of sand structures. Notably, the Millennium theme was very popular!

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We are happy to announce that Kim and Jenff will be organizing this event next year... "building" on their experience, and no doubt, "digging" up some new ideas! Thanks to you both!

Thanks to Pat Hastings for giving our young golfers a taste of tournament play at the Junior Golf Tournament. We watched in painful envy at the natural swings of the Junior golfers, as they pursue their little white (pink, yellow and orange) golf balls from hole to hole. I'm sure they will thank you, Pat, for introducing them to joy, despair, frustration, delight, pride, and humiliation as they begin a lifelong golf journey!

Swim Program Convenor Pat MacRae and swim instructors, Jenny, Mary, Lindsay and Lisa, and rec assistant Dan Birley are to be thanked for overseeing the 800 meter Open Swim last week. Apparently there are some young competitors entering this very challenging competition, which says something for the quality instruction they have been receiving over the summers here at VB.

As we are at the end of our Six Week Program of Regular Activities, we have many people to thank for their contributions to the ongoing enjoyment of summers here at VB:

Thanks to each of the swim instructors, Jenny Butler, Mary Birley, Lindsay Otter, and Lisa Flanders for your dedication to the Swim Program. The program changes have dictated that more levels of instruction are required, therefore, our instructors put in long days of teaching. Fortunately we have had great swimming weather and lots of well-earned swim badges were awarded!

A huge thank you to Jaret Ditter, our professional and talented Recreation Director for his dedication to making our regular scheduled recreational activities fun and educational (amid many sleepless nights, thanks to baby Janique)! We would also like to recognize Jaret's wife, Monique, who provides lots of support!

The Library has been well-looked after by Laura Burr and her team of assistants, making sure we have lots of excellent reading material for the summer, and selling VB Club memberships.

The Recreation Assistants: Derek McPetrie, John Holland, Jocelyn Duncan, Tamara Ansons, and Danny Birley have done a fabulous job leading recreational activities, hikes, movies, etc...and for being role models for the younger kids here at VB. We hope your job experience has been worthwhile!

Thank you to Jane Carroll and Dorothy Gregory who have once again provided (well-attended) weekly yoga instruction this summer at the Clubhouse.



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We are grateful to Marina Wilson and Susan Schmidt who have been committed to organizing lots of great craft ideas (on a limited budget) every Thursday! Thank you for a very creative summer and for offering to do this again next year!

The Monday Night Mixed Bridge Club has been brought to us by Dodie Dennehy Tammy MacIntosh, Marilyn Duma, Ken and Dolores Jardine, Fran Pollard, and Donna Thain Purdy. We commend you for keeping this non-athletic tradition alive and for your words of encouragement to those that may wish to take up the Game and join you at the Clubhouse!

Melanie Tooley
Special Activities Coordinator



THE VB "MYSTERY LOCATION"

Try to figure out what VB "Avenue" cottage is described in the following verse:

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And quite tucked away.
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What cottage would that be?
[Answer on page 19]

Whimsy!

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

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James G. Edmond

"Bits and Pieces" from the Editor

The other day it occurred to me that a chronological list of all the VB summer DOCTORS since the 1920's would be a very long and imposing document [if producing such a list was even possible]. That topic hits home for me because it was only a few years ago that I inadvertently discovered that a husband and wife doctor-team that I knew while growing in Vancouver were in fact, way back in the 40's, VB summer doctors.

Ironically, I knew Drs. Ken and Elaine Peacock through my entire childhood, but never knew they had a Manitoba connection, let alone a VB connection. Only after I moved here did the topic ever come up, and only then did I find out that, back in the depths of time, they spent a VB summer treating poison ivy, scraped knees, and embedded fish hooks!

Small world, indeed!

Allen Willoughby

Cottager's Association Annual Meeting -- Sunday, August 22 -- 1:30pm

This year's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, August 22nd at 1:30 pm at the Clubhouse. This is your association dedicated to preserving and protecting the quality of life at Victoria Beach, and in particular, the restricted area of Victoria Beach.

Traditionally, some members of our Municipal council are in attendance which gives those present an opportunity to voice concerns and ask questions. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions or suggestions prior to the meeting, please call Laurie Pollard at 756-2814.

VB Club Annual Meeting -- Saturday, August 28 -- Noon

All VB Club members are welcomed and encouraged to join us for a light lunch followed by our annual general meeting Saturday, August 28 at noon at the Clubhouse. Reports will be given by executive members and any questions or comments you have can be addressed at that time. We look forward to seeing you there.

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- * Every summer there's a large volume of unclaimed mail at the Post Office. Please stop by and see if you have mail waiting for you.

"60 Plus" Golf Tournament September 13th

Tickets for this annual event are on sale at the Golf Course. Price is just \$9.00 (green fees extra for nonmembers). Get your ticket early and reserve your starting spot and place at the banquet table.

The Canadian Airlines "Hole-in-One" challenge is repeated, along with other competitions. To qualify for a golf prize, you must be 60 plus and a member of the V.B. Golf Course or V.B. Community Club or the Senior Scene. "Under age" spouses are very welcome to golf but cannot claim a golf prize. Door prizes are open to all.

Time: Shotgun starts at 9:00 am and 12:30 pm. Cocktails at the Sports Club at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30.

Don't miss this fun-filled day, a great dinner and entertainment for all.

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Cross Country Run Sunday, August 15th

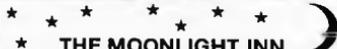
Dust off your runners for the annual VB Cross Country Run. Registration is at the Clubhouse at 9:00 am. The race will start at 9:30 at the Sports Ground.

The three events are:

Short Course: 1st to Patricia to 8th to Gibson to Sportsground (about 3km) Long Course: 1st to 8th to Gibson to Sportsground (about 5km) Family Relay: 4 family members (immediate family/grandparents) same course as the long course, with exchanges at Patricia and 1st, 6th and 1st, 8th and Patricia.

This run is for all speeds -- fast and slow. Last year's winners, please bring your trophies to 309 - 3rd. Thanks.

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Novelty Tennis Tournament

The Novelty Tennis Tournament will be held on August 21st and 22nd. Sign-up sheets will be posted at the tennis courts by Friday, August 13th. Entries will close on August 19th. Times of matches and partners will be posted on Friday, August 20th.

The entry fee is \$3.00 and is payable prior to Saturday morning. Les Carter will be looking forward to see you.

There will be a championship and a consolation event. This will guarantee everyone two "Pro" sets. Come and watch the fun and competition for fantastic prizes at the finals on Sunday. See you there!

Bill Steele

President's Message

Summer isn't over yet, but another season of events and activities is wrapping up. I wish to thank our rec director, Jaret Ditter, for running our rec programs. Our young children were kept active and entertained and we appreciate all the time, effort and enthusiasm you bring to the job. Monique was kept busy with baby Janique this summer, however we look forward to seeing you join in little by little next summer do time and energy permit. The rec assistants have also done an outstanding job of organizing and encouraging our children. Our thanks to Jocelyn Duncan, Derek McPetrie,

Tamara Ansons, John Holland and Danny Birley for a fun six weeks. The rec assistants also do a great job of cleaning up and setting up our activities as well as cleaning up the Clubhouse after each event. Thanks very much to you all.

A thank you to those VB Club members who have filled in our tennis survey and a reminder to the rest of you to please find some time to fill one in and drop it off in the Tennis mailbox just inside the store. The results of this survey will be tabulated and assessed over the winter and our tennis guidelines will be reviewed as a result of the survey.

Thank you for all the input, support, ideas and feedback that have come my way this past summer. I look forward to a healthy and active summer in 2000 and hope to see you all return to help celebrate the Club's 75th birthday and the Millennium.

Penny McMorris

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Recreation News

Round Robin Tennis Results:

Wednesday, August 4th - Teen

- 1st Mike Galenda / Garrett McDonald 16-4 (80%)
 2nd Quinton Anderson / Alex Forsythe 12-8 (60%)
 3rd Dan Forsythe / Nigel Leslie-Allen 11-9 (55%)

Thursday, August 5th - Teen

- 1st Alex Forsythe / Diana Welch 17-3 (85%)
 2nd Nigel Leslie-Allen / Sarah Osipov 13-7 (65%)
 (Tie) Mike Galenda / Ali Strome 13-7 (65%)
 3rd Peter Woodward / Aynsley Walker 7-13 (35%)

Friday August 6th - Adult

- 1st Greg Loader / Kandice Shnbe 14-20 (70%)
 (Tie) Chris Fricke / Fran Steele 14-20 (70%)
 2nd Brian Hyska / Lillian Hancock 13-20 (65%)
 3rd Vic Garden / Jane Turk 12-20 (60%)
 (Tie) Matt Cibinel / Natalie French 12-20 (60%)

Beach Events '99

Cooler weather and Pan-Am ceremonies did not deter the scores of families that attended the annual beach carnival. Even the swim event had some action despite the chilling wind! Once again this event would not be possible without the support from the many volunteers who so cheerfully give a couple of hours of their time to make it happen each year. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to the following: Penny McMorris, Trish Rathwell, Sara Spangelo, Andrea Unruh, Jenny Sudermann, Jessie Rathwell, Sasha Hastings, Lora Hastings, Darlene Phillips, Margaret Fair, Nadine Sheyka, Anita Gooding, Susan Puls, Danny Rouault, GERALYN ROUAULT, Michelle Rowson, Roger Rouault, Tess Rowson, Christy Rouault, Aynsley Walker, Judy Walker, Diane Boyce, Bruce Woodward, Ryan Thompson, Ryan Van Berkel, Mary Birley, Jenny Butler, Cathy Butler, Lisa Flanders, Lindsay Otter, Pat Spangelo, Barb Humphreys, Tom Rathwell, Ken Rowson, Kevin Gooding, Lisa Spangelo, Jocelyn Duncan and friends, Pat Hastings, Terry Boyce, Lauren Johnstone, Don Spangelo and Brian Phillips. A big thank you also to Melanie Tooley! If we have missed anyone - our apologies! A big hug to you all!

Lisa Hastings
 Nancy Van Berkel

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Sand Castle Contest 1999

The annual sand castle building contest was a huge success! Nearly 100 children of all ages participated. From 10 to 11:30 there was a flurry of activity with shovels and sand flying in every direction. Once the dust had settled, we had a wonderful, imaginative, selection of "Sand Sculptures" and castles.

Thank you to our judges and volunteers: Jim Carlson, Sharron and Matt Drinkwater, Jim Edmond, Andrew Gould, Shirley Luczenczyn, Don Spangelo and Michael Tritt. And we owe another thank you to Special Activities Coordinator, Melanie Tooley for all her help with the day. Melanie is at each event to hand out keys, help set up, find volunteers and make sure everything runs smoothly. Melanie is truly "The power behind the games."

Winners in each category were:

Kids Only Theme

1st place "VB, Y2K Millennium Bug"
by Alanna and Bryce Doell, Danielle and David Clake,

and

Alana Kernaghan
2nd place "A Castle"
by Ryan, Eric and Evan Pollard, Rory, Dylan, Adrian and Grace McMorris

3rd place "Pepsi Can"
by Craig and Derrick Enns and Paul Woodword

Honorable mention goes to

Kristin Coke for "Soda"
Daniel Coke for "Tunnels"
Matt and Colin Edmond for "Shark Castle"
Liam and Dacie Morrow for "Tiger"

Most Decorative Theme

1st place "Stoney Wall"
by Stephanie Friesen, Mark, Kevin and Andy Humphreys
2nd place "The Butterfly"
by MacKenzie Carlson and Elizabeth Dow
3rd place "Lake Placid"
by Jamie Peterson and Jordon Suderman

Fairy Tale Theme:

(We are very sorry but we lost the list for this category. Our judges remember the following as the ribbon winners but we have no record of the artists names or other entries that should receive honorable mention. If you can provide more information please call Kim Chipman at 756-2924 or Melanie Tooley at 756-2866.)

1st place "The Fairy Tale Castle"
2nd place "Angel Cat"
3rd place tie "Animal Shelter"
3rd place tie "Pokemon"

Victoria Beach Theme

1st place "VB, Shark"
by Sarah Warrack and Jane Zoutman
2nd place "Moonlight Inn"
by Michael Galenda, Jack Rempel, Graeme, Morgan,

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3rd place "VB. Alligator"
by Kevin Bell, and Ian, Patrick and Pamela Duncan

Honorable Mention goes to:
Samantha Luczenczyn for "The Beach"
Daryl Galenda, Stephanie Fair, and Madelaine Stefanik for
"Lady Bug - Butterfly"
Jesse Dveris-Oberman and Dylan Welch for "VB. Turtle"
Hector Cameron, Emily Hayward and Eleanor and Lucia Orser for "Happy Face Cookie"

Millennium, Century, Decade Theme

1st place "Pod Racer"
by Kristin Mattson, Andrew, Joanne, Larry, Caitlin and
Lindsay Neal
2nd place "Ultra Raptor"
by Alex and Calvin Hawley
3rd place "Medieval Times"
by Brian Gasprin, Steven and John Payne

Honorable mention goes to:
Hanna Chipman, and Meghan Tooley for "Y2K Bug"
Andrea Davies and Alisen Kotyk for "Alien"
Andrew Luczenczyn for "Jar-Jar-Binks"

Super-Structure Theme

1st place "Imperial Class Star Destroyer"
by Jane Dueck, Alex Paterson, Sarah, Spencer and
Mitchell Guest
2nd place "Barney's Kingdom"
by John and Doug Guest and Jevin Hayward
3rd place "Rocket Castle"
by Patrick Smith and Reece Van Hull

Honorable mention goes to:
Regan and Mathew Giesinger and Katie and James
Woolson for "Hot Tub"
Corie and Cam Boulton, and Willie and Matt Johnston for
"Porsche 911"

Special Category all their own:

"Inner Space" by Meghan, Mary Lou and Ken Reeder
The Reeder's brought our event to a new level with their
creation of planets inside a giant eye. We hope you got a
chance to see it. Next year we may have a special "Challenge
or Elite" category.

Please remember to keep your dogs off the beach especial-
ly during the beach events. We had one young participant
who flew off the beach in tears because 2 black dogs trampled
her creation.

Next year watch for new and exciting categories!

Kim and Jeff Chipman



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Beach People



In an event earlier this summer, a convergence of 40 year old long time beach residents arrived for a weekend celebration. In an event conceptualized by Clancy Dennehey who was joined by Karen Irving, Dave Moore and various others, a large cabal descended for a weekend of festivities and laughter.

In events hosted by Alison and Doug Guest, Dan Suderman and the Moore household, a diverse cross section of minds and geography met and parted thru the weekend. Included were guests and relatives from as far away as Mexico, Italy and the U.S.A. . The majority would prefer to remain anonymous, and besides, there would be too many to name.

Lisa Heffelfinger



Californians, Julie, Tara(14), Luke (6), K.C., Chase(6), and Kyle(3) love Victoria Beach!! They wish to thank Grandma Marilyn and Papa Frank at 449 - 8th Avenue for entertaining them. It was the very first visit to VB for Americans K.C. Freeman, her golf "pro" husband Robin, and their two boys Chase and Kyle. These Palm Springs friends enjoyed 2 wonderful weeks of Beach Days, Bike riding, long walks, pier jumping, Bakery "dreams", Moonlight lunches, lots of parties, and those icky fishflies! Fabulous memories for the Freemans.

K.C. just called to let the crowd know she would like to come back next summer, they all love it so much. Many thanks to our friends for renting us their wonderful cabin. It was like staying at the Ritz!

Julie, Tara and Luke stayed on for two more glorious weeks, enjoying the swimming lessons, movies, and their first masquerade (both dressed as Pikachus.) Mousie has loved sitting out on his leash watching all the tasty looking nature around him.

We have enjoyed many wonderful years at the family cottage at 315 - 8th Avenue at the "Kerr cottage" and luckily we have found our piece of heaven close enough so that we can see lots of Grandma and Grandpa. (Gladys and Cecil Kerr).



Bill and Susan (nee Kerr) Meagher along with sons Michael (7) and Daniel (4) and their cat "Mousie" have spent their first summer at their very own cottage at 209 - 7th which they purchased in September of last year.

The boys have thoroughly loved a summer of being beach bums, enjoying the swimming lessons, movies, and their first masquerade (both dressed as Pikachus.) Mousie has loved sitting out on his leash watching all the tasty looking nature around him.

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Susan Meagher



Our one person kitchen has been pleasantly crowded, the fridge stuffed to capacity, all beds occupied (and then some) the line up of monkeys on the couches, open door policy for the bathroom is still in effect, layers upon layers of shoes at the back door, bikes strewn on the lawn, races to get to the shower, full dinner tables with lots of laughter and great food.... all of which we love and wait for all year when we are visited by Ainsley, Gaylen, and Aaron Schott of Calgary. (We sure missed Al though) and Kevaghin. (now a Winnipegger again!) Lunaya and Brittni Scott of Montreal. We enjoy it when the walks rattle!

Jamie, Scott, and Jevian Haywood and Dan Schott



A July filled with family, friends and fun has been the story at the Isaak cottage, 310 - 3rd Avenue. Daughter Pamela, husband Greg and 20 month old daughter Gillian from

Toronto, joined daughter Paula and Grand-dog Elvis, of Whichorse for 10 days of family fun. July 4th was a celebratory evening as the Isaak's and McLeod's of 3rd Ave. hosted the Smith family, of 4th Ave. at a pre-wedding party for Daryl Smith and fiance Christine Shea of Ottawa, whose wedding will take place August 14th. It was a rare occasion to have all but one of the kids together again. Leslie McLeod, of Ottawa, proposed a toast to the wedding couple by cleverly reviewing antics and outings shared by the three families over the past 30 years at VB.

Following the exodus of the Isaak daughters et al in mid July, Norm and Linda Weitzel of Vancouver, formerly of Winnipeg, arrived for a 12 day visit. They shared many happy memories with Winnipeg and VB friends, including the Jaeger's, Stewart's, and Blanchard's of VB. Throughout all of the above, rehearsals for, and participation in the Pan Am Opening Ceremonies took place as well as attendance at many of the athletic events. We look forward to a somewhat quieter August with many wonderful memories!

Gail Isaak



Saturday evening, August 7th saw the joyful celebration of "Sedgifest" at Victoria Beach. Family and several hundred of Paul Sedgwick's closest friends gathered to honour this remarkable young man on his 21st birthday.

A fabulous meal at the family cottage at 208 - 8th Avenue was lovingly prepared by the women in Paul's life. Birthday cake, presents and plenty of photo ops followed.

But the main event for most of Paul's fans occurred later at the Sports Centre. To the strains of "(I Believe in Miracles) You Sexy Thing". Paul accompanied by his big brother Robb and Ian Sorenson (his favorite chauffeur) walked into his surprise social. It was well attended by many of the world's nicest kids and some of their doing parents.

We were all there to celebrate Paul's life - his determination, courage and hard work. You truly are the "Come-Back Kid!"

Thank you to all those who worked so hard to give us such a memorable evening. And "Congratulations" Paul - long may you reign!

Kathy Grover



Son Paul Wolfe and family of Calgary, wife Barbara, daughter Connie and grand daughter Bailey - visited his parents, Mary and Albert Wolfe at 120 - Centre for the week ending August 7th. Paul has memories of Victoria Beach that go back to early childhood. Despite the mixed bag that the weatherman offered it was a fun week.

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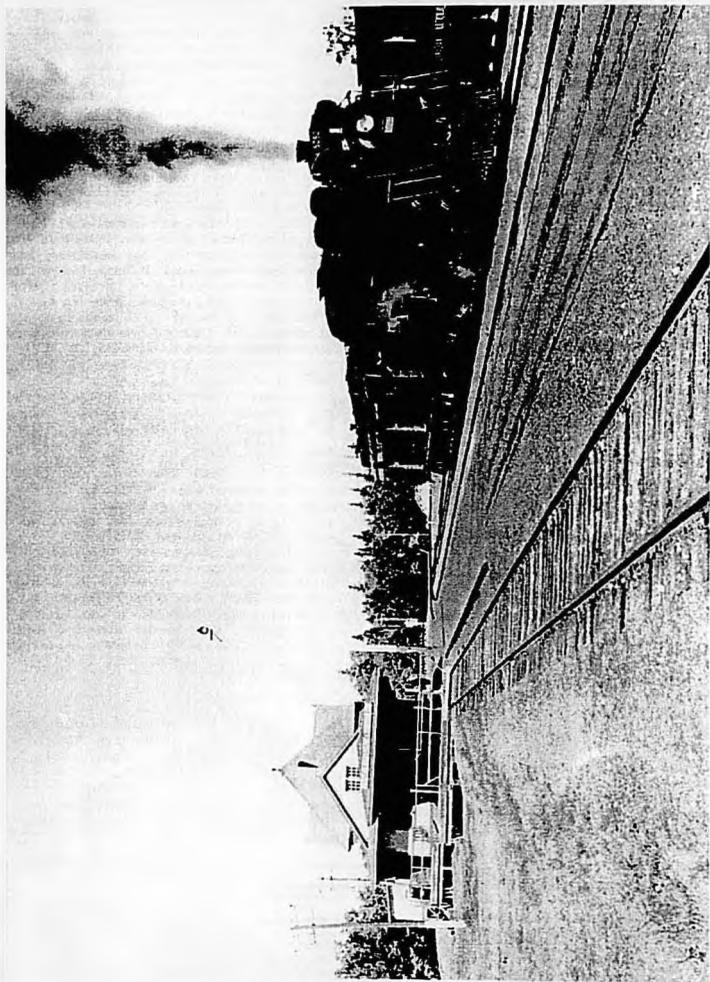
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Victoria Beach -- it's History and it's People

John Conklin



John Conklin, the founder of the Victoria Beach Herald

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Any perusal of old Herald's is like looking into a time machine of Victoria Beach family chronology. Generations are laid out before you as their comings and goings have been dutifully reported over the years. Births, deaths, building additions, visitors, and swimming medals -- it's all in there -- carefully documented as the years patiently passed by.

John Conklin's Idea!

It all started in the Herald in 1926, thanks to a man named John Conklin. An article in a Herald past, written by his daughter-in-law Gladys, fills in the details.....

Conklin became interested in VB through his friend Charles Kennedy, the co-founder of our resort and a man of great promotional skill and vision. They talked often about this developing cottage community. Kennedy arranged for Conklin to buy a lakefront property where he built his log cottage in 1920.

Sadly, Kennedy died around this time, the victim of a fire in the downtown Kennedy building, across from Eaton's. His death was not only a blow to his family, but also to all those interested in the development of Victoria Beach. Kennedy's enthusiasm and aggressive promotion as Victoria Beach Company President would be hard to replace.

Fortunately, others met the challenge of promoting and developing this fledgling summer resort. Among them -- Frank Sprague and John Conklin. It was Sprague, the Reeve, who undertook the challenge of becoming Manager of the Victoria Beach Company, and also designed and built the golf course in 1923.

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For his part, John Conklin, a Winnipeg newspaperman, started "The Victoria Beach News" in 1926 as a means to publicize the charms and advantages of this resort. [Later, in 1930, the summer newspaper officially became "The Herald."]

Conklin used his influence to entice the Winnipeg Press Club to make an annual excursion to Victoria Beach. The CNR co-operated by attaching two parlor cars to a Saturday noon train for their use in late June. Frank Sprague arranged a golf outing for the influential visitors, followed by dinner at the Pinehurst Inn. For some years this was a notable "schmoozing" event for Winnipeg newspapermen and Victoria Beach became widely known through their writings.

Next.... The Clubhouse!

It was Conklin who spear-headed the building committee for the Clubhouse. Through his fund-raising expertise, the construction money was found over several years and the Clubhouse became a reality in 1925.

It was the people who were interested in summer church at the beach who organized the Victoria Beach Club and built the Clubhouse. Besides using it for church on Sunday, they also wanted it as a place where young people could enjoy themselves. Thus emerged the Saturday Night Dance! For about a decade, dance bands came out from Winnipeg to entertain at the Clubhouse. The high cost of these bands took much of the Club's funds and there was little left for other expenses, which severely limited club activities in the early years.

Around 1935, sound amplification of dance records became popular and Conklin saw the possibility of improving the dance music by using popular records. The railway had a diesel electric plant for the station and Conklin persuaded them to extend it to the Clubhouse. Suddenly, high quality dance music from recordings replaced the expensive live bands -- at very little cost! The money saved helped pay off the loans for the Clubhouse construction.

John Conklin died in 1952 at the age of 83. Like so many others at Victoria Beach, from whatever era, he left behind some very significant contributions that we still enjoy to this day!

Allen Willoughby

800 METRE SWIM RESULTS

Conditions at the Pier on August 3rd were about as perfect as we have a right to expect as eighteen heroes took to the water for the annual half-mile open swim race. Thanks to the flat water and extra supervisory assistance from rec assistant Dan Birley, all swimmers were safely accommodated in one huge heat.

So...what with very little standing around waiting in very little wind, and what with warm water and air temperatures, many swimmers claimed to have found this a (very slightly) less "Iron-Man"-type experience than usual! Every little bit helps!

Results are as follows:

OPEN SWIM

Men's

- 1st- C.L. Anderson Trophy Jon Beardsley 12:44
2nd- Alex Johnson 15:52
3rd- Don Simonson 15:53



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* All above fees/memberships include GST * Children 12 & under may not tee off Saturday/Sunday or holidays unless after 10:00 a.m. and must be accompanied by an adult

Women's

- 1st- Richard Reeve Cup Vanessa Johnson 12:40
2nd- Rose Neroutos 12:44
3rd- Sara Spangelo 17:37

AGE GROUP RESULTS

Boys' 8 & Under

- 1st- Sean McMahon
2nd- Alex Jolinson
1st- Ryan McMahon
Participant - Andrew Ruban

Boys' 11 & 12

- 1st- Jon Beardsley
2nd- Jon Blumberg
3rd- Mark Ruban

Girls' 11 & 12

- 1st- Sara Spangelo

Boys' 13 & 14

- 1st- Ashley Schmidt

Girls' 13 & 14

- 1st- Adam Wright

Women's 18-39

- 1st- Vanessa Johnson

Men's 18-39

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- 2nd- Bob Granke
1st- Dick Dawson

Congratulations to all participants!

Pat MacRae, Swim Convener

Junior Golf Tournament '99 -- Results

Over 100 eager participants met with exceptional weather conditions and a Golf Course groomed to perfection. Thanks goes to John Evans and his maintenance and clubhouse staff. John continues to pour his heart and soul into our little course. Please make it a point to thank him personally. A big thank you to the many chaperones and helpers who volunteered their precious holiday time: Gord Gooding Jr., Bill Wilson, Trevor Priestly, Brian Phillips, Roland Penner, Bill Langdon, Scott Thain, Ken Capelle, Bruce Mollison, Kevin Gooding, Roger Smith, Rick Fair, Ken Rowson, Melanie Tooley, Dan Rouault, Brian Clanc, Peter Komarnicki, Reid Anderson, Gary Brethauer, Gord Buchanan, Geoff Oliver, Pat McMahon, Murray Herr, Sam McMorris, and Dave Quinton. Thank you all! Thanks to the many businesses and individuals who donated prizes, thank you thank you thank you!

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The results of the tournament are as follows:

Girls 8-10
1st Danielle Clarke - 59 (won on a countback)
2nd Katlyn Friesen - 59
3rd Laura Laidlaw - 67

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Boys 8-10
1st Brodie Quinton - 38
2nd David Unruh - 39
3rd Troy Buchanan - 44

Girls 11-12
1st Lauren Nash - 48
2nd Meghan Tooley - 52
3rd Sheila Johnson - 62

Boys 11-12
1st Michael Petursson - 33
2nd Quinton Anderson - 38
3rd Mark McMahon - 39

Girls 13-14
1st Krystle McPetrie - 54
2nd Laura Penner - 59
3rd Sasha Hastings - 64

Boys 13-14
1st Mark Priestley - 40
2nd Riley Spell - 41 (won on a countback)
3rd Kyle Friesen - 41

Girls 15-17
1st Alexis Barr - 66
2nd Jocelyn Duncan - 75
3rd Sharon Reinhardt

Boys 15-17
1st Chris Warrack - 34
2nd Jeremy Walker - 39
3rd Jon Cranke - 41

Closest to pin [am]: John Blumberg
Closest to pin [pm]: Adam Janzen

See you all next year!

Pat Hastings

Teen News

The last teen Friday of the summer will be tonight at 9:00pm. There will be a teen dance at the Clubhouse 9:00pm to midnight. We will be having a live band for at least one set, CD's with Rec assistants as DJ's for the rest of the dance.

The rules for the teen dance have changed from previous years so please read carefully.

- 1) Ages 13-19 only. No exceptions. If you feel you look younger than 13 years, bring your parents medical card as proof of age!!
- 2) Doors open at 9:00pm and close to further admissions at 9:45. Please be on time, as no one will be admitted after 9:45.
- 3) If you wish to leave before midnight, you are free to do so but you cannot be allowed back in.
- 4) All backpacks, bags, purses, etc. must be checked at the door and will not be available again until you leave. (If you bring money or a comb, wear something with pockets!)

5) No alcohol or illegal substances in the Clubhouse. Anyone who has been drinking or abusing other substances will NOT be allowed in. Anyone whose behaviour causes difficulties will be asked to leave.

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Any parents willing to help chaperone are really welcome. Please contact me at 402 - 7th or call 756-2736. See you at the dance!

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BEACH BANTER

■ After another busy week in the city was finished, we finally arrived at our cottage late Friday evening. As always, our first stop was at the parking lot to pick up the latest copy of the herald. After we had unpacked all the groceries, we settled down in our favorite chairs to catch up on the news that we had missed.

It was with great interest that we read the "Council Corner" article, reporting the need to repair/upgrade the bakery and to completely replace the store. We have been coming out to Victoria Beach for fifteen years now, and have owned our cottage for thirteen of those years. One of the most important things our family has appreciated about our VB experience, is the character and charm of the cottages throughout the beach area, and the surrounding buildings, in the village green in particular. This area is the focal point for Victoria Beach and there is a sense of history that can be felt when passing through there.

The next morning, I walked down to the store, to have a look at the architectural rendering of the new exterior designs that were being proposed. I was very disappointed with what I saw. On the wall, in all its computer-generated glory, is a slick, streamlined facade that seems more appropriate for a strip mall in the city. This rendering is completely devoid of any of the charm and "beach" character that we all come out to enjoy. I, for one, recall many times, sitting on the porch of the store, in the shade with our family, enjoying a much-anticipated treat and the Saturday paper, while watching small children come squealing out of the bakery, the wooden screen door slapping closed behind them, clutching their goodies in tiny brown bags.

I understand the inevitable need to replace the old store, and to give the bakery a major face-lift, but these two buildings are cornerstones to what gives Victoria Beach its unique and special attraction to cottage owners and visitors from afar.

I would highly recommend that we consider using materials and finishing details on a design that reflects the surrounding "beach" flavour. And not resort to a sterile, urban design that lacks any of the "country-charm" character that we have grown up with at Victoria Beach.

The previous issue of the Herald (August 6) relived stories about the history of Victoria Beach, and the opportunity that is now before us to preserve the original railway station for others to enjoy.

As we are faced with major renovations or replacement of key buildings in our beach community, let's take the opportunity to re-create the warmth and charm that we have come to anticipate as part of the VB experience.

Respectfully submitted by,
Chris Ford

■ I wish to express my gratitude to Dr. Jan Ritchie and Chief Dan Matheson for their prompt and highly professional aid in my time of distress. I also wish to thank Ken and his crew from Pine Falls Ambulance Service for their skillful handling of a difficult situation and last but not least Dr. Van Rooyan and his staff at the Pine Falls Hospital.

We are indeed very fortunate to have these facilities here which are by far superior to the services at a larger facility.

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■ About the railway station: it currently evokes many pleasant memories. Upon hearing the engineer signal his arrival for dawn, the children would then run from the cottage to meet the train. Then there was the ride to the "Y" and the treasured ice water. There was Sheriff Sam Ateah on the platform sending bathing-suit-clad people home to return suitably clad. Bare skin simply wasn't appropriate for the platform.

Now what to do about the sale of the "old station". I don't believe the municipality should get involved, yet the station if acquired by other means, will need a parent body to maintain it. The only other parent-body available is the VB Club. It would require an additional 2 members on the Club executive and a separate bank account. The station could become a museum and a storage place for such a venture as a bowling green. It would offer space for meeting of a local Naturalist Society. The initial task, of course, would be to raise the purchase price and the cost of moving it to its original site

Opinion on the store and bakery:

Thinking of our store and bakery, I was soon encountering a mixed bag of emotions. Right off when I looked at the architect's design I did not like it. Too modern, too much a small town facade. I would go for a split-cedar log building - squirrels would leave it alone. And a slanted roof to reduce the snow and keep the weight low. As to place, that's where I have mixed feelings. On one hand the store and bakery fit well together. On the other hand, the store presents certain problems the bakery doesn't.

Years ago, as the editor of the Herald, I interviewed Fred Gee from Selkirk. He had taken on the store and Moonlight Inn that year. Mr. Gee had two problems with the store, one he couldn't get a line of credit and Wholesalers also would not deliver. Mr. Gee resorted to driving into Selkirk to the Safeway store. He then had to add to the prices to cover costs and pay himself and his hired hands. Of course customers complained about the prices and turnover was poor.

The best answer has been with the proprietors of Saffie's store in Albert Beach taking on our local one. Being run year round the storekeepers had credit and delivering services, plus when our local one closed, there is somewhere to move the unsold goods. The question is -- how long would the store keeper of Saffie's store be willing to offer services here if profit were too low. For VB cottagers to be sure of having a local store, they must be willing to buy at the store or offer another way to increase sales.

There would be an increase in sales if the store were to be built outside the gate across from the parking lot, and with parking of it's own. Shoppers from Hampton and along Route 504 and Wanasing could drive to the store. If the Bakery were in the same building it would be even better.

What then of the loss to the village green of the social benefit of people meeting when shopping. Something would have to take their places. Perhaps the attraction would be a flower garden, with benches, and the bowling green.

A. Wolfe

Ode to the Flushmatic!

[To be posted in the bathroom]

We hope you have your glasses on,
And are not in a rush,
And have time to read this through,
Before you try to flush.

The throne ahead, we can assure,
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Unlike it's city cousin though,
It has a nasty quirk.

Look in the bowl and you will see,
Stands water clear as Scotch.
But at the bottom, that round trap,
'Tis this you have to watch.

Pull down the handle on the left,
[or step on the pedal down below],
To make the water flow.
But let it up too soon we warn,
The nasty quirk will show.

For that round trap works like a jaw,
As can be plainly seen.
And paper and all else you dropped,
Can be entrapped between.

To clear what's trapped, you will agree,
Will not be any fun.
So, before you let the handle [pedal] up,
Let water run and run!

[From Hank Benningen -- Herald, 1986]

BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

28 bridge players just made to their places at the bridge tables when the heavens opened up and it poured. Fran Pollard came 1st with a score of 6560 and John Cunningham who seems to drop in on us once a year came 2nd with 5330.

Don't forget that Aug. 14, Saturday at 7.30 P.M. is our duplicate game for the VB Trophy. If you don't have a partner and want to play call Dixie 7568497 or Marilyn 7562458 or just show up and we'll try to oblige.

Perhaps it's your year to take home the Trophy. Join us for bridge, coffee and cookies. For \$1.00 admission, who would miss it!

Fran Pollard

Tennis News

This weekend is the last one which the court attendants will be on duty. I would like to thank Katie Cibinet, Diana Welch, Siobhan Holland, and Bryn Oliver for doing a great job over the last 3 weeks. Good work, all of you! Interested applicants for next year's court attendant positions may submit resumes to me, at 309 - 7th. I will hand them over to the incoming tennis convenor.

A convenor is needed for next year's Adult Open tournament, which is held on the August long weekend. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please speak to me, and I'll pass your name along. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Shelley Lindquist

Upstart Teenager in Upset to Win Elk Island Scrabble Trophy

Cameron Kaye, a mere breath of a lad, but with an obvious way with words, is the 1999 Victoria Beach Scrabble Champion.

The atmosphere was tense for both contestants and spectators at the spacious Fox Emporium on Seventh Avenue watched as the young teenager edged out the veteran competitors Gerry Krone, Cliff Fox and Diane Koles to capture the coveted Elk Island Trophy, symbol of Scrabble supremacy in Victoria Beach.

The Friday night event provided a fitting climax to the summer Scrabble season, with the creme de la creme of the Scrabble Club battling to math the polysyllabic prowess of the upstart winner.

News of a possible upset spread quickly by word of mouth among the on-lookers heading to the drama of the occasion and the thrilling denouement.

The Trophy was handed over to young Cameron by Gerry Krone, last year's winner, in a brief but touching ceremony, recorded on film for the archives by the Club's official photographer, Norm Black.

Observers from the Pan Am Games executive sat in to assess the club's bid to have Scrabble included in the next Games. Their decision is being deferred. Scrabble Club members printed out the advantage of having a drug-free event, with the exception of small amounts of gin, wine and beer.

K. Chorny

Scrabble Trophy Winner Wrongly Identified

Last year's winner of the Victoria Beach Scrabble Club's Elk Island Trophy was Gerry Krone.

Inaccurate information appeared in last week's Herald, and A. Adamson, President Emeritus of the Club, who supplied it, apologized to the Herald and it's readers. A. Adamson's offer to resign was rejected. Club members citing his many years of error-free administration of the Club's affairs, and his far-sighted planning for a special Scrabble tournament as part of Y2K celebrations.



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- Brochures at local stores.

Handweaver and Basketmaker

Brigitte Weber's Open House Celebration Show and Sale. August 21, 1999. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. 442 - 8th Ave., Victoria Beach. Basketry classes will be offered on request. Repair work on Wicker Furniture available. Call 756-2862 or in Winnipeg: 837-6043.

Paintings for Sale

Mar Desmet, B.F.A. Honnurs.

Artist and art educator.

Paintings at the store, Inn, Hotel and Dockside. Drop in to my studio and gallery - 3 Pine Rd. Victoria Beach. 756-8896

Kraft's Studio

One of a kind Exquisite Handcrafted gifts

- Wood sculptures • Stained Glass • Jewellery • Watercolour Paintings

Watch for signs 118 Birch Ave. (between Bakery & Doctor) or by appointment, Ph: 756-8578.

FAMILY REUNION - Mid Summer - 2000

We would like to rent a Victoria Beach cottage for a 2 week period - mid-summer 2000! If you can accommodate, please call TERRY LACOSSE at 204-642-7325.

VICTORIA BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH

St. Michael's Church, Corner 8th and Pine
 Interdenominational Services 11:00 a.m. Sunday
 August 15 - Rev. Irene Sale - United
 Mark and Nancy Zeilstru - Music

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL VICTORIA BEACH

Service of Holy Communion - Every Sunday
 During July and August '99 - at 9:00 a.m.
 Every 1st and 3rd Sunday - 11:00 a.m. from Sept. until June
 The Rev. Ken Turnbull & The Rev. Canon Wm. Duff
 At St. Michael's Community Church
 8th Avenue and Pine, Victoria Beach

VB Doctor Information & Update

The doctor currently in residence at 124 Birch until August 21 is Dr. Carl Walker.



Doctor's Hours

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

Please bring your Manitoba Health Number and pay for all medications.

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



THE VB "MYSTERY LOCATION" ANSWER

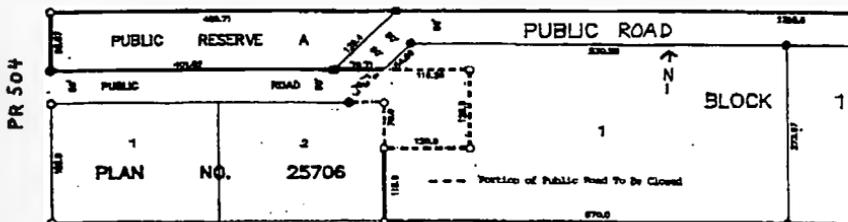
"Fort Knox" and
 Guest House @ 316 - 2nd

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIA BEACH

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 290(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach has proposed a By-law providing for the closing of a portion of a Public Road as shown on Plan of Subdivision no. 25706; copy of said plan of subdivision may be examined at the Municipal Office of the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach at 303-960 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, by any person desiring to make representation with respect to the proposed closing;

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the portion of the Public Road which is to be closed is legally described as follows:



All that portion of Public Road, Plan No 25706 WLTO lying to the southeast of the straight production southwesterly of the northwestern limit of Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 36679 WLTO.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that upon the closing of the said portion of the Public Road, the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach has proposed a By-law providing for the conveyance of the portion of the Public Road to be closed to Wolfram Kraft and Michel Poirier;

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Subsection 290(2) of The Municipal Act, the Council of the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach will sit at the Municipal Office of the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach at 303-960 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, on the 21st day of September, 1999 at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon to hear any person or agent of any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the By-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 30th day of July, 1999

Raymond J. Moreau
Secretary-Treasurer
Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach