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VB Celebrates the Millennium

Saturday, July 15th - 11 a.m.

Village Green & Sports Ground (See details in the Herald centerfold)



COMING EVENTS

VB2K Millennium Celebration

Sat July 15th - 11:00 a.m. - Village Green and Event Tent
Sports Ground

(See details in this Herald)

Children's Masquerade

Sat. July 15 - 5 - 6 p.m. - Event Tent
Sports Ground

VB2K Adult Dance

Sat. July 15 - 9 p.m. - 2 a.m. - Event Tent
Sports Ground

Fishing Derby

Sun, July 16 - 2 a.m. to noon - Pier

Junior Tennis Tournament

Wed & Thurs, July 19 & 20 - Tennis Courts

Sports Day

Sat July 22 - 10 a.m. to Noon - Sports Ground

Masters (40+) Tennis Tournament

Sat & Sun, July 22 & 23
Tennis Courts

200 Meter Open Swim

Sun. July 23 - Noon - Pier

Ladies Movie Night

Wed. July 26 - 8:30 p.m. - Clubhouse

Men's Golf Tournament

Friday, July 28 - Golf Course

Beach Events & Sandcastle Building

Sat. July 29 - 10 a.m. - Noon
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July Movies start at 8:00 p.m.
Movies are approximately
2 hours in length.
Rating are based according to the
Canadian Home Video Classification:
G-General:
PG-Parental Guidance Suggested.

(Please note that very few movies today are given a G rating.)

Superstars

We are fortunate to have some talented rookies and some seasoned veterans in the saddle for special events this year. We're off to a great start thanks to the talents of:

• **Susan Pollard**, who is running a marathon of a different kind — the VB Club Membership Drive. She mustered a small army of canvassers to bring this service right to our doors. Thanks, Sue!

• **Linda Sudermann and Barb Reiss**, the dynamic duo who organized one of the club's biggest and most labour-intensive events — the Flea Market. In heat and humidity they co-ordinated what must be nearly fifty volunteers for this huge task and then made it fun for us bargain-hunters. Over \$3,300 was raised! Good job, gang... and thanks to the many cottagers who contributed items and prizes.

• **Pat McCrae**, our swimming convener, who got our eager young swimmers signed up for their lessons. Patty had her smiling crew of instructors were on hand to figure out who goes where and when, plus her registrars — Dale Reid, Jamie Scott, and Haywood and Allison Guest. Thanks, gang!

• **Slow Pitch Tournament convener Bob Lawler** didn't even break a sweat as he led his happy ball-players through their schedule in last Saturday's baseball fun. There were lots of fresh faces out there.

• **Trish and Tom Rathwell** and their rootin' 'tootin' gang wrassled up a head of smart tips on bike safety and maintenance for our little cowpokes at the Bike Ride-on.

• **Jocelyn Burr** and her wonderful family — **Fran, Keith, Laura and Ian** — who hosted a great used-book sale last Sunday afternoon so we could lay in some summer reading and raise some welcome \$5 for new books for the library. From your grateful readers — thank you!

• **Ken Capelle**, our mover and shaker tennis convener, who arranged for the re-development of what are now three excellent tennis courts, and then brought down a Tennis Manitoba instructor to give the clinic on how to use them better. Thanks, too, to Robert Kennedy for making the lessons so positive. Come back soon!

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"A Mini-History of Victoria Beach"

(Editor's note: The arrival of the year 2000 and the new Millennium has been marked by many special events and celebrations in Manitoba since January 1/00 arrived. This weekend's Y2K Victoria Beach festivities can be added to the list. I thought it might be fun to have a quick look-back and take note of the significant events that have occurred here at Victoria Beach over the past couple of centuries.)

• Early 1730's

– Explorer Pierre de La Verendrye and his sons built Fort Maurepas near what is now Pine Falls and apparently also had a look-out station at what is today Victoria Beach.

• Early 1800's

– The Selkirk settlers and many others travelled through Lake of the Woods and the Winnipeg River; out into Traverse Bay and Lake Winnipeg; around the peninsula of Victoria Beach; and on down the lake to the Red River Settlement.

• 1870

– General Viscount Wolseley and his troops camped on the VB shores enroute to the Red River settlement where they would confront Louis Riel and his followers.

• 1880

– Henry Hampton arrived. Later, in 1898, he registered a homestead.

• 1890

– In the early 1890's, Captain John Thomas, sailing in a steamer from Selkirk, arrived at Victoria Beach (then known as "Little Elk Island"). He was supplying wood for a Selkirk sawmill and supposedly cut 800 cords of pine and birch from the area which later became our golf course. On one of his trips, Thomas was accompanied by Charles Kennedy, who saw great potential in the area as a summer resort.

• 1897

– Charles Kennedy started purchasing land and continued to do so until 1912.

– Dan Anderson arrived (at the age of 12) with his father, who built an ice-house and purchased fish for a Selkirk company.

• 1904

– Captain Alex Anderson settled on Pier Point and ran the boat service for a Selkirk fish company.

• 1906

– Jim Olafson married Fannie Hampton and settled at VB to fish.

• 1907

– The first dock was built by Alex Anderson. *(It was located between the present pier and the swimming-lesson docks.)*

• 1908

– The S.S. Pilgrim, carrying summer visitors, would leave Selkirk early in the morning and arrive at Victoria Beach (which was then still known as "Little Elk Island") at about 1:30 p.m.

• 1912

– Michael and Shafia Ateah established their homestead. *(Their house later became the Ateah museum.)*

– The Federal Government boat dock was built on the present site of today's pier.

– The Victoria Beach Investment Company was listed for the first time in the Winnipeg Directory. Founders were Charles Kennedy and Charles Vokes. *(Kennedy's idea was to create a community styled after the setting of a British village.)*

– The first subdivision plan was registered, covering lots on Sunset and Victoria Boulevards.

• 1913

– Edgar Ransom was commissioned to take photographs of the area to advertise the lots for sale. *(Mr. Ransom arrived by way of Gimli, after a rough lake passage.)*

• 1916

– Work began on the clearing of timbers on Sunset Blvd. and Arthur Road.

– After two years of negotiation and persuasion by Victoria Beach Company executives – the CNR (at that time Canadian Northern Railway) reached Victoria Beach. The engineer on the first "work" train to reach the beach was Harry McFee.

– The first "passenger" train to the beach arrived on June 11, 1916 with three coaches, filled to capacity. The first arrivals by train were people who had purchased lots earlier in the year and who were coming down to see their properties. The train took three or four hours.

The conductor on that first passenger train was W.E. Empey. The stops along the way were Paddington Junction;

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2000 Victoria Beach Golf Course Rates

Manager: John Evans
Memberships

	Seasonal	Monthly	Two Weeks
Family, Adult Couple	\$240.00	\$145.00	\$100.00
Single Adult	165.00	100.00	70.00
Junior 13-17	100.00	65.00	60.00
Child 12 & under	75.00	50.00	45.00
2 or more children, same family (12 & under)	110.00	75.00	65.00

Green Fees

9 holes	Weekdays - \$7.00	Weekends - \$7.50
	Children - \$1.00/round (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays only)	

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Transcona; Water Tank; Parkmount; Gonor; East Selkirk; Semple; Libau; Scantbury; Balsam Bay; Grand Marias; Belair; and finally - Victoria Beach.

- The luxurious Pinehurst Inn was constructed on the point near the Pier.

(Pinehurst Inn rates in the 20's and 30's included ALL meals, plus baggage transfer to and from the train. The WEEKLY rate in the main building or the adjacent cottages was about \$20. For meals only Breakfast was 50c; Dinner was a dollar or less. The name of the hotel was later changed to The Victoria Beach Inn.)

- The only cottages at the beach in 1916 were those of F. C. N. Kennedy and Charles Vokes. The Pinehurst Inn was occupied by Charles Kennedy and his family; Dr. N. J. McLean and his family; and Dr. and Mrs. Wehsler.

• 1918

- The first CNR Stationmaster was Osborne Scott. (The original CNR station has been refurbished and stands today on Ateah Road.)

• 1919

- The Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach was formed and the first council was elected. Charles Kennedy was the first Reeve.

- Work started on the clearing of Avenues from 4th to 8th.

- A Mr. Atkinson left Winnipeg by foot with about 10 boys to reach his cottage near Connaught Beach. This became an annual event for a number of years.

- A large, modern hotel was planned for the location which is today the Sports Ground and Sailing Club. Oscar Paulsen put in the footings and floor, but construction was halted after the untimely death of Charles Kennedy. He died in a fire in the downtown Kennedy building, across from Eaton's. This was a great blow not only to the Kennedy family, but to others interested in the development of Victoria Beach.

- The Forest Conservation Service established an air-base at VB and built their hangar on top of the abandoned hotel foundation.

- Frank Sprague assumed the management of the Victoria Beach Company and was also appointed Reeve.

• 1920

- Residents got together and started clearing underbrush from part of the present golf course location. By 1923, plans were underway for full-fledged golf course construction.

• 1921

- The Victoria Beach Club was organized. The first meetings were in Paulsen's store, which later became the Meat Shop.

- A church service was held for the first time in a new store run by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Falls.

- Mr. Paulsen moved his store to a location behind his home on Arthur.

• 1923

- The air-base moved from Victoria Beach to Lac du Bonnet. (The wooden floor of the hangar was then used as a tennis court.)

- The golf course was designed and built by the Reeve, Frank Sprague. (At one time, there was also a wooden tennis court located just off the ninth fairway.)

• 1925

- The present Clubhouse on the beach was built and furnished by funds raised through grants, loans and donations.

• 1926

- John Conklin, a Winnipeg newspaperman and VB cottage owner, started "The Victoria Beach News" (which later became "The Herald"). One of the first articles concerned the threat of automobiles to the pristine landscape of Victoria Beach.

- There were three trains to the beach on Friday's at 3:10; 5:30; and 7:45. They came to be known as the "Daddy Specials." Usually, around 900 people arrived on the

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weekend – the record (depending on which source you use) was 1300 – 1500.

– A favourite pastime of youngsters was to jump on the train after it unloaded, drink ice water, and enjoy the ride down what is now "Gibson" to the "Y" and back. Many will know, but some won't, that the "Y" was the area behind Bayview near the lagoon where the train turned around for its return trip to Winnipeg. The "Y" later became the VB dump until the present dump/ "land-fill" was established just off the Pine Falls highway.

• 1927

– Golf course fees for adults – 25¢ for 9 holes. For children – 15¢. "Kids Day" – a nickel!

• 1928

– A unique fire engine was purchased – the fire-fighting apparatus was attached to a Ford car.

– The "Moonlight Inn" was built on the present site.

• 1929

– Mr. Baragar installed the first radio in his store. (Baragar's Store was situated adjacent to today's Bakery.)

• 1930

– The "Victoria Beach News" officially became "The Herald."

– A new sub-division – "Bayview" – was placed on the market. (Minimum value of the cottages was to be \$500.)

• 1932

– During the 1930's, three main centers of mink ranching began to emerge in the province – in Winnipeg, Carman and Victoria Beach. At Victoria Beach, it was started by Alfred Ferde Ateah in 1932.

• 1940

– The cruiser "Valtannis", captained by Walter Thomas, left the dock daily for excursions out on the lake to Black River, Pine Falls, Elk Island, and Grand Beach.

• 1946

– The new Bake Shop was opened. (The earlier one burned down the previous year.)

• 1947

– After the VB pier was destroyed by storms, the Federal Government granted money to re-build it.

– The VB Club started cleaning up the site vacated by the air-base and created the present SportsGround (adjacent to today's Yacht Club).

– Return rail fare to the beach was raised to \$1.60.

• 1952

– After much planning, fund-raising, and a cooperative construction effort by the community, St. Michael's Church was dedicated at the corner of Pine and Eighth.

• 1953

– The Victoria Beach Inn (formerly The Pinehurst Inn) was partially destroyed by fire. (You can still find some of the footings amid the grass on Pier Point.)

• 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 "Avenues" finally had electric power in 1958.

– Nine hole golf course fees rose to 75¢ for adults and 25¢ for children.

• 1957

– The "paved" Highway #59 was finally completed all the way to Victoria Beach.

• 1959

– The remaining rubble of the burned-out VB Inn and several adjacent buildings was removed from Pier Point. One of the original rental cottages is today the VB Library, and two more of the original cottages are today located at 130 and 132 Center Avenue. The original two-storey staff residence for the Inn stands today on the south-east corner of Pine and Eighth (across the street from St. Michael's Church).

• 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. (This was repeated in the mid 1970's.)

• 1967

– Canada's Centennial Year. The permanent population of Victoria Beach was 75 people, and the summer population was over 1,000.

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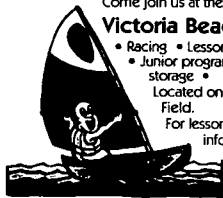
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By 1967, the VB peninsula boasted eleven mink ranchers with a combined mink population in excess of 50,000 animals. These figures gave Victoria Beach premier ranking in provincial production, followed closely by Carman.

The local ranchers included: John Anderson, George Ateah, John Ateah, Jimmy Chapel, Fred David, Len David, Mrs. F. Jonsson, Glen Lester, Rex Lester, Bert Trainor, and Walter Whyte.

•1970

Manitoba's Centennial Year, and Canada's Premiers visited Victoria Beach.

•1977

The original log clubhouse at the golf course was replaced by the present building.

•1988

A vicious summer storm ripped through the community on the evening of Friday, June 24th, causing extensive damage in just a few short minutes. High winds snapped or uprooted many trees and left a huge clean-up operation for almost every VB cottager.

Library News

The Giant Book Sale, held this past Sunday, was a great success. We sold lots of books and the profits will support the library with the purchase of new books.

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the event. A big thank you also to those people who volunteered their time to make the book sale a success: *Eric, Jane, Sarah, and Graham Bow, Amy and Bill Burr, Melanie Tooley, and the VB Library volunteers.*

Another thank-you goes to *Thora Cooke* who generously donated a desk for the library. Also, I would like to extend many thanks to *Mrs. Graham* of the West Kildonan Collegiate library who donated cards and pockets to our library. These supplies were much needed and are greatly appreciated.

See you in the library!

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A Hole-In-One... at 80!



After playing golf at Victoria Beach for twenty-five years, Hilda Horne accomplished the almost impossible (for most golfers) by aching the 127 yard 3rd hole.

She used a 3 iron and a Pinnacle ball to get the job done. Her witness was husband and life-long partner Bill.

I have her permission to write that she was in her 80th year. The hole-in-one trophy she's holding was a Christmas present from her grandchildren - Todd, Ryan, Jason and Ian Sorenson.

John Evans
VB Golf Course Manager

The Victoria Beach Show

Terry Lacosse's, now annual, beach show on July 29th at the Club House
NEW PAINTINGS & CICLES



Art Show & Sale

Flea Market 2000

The first Flea Market of the new Millennium was a resounding success! Over \$3300 was raised in the season's biggest fund raiser for the Victoria Beach Club. Hundreds of volunteers - men, women, boys and girls - came out in full force to help with this event. Without their help, it could not have been done! We thank you all (you know who you are) from the bottom of our hearts.

Another big thank you goes out to the people and companies who contributed the silent auction items. Thanks to: Betty Ludewyck, Kris Robins, the Reiss family, Len & Linda Sudermann & family, the Manning family, the Pollard family, Bob Simmonds Electric, the Dubiński family, the Watchorn family, the Carlson family, Pine Greenhouse, Grand Pines Golf Course, and Mary Louise Reeder "Lizzy & Co."

And thank you to all the "buyers" who stood in line and waited to purchase that special treasure one can only find at the V.B. Flea Market. We had fun organizing the event this year.

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We have had a great response to the sailing classes so far. There are spaces still available throughout July & August. It is a lot of fun for all ages!

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Bikers At V.B.!

On Sunday, many miniature bikers attended the fun-filled bike rodeo. A great time was had by all.

Thanks to: Johnny "Powerwash" Isbister, Chris Aldridge & the Yacht Club, Lorne "Mr. Fix-It" Stevens, Saint Thomas Rathwell, Constable Graham and his partner Paulin. More thanks to the lovely Jessica, Emily, Nicole, Aynsley, Janine and Tara; the ever-patient Wendy Duncan; and to the strong-men - Peter, Lindsey, Steven and Lee.

Popsicles were enjoyed by all and many lucky riders won prizes, including plush toys, hot wheels and a fabulous Moonlight Inn cap donated by Dan.

Happy riding. Keep safe.

Trish Rathwell

Aerobics

Hurry! It's not too late to look good in your bathing suit. Start your day and your heart off right by meeting our instructors behind the library every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10 to 11 a.m.

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Wednesday	July 19	Debbie
Friday	July 21	Michael

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- No mail is received at the Post Office on Saturday.
- For security reasons, anyone picking up mail for someone else must supply personal identification and present a signed and dated letter authorizing mail pickup.
- Every summer there's a large volume of unclaimed mail at the Post Office. Please stop by and see if there's mail waiting for you.

Recreation News

Tennis Round Robin Results:

Monday, July 3rd - Adult

- 1st Leny Vroom/David Garroni 16-4
2nd Sheila Quinton/Stuart Juzda 15-5
3rd Joyce Ramsay/Roman Rycyk 11-9
Hannah Lailey/Ross Yarnell 11-9
Shelagh Yarnell/Kiri Campbell 11-9

Wednesday, July 5th - Teen

- 1st Mark Ruban/Siobhan Holland 17-3 (85%)
2nd Alex Manning/Tyler Phillips 10-6 (62%)
3rd Diana Welch/Luke Suderman 9-7 (56%)
Rory McMorris

Thursday, July 6th - Teen

- 1st Siobhan Holland/Sasha Hastings 13-3 (81%)
2nd Katie Thomas/Tyler Phillips 14-6 (70%)
3rd Aynsley Walker/Rory McMorris 9-7 (56%)

Friday July 7th - Adult

- 1st Barb Suderman/Allen Willoughby 15-5 (75%)
Sheila Quinton/Richard Howes 15-5 (75%)
2nd Christine Neufeld/Bill Steele 10-6 (62%)
3rd Five groups were tied for third at 50%

Children's Hike: This week's hike (Wednesday, July 19) will be to the sand cliffs. We will ride our bikes along the highway. If you wish to push your bike from the highway to the cliffs, you may do so, otherwise please bring a bike lock so you can lock your bike at the entrance.

Golf Lessons: I am looking forward to seeing everyone back in full swing!

Golf Quotes:

- "There are only two people who can hit a one iron - God and John Daly." (Tom Watson)
- "When rain and lightning start on a golf course, I hold up my one iron, because I know that even God can't hit a one iron!" (Lee Trevino)

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Vic. Beach	7:50am	Fri.	064	Winnipeg	9:45am

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Teen News

The second annual "Teen Scavenger Hunt" will take place tonight (Friday) July 14th at the Clubhouse.

Registration this year will be 9:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. There will be a charge of \$2.00 per teen to cover the costs. All teens are welcome.

Scavenger hunters will have to find items hidden in various locations all over the beach, using a list of clues. All locations will be accessible without having to cross the highway. One section of the hunt includes a list of trivia questions about VB.

Hunters will be placed on teams and will go out searching in pairs, on bikes and with flashlights. You must use a flashlight. Please bring a flashlight, back pack, pencil and paper.

The hunters will be ready to head home just before midnight. Parents are welcome to come and meet them if they wish.

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VB2K — VICTORIA BEACH CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF FUN IN THE SUN! SATURDAY JULY 15, 2000 VILLAGE GREEN and SPORTS GROUND

PROGRAM:

11:00 AM- 1:00 PM — Deep Pit BBQ luncheon - The Green
11:00AM- 12:45 PM — Kids Program #1 - The Kids Area
12:30-1:00 PM — Moose Jackson - The Big Top
1:00-2:00 PM — Al Simmons - The Big Top
2:15- 4:00 PM — The Tea Dance with Moose Jackson -
The Big Top
2:15- 3:30 PM — Kids Program #2 - Kids Area
5:00 PM — The Masquerade - The Big Top
6:00-8:45 PM — Teen Dance - The Big Top
9:00PM-2:00 AM — The Adult Dance - The Big Top

VB2K — DETAILS

- **Lunching** - Luncheon service starts at 11:00 AM. Six food stations to serve your deep pit beef and salads (*beverages included*). Turn in your ticket and get your wristband for entry into **"The Big Top."** (*Hot dogs, chips, and drinks, etc. for the kids — served in the designated kids lines.*) Bon Appetit!
- **Cooking** - Drop by Friday in the corner of The Green and watch Blaine Wakefield from Brandon, who for 27 years has been cooking beef this way. Four cords of hardwood will be used as Blaine, his wife, and helpers baby-sit the fire and the beef. Stop by, say hi, and thank the Wakefields for their contribution to our big day.
- **Biking** - Lots of people equals lots of bikes. Please, no bikes on the green or sports ground. A great day to walk.
- **Hiking** - Better than biking.
- **Sitting** - All the benches the R.M. owns will be placed around the green. We can't provide seats for all, so bring your lawn chairs and blankets.
- **Tinkling** - 15 portable washrooms with handwash and handicap access will be located near The Big Top in the sports ground.
- **Tidying** - Lots of garbage cans for lots of garbage. Lots of recycling containers for cans. If everyone does a little bit the cleanup will be easy!
- **Tenting** - The huge 40 foot high Big Top Show Tent will be located on the sports ground. It holds lots of folks and is the venue for Al Simmons, Moose Jackson, the Tea Dance, the Masquerade, the Teen Dance, and the Adult Dance. It's also our backdrop for lunch seating, should it rain.
- **Raining** - If it does rain, we have the tent. The show must go on. The kids program will move inside the clubhouse. But it will still happen and still be fun.

• **Kidding** - Whimsical Workshop, the creation of Brian Cox and Co. have entertained at children's festivals world-wide for twenty years. They will lead in song and dance with hands-on workshops in Magic, Juggling, Origami and Face Painting. Two programs — one at 11:00 AM and a repeat at 2:15 PM in the kids area. (*Its in the clubhouse if it rains.*)

• **Buying** - Adults \$10.00 Kids \$3.00. Food, fun and entertainment — all inclusive. Evening Adult Dance tickets will be sold separately at the Moonlight. Millennium Time Capsule entries will be available at and in front of the store.

• **Entertaining** - We have lots! Al Simmons, a creative genius with the soul of a Vaudevillian, continues the tradition of the comedy greats. He is a wizard at one liners, quick costume changes, out of this world theatrical props, peculiar instruments and other gadgets. His musical comedy will delight all ages as we lift the lid off the big top with laughter and song.

Moose Jackson and his band have been entertaining Winniepeggers for years. Skilled and versatile, they will stroll the green, as Dixieland street performers, and then move to the Big Top to warm up the crowd for Al Simmons and smooth out the oldies for the Tea Dance.

The teens will rock in the Big Top to **"Tell Your Friends"** our home grown band featuring Andrew Buffi, Cam Boulton and Luke Kennard.

For the evening Adult Dance, the fabulous Sweet Swinger and the Big Roll Band return. The Big Top will be set with fabulous sound and light, outdoor garden, colder beer, and much more room than the old Clubhouse.

• **Dancing** - The Tea Dance from 2-4 PM brings back the magic of an era gone by. Relax in the shade of the big top, sip on a cool one, and dance the afternoon away to Moose Jackson.

• **Gardening (beer)** - Wine and beer will be available in the beer garden adjacent to the big top.

• **Remembering** - The Millennium Time Capsule will be on display for all to see and enter. Entry packs will be available in advance at the store. \$5.00 per entry gets your time capsule bag and your name on the plaque. Messages, photos, letters, etc. — Use your imagination.

Jeff Quinton



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A few Victoria Beach examples ...

- The present Albert and Mary Wolfe cottage ("Mizpah") at 120 Centre, which was built by Larsen in 1941 for the Brend family.

- Larson also built 313 - 7th ("Idlewys") in 1938. The building materials were transported by barge from Selkirk. The present owners, Buddy and Doug Brett, report that the cottage has been owned by the Simpson/Brett family for over 50 years.

- In the case of 324 - 5th, Mr. Larson's lumber came from the Cameron Lumber Co. in Victoria, B.C. in 1928. There have been three owners of this cottage - the Murphy's, the Plummers, and the present owners - Murray and Marguerite Kerr and family.

- The present David and Patricia Hurst cottage at 333 Sunset is another example. Dr. R. L. Hurst hired Larson to build the cottage in July of 1926.

- Joe and Rae Donovan report that the basic structure of the original building at 351 Sunset remains unchanged and in excellent condition just as it was in 1934 when Larson built it for J. L. Donovan and family.

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Beach Banter

■ While we enjoyed and appreciated Greg Holowka's cartoon (*in last week's Herald*) about being chased by dogs, it highlights a serious and ongoing issue that we feel warrants a response.

As a family who enjoys running and walking in the beautiful surroundings of our lovely beach community, we are very concerned by the abundance of unleashed dogs whose owners allow them to wander freely, bother others, and leave messes on public paths and roads. We have been bitten, chased, barked at, jumped on, and growled at by dogs whose owners claim their pets to be friendly and non-threatening. How many times have we heard, "He doesn't bite"... "He won't hurt you"... "He's just playing." Perhaps this is so with those they are familiar with, but a strange dog can be very frightening to those passing by who are not acquainted with it and do not know how the dog will react. Owners such as this show a great lack of respect and consideration for others, as well as being in violation of Bylaw 141.2.

To those many dog owners who keep their pets on leashes and clean up after their dogs, we say a huge "thank you" for your consideration of others. To those who are not yet among this group, we encourage you to accept your responsibility as a pet owner, and make our beach safer, cleaner, and more enjoyable for everyone.

The Walker Family

■ In an earlier issue of the Herald we read a complaint about road allowance trimming. The Victoria Beach Fire Department would like to go on record in support of Council's decisions, and the Municipality's efforts to clear and maintain the road allowances.

Within the letter, reference is made to "ulterior motives". The "ulterior" motives that we hope Council may have had in mind are:

- The safety of vehicle/bicycle/pedestrian traffic at 'blind' corners in the avenues;
- The fact that (on average) eight fire calls a year are associated with trees arcing against hydro lines; and,
- The inability of emergency vehicles to maneuver on various avenues or to reach emergency incidents on a timely basis.

It's obvious from the sarcastic tone, that the individual writing the letter is angry and looking for someone to blame. If hydro lines were to arc against untrimmed trees and cause a fire; the emergency vehicles could not get through to the blaze because of clogged and tangled roadways; and

significant property is lost — who would we blame then?

It is unfortunate that, in the past, decisions were not made to prune and trim on a regular basis, and that owners were allowed to continue to plant past their lot lines, resulting in the need for significant clearing. Regrettably, but hopefully, the current situation will now enable the responsible maintenance of the road allowances. From this, the beauty of the surroundings and the safety of those that enjoy it can be maintained together.

Respectfully,

Victoria Beach Fire Department

■ On behalf of Tennis Manitoba, I would like to thank the Victoria Beach Tennis Club for hosting the tennis clinics on July 4th and 6th. The success of these lessons was a result of the great organizational skills of the V.B. Tennis Club, starting with Shelley Lindquist last year and continuing with Ken Capelle and his staff this year. They were able to promote, register and schedule the clinics and as a result V.B. has 70 new tennis players.

I would also like to thank the participants, who are now players, for their energy and cooperation. Each group was keen to learn and they energized me for each lesson. I particularly enjoyed going to the courts on my off days and seeing many of my students practising. (*When the younger ones start thrashing me, my perspective may change*). Remember: "FIRM LAID-BACK WRIST AND MAKE CONTACT IN FRONT!"

A final thank you is sent out to the V.B. Tennis Community. I truly appreciate the patience shown during my lessons. I realize that clinics took up a great deal of court time, but players never complained to me. I guess everyone realizes that they were beginners once, too. Thanks for your understanding and patience. Thanks also for the beautiful T-shirt, although my wife has already claimed it.

Have a great summer and enjoy the tennis.

Robert Kennedy

■ Thank you to the young lady at 435 Sunset who assisted me when I was lost.

Dylan MacKnight



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VB Mixed Slow Pitch Tournament – Results



Tournament convener Bob Lawler gets ready to sweat a big one. (And we don't mean a mosquito!)



The winning team — the "Aces". Front row (left to right) Susan Spence, Jane Daniels, Heather Willoughby, Kim Willoughby. Middle row (left to right) - Terry Angus, Allen Willoughby, Bob Lawler, Sally Lawler. Back row (left to right) - Greg Daniels, Murray Spence.

V.B. Recreational Mixed Slow Pitch Tournament

There was plenty of excitement, sportsmanship and great weather at the Sports Field last Saturday for the annual Slow Pitch tournament.

The young Beach Bunch (Jenny Butler, Cathy Butler, Tamara Ansons, Jocelyn Duncan, Mary Birley, Danny Birley, Mark Ruban, Jamie Thomas, John Holland, Janine Hanson) got off to a great start by crushing last year's champs the Rowsonettes 12-5 and squeezing by the Aces 5-4.

Great defence highlighted the Aces 9-1 win over the Rowsonettes in the semi-finals. This set up the battle of the ages: Teenage Beach Bunch vs. Oldtimer Aces. In the end, experience won out over enthusiasm with the Aces (Heather, Allen & Kim Willoughby, Terry Angus, Jane & Greg Daniels, Susan & Murray Spence, Sally & Bob Lawler) prevailing 8-2.

Special thanks to Ken Rowson, Marj Birley and all the others who helped in umpiring and scorekeeping.

Start organizing your teams for next year. Remember those "Aces" will be another year older!

Bob Lawler

VB Doctor Information and Update

The doctor currently in residence at 124 Birch until July 26 is **Dr. Jan Ritchie**

Doctor's Hours

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- The old "Daddy Specials" arrived on Friday's at 3:10; 5:30; and 7:45 p.m.
- In 1947, return rail fare was raised to \$1.60.
- The last train to VB was in 1962.
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Adèle Koroluk

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Beach People



•Kerry and Ginny Dennehy arrived from Whistler with Kelly, Riley and friend Mila to visit their parents at 321 - 1st.

Dodie and Gerry Dennehy




 *On Saturday, July 2nd, a lovely party was held at Nancy and Brian Hodgson's at 323 - 1st Ave. The guests of honor were Brad Alsip and Darla Bodi. Friends and family gathered to celebrate the forthcoming marriage of the young couple. Lots of wine, great weather, yummy food and just a few hilarious recollections of Brad's life growing up amongst us made for a "starry, starry night". Thanks again, Brian and Nancy. You make it all look so easy!

Kathy Grover



•From riding to the V.B. Bakery for Irish bread to a 3000 mile non-stop bike race across the United States - the Race Across America or RAAM 2000 - biking has been, and is a huge part of Phil Murray's life. Phil, his wife Lynda, and three kids, Grant, Leigh and Mike have been annual summer visitors to V.B. for more than 30 years, and Phil was the V.B. doctor-in-residence in the summers of 1971 and 1972. His father Grant and step-mother Kathleen have been long time residents at 420 - 7th Avenue.

In June 2000, Phil and three of his doctor buddies competed in RAAM 2000 as TEAM HEART, and finished the 3000 mile race from Portland, Oregon to Pensacola, Florida riding non-stop relay style 24 hours-a-day in 7 days, 9 hours and 45 minutes. They finished second in their Masters 50+ age group, and won the trophy awarded annually for the most inspirational performance of the race. They also succeeded in raising more than \$100,000 for the Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation, monies which will be used to initiate statewide programs throughout Minnesota to spread the message about the importance of physical fitness.

So, pump a little harder up the hill for those cinnamon buns - you too can get back in shape on a bike, no matter what age, and those trips to the bakery and back can be the start of your training program, just as they were for Phil.

Kathleen Murray



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

- * 117 Sunset Blvd.
- * 347 Sunset Blvd.
- * Sandy Bay area — call Debbie or Cam @ 756-3251
- * The VB Library, during regular hours

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