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Heading for the "big show" in the "big tent" at last Saturday's VB2K Millennium celebration. [More photos in the Herald centerfold]

Did you have a good time at VB2K?

I'd like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the Millennium celebration such a success last Saturday. Their support and enthusiasm was, as usual, unparalleled.

I want to say "Thank you" in more detail to the many, many people involved, but to tell you the truth — I'm taking

a little "beach" break at the moment, and I will have more to say about the wonderful VB2K "crew" in next week's Herald.

Thanks to all VB'ers for supporting our Millennium event!

Jeff Quantan

Coming Events!

Sports Day — Sat. July 22 — 10 a.m. to Noon — Sports Ground (Note: VB2K Time Capsule submissions accepted during Sports Day — see Time Capsule item in this issue)

Master's (48+) 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 & Nandusmile Building — Sat, July 29 — 10 a.m. — Noon — Clubhouse Beach

Ladies Golf Tournament — Wed, Aug 2 — Golf Course

Open Tennis Tournament — Sat, Sun, Mon, Aug 5, 6 & 7 — Tennis Courts

Adult Dance — Sat, Aug 5 — 9 p.m. — Clubhouse

Bike Race — Sun, Aug 6 — 10 a.m. — Sports Ground

Dog Show — Mon, Aug 7 — 10 a.m. — Sports Ground

Junior Golf Tournament — Tuesday, Aug 8 — Golf Course

Teen Dance — Friday, August 11 — Clubhouse

Volleyball Tournament — Sat, Aug 12 — 9 a.m. — Sports Ground

800 Meter Open Swim — Sat, Aug 12 — 11 a.m. — Pier

Duplicate Bridge Tournament — Sat, Aug 12 — 7:30 p.m. — Clubhouse

Cross Country Run — Sun, Aug 13 — 9 a.m. — Clubhouse

Superstars

"It sure was a weekend to remember. The VB2K Millennium Celebration was a landmark event and a real blast. All thanks and praise to the many, many, many volunteers who dove into their tasks with great gusto for a once-in-a-thousand-years-success. Thanks for the memories!

Leading the charge was **Jeff Quinton** and his hardworking partner **Susan (Suzie Q)**. They had the vision of this great event but they also had to deal with the innumerable details of something of this scale. Great job and thank you both.

Marina and **Gerry Wilson** adapted the traditional Children's Masquerade to a new format and time "under the big top." The sight of all those excited kids in their weird and wonderful costumes on a summer day has got to be unique to this wonderful place. Thank you for making it so much fun for them.

To cap off a brilliant day, **Peter Jessiman** hosted the *July Adult Dance* that was also "thousand year" calibre. Under the big top, under a full moon, under a bit of wind and a bit of rain, the dance had a tropical cache that everyone enjoyed. Thank you **Peter** and crew for this special event.

Wild wind and waves caused our intrepid Fishing Derby organizers, **Adele Karolyk** and **Bruce Woodward** some last minute worries, but they made some quick changes so the kids could fish in safety. Fast thinking folks, and thanks!

Did you know that our super-hero aerobics leader, **Dianne Carlson**, is also the mild-mannered mom who organized the *VB Sailing School*? Di just led us through two weeks of boat camp - I mean aerobics. Your energy is awesome Di!

Now showing at the Clubhouse



TUESDAY, JULY 25
The Prince of Egypt
(Rated PG)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26
Ladies Night Movie
(Mature Content)

THURSDAY, JULY 27
Big Daddy (Mature Content)

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.)

"Bits and Pieces"

The Editor

■ My wife and I never plan to go away in the summer, so we can enjoy every moment of the season here in Manitoba. (You, too?) But, alas... things come up, don't they? Last summer, the second part of our daughter's wedding was in Ontario - and this year - our niece is getting married in B.C.. So, it's on the road again for us!

I'm most grateful to **Lynne MacFarlane** who will be filling in as Editor for the next two Herald issues (July 28 and August 4). If you have to contact Lynne, her number is 756-8955; her cottage is at 131 Birch; and her e-mail address is: lynnemacfarlane@aol.com

As usual, you can drop off your Herald submissions in the Herald mailbox just inside the VB Grocery. (Deadline: 4 p.m. Sunday for the next issue.)

Convenors who would like to borrow the VB Club Polaroid camera to take a picture of their event for possible use in the Herald - will find the camera at 131 Birch.

■ Three cheers to **Jeff Quinton** for a wonderful job organizing the VB2K festivities. Jeff had lots of help from many, many people - (VB'ers are unmatched for volunteer support) - but, it was Jeff who stepped forward initially and said he would undertake the organizing of this very large, challenging, and potentially unmanageable community event. We are all most grateful. *Thanks, Jeff!*

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VB Club President Ponders.....

What a great, dedicated group of volunteers the VB Club has on its roster. Please take the time to thank our executive members whenever you or your family participate in or enjoy a club event or activity.

Without our convenors and activity/event co-ordinators, there wouldn't be any organized activities at the beach. Thanks to all the convenors and events volunteers - you are very much appreciated!

The VB Club is researching new swim dock options for next season and we're planning on sprucing up the interior of the Clubhouse, too. A new paid maintenance person is being sought to help us maintain and repair our Clubhouse, Rec Director's cottage, swim docks, and tennis courts. Should we raise membership rates, swimming fees, or tennis shoe tag fees to help cover these costs? It's the same every year - our costs go up and our revenues stay about the same, definitely not rising in line with our costs.

Welcome to two new executive members - Shannon MacFarlane will become the VB Club President at the end of the summer - and Meg Gray will be our new Swim Convenor. Thank you both for volunteering your time and talents to the VB Club. Pat MacRae is taking a well-deserved break from her swimming duties. Thanks Pat, for three (at least) years of your time and energy.

Penny McMorris

(Editor's note: It should also be noted that our modest and hard-working "out-going" VB Club President has done a spectacular job over the last few years sorting through a formidable list of projects and problems that affect us all.

The impressive restoration of the Clubhouse exterior is just one prominent example of what her careful research and planning can achieve. I know that she would want to give special "spousal-support" credit to her husband, Ivan . . . who we think of as "Mr. Handyman". If Penny's got a project - Ivan is there . . . pitching in!

Thanks a million, McMorris's . . . you two are the best!

Can We Still Join The VB Club?

You certainly can! If you missed the membership drive, or if you're renting at the beach and 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.

Memberships are available for a week; two weeks; three weeks, etc.

Millennium Memories



"You mean, there REALLY were old cars like that?" Yes, there were, and this photo proves it - that's Sam Atrah in 1933 standing beside a classic automotive example. Later, Sam wrote a fascinating book reminiscing about Victoria Beach, and if you can borrow someone's old copy - it makes wonderfully nostalgic reading.

Job Opportunity!

The Victoria Beach Club wishes to employ a **HANDYMAN/MAINTENANCE PERSON** for general seasonal maintenance of summer Club buildings.

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Beach Events 2000

Now is the time to start planning your Silly Beach Hat and/or Noisemaker for the Millennium Beach Events Silly Hat Parade!

Mark July 29th on your calendars to come down to Clubhouse Beach for some fun in the sun! The rain date is July 30th. See you there!

Lisa Hastings

200 Metre Swim Race on Sunday

Suit up! Stretch out! Join your fellow swimmers for the annual Victoria Beach 200 metre swim race, to be held on Sunday, July 23rd, at noon at the pier.

If you've never entered swim race before, this is the one with which to get your feet wet! All swimmers compete for the Men's Ullberg trophy, but age group prizes (8 and under to 40+ and 60+ masters) are also awarded.

Races start at noon. Register at 11:45. Storm date will be the next Sunday, July 30th, same time, same place. (If the weather looks bad, we'll make the call at 11:45 at the pier.)

Last year's Open winners, Vanessa Johnson and Ben Johnson, please bring the trophies to the race or deliver them to 339 - 3rd Avenue before Sunday.

See you there!

Swim Instructors

Victoria Beach hits the Internet!

Ever been away from the cottage and wanted to know what's going on? Now you can at VB's home page - www.victoriabeach.mb.ca.

This site will fulfill all your needs: info, maps, news, events. It's all there just click away! This site will be updated weekly during the summer months with the newest Herald, late breaking news, and events. During the off season it will be updated monthly with police and municipal news.

We are currently accepting advertising space at very reasonable rates. Go see the site because VB is now connected!

For advertising rates —
call Brad Scott at 228-2929 or
Tom Aldridge at 981-7596

Silent Auction Update

There are three silent auction items that have not been claimed — they are:

Wrought iron planter - #0579386
Bicycle Basket - # 0780386
Silver Frame - # 0780866

If you have the winning ticket, you can claim your prize at 111 Sunset or call me at 756-8382.

Barbara Riess

Swim Program News and Thank You

The 2000 season is well under way, with close to 200 swimmers already registered. The water is finally beginning to warm up, after a slow start, and as I write this, with fingers, toes (and eyes!?) crossed, the dock is holding together - though only thanks to Ivan McMorris, Doug Guest and Norm Kroken, who initially repaired and set it up for the season, and then to John Isbisier and Murray MacRae, who winched, inched and cribbed it back together after the (inevitable?) east-wind storm dislodged a few key parts less than a week later. (There's my big thanks #'s 1-5)

If this repair litany is sounding too familiar, you'll be glad to hear that a VB Club committee headed by John Pollard and Penny McMorris is now working to repair/replace/re-organize our entire dock set-up, hopefully by next year. (Thanks #6 & 7)

This is, of course, good news to me, but it will be even better news to my replacement, Meg Gray, who has volunteered to take over the position of swim convenor when I step down this year. (Thanks #8!)

In the winter, stay safe and have fun!

Pat MacRae



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Sports Day – Saturday, July 22 - 10:00 A.M. – Sports Ground

It's that time again folks! Time to cheer on our little people and re-discover muscles we had all but forgotten as we get set for another great Victoria Beach Sports Day.

There will be the ever-popular sprints, family relay, sack races, egg toss, and slow bike race. Please note: For the slow bike race, **BEACH BIKES ONLY** will be eligible (no gears or hand brakes). As well, back by popular demand will be the hit of last year's Sports Day - the Bum -Balloon -Break!

Participants: be prepared to get wet!

We will be selling the following:

• Powerade - \$1.50 • Soft drinks - \$1.25 • Chips - \$1.00
One time only Sports Day Special - soft drink and chips - \$2.00

Visitors are welcome to attend. However, if you don't have a VB Club membership, please remember to bring a loonie.

Please join us for an exciting and fun-filled morning!

Tim and Judy Walker

Terry and Dianne Boyce

Ladies Golf Tournament August 2

The Ladies Golf Tournament is just around the corner.

Registration will start at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, August 2.

All donations are welcome and can be dropped off at the golf course.

Betty Hansford

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Last Chance For The VB Millenium Time Capsule!

If you missed the Time Capsule at last week's VB2K celebration, you can still participate, **BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO ACT QUICKLY!**

"WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?"

Pick up a free Ziploc bag (available at the store) to collect your family's "memorabilia" in.

"WHAT GOES INTO THEM?"

Anything that your family would like to save - eg. photos, letters, newspaper clippings, poems - use your imagination!

"WHAT DO WE DO WITH THEM?"

On Saturday, July 22, bring your bag to the Millennium Time Capsule table at the Sports Ground (during Sports Day - 10:00A.M.) and register your bag.

For \$5.00, your bag will be placed in the time capsule with an official entry card, and your family's name will be inscribed on the plaque to be placed on the rock covering the spot where the capsule will be buried.

(Bags will also be available at Sports Day if you still need one).

"WHAT HAPPENS TO THE BAGS?"

In 25 years, when the time capsule is opened, the entry cards will identify the families who submitted each bag, and your bag will be returned to your family - to open, reminisce, and enjoy!

"WHEN WILL THE CAPSULE BE BURIED?"

On Saturday, July 22, please join us on the Village Green at 2:00 P.M. as we bury the capsule. Dodie Denchey and Doreen Bennington will preside over this historic event, in recognition of their contributions in beautifying the Village Green.

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In Memoriam



Donna Jonsson, along with her family, would like to share with Beach friends the sad news that her husband Robert passed away on May 24th, 2000. After policing the Beach for many years, Robert Jonsson was a familiar figure to the Beach residents. Many of you would have had his help to remove a wasp nest, trap a skunk under a cottage, find a missing bicycle, deliver an emergency message or investigate a bonfire on the beach.

Robert will be remembered for his warm smiles and friendly greetings as he patrolled the Beach in his police car. He was always ready to respond to any request or need in the community.

Robert was born in 1925 at his parents' new home on Pine Road before the windows were even installed! After retiring from the RCMP, he returned to his beloved Beach where he served as the Police Constable for 21 years, also assuming various other roles in the municipality. Since his retirement in 1991, Robert enjoyed repairing bicycles in his shop, bird watching, tending his garden, blueberry picking, and spending time with his grandchildren. His family misses him greatly, but treasures the memories they share and the legacy of family togetherness that he and Donna have passed on to their children.

Also this spring, Freda Jonsson (nee Ateah), Robert's mother, passed away at the age of 96. The Ateah's were one of the original pioneer families of Victoria Beach. Freda had lived most of her life at the Beach where she kept busy raising five children, selling vegetables and raspberries door-to-door along the Avenues, mink ranching, commercial fishing and supporting the endeavors of St. Michael's Church.

The family appreciates the words of condolence that have been expressed by many.

The Jonsson Family

■ As we gather in our cottages, on our porches and on the beach, our thoughts naturally turn to our friend and companion Wendi Dubé? None of us forsook that she would not be in our midst this summer, despite her struggles with cancer.

We remember Wendi for her love of Victoria Beach, her pleasure in the sunset, her love and attention to friends and family and, of course, her love of a good party, her cooking and special cocktails on the beach.

She took care of us in her incredible organized fashion, travelling on airplanes with special fish or steaks for a dinner party, preparing casseroles for a friend with a hospitalized child, and providing wood - neatly bundled - for a bonfire.

We talk of a circle memorial on the beach to say our goodbyes or planting a tree as a memory to a woman who no longer walks with us here. We examine our own lives as people often do under these circumstances - and in the meanwhile we cherish our friendships and our children and love each other through the long hot summer days.

Wendi's Friends

■ I miss you my dear friend Wendi. You kept me on my toes. I'm bored this summer being flat on my feet. I think of you so often and smile and laugh and cry, but I always end up with a smile.

Jamie

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- Charlie: "Well, it's like they say, 'Old Deans never die — they just lose their faculties.'"
- Living in the past is pretty silly; but it does have one big advantage — It's cheaper.
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Allen Willoughby

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

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LIGHTNING never strikes the same place twice. True or False?

False! It most definitely CAN strike twice (or more) in the same place. In fact, tall structures like the Empire State Building in New York attract about two dozen repeat lightning strikes a year!

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What a Blast!

Upon hearing about the Y2K party planned for July 2000 I thought that it would be fun to get involved. On the May long weekend, I and a few others met with Jeff, our trusty leader. Lauren Johnstone and I said yes to looking after the food. How hard could that be?

Our next step was a lonely lunch at Ciao's (compliments of Jeff) and a peek at our leader's vision. Everything had been priced out, numbers figured out, and it's a go.

Monday prior to the big event, only 300 tickets had been sold and the lady making cole slaw and potato salad wanted a number. We took a leap of faith - placed an order for 1000! By the time Lauren and I hit Costco Friday, we had 700 adults and 250 kids. Oh well, I'm sure they'll come.

As we finished our shopping, complete with 1700 drinks and tons of buns there was Bob Johnson driving a huge refrigerator truck and making numerous stops before arriving at VB.

Laureen and I did some last minute shopping and treated ourselves to High tea at Pineridge Hollow. Yes, volunteering can be fun!

Saturday morning arrived with sunny, blue skies and after thanking The Lord, I gathered my family and headed to the green. As we were setting up wonderful people started arriving, looking for a job. To serve food, I approached 8 people and asked them each to bring their friends. "Sure, no problem" was their response.

Throughout the morning these fabulous people (and there were too many to mention) did whatever needed to be done to ensure our successful party. They smiled, missed the meal they had paid for, missed the entertainment, and helped clean up. Thank you, thank you! You wonderful people make this beach a very special place.

The point of this story is simply how easy it is to be a volunteer thanks

to the hard working, good hearted Victoria Beachers. Give yourself a hug.

Trish Rathwell

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Tennis Changes

The tennis committee comprised of Ken Capelle, George Gilmour, Shelley Lindquist and Doug Hancock met on Sunday, July 16th to review the issues raised by several people regarding the age eligibility for 17 and 18 year olds with respect to the Junior and Senior tennis tournaments.

Our tennis committee has decided to adopt Tennis Canada's "Rules of the Court" handbook with several reasonable exceptions. This will provide consistency in the long term as opposed to making ad hoc Victoria Beach tennis decisions.

After careful consideration, it was unanimously decided by the tennis committee that:

- 1) Players who turn 18 or younger (juniors) in the year 2000 are eligible to play in the 2000 Junior tournament.
- 2) Players who turn 19 or older (seniors) in the year 2000 are eligible to play in the 2000 Senior Tournament (held on the August long weekend).
- 3) The winners of the "under 18" categories (singles, doubles and mixed doubles) in the Junior Tournament may advance to their respective categories in the senior tournament.

We are sorry about any inconvenience these changes may have caused anyone.

However, our mandate is to implement policies and regulations that will enhance and support the diverse tennis community at Victoria Beach.

*Ken Capelle
George Gilmour
Doug Hancock
Shelley Lindquist*

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Please note:

- * Outgoing mail is now picked up every evening. (out going mail must be received at least 15 minutes before closing to be included in that day's mail pickup.)
- * 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.

Children's Masquerade 2000

The VB2K Big Top was truly amazing as over 260 masqueraders paraded through on Saturday evening. From Y2K bugs to millenium monsters, young and old enjoyed the incredibly creative ideas that only Victoria Beachers can come up with.

A big Thank-you to all the moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas who every year work so hard to think of these great costumes. We appreciate all of your efforts. It was a terrific event enjoyed by all.

Gerry and Marina Wilson

Here's this year's rundown of all the participants —

NAME	AGE	COSTUME		
Erica Silk	5	Doctor		
Ian Silk	7	Robin Hood		
Jake Hooker	6			
Matt Hooker	4			
Ben Hooker	2	The Perfect Storm		
Quinn Whitlaw	4	VB Knight in Shining Armor		
Daniel Hagglund	4	Red Beard the pirate		
Ashley Schmidt	13	The Grease Gang		
Patrick Keating	11	Mr. Down		
Daniel Keating	8	Mr. Up		
MacKenna Nachtigall	1	Happy Face Cookie		
Callie-Rae Nachtigall	4	Happy Face Cookie		
Sтивен Brethauer	9	Alien		
Laura Burnett	2 1/2	Beach Fairy		
Alex Burnett	4 1/2	Beach Fairy		
Mitchell MacKay	6	Sorcerer		
Melanie Isaku	10	Hippy		
Adem Isaku	11	Gangster		
Lana Hastings	10			
Gabrielle McGetrick	10			
Dana McMurray	10			
Carly Rouault	10			
Christy Rouault		Five-headed monster		
Dylan MacKay	4	Dinosaur		
Sean McLachlan	8	The VB Bear		
Lauren Groom	5 1/2	Fairy		
Matthew Careless	9	A turtle		
Maggie Careless	12	A beach ball		
Emily Thompson	1	Daisy Fairy		
Riley McMurray	8	Harry Potter		
Sadam Abazi	8	Gangster		
Janique Ditter	1	Florida Gators		
Abigail Eyford	4 1/2	Cheerleader		
Ashley Green	2	Jester		
Tyler Green	5	Scooby Doo		
Emily Keating	10	Mrs. Peacock with the wrench		
Danny Sisler	9	Revolver		
Julia Sisler	7	Candle Stick		
Kira Keating	11			
Rebecca Sisler	11	Mrs. White with the knife		
Luc Deleau		1 1/2 months		
Brenden Nerfa	9	Bowl of VB blueberries		
Lauren Nerfa	7	Allen Johnston		
Patrick Johnson	9 1/2	The Beachwitch Project		
Johanna Chipman	12	Miss Scarlet		
		Colonel Mustard		
		"The Archies" Betty		
Meghan Tooley	12	Archie		
Richard Bars	12	Jughead		
Diane Beriault	5	Gypsy		
Katherine Beriault	9	VB Postcard		
Emily Hayward	10			
Drew Meller	10	Y2K Bugs		
Tom Saunders	7			
Curtis Brethauer	10			
Ben Sanders	10	VB Ukrainian Dancers		
Haley Koehn	7	Angel		
Laura Friesen	7	Sailor Moon		
Taylor Friesen	6 months	Millennium Baby		
Zachary Strike	3	Batman		
Benjamin Strike	5	Sir Benjamin, Knight of the Round Table		
Mia Kirbyson	2 1/2	Kitty Cat		
Alexander Kolomaya	3	Blue from Blues Clues		
Jennifer Parisian	7	Black Cat		
Meagan Parisian	11	Lion		
Jackson Cameron	5	Happy Face Cookie		
Stephanie Friesen	11	Gypsy		
Quinn Malone	5	Purple dinosaur		
Christine Malone	2	Black lady bug		
Glynnis Eyford	7	Betty		
Tara Loader	10	Veronica		
Madeline Load	5	Movie Star		
Cam McLachlan	11	Harry Potter		
Michael Hall	8	The Mexican		
Taylor Sudermann	5	Princess Barbie		
Ashton Sudermann	4	Belle		
Andreas Sudermann	1 1/2	VB Surfer Boy		
Jevian Haywood	9			
Lucia Orser	10			
Sarah Guest	6			
John Guest	4			
Erin Reid	9			
Kathleen Reid	7			
Eleanor Orser	7			
Wallace Lambert	12			
Annie Eastwood	11	VB Wedding Party		
Cassandra Casper	7	Hippie		
Laura Neuendorff	7	Princess		
Scott Neuendorff	5	Pirate		
Alana Kernaghan	9	VB2K Bug		
Daniel Meagher	5	Guschy (beanie baby)		
Michael Meagher	8	Egghert (beanie baby)		
Daniel Coke	8	Boy Scout		
Braden Jonsson	7	Bozo the Clown		
Collin Scherdell	6	Rainbow the Clown		
Kristin Coke	11	Riverdancer		
Jenna Scherdell	10	Black cat		
Hannah Cameron	5			
Bryn Koehn	5	Snow White		
Ally Mensforth	12	Scarecrow		
George Penner	3	Very Scary Ghost		
Rachel Harman	10	Y2K Bug		
Noah Yagi	8	Inspector Gadget		
Kendra Garagan	8	Wednesday from the Addams Family		
Brynn Parker	7	Wizard		
Alyssa Willison	3	Witch of VB		
Maryann Giesbrecht	10	Fisher		

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VB2K Memories



The Millennium Time Capsule. (LAST CHANCE submissions still accepted during Sports Day on Saturday, July 22)



Enjoying lunch..... and the entertainment of Brian Cox



Visiting on the Village Green during VB2K

VB2K Memories



SUPER-ORGANIZER Jeff Quinton (right center with baseball cap) surveys the VB2K scene.



Queuing up in the food line for that fabulous VB2K lunch!



A VB full house enjoyed the hilarious antics of Al Simmons — both inside and outside the big tent on the Sports Ground.





Historical VB Cottage Trivia

• Did you know that 341 – 7th. . . (the present Ron and Ann Pratt cottage — “Autumnwood”) — was one of 37 identical “Rossboro” cottages built on 6th, 7th, and 8th by Jackie Jonnson and Carl Ateah?

341 – 7th was built in 1958 for Don Barbour, who was a VB summer constable for several years. The Pratt’s bought it in 1962 and report that was rented in 1969 by Canadian author Gabrielle Roy and two of her sisters.

• The other Pratt family cottage at 222 – 4th (“Sanfairy Inn”) was built in 1920 by Walter Pratt. It was an original “Donalds” cottage, which was soon greatly expanded and hosted dances and church services prior to the construction of the Clubhouse.

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Fishing Derby 2000

*"Eric is ready for action"*

Winners of the Fishing Derby: Holly Carrie-Mattinoe,
Matthew Blumberg, Jillian Wind

*Hoping for a bite!*

This year we ended up with 3 first place finishers.

- Holly Carrie Matt Moe - landed a 23" Pike after a lengthy battle.

- Jillian Wind - Brought in a 12" Pickerel

- Matthew Blumberg - caught a 7 1/2" Perch

Due to the very strong winds and extremely large waves the highlight this year was either getting sprayed or not getting sprayed by the water while trying to get onto the pier.

We had close to 60 children with lines in the water and all waiting on the big one.

Thanks to Brian Phillips and Christine Woodward for their help.

Special thanks to Adele Korolyk and her trusty camera to capture some of the action. See you next year at the pier.

Bruce Woodward

Fishing Derby Participants

Matthew Blumberg

Joe Erickson

Jon Blumberg

Lindsey Stevens

Garrett Houston

Matthew Houston

Trent Houston

Kevin Hassett

Graeme Phillips

Brenda Friesen

Deidre Bleck

Daniel Russell

Tyler Phillips

Lauren Petrety

Peter Woodard

Paul Woodward

George Friesen

Lee Stevens

Christopher Rievs

Daniel Riess

Liam Morrow

Katie Morrow

Don Finkbeiner

Dan Finkbeiner

Matt Edmund

Colin Edmund

Holly Carrie-Mattinoe

Kyle Carrie-Mattinoe

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VB Doctor Information and Update

The doctor currently in residence at 124 Birch until July 26 is **Dr. Jan Ritchie**. The next doctor will be **Dr. Carry Martens-Barnes**, who will be returning until August 7.

Doctor's Hours

Tuesday to Saturday - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 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

A Gardening Open House!

You're invited to the annual Gardening "Open House" at #23 McCord Drive, Sandy Bay, on Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30 from 1-6 p.m.

See a lovely garden of Lillies and Delphiniums at my lakefront cottage. If possible, please walk or ride your bike to avoid car traffic congestion. (There's a lakeside path to Sandy Bay, which begins at the bottom of 8th Avenue near the pumphouse. It's only a few minutes walk from there.)

Looking forward to seeing you.

Dr. R. A. Gallop

Ladies Movie Night

Wednesday, July 26 — 8:30 p.m.

Ladies, please join your female friends and relatives at the Clubhouse on the evening of Wednesday, July 26 for the movie "Cider House Rules".

Adult refreshments will be available for \$2 each and the movie admission is also \$2.

Book a babysitter..... bring a chair-cushion..... and enjoy the show!



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Teen News

Friday, July 14th was the occasion of another wild and wonderful Teen "after-dark Scavenger Hunt". 57 teens were divided into 7 teams and scoured the beach for hidden bean bags and cones. A list of clues led them to each location where, if another team hadn't scooped it first, they found either a cone or a bean bag worth 10 points. Another section of the activity was seeking out answers to VB history and trivia questions. Many a parent or grandparent pleasantly tolerated excited teenagers bursting in their cottage doors and plying them for answers or old issues of the Herald.

The final section of the hunt was finding the solution to an encrypted paragraph from a recent Herald. Since all the teams solved this one, next year I promise a more challenging cryptogram!

By the 11:00 pm deadline, all teams were back on time but 2 cones were still unfound! Each team then nominated their fastest to participate in a race to the locations. The ante was upped 50 points a cone and they were retrieved within seconds! (It is rumoured that there might have been some foul play as one cone was snatched from under the hand of another player.

But we won't spread rumours, John.) After all the cones and bean bags were retrieved, there was a tie for first place! It took two round of additional trivia and "polling the audience" to break the tie. When all the shouting and laughter had died down, the winning team was that captained by John Holland, consisting of John, Taryn Wilkinson, Katie Woolson, Danny Birley, Sara Spangelo, Ben Johnson, Martin Alvero and Cathy Butler. The first place prize was an \$8.00 credit at the Moonlight Inn for each team member.

Second prize, a \$5.00 credit per member at the bakery went to Jocelyn Duncan's team and third prize of cones at the Moonlight Inn went to Jenny Butler's team.

Everyone had a great (and noisy) good time and was on the way home before midnight. I would like to thank Jaret for his help in setting out cones and getting the hunt organized, Shannon MacFarlane and Wendy Duncan for their help in hiding things and also Sheila Grover for staying around and helping me through the chaotic registration and ending! I really appreciate it!

Friday, July 21 will be a teen movie at 9:00 pm at the Clubhouse. The following Friday, July 28th, will be a team Cliff Climb competition at the Sand Cliffs followed by a Weiner and marshmallow roast. Please pre-register for the Cliff Climb, if you can, by coming to 402 - 7th with \$3.00 to cover the food. If you have not pre-registered, be at the parking lot by 5:30 on July 28th (with your \$3.00). If you've already registered, come for 6:00 pm. We will hike to the cliffs at about 6:10 pm. Bring mosquito repellent, a hat, water bottle, bathing suit and towel, bike and lock. The swim instructors will help supervise the swim which I am sure will be necessary and welcome after the Cliff Climb. We are planning on finishing up and being back at the parking lot before dark.

I can still use some parent volunteers for this activity as I am expecting a fairly large turnout. If you can help please call me at 756-2736 or come to 402 - 7th! Thanks!

Marj Birley

Best Spot in the Lot 2000

Get your raffle tickets now for "The Best Spot on the Lot" raffle for your chance to win your own personal parking spot - reserved only for you - for the whole summer of 2001.

Second prize is 4 free taxi rides donated by Kevin and Sandra Ateah.

Each year \$1000 is raised for the RMVB Medical Trust Fund to purchase essential equipment. Your purchase of a \$2 ticket will ensure the success of this program so get your ticket now at one of these locations:

- The parking lot
- The grocery store
- The Information Office
- The Moonlight Inn

The draw will take place Sept. 4, 2000. If you or your kids would like to help sell tickets at special events or on weekends please call me at 756-2924. I need your help!

Kim Chipman

The Annual VB Sand Castle Contest Saturday, July 29 at Beach Events

Bring your membership card or \$1 to enter.

Contestants can register and start digging at 10:00am

Judging will take place at 11:30 with ribbons awarded to

first, second and third in the following categories:

- Kids only for 11 years and under
- Most Decorative
- Traditional
- Super Structure
- Open - a category for those who like to break with tradition!

Get your pails and shovels ready and think about which category your work of art fits into. We'll have lots of fun and the sand will be flying!

Kim Chipman

Recreation News

Tennis Round Robin Results Monday, July 10th - Adult

1st	Hedy Heppenstall / Dave Johnson	17-3 (85%)
2nd	Joyce Dryden / Richard Howes	13-3 (81%)
3rd	Carol Carona / Bill Steele	15-5 (75%)
	Hilda Morrish / Alex McCuaig	12-4 (75%)

Wednesday, July 12th - Teen

1st	Aynsley Walker / Jeff Lloyd Graeme Phillips / Mike Galenda Jon Blumberg / Scott Christianson
2nd	Jess Rathwell / Rory Hepples
3rd	Tyler Phillips / Sara Spangelo

Thursday, July 13th - Teen

1st	Jon Blumberg / Daniel Riess	15-5
2nd	Meghan McNicol / Alexis Barr	14-6
3rd	Sara Spangelo / Peter Woodward	3-7

Friday, July 14th - Adult

1st	Brian Yagi / Otto Lang	21-4 (87%)
2nd	Jean Bushuk / Patrick Falconer	17-3 (85%)
3rd	Hannah Lailey / Christine Neufeld	16-8 (66%)

Children's Hike - Wednesday, July 19th

Please meet at the clubhouse for 10:05. We will be cycling to Albert Beach. We are going to walk the hiking trail (please bring runners and mosquito repellent) and then go for a swim on the beach (please bring a bathing suit and towel).

Movie: Big Daddy — Warning: mature content, parental discretion is advised

Golf Quotes:

- "Golf is the hardest game in the world to play and the easiest game to cheat at" — Dave Hill
- "Real golfers don't miss putts; they are robbed." — Chi Chi Rodriguez.
- "The Mulligan was invented by an Irishman who wanted to hit one more twenty yard grounder." — Jim Bishop

Jaret Ditter



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Tennis News

The Tennis Manitoba sponsored tennis instruction clinics on July 4 and 6 were a huge success. Over 60 participants signed up for the 7 different daily classes. I've received many compliments from the participants and parents about our instructor Robert Kennedy.

The best comment was from the mom who had been trying to convince her daughter without success to go into the teen round robin. After taking the lessons from Robert, this teen was phoning her friend saying "Let's go to the teen round robin this week". Thanks Robert, and hopefully we'll see you again next summer.

Just a reminder to all beginner adults that adults are welcome at the Friday tennis lessons from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. at the tennis courts.

The upcoming Senior Open Tournament on the August long weekend is open to anyone who turns age 19 or older in 2000. Also, the winners of the "under 18" Junior Tournament categories may also enter the respective events in the Senior Open that they won in the Junior.

I NEED SOMEONE TO VOLUNTEER TO CO-RUN THE SENIOR OPEN TOURNAMENT (AUGUST LONG WEEKEND) WITH DON BUSHUK. PLEASE CALL ME AT 756-3612.

Ken Capelle

Mosquito Facts

- Mosquitoes rarely travel more than two blocks from their birthplace.
- Strong scents attract them. Avoid perfume or after-shave if you're going to be outdoors. (Also, have a bath!)
- Mosquitoes are more attracted to dark colours, so choose lighter shades.
- Warm-skinned people attract more mosquitoes than those with cooler skin.
- They are more likely to be bitten if you breathe heavily - it's the carbon-dioxide in expired air that helps guide the mosquito to it's target. (Good luck holding your breath through 9 holes of golf!)
- There are at least 2500 different species of mosquito in the world - only 45 of which are found here in Manitoba. (Chances are you'll encounter only a few kinds, but you'll discover that there are a great MANY of each kind zeroing in on you!)
- It's only the female mosquito that bites. (Mosquito-Lib?)

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	Seasonal	Monthly	Ten Weeks
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Competitive - Open to all competitive teams with no restrictions

Family - A new division open to families and teams with players under the age of 16. Each team must have three adults and three minors on the court.

Format for all Games: Two fifteen point round robin games. Best of three fifteen point semi-final and final games.

Drop of Registration Forms:

- 1) Bernie and Rhonda Pleit (2 Scott Street)
- 2) Moonlight Inn

Junior Golf Tournament - Tuesday, August 8th

All juniors interested in playing can now sign up at the golf course. Age categories are as follows: 8-10 years, 11-12, 13-14 and 15-17 for both boys and girls.

There will be two shotgun starts. 12 and unders will start at 9:00am and the 13 and over groups will go at 1:00pm. Once again, there will be no entry fee but non-members must pay green fees. Children 12 and under will only have to pay \$1.00. Please note that the course layout will be shortened for the twelve and under groups.

Last year's tournament attracted over 100 eager participants and only through the kindness and generosity of local businesses and individuals was it possible for each and every entrant to go home a winner. Prizes big or small are always appreciated with such a large contingent of golfers.

Please drop off any items at the golf course c/o John Evans or contact Pat Hastings in Winnipeg Toll Free 1-800-782-0078 or 943-6561. Should you wish to make a donation payable to the Victoria Beach Golf Course.

Approximately 25 chaperones are required to help with group scoring for the nine hole events. Anyone interested can sign up at the course. Your help in any way is greatly appreciated.

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Children's Masquerade 2000 (continued from page 9)

Heather Friesen	11	Fisher	
Dana Plett	4 1/2	Princess Aurora	
Ava Mundy	4	Fairy Princess	
Mackenzie Carlson	9	Y2K Girl	
Dane Carlson	6	Obi Wan Kanobi	
Jack Riess	4	VB Cowboy	
Eric Kapilik	2	Fireman	
Alison Bogar	2 1/2	Sunshine Fairy	
Jane Yagi	10	Pink Lady	
Fallon	3	Fairy	
Dane	8	Crocodile Dundee	
Cole	6	Baseball Player	
Jesse Hoole	4	Fairy Princess	
Rachel Hoole	11 months	VB Millennium Girl	
Gabrielle Hoole	6	Pippi Longstocking	
Beth Giesbrecht	11		
Ellie Einarson	8		
Laine Steeves	7		
Lexi Giesbrecht	8	Groovy Girls	
Carolyn Parker	10	Hula Girl	
Rachel Duncan	10	The tooth fairy	
Kiera Garagan	5	Cinderella	
Kristine Wilson	10		
Katie Wilson	9		
Carlee Wilson	8		
Matt Wilson	6 1/2	The Grease Cast	
Derek Van Bergen	4	Tigger	
Amy Van Bergen	14 months	Pumpkin	
Nicky Raffey	6	Darth Maul	
Brett Warren	3		
Brendan Warren	16 months		
		VB Park Staff 2000	
Rachel Pigden	6	Baby Spice	
Sara Spangelo	13		
Lisa Spangelo	12		
Whitney Spangelo	8	The Amazon Sisters	
McKayla Kerr	7	Jill	
Evan Kerr	5	Jack	
Megan McIntosh	6	Fairy	
Mathew Deleau	7	Kinicki	
Jaimi Deleau	5	Marty	
Amunda Anderson	7	Leopard	
Gale Franklin	3	Bunny	
Brenlee Anderson	8	Panther	
Jordan Sudermann	8		
Jaime Peterson	10		
Mely Turpin	8	Millennium Makeover	
Janna Mitchell	6	Madness	
Jayne Mitchell	4	Girl from Shanghai	
Mark Humphreys	10	Girl from Shanghai	
Kevin Humphreys	5	Greaser	
Erika Lougheed	8	Greaser	
Hillary Prescott	5	Princess	
Luke Sudermann	11	Beach Ballerina	
Hayley Bischoff	2	VB Drunk	
Lauren Nash	13	Mike from Canmore	
Sarah Schmidt	9	The Grease Gang	
Haley Puls	11	The Grease Gang	
Lauren Van Berkel	10		
Hannah Whitlaw	2		
Jane Axworthy	5		
Carson McIntosh	4		
Natalie Constable	8		
Tess Constable	4		
Lindsay Neal	6		
Caitlin Neal	10		
Olivia Torrie	4		
Carson Torrie	6		
Jonathan Blumberg	11		
Daniel Riess	10		
Chris Riess	11		
Stuart Van Berkel	11	VB Members	
Dylan McMorris	9		
Rory McMorris	10		
Colin Russel	9		
		3 headed monster from the next dimension	
Whitney Groening	6		
Cody Groening	7		
Nicholas Groening	6	Sweet Leilani and the Hawaiian tribes men	
Melissa Kennedy	2	VB Pier Girl	
Sarah Kennedy	5	VB Moonlight Inn	
Katrina Schioler	4	VB Beaches	
Chelsa Schioler	8	VB Bakery Baby	
Toban Schioler	8	VB Library	
Raquel Schioler	8	VB Grocery	
Julian Schioler	9	VB Tennis	



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335 - 5th: Delphi Carroll and Bam Bam (Brandon) happily announce the safe arrival of five Old English sheepdog puppies. August 28, 1999. One pup Scorpio, stayed with his Mum.

Delphi Carroll



Kevin Tkachuk, son of Bill and Carolyn (Nee-Page) has been a summer resident since his 1st year of birth. He hailed from Regina. For his first five years he came for 3 1/2 months until school took over and then it was for two months only till 18 years of age. Then down to 2 weeks. Last year we missed him all together.

When Kevin graduated from Tom School in Regina, he had four scholarships — all in sports, and chose Rugby, went to Vancouver and was supported by Don Wilkinson (of the beach) and West Vancouver former rugby referee.

Kevin has worked very hard at both University of Victoria and rugby and it has truly paid off — he has made Team Canada and has travelled all over the world. Home base is now Victoria, B.C.

We are all very proud of you Kevin.

Pattie has been here since June through cold rain. Daughter Carolyn and Bill Tkachuk from Regina were here for a 4 day weekend in June. For the July weekend, Carolyn returned with friend Bonny and young Taylor Wirth, 4 years old, who has never been to a beach before. She had a great time and wants to come again to visit new found Grammy.

Tyler Page, who just turned 9 is here again for the summer. Mum and Dad (Marte and David) will be here off and on all summer. On Sunday, Kevin Tkachuk will be here for 2 1/2 weeks, he now resides in Victoria when he's not globe trotting with Team Canada. Lisa, his girlfriend from Victoria will be here for a week, another first timer. She'll be back! Carolyn will return for her 2 week holiday in the first 2 weeks of August.

Hopefully there'll be less rain and mosquitoes so we can all enjoy our beach home.

Pattie Page



The people at 117 Birch welcome Bradley S. Dressler to our beautiful Victoria Beach. This is his first visit to our beach. Good luck in Regina, Brad. We'll miss you a lot!

C. Laycock



Marlene and Jim Boyda are pleased to become Millennium grandparents. Summer activities now are changing diapers and pushing strollers of — grand daughter Sydney Veronica Plante, born April 27, 2000 to Andrea and Derek . . . and — grand son Turner James Smyth, born July 15, 2000 to Ruslyn and Jeff.

Marlene Boyda



Summer 2000 will happily bring all six of the fifth generation to holiday at the Woodcock — Jewers cottage at 401 - 4th Avenue.

In July, Patrick and Ian Beckett (and their parents Robin and Dave) followed by Christopher and Alexandra Spyropoulos of Oakville, ON (and parents Leslie and Terry).

Finally, in August, Simon and Gabriel Proulx will arrive from Hull, PQ (with parents Judy and Claude).

Claire and Gerry Jewers

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Beach Banter

■ We would like to address the issue of the age eligibility for the junior/open tennis tournaments. Last summer, we were 17 years old and able to enter the open tennis tournament because the junior tournament went up to 16 years. This was a great experience because Victoria Beach has so many talented tennis players to play against.

This summer, the Victoria Beach Tennis Club joined Tennis Manitoba and received grant money from Tennis Canada for the new tennis courts. Tennis Canada states that players who turn 18 in the year of the tournament are eligible to play in junior tennis tournaments in the Under 18 age category. This means that both of us, as well as other players who were allowed to play in the open tournament last year, are being told that we cannot go in the open. Instead, we must go back to the junior tournament.

We enjoyed many years of the junior tournament when there were 20-25 players in some events, however, by the time you reach 18 the number has fallen to under five. The only 17 and 18 year old players who enter are experienced players who are more than ready to play at the open level. It does not seem right that my dad and one of us can enter the parent/child event and play against a ten year old and his mother.

Masters are not told that once they turn 40 they can no longer play in the open, because they now have their own tournament. If we must go by Tennis Canada's rules, that is fine, but go by all the rules. An "Open" tournament is open to everyone, including juniors. Tennis Manitoba never has adult open tennis tournaments that exclude juniors from entering. Victoria Beach Tennis, which claims they must have an Under 18 category because they are "bound by the waist" to Tennis Manitoba are now making their own "local" rule by not allowing juniors to play as a sixteen year old. Martina Hingis won her first grand slam tournament. She was not told she could not enter because of her age.

We have been coming down to Victoria Beach our entire lives and we can legally drink and vote, yet we are not able to play in the VB Open Tournament. This is not fair. Many others, as well as ourselves feel the junior tournament should go up to Under 16 (if you turn 16 the year of the tournament, you are eligible). This would only be different from past years because it would go by year of birth rather than age at the time of the tournament. Everyone who is turns 17 the year of the tournament would be eligible for the open.

We encourage others who feel the same way as us to come forward. It might be too late for this years junior tournament, but the open is still coming up and there are many years of tennis in the future. We would like to thank Mr. Capelle (and the tennis committee) for all the time he has spent getting the new courts ready. They look great and are very nice to play on. We realize the job of tennis convenor is an enormous time commitment. Thanks for all the time you have put into it

Jeremy and Brian Walker

■ Lying on my back in the clubhouse, admiring the beautiful timbered ceiling, watching the ventilation fans whir, barely aware of the soft soothing tones of Jane Carroll and Dorothy Gregory - and not a mosquito in sight.

Thank you Jane and Dorothy for your wonderful yoga classes on Tuesday mornings. We are very appreciative of your time and energy.

Lisa Heffelfinger

■ I am writing this letter to bring attention to the children's play structure in the Village Green. This area is very popular with children all ages and a great place for parents to socialize. On one of my frequent visits with my two year old son, I counted 11 children under age 3. The only parts of the play structure that these toddlers can use with assistance are the tunnel and the slide. The teeter-totter appears to be very outdated and unsafe, and is rarely used properly. The swings are not geared for older children and are not secure enough for toddlers.

I believe that in addition to the existing play structure, it would be beneficial to have a smaller structure for the younger children. One such structure that many preschools and daycares use is a "Little Tykes"

Commercial Play Structure. Not only are these durable, but they are perfect for toddlers.

These small children would enjoy an area that was specifically for them.

Lori Paige

■ I have sore feet from miles of endless hiking. My back is blistered from the all too frequent July sun. My will is going to break. All the energy I have left from the morning pizza bun is almost up and I feel confused, befuddled; Why am I walking?

Because, once again my "beach bike" has been removed from the spot where upon I had left it. Is this a common practice you ask? Everyday I find myself looking for my bike. Welcome to the summer of my discontent.

Do they steal my bikes because they don't have dealers and hand brakes? Does it seem like my bike is better because it looks cheaper? Maybe that's the reason, maybe I'm easily irritated. I don't know. All I know is I'm very tired of scanning the parking lot rack everyday for a glimmer of my rusted chrome fender.

So please, thieving imps of Victoria Beach, give an old man a break . . . and walk instead.

Matthew MacLeod

(Editor's note: We can all relate to this, Matthew, but as I have pointed out to our kids a million times -- sadly, it is necessary to LOCK your bike!)