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A beautiful, calm, early June day at Patricia Beach. Because of continuing high water, the beach is still a lot smaller than we all remember, but now more user-friendly since the rocks and boulders were moved and pushed up against the bank.



An early June view of Clubhouse Beach showing some of the unusually large amount of driftwood that has made it's way onto our VB shores this spring.

Coming Events!

- **Swimming Lessons** —
Mon to Fri — until Aug 10
Lesson Inquiries — Mon to Fri —
10 - 10:30 a.m. — Clubhouse Beach
- **Slow-Pitch Baseball Tournament** —
Sat. July 7 — 9 a.m. — Sports Ground
- **Flea Market & Silent Auction** —
Saturday, July 7 — 1 to 4 p.m. — Clubhouse
- **Book Sale** — Sunday, July 8 —
1 to 3 p.m. — Clubhouse
- **Teen Scavenger Hunt** — Friday, July 13 —
9:30 to 11:30 p.m. — Clubhouse
- **200 Meter Open Swim** —
Sat. July 14 — Noon — Pier
- **Children's Masquerade** —
Sat. July 14 — 6 p.m. — Sports Ground
- **Adult Dance** —
Sat. July 14 — 9 p.m. — Clubhouse
- **Fishing Derby** —
Sun, July 15 — 9 a.m. to Noon — Pier
- **Junior Tennis Tournament** —
Wed & Thurs, July 18 & 19 — Tennis Courts
- **Sports Day** —
Sat July 21 — 10 a.m. to Noon
— Sports Ground

Flea Market Saturday — 1 to 4 pm

The biggest VB fund-raiser of the year is here!
Saturday [July 7] is the day to have all your "treasures" out by the roadside for pick-up — starting at 7 a.m.

Please help us this year by being mindful of what you donate. While we appreciate the various donations, we feel it is important for people to know how much extra, unnecessary work is involved when we get people's "garbage". If it's garbage to you — it's garbage to us!

As usual, we're expecting our "regulars" this year, but we always love to welcome newcomers! The Flea Market is a great event to volunteer for, so come for an hour or spend the day — we guarantee a good time — the more the merrier!

Call Barb [756-8382] or Linda [756-3644] if you have any questions or concerns.

We thank you in advance for your ongoing support and generosity. See you on Saturday at the Clubhouse!

Barb Reiss & Linda Sudermann

*P.S.— Don't forget the big Library Book Sale —
SUNDAY — 1 to 3 pm — at the Clubhouse!*

COUNCIL CORNER

Water Plant Certification

Two of the Municipality's public works employees were enrolled in the Water and Wastewater School this year. This program is offered at Red River College on an annual basis and provides training and certification relative to the operation of water treatment plants. Enrollment of our employees in this training program will continue until they have obtained the necessary certification.

Brush Piles/ Illegal Dumping

Property owners and renters are reminded that only brush and leaves are to be placed on the road allowances for pick-up by the municipal contractor. Please do not put out any brush or leaves on the road allowances until after Labour Day. It is illegal to dump anything other than brush and leaves on the road allowances. It is also illegal to dump refuse of any kind on municipal property. Anyone who contravenes our Anti-Dumping By-Law will be charged by our municipal police.

Garbage Disposal

The door-to-door pick-up of household garbage started on June 25, 2001 and will continue until Labour Day. Please put your garbage in bags and keep the bags in garbage containers. The garbage containers are to be kept in your yard; the contractor will remove the bags from the containers on the day of the pick-up. The R.M. of Alexander council has instituted a garbage bag/tag system for its Municipality. The custodian at the Traverse Bay Dump has been instructed by the council to only accept garbage bags that have stickers. In addition, the custodian will not accept large items such as stoves, fridges, furniture, etc... unless the person disposing of the item(s) has a tag to identify that he/she is an R.M. of Alexander or R.M. of Victoria Beach taxpayer. If you wish to personally dispose of your garbage or bulky items at the Traverse Bay Dump you will require an identification tag and/or stickers. These stickers and tags are available at the Gate Information Office.

Your anticipated co-operation is appreciated.

VB Council

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Club**

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Teen Night

On Friday, July 6th, there will be a movie in the Clubhouse, beginning at 9:00 p.m. These movies are for the teenagers, ages 13-19. If 12 years olds attend, we will assume their parents know where they are. No one under 12 please, the movies for younger children are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Teens: Bring your VB Club Membership this year, non members will have to pay a surcharge!

Please see the Teen Program article on page 9 of the June 22 Herald [Issue #1] for overall information about the Teen Program. Note that the Teen Recreation on Wednesdays at 8:00 pm is meant for teens, 13 and up. At their discretion the teens themselves will occasionally include a 12 year old whose size and/or agility means they can fit with the group. Twelve year olds are meant to attend the Family Recreation Program on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7-8 pm. The schedule printed in the Herald is in error regarding the Wednesday and Friday Teen activities. We are not really meaning to be "exclusive"; there are many programs here for ages 12 and under and, in the past, almost nothing for teens.

Next Friday is the After Dark Scavenger Hunt, beginning at 9:30 at the Clubhouse. You can help us get going on time by pre-registering at 402-7th. There is a charge of \$2.00 for VB Club members, \$3.00 for non-members. Of course, if you can't pre-register, come anyway. Bring your money, membership, flashlight, bike, backpack, pencil and meet us next Friday, July 13th at 9:30. Prizes for winning teams!

If anyone has questions about the Teen Program, please call me at 756-2736.

Marj Birley

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Into the Boreal Forest

One of the eastern shore's best-kept secrets is the **North Star Trail** - an old logging road, 25 km (15 miles) long. Access to the trail on the north end is east of of Hwy 59, approx. 15 km from the V.B. parking Lot. Watch for the yellow "Open Fires Prohibited" sign on the left side. The south trailhead is on Hwy 304, 7 km off Hwy 59, at the Stead turn-off. Trail guides are available at the north trailhead. On a warm day in June, my dad, **Ted Harlund**; a friend, **Brian Chesnut**; my husband **Larry**, and I hiked the entire length of the trail.

The trail travels through the **Belair Forest Reserve**. Densely treed for most of its length, the trail also passes through areas that have been clear-cut. Parts of the forest reserve have been replanted with red pine to replace the jack pine infested with dwarf mistletoe which starves the tree of nutrients. A variety of wildflowers bloom alongside the trail. Early on, we came upon a forestry look out tower. Soon after, we reached a T-intersection. The trail is not marked here - go to the left.

Much of the Belair Forest sits atop huge ridges of rock, sand, and gravel left behind by melting glaciers in the last Ice Age. The beaches were formed over 9000 years ago by Lake Agassiz. We enjoyed occasional panoramic views across a broad valley. Visible in the distance were the paper mill at Pine Falls and the sod farms which supply Winnipeggers with the sod for their lawns.

Safety was an important consideration when planning our hike. It should not be attempted alone or by someone unused to strenuous exercise. The trail is remote — in 6 hours, we never saw a single vehicle or other people and we experienced some difficulty with our cell phone, so calling for help could be a problem. We didn't see any wildlife on our hike, although there were plenty of deer tracks and what we thought was an intact bear skull on the road. We stuck close together on the trail, making noise to warn wildlife of our presence. Each hiker should carry food and at least one 1 1/2 litres of water.

The 25km long trail took us 5 hours of hiking. Conversation lagged near the end of the day — in my dad's words, "we were all descending into our own private hell". We were tired, but proud of our accomplishment, and are already planning to tackle the hike again next summer.

Shelley Lindquist



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Historical VB Cottage Trivia

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The Kraft's bought the property in 1971 and extended the original structure. Then in 1982, they dismantled the cottage and built their present home.

■ **Allan and Bernice Johnson** of 221 - 4th relate that their cottage was originally built around 1921 by [Grandfather] James, and [Uncle] Roland.

Roland was one of the engineers who ran the beach train. Like so many VB cottages, the cottage has served five generations of the family and will undoubtedly serve many more in the new Millennium!

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Tennis News!

Welcome to another great season of tennis. Hope our weather is pleasant — especially for our tournaments. The age requirements for tournaments are the same as last year. If you turn age 18 or younger in 2001, you may enter the Junior tournament. Winners of the "Under 18" events may enter the Senior Tennis tournament for the identical event(s) that she/he won in the "Under 18". If you turn age 19 or older in 2001, you may enter the Senior Tennis Tournament (August long weekend).

All entries to our four tournaments must purchase Victoria Beach memberships (as in past years). If you turn age 40 or older in 2001, you may enter our Masters Tennis Tournament. Due to a large number of our members being age 65 and older, we are expanding our Masters Tennis Tournament to include: 65 years plus women's doubles 65 years plus men's doubles. 65 years plus mixed doubles. These events will be in addition to our 40 years plus and 55 years plus singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Have a great season!

*Ken Capelle (Convenor)
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Superstars

The year 2001 is designated by the United Nations as the International Year of the Volunteer. Canadians are really good volunteers, in statistical terms, and form an important segment of our economic, social and cultural life. But they don't hold a flashlight... er, candle, to the greatest volunteers on earth — Victoria Beach Volunteers.

Our V.B. community club is a fun machine driven by an engine of dedicated volunteers, and fueled by their commitment. It functions much the same way that city community clubs do, operating tennis courts instead of rinks, and swimming programs instead of baseball. And all on a shoestring budget.

So let's give these local heroes our thanks and support. There's a new executive of Keeners, a group of dynamic citizens convenors and an army of great people, young and old, who staff the various events and make it fun for all.

Special thanks this week to Susan Pollard who heads up the crucial job of getting the memberships organized and out to everyone. It's a real big task but she does it all with a smile.

Many thanks also to our new swim convenor Meghyn Gray, who organized the 2001 swim program and registration. Talk about efficient! Meg is also the person to thank for the wonderful new SAFE swim lesson dock. Anything you need to know about duck technology, just ask her. Then duck!

Have you had the pleasure of a peek at the shiny re-newed floor of the clubhouse yet? Its beautiful. As well, the canteen has been renovated and other useful repairs undertaken. Melanie Tooley did the planning with our new maintenance supervisor Bruce Morrison doing much of the work. Great job team — the clubhouse has never looked better.

Melanie and her husband Mark Tooley also spear-headed the upgrading of the play structure on the Village Green last weekend. After many years of having thousands of kids playing on it, the play structure is now able to face the future in safety. Melanie and Mark were the driving force behind its construction a generation of kids ago. Now that's commitment!

Thank you all and we say "Cheers for volunteers!"

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Beach People



■ **Stewart Hodson** drove 2760 miles from his winter home in San Felipe, Mexico, to his summer home at Victoria Beach [215 - 6th]. Did anyone drive farther than that? [756-2508]

■ **Local resident organizes 50th reunion.** Sexagenarians rise to the cause! Who says that those in their late 60's can't PARTY! **Betty Hansford** (nee Betty Brown from Lord Selkirk High School in Elmwood) believes that her classmates from many moons ago will assemble en masse to dine, drink, and dance the night away in celebration of their graduation from a High School that physically exists no more!

In 1993, she organized a team that conducted a highly successful 40th reunion for the grade 11 and 12 grads and these people are asking for MORE!

It will happen. Watch out for 2003. One of the grads from North Vancouver, B.C. has come to VB to participate in an organizational meeting to make it happen.

If you happen to be from this infamous High School, graduating in 1953 or 1954, give her a call to be included in this event that will be the mother of all parties! 756-6454 (Wheelchairs, hearing aids, canes, and Seeing Eye dogs can be provided.)

*Louis Vulliez
North Vancouver, BC*

■ The champagne corks were popping and the barbecue sizzling, when friends and family gathered at 221- 7th Ave. to celebrate Jim Moore's 50th birthday on June 30. Daughters Lindsay and Allison led the toast for at least another fifty healthy and happy years!

Andrea Moore (Jim's much younger wife!)

■ Gone but not Forgotten!

Sorry to see **Patrick** and **Fran Mattimne** leave the beach. They were here for 24 years. First on 8th and Patricia and now David and Thornton.

They have decided to retire to Qualicum Beach, Vancouver Island. Pat was always there for you when you needed advice on maintenance and repair, plus construction. He was our Shel Busey on building materials.

Good luck to you both. [Now, there are two Shel Buseys in BC.]

The Group of 7

■ **Jean Vulliez** (nee Jean Kemp) is returning to Victoria Beach this week from Vancouver to celebrate her 50th summer of relaxation and revitalization with **Rod** and **Mary Bollman**. Since 1970, she has been returning each summer from her residence in North Vancouver to continue the tradition of mosquito slapping and devouring *Moonlight Inn* ice cream, started with her parents and siblings in 1951.

Accompanied by her husband **Louis**, who has been helping Rod build his retirement home at 26 Beech Cres. for the past 13 years, she will once again enjoy her passion for the soothing serenade of Lake Winnipeg lapping on the sandy VB beaches. She will enjoy picking the wings off mosquitoes with her sister **Mary**, and brother **John Kemp** (of 1 Berry Avenue, VB). *Party ON people!*

*Louis Vulliez
North Vancouver, BC*

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Playground Equipment Gets Make-Over!

Thanks to the combined efforts of a fabulous crew of volunteers, the Victoria Beach Club and the R.M.V.B., our playground in the Village Green now complies with new standards for Playground Equipment Safety.

This is the result of a project under-taken on Saturday, June 30 which included a retro-fit of existing equipment and the modifying of railings, stairs, climbers, slide and swings. The protective surface was enhanced with additional sand and containment timber.

Under the guidance of Garth Eastoe of G.R.E. Playground Consulting and Contraction, our dedicated work crew laboured through a long, cold day of drilling, sanding, rero-tilling, shovelling, raking, lifting, hammering, measuring, and leveling — all with laughter and great skill.

We would like to thank Roland Campbell of United Rentals [714 Century] for the donated use of a generator, roto-tiller and electric jack hammer.

Special thanks to the following individuals for their tremendously positive attitude, hard work, and great community spirit:

Marcel Charbonneau, Dave Finnbogason, Greg Loader, Doug Guest, Bob Sudemann, Maureen Hancock, Shannon MacFarlane, Alan Einarson, John Heppenstall, Scott Haywood, Rhonda and Mike Manning, Jim Carlson, Mark Tonley, Alan Silk, Evelyn Russell, Doug Cottrell, Colin Russell, Karl Ruban, John Pollard, Doug Pollard, Kevin Dube, A.J. Twoley, Ryan Van Berkel, Chris Chipman, Ben Campbell, Catherine Carlson, Lauren Poon, Jacinta Mulhern.

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Melanie Tonley

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3. The only time you'll ever hit the ball straight is when applying the previous law!
4. Nobody really cares what you shot today - except you.
5. Never carry more clubs than you can afford to break.
6. It is a myth that using an old ball will guarantee that you will carry the lake.

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Tennis "Thank-you's"

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Notice of Public Hearing

By The Municipal Board of Manitoba

Re: Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach By-Law No. 1448 (Municipal Board File No. 011E8-0008)

Public notice is hereby given, under the provisions of The Municipal Act, S.M. 1996, c. 58 and The Municipal Board Act, R.S.M. 1987, c. M240, that The Municipal Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 10, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. and if required on Wednesday, July 11, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. at The Senior Scene, corner of PTH 59 and Ateah Road, Victoria Beach, Manitoba, for the purpose of hearing the objections to the proposed By-Law and any persons wishing to make representations respecting the approval of the proposed By-Law.

The By-Law proposes to construct the Victoria Beach Store as a Local Improvement at an estimated cost of \$275,000.00 which is to be financed by the issuance of Local Improvement Debentures.

A copy of the By-Law is available for review at the Municipal Office.

Dated at Winnipeg, in Manitoba, this 8th day of June, 2001.

Rose Gibbons
Secretary
The Municipal Board
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Beach Banter

[Please note: ONLY signed submissions will be published]

■ We recently spent a week in June at the family cottage. We had a wonderful time with our almost 2 year old son. He really enjoyed himself and really liked playing on the play-structure, swings and teeter-totter.

We did have a bit of problem though. On Sat. June 23rd, the play structure was a popular spot and all the children there were having a great time until a few older boys came along and decided to play some form of tag on the structure. Another parent and ourselves cautioned these boys (9-12 years old) to take it easy and watch the little ones and to let them have their turn. Their game caused a safety issue and basically did not let the young children to enjoy themselves. We had to warn them three times at which point they realized we would not let them get away with their dangerous and selfish game and they left.

This raises a few issues. Does the play structure need rules? Should there be a play area/structure created for different age groups. We felt badly about having to act as we did but fair play and safety come first. It seems that some sort of infant (0-2) and older child (6 and up) play area needs to be created as the existing structure (even with its flaws) seems to best serve the children from 2-6 years old.

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Warming means a "different beach"

[Editor's Note: Here are a couple of excerpts from a recent Free Press article which you may find interesting.]

Lloyd Axworthy got some bad news yesterday at a panel on climate change he's chairing — Victoria Beach, where he has a cottage, will be among the first places to suffer the dramatic effects of global warming.

"Our children's children will experience a different beach," Victoria Beach's Cee Muldrew told the task force appointed by Premier Gary Doer. Researchers said that Manitoba will see a rise in temperatures of 6 or 7 degrees, and with that, changes to plant and animal habitats. As the climate warms up, they'll move northward.

"We're at the southern edge of the boreal forest, and we'll be the first to see changes as the boreal forest moves north," said Muldrew. Warmer weather will see the lake levels fall and coniferous trees disappear, he added.

The senior citizen is one of more than two dozen Manitobans who addressed the task force that's helping the province develop a strategy on climate change. The Doer government said in announcing the panel that the warming of the planet will have a major impact on hydro projects, agriculture, and natural resource management.

Manitoba can be a leader in climate-change initiatives, said Axworthy, the former foreign affairs minister who is now director of the Liu Centre for the Study of Global Issues at the University of B.C.

For years, the community of Victoria Beach has banned cottagers from driving on the site. Bicycles, strollers and wagons ply the sandy roads. The healthier change of pace isn't an onerous loss of mobility but one of the things that makes Victoria Beach so appealing, Muldrew said.

Victoria Beach cottagers have planted hundreds of fruit and white spruce trees to prevent erosion and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the photosynthesis of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere into the wood of the trees.

Muldrew said cottagers should plant deciduous trees rather than evergreens, which are doomed to extinction in that area, thanks to climate change.

Bridge News

Bridge Club is Monday at 7:30 pm. Sorry we didn't get an announcement in the Herald to catch all the die-hard bridge players, but the optimists showed up anyway — 4 tables.

They loved the Clubhouse improvements and Marilyn Duma, the hostess, announced that Lou Jones was the winner with a score of 4490 and Roland Penner was second with 3300.

Let's have a big turnout next week. We need any card tables you can spare or little cushion pads for our chairs. We are looking for recruits to host the bridge for a round or two. We gannies have lots of company visiting and find it tough to come out every Monday.

Our winners at our final session last August were Liz Foster — 4120, and Barbara Harrison — 3720.

Reminder — the Duplicate Bridge Tournament has been changed to August 18th at 7:30 p.m.

Dodie Dennehy

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:

- 123 Centre
- 117 Sunset Blvd.
- The Library (during hours of operation): see Jacelyn Burr
- Tennis Courts (Until July 23 — 1-3 p.m. — Monday - Friday only)

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

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The Briggs Establishment

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In the early fifties, I knew nothing of Victoria Beach, but my fiancé, as a youth, had spent a number of holidays here and had fond memories of those times. As a result, when we decided, for the first time, to take holidays together, Victoria Beach became the destination, and Mrs. Briggs — the ideal solution for an unmarried couple.

The year was 1951, and in July we disembarked from the train at the old Victoria Beach Railway Station (since replaced by the Village Green). On presenting ourselves to Mrs. Briggs, we were welcomed and assigned to our rooms. In accordance with the owner's sense of propriety, I was directed to the second floor and my fiancé was ensconced on the ground floor, a proper separation under the circumstances.

The main floor of the building consisted of a living room containing a large dining table, with three bedrooms leading off this room. At the rear was a kitchen area with a big wood-burning stove where all the cooking took place. At the front was a full screened porch area, very comfortable for reading or relaxing in quiet contemplation, absorbing the calming atmosphere of Victoria Beach.

Meals were on a specific schedule, and if you did not present yourself on time you did without - no exceptions. We quickly established a routine of an early round of golf before

breakfast at 9:00 a.m., followed by time on Patricia Beach until lunch. Afternoons consisted of more time on the beach or explorations of the Beach and immediate areas. Long leisurely walks were reserved for after-dinner periods. [A tough schedule, but we struggled through.]

The atmosphere at Mrs. Briggs was relaxed and friendly, and we became well acquainted with the other guests. The meals were great, and I was treated exceptionally well. Whether this was due to being the only male in residence at the time, or because I helped by chopping wood for the cookstove, I am not sure; but I was always the recipient of larger portions of the main course and extra pieces of pie.

Mrs. Briggs herself, was a true character, and frequently joined the guests in the evening. It was at those times that some always gathered in the living room, telling stories and occasionally gathering around their husbands while she told fortunes. On reflection, I think that the real jewel in this story is Mrs. Briggs.

All in all, this was a memorable holiday, with Mrs. Briggs and her exceptional hospitality providing a very special memory for me, and an introduction to an area which I have loved ever since.

Does anyone else have memories of Mrs. Briggs?

Bill Wilson [471 Sunset Blvd. — 756 3487]



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