

# Victoria Beach Herald

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*The happy group from last Sunday's "Beach Events"!*

Photo by Barb Pritchard and Kevin Dyer

## Coming Events!

- **Teen Scavenger Hunt**  
Friday, July 11 — 9 - 11:30 p.m. - Clubhouse
- **Slow-Pitch Baseball Tournament**  
Sat. July 12 — 9 a.m. — Sports Ground
- **200 Meter Open Swim**  
Sat. July 12 — 11 a.m. — Pier
- **Children's Masquerade**  
Sat. July 12 — 6-7 p.m. — Sports Ground
- **Adult Dance**  
Sat. July 12 — 9 p.m. — Clubhouse
- **Fishing Derby**  
Sun. July 13 — 9 a.m. to Noon — Pier
- **RM/VB Council Meeting**  
Tues. July. 15 — Sports Club [Pine Rd] — 7 p.m.
- **Junlor Tennis Tournament**  
Wed & Thurs, July 16 & 17 — Tennis Courts
- **Sports Day**  
— Sat July 19 — 10 a.m. to Noon — Sports Ground
- **Masters Tennis Tournament**  
— Sat & Sun, July 19 & 20 — Tennis Courts
- **30+ Dinner & Dance**  
— Sat. July 19 — Evening — Clubhouse
- **Ladies' Movie Night**  
— Wed. July 23 — 8:30 p.m. — Clubhouse

## Water Safety and Swimming News

The VB swimming instructors would like to remind everyone - **NO DIVING OFF THE PIER!** The water is very shallow this year (in places, less than 3 metres!)

We recommend **NO JUMPING** off the pier. Everyone should be aware that because the water levels are so low, reaching the pier-ladders to climb out of the water can be difficult. **PLEASE BE CAREFUL AND BE WATER SMART!**

Registration for swimming lessons continues from 9:30-10am at the swirlytug dock. Please be aware that classes are filling up fast. Don't forget your VB club membership and your child's Manitoba Medical number when you come to register!

**VB Swimming Instructors**

Stay Safe!



## ★ Superstars of the Week ★

Bouquets to all the volunteers who make Victoria Beach the best place to raise a family and have a vacation. Volunteers make the club very successful and without them we would not be able to offer the number of excellent programs we do every summer.

A Victoria Beach salute to **Luc Bremault** for his terrific work in leading the Recreation program. Adults and children benefit from his careful planning and wonderful staff.

A huge group of volunteers gathered at the clubhouse on Saturday morning to help unload, sort and organize for the Annual Flea Market and Silent Auction. Each load of goodies that came into the Clubhouse provided volunteers with conversation and historical information. The Flea Market was organized by **Peggy Ansons** and **Sharon Kreutzer**. Many thanks for all your time spent at this fundraiser for Victoria Beach Club.

The Silent Auction is another tradition at the Flea Market. Volunteers work tirelessly finding donations for prizes for this table. Thank you to **Carol Loader** and **Betty Lodewyck** for taking the time to prepare the Silent Auction.

Nothing is better than a good book, a sunny day and a cinnamon bun from the bakery! Our club helped to keep that wonderful habit by having our Book Sale on Sunday. Keep those pages turning! Make sure to visit our library with our very capable librarians, **Lisa Spangelo** and **Beth Giesbrecht**.

At the same time as the Book Sale, Clubhouse Beach was covered with young folks ready to participate in a game or two at Beach Events. The early morning skies may have worried the organizers, but as in most Victoria Beach events, the sky cleared and **Maria** and **Dave Erickson** were able to create a magical atmosphere for our little ones!

This year the water levels reached an all-time low and we have been fortunate nothing ever stops our energetic swimming instructors and their fearless leader, **Meghan Gray**. Thank you for teaching our children safety and skills in our lake!

Relax and enjoy!

**Marina Wilson & Susan Schmidt**

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### Victoria Beach Club

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## Children's Masquerade – Saturday, July 12

The Children's Masquerade will be held at the Sports Ground this Saturday, July 12th ... starting at 6pm.

This is a summer favorite at Victoria Beach. Kids of all ages are welcome to put on their favorite costumes — any costume will do. Be creative!!!! Everyone gets a prize.

Parents! Please remember to write your child's name, age, and costume name on a piece of paper and present it to the M.C. on arrival.

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## Junior Golf Tournament Wednesday, August 6th

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 under groups will start at 9am and the 13 and over groups will go at 1pm.

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 12 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, it's 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.

*Pat Hastings*

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## Can We Still Join The VB Club?

You certainly can! If you missed the membership drive, or if you're reuniting 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:

131 Birch Ave.

5 Elm Ave.

429 Sunset Blvd.

The Library, during regular hours

The Tennis Courts

22 Pakwa Rd. (Wanasing)

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

The many VB Club activities cost a great deal of money to operate. Through your membership, you are contributing to the continuation of these programs. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

Please note that your child will be asked to show his/her membership wristband at the various activities throughout the summer.

## Drink Can Tabs

This summer, take the tab off your drink can before putting it in the recycle bin.

Money raised through recycling these tabs will go towards the purchase of a new wheelchair through the Holy Cross School in St. Boniface.

About 20 million tabs are needed for a wheel chair. Tabs may be dropped off with the attendant at the tennis courts; also at 128 Centre; or call me at 756-3405 if you have a quantity and I will pick them up.

*Doug Hancock*



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## Beach Banter

■ Just a note as a long time summer resident — I have heard nothing but good news re our new Chief Constable - Stewart MacPherson.

This gentleman is exactly that, a gentleman in handling the business at hand. He has been attending most, if not all functions in the area, from funerals to parties. It is very obvious he is one of the community, not an outsider.

The council should be congratulated for its choice. Well done to you all, and congratulations on a good job well done by our new constable and his team.

T. Flook

■ While walking my dog at around 7:30 am on Saturday, July 5th, I came across some lost or tossed articles on Yacht Club Beach. First I noticed several bottles of beer in various states of emptiness. Next I came across a buried but still very hot bonfire. Close to the fire was a very handy headlamp flashlight. A few feet further up the beach I came across a petite blue floral thong (lingerie, not footwear) lying near a skimpy t-shirt. I can only assume that the headlamp wasn't working or else the clothing would have been reunited with its owner.

Folks at the Yacht Club who picked up the bottles will be cashing them in, but if the owners of the headlamp and the clothing wish to claim their belongings, please come to the Yacht Club any weekend to identify.

P. McMorris  
VBVC

■ A word of thanks to a few friends who have again come and helped at the Vegetable Gardens on the Highway.

People like Leonard David who planted, watered, supervised welding repairs, etc. George Ateah, who is always cultivating, helping to repair machinery and weeding. Lynn Anderson who came out at a moments notice to help plant the 500 plus Tomato plants which are in. Jo-Ann Jonsson's Green House, who grew the seedlings we required. Chuck and Paulline Einfeld who provided water, tractor power and spare land to plant.

To all of you, many thanks from the Victoria 'n Albert Vegetable Gardens. To everyone - don't forget the Corn Roast in early September.

T. Flook

■ Speed up play on the VB golf course!

The golf course at Victoria Beach is a gem. A shiny, sparkling gem. However, there's no such thing as a perfect gem. Even the best have a flaw.

The one that draws the most comment at our golf course is a familiar complaint everywhere - slow play. It's maddening to

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watch what could be a 90-minute round stretch into two-and-a-half hours or longer. And it's just so rude to have what should be an enjoyable outing with family or friends ruined by an over-wound, impatient trailing party harrying your every step.

But too-slow play isn't an issue at all. It's an opportunity - an opportunity to improve your golf game and increase your enjoyment of our little gem.

I learned this lesson from John Evans, the man who deserves so much credit for the tremendous improvements at VB Golf Course over the past few years. His method might be called: Golf Begins at 150.

That's not a reference to your age, but to the yardage markers found on every golf course. On either side of a fairway (except at the two Par 3's on holes 3 and 8), at a distance of 150 yards from the green is a white stake with 150 carved into its side. There's also a white plastic disc sunk into the fairway at that distance.

When my kids were first learning to golf, John's advice was to let them tee up at the 150 markers and play the course from there. It's marvellous advice because it makes the game so much more fun for the novice and occasional duffer - and, at the same, gives him or her the best opportunity to learn to play the game well.

But wait a minute, you paid to golf a 5,350-yard golf course and why you should you be cheated out of even so much as an inch? Well, you won't be. You get the same allotment of fresh air, beautiful scenery, and idyllic surroundings as everyone else. You get the same chance to see a doe and her fawns, or a ball-stealing fox, as everyone else.

Granted, you'll spend less time in the bush. You'll spend less time muttering things that you wouldn't want your mom or spouse or grandkids or friends to hear. You'll spend less time flailing about and wearing yourself out by hitting frustrating stroke after frustrating stroke.

Shooting from the 150-yard-markers should make a reasonable score a possibility every time you play.

Once you can shoot consistently lower scores, then add yardage. Start by hitting from the 200 markers (which are only on holes 1 and 2). Your score will come down if you play enough. Then play from the tee box at holes 4 and 5. At this point, you're playing nearly half the course at full yardage and you can add the 6th and 9th holes and then No. 7. At the end of your golf journey, you can tackle that monstrous 2nd hole.

By that time, you will have improved your game beyond recognition, and increased your enjoyment of a beautiful gem at the same time.

**Glenn Cheater**

■ Thank you to Reg, Nurman, John, Kim and Brent of Public Works and Jeremy and Andrea of Parks for their helping hand with plumbing problems, water line leaks, minor brush clean up, grass cutting and trimming. I know that this is all part of your job as RMVB employees, but know that it is greatly appreciated.

I was very happy to see that Reg was able to fix the brass bird tap at the Parking Lot. Someone this Spring had broken it off and left it lying in the grass. Mr. Arthur Vincent had given us that "bird" many years ago and we remember him with fondness whenever the need for water takes us over to the tap.

Thank you also to Andrew Parkinson who helped me on one very hot Spring day to scrape the glue off the Parking Lot office floor in preparation for some long needed new tile.

Last, but not least - thank you to patrons of the Parking Lot as this Spring I only had 12 large bags of garbage to pick up compared to 16 last year. Things are looking up! Could it be that we're recycling more? Hope so. Have a great summer.

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## Flea Market 2003

The Flea Market and Silent Auction are an interesting slice of life at Victoria Beach. The volunteers represent the true spirit of community co-operation by their willingness to give so generously of their time. Many of the volunteers come back year after year and often bring someone else with them. They in turn get hooked. It is wonderful.

This year, in doing the phone calls to organize the Flea Market, we were so delighted by the response from people who we asked for help. Invariably, people said they would be happy to do their part and if they could not, which was usually due to events that they could not control, they organized someone else to take their place. It made our job so much easier and we thank all the volunteers once again for making the Flea Market and Silent Auction a worthwhile fundraising event.

Many cottagers donated generously to the Flea Market. We are definitely moving in the right direction as this year we had two and one half loads of "stuff" that we could not sell and was not useable by local charities. Last year we had four truck-loads! Thanks to all who were considerate and gave us clean, useable goods.

We would like to specifically mention a few people who yearly help make the Flea Market a success. Shannon MacFarlane is an amazing woman, just in case you have not already noticed. She makes everyone feel appreciated and gets you to give even just a little more, but she always does more than anyone else! Thanks Shannon for always being there. Barb Suderman and her crew took care of making the sandwiches, with the donated Einfeld bread. Dan Sudermann, Reg Thomas, Dan Schott, Kevin Ateah, Ron Monkman, and their pickup volunteers worked very hard and got all the goods to



*The Flea Market Volunteers!*

Photo by Barb Pruzanski and Kevin Laube

the clubhouse. Then young and young at heart pitched in and sorted, priced, sold and had many laughs over the time warped treasures. Patty Johnston cheerfully organized the cash. Special thanks to Barb Riess and Rudy (sorry we don't know your last name) who willingly did whatever was needed.

This year we made an effort to have much more help with cleanup and what a difference a group of strong, enthusiastic teenagers make. Thanks to Tamara Ansons, the tennis and rec assistants, and assorted others for doing the work that no one really wants to do. Marina Chapel volunteered to bring the garbage truck, without her we would still be buried in bed-springs and old blinds.

The Silent Auction is always an important part of the Flea Market and this year it was organizer by Carol Loader, her family, and Betty Lodewyks. Together the Silent Auction and Flea Market raised \$3,819.91, which is a remarkable \$700.91 more than last year. How great is that?

*Peggy Ansons  
Sharon Kreutzer  
Flea Market Coordinators*

*P.S. Peggy and I are going to retire (but not disappear) from organizing the Flea Market. If it is something you think you would like to take on, please contact Shannon MacFarlane (756-2744). You will not be alone in this and we have all the contact names and phone numbers, etc. In its own strange way, it is a lot of fun and a satisfying way to give something back to our VB community.*



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## Beach People



■ Just a quick update on Dorothy Slaughter who has been a summer resident at 202 - 6th Ave for many years.

In fact, Dorothy taught school in a one room schoolhouse in Victoria Beach as one of the first assignments and even though conditions were difficult (especially in the winter months), she managed well with the help of the Ateahs (of which some of the junior members were pupils in her classroom).

Dorothy is in Deer Lodge Hospital after suffering a number of falls. She is happy that life is "going on" at the beach where her nephew, along with my wife Doreen and daughter Kristine will be looking after the cottage.

I have been coming to Victoria Beach for over 40 years and still enjoy fishing at the pier, returning back to the cottage only when the fish decide not to bite (not too often).

Those that know Dorothy may drop her a line of well-wishes at 202 - 6th. If we are not at home, please leave it in the green box at the back door.

Sorry . . . must go now . . . I hear the fish are biting!!!

**Jack Fotheringham**

■ Happy holiday to Phil Bourget, faculty of nursing, Georgian College, Barrie, ON.

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| Single Adult                                | 150.00   | 115.00   | 80.00     |
| Junior 12-17                                | 115.00   | 85.00    | 70.00     |
| Child 5-12 & under                          | 75.00    | 45.00    | 50.00     |
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## Everything you ever wanted to know about SKUNKS – but were always afraid to approach one and ask!

There are three species of skunks in our area: striped, spotted and hog nosed. The most common is the striped skunk. They are always black and white with bushy tails. Skunks are primarily nocturnal (active at night.)

- Food: mice, eggs, lizards, frogs, birds, beetles, earthworms, garbage, acorns, fruit.
- Length: 20 to 30 inches long
- Weight: 6 to 10 pounds
- Color: black and white
- Shelter/Den: hollow logs, wood or rock piles, under buildings.
- Litter Size: 1 to 7 young
- Breeding Season: late April to early June
- Home Range: 30 to 40 acres, always near water
- Defense: Spray range of 15 feet

Skunks do not like their own smell, and they spray only in self-defense. They are not aggressive, and they do not spray where they live. They put their tail straight up to look bigger for self-defense. When they are ready to spray, they put their tail completely over their face. When skunks are ready to spray, they aim for their enemy's eyes. The spray burns in the eye and temporarily blinds.

Skunks love sunflowers and birdseed. They usually will not live where a dog resides, and they don't live where their food source is located. Skunks can spray 15 feet with extreme accuracy. If a person or pet gets the spray in the eyes, it is very irritating, but no permanent damage will occur.

### Public Health Issues

It is important not to handle skunks. Although it is not very common in our area, they can be carriers of rabies and distemper. If you are bitten, scrub the wound with soap and water for at least 20 minutes. Seek medical attention immediately. Take responsibility for your family's and pets' health by preventing contact with wildlife and keeping your pets' vaccinations up to date.

### What attracts a skunk to a cottage?

- pet food
- bird seed
- BBQ grills
- garbage cans
- compost
- gardens
- fruit fallen from trees
- piles of brush
- lumber or rocks
- openings under houses, decks or sheds

**How to avoid having a 'resident' skunk -** feed pets inside or remove food after feeding outside keep your BBQ clean and/or locked away in a shed keep garbage in metal, sealable bins block any openings under buildings pick up any fruit in your yard

**What will keep skunks away from your cottage-** strong human scent on old worn clothes rags soaked in ammonia socks filled with mothballs

The following mammal repellent works for surfaces being chewed -

### MAMMAL REPELLENT RECIPE

- 1 small bottle of hot pepper sauce or a small container of cayenne pepper
- 1 gallon of water
- 1 teaspoon of mild liquid detergent such as dishwashing detergent

Spray this repellent on and around any surfaces being chewed by skunks.

### Skunk 'eviction' -

Check for activity by covering entrances with loose dirt. If a skunk is present, it will easily dig its way out removing the dirt. If the dirt remains undisturbed for 2 or 3 nights, and it's not winter, the hole may be permanently closed with masonry, boards or hardware cloth.

### Skunk behavior—

If approached by an intruder and unable to flee, a skunk will usually fluff its fur, shake its tail, stamp the ground with its front feet, growl, stand on its hind legs, turn its head and spit to scare the potential attacker. If those techniques do not work, it will lift up its tail and spray.

### Skunk odour around the cottage -

Air the cottage out thoroughly. Use fans under the cottage if necessary (where the odour usually originates). Spraying acidic solutions such as diluted vinegar can help counteract skunk spray, which is alkaline. Use chlorine bleach, ammonia, and commercial products containing neutrolem alpha to clean odour from inanimate objects.

### Humans sprayed by a skunk -

Flush eyes liberally with cold water to ease irritation. Wash skin with carbolice soap and water, tomato juice or vinegar. You may be able to clean clothes by washing in vinegar and/or hanging them outside for a month before dry cleaning and/or wash with Scope mouthwash. (You might be better off discarding them.)

### Pets sprayed by a skunk -

Wash pets immediately with one or more of the following:  
**Home Remedies:**  
 1 quart of 3% Hydrogen Peroxide  
 1/4 cup of Baking Soda  
 1 teaspoon of Liquid Soap  
 Wash while mixture is bubbling, rinse off with tap water  
**Commercial products:**  
 Skunk Kleen, Skunk Odor Remover, Nature's Miracle (available at pet shops)  
 Oxyfresh products  
 Scope mouthwash  
 Vanilla extract  
 Rinse pets well with tap water.  
**Are there any GOOD things about skunks?**  
 Yes, they eat pests such as mice, rats, moles, aphids, grubs, beetles, yellow jackets, grasshoppers, cutworms, cockroaches, scorpions, black widow spiders, snakes, etc.  
 An estimated 70% of a skunk's diet consists of insects considered harmful to humans.

They eat decomposing fruit fallen from trees.

If you have a persistent skunk around your cottage, you can also call the very helpful VB Public Works people and they will advise/assist you in dealing with this unwelcome visitor.

*Allen Willoughby*

## The Heppenstall Tennis Ball

A mini "Fun"-raiser was held at John and Hedy Heppenstall's cabin at 7 Bayview on Monday, June 30th to raise funds for two new tennis nets.

The idea came about after numerous balls mysteriously "flew" thru the nets on courts one and two. After consulting with Tennis convenor Boris Bachynski about the condition of these two aging, torn, wilting nets, we were informed that there was no money in the budget for new nets this year.

Our men's doubles crowd talked it over and decided to raise the money with the help of some close tennis friends to replace the two "holey" nets. The party was planned and twenty three of Victoria Beach's finest brought offerings of food, libation and cash.

When the smoke cleared from the hot tub at 1:30 am the cash was counted and thanks to some creative accounting (eat your heart out Enron) by CA Tim Walker our little group had raised \$435. Look for the two new nets soon on courts 1 and 2.

Thanks to everyone who helped out -

Alan Morrish, Glenn Karr, Stuart Juzda, Margaret Meulendyk, Roland Rioux, Brian Hyska, Jude Davis, Tim and Judy Walker, Aurel and Diane Gendron, Boris and Marle Bachynski, Bryan and Lisa Yagi, Bob Mauthe, Carolyn and Geoff Meadows, John and Hedy Heppenstall, Greg and Carol Loader, Rex and Maureen Neundorf and Jeff Swystun.

How about another tennis group raising some funds to repair the surface condition (big hole) on court #3? You can never have too many Tennis Balls.

*John Heppenstall and Greg Loader*

## VICTORIA BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH

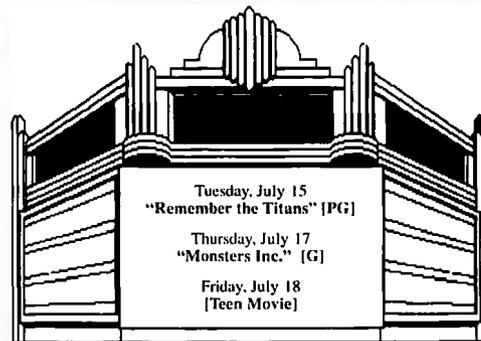
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## Showing at the Clubhouse



Tuesday, July 15  
 "Remember the Titans" [PG]

Thursday, July 17  
 "Monsters Inc." [G]

Friday, July 18  
 [Teen Movie]

### Please note:

- July and August movies will all start at 7:30 p.m.
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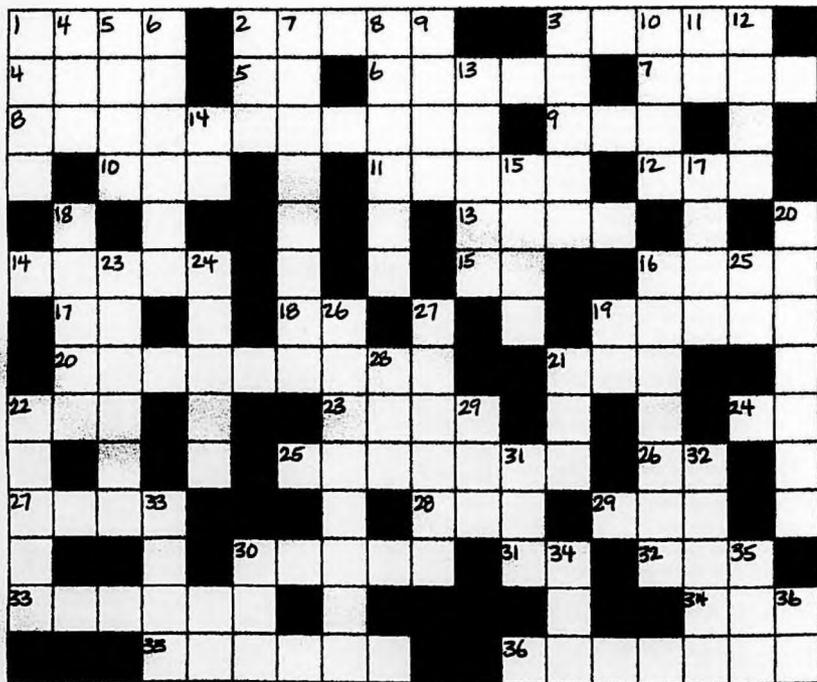
Here is yet another installment of a V.B. crossword puzzle. Please note that there are often instances where there are two separate numbers (for example, 4 across and 4 down) for clues. I'm confident that you will be able to figure it out . . . just make sure you note which is which!

The creator of this puzzle does not accept any responsibility for any errors or discrepancies as she was pressured by her father to complete it. [She's getting old, you know. The mind isn't what it used to be.]

If you enjoy this puzzle and if you would like to see it as a regular feature in the Herald . . . I strongly urge you to . . . start submitting them yourself!

Kim Willoughby

Editor's Note: There is no answer grid because this is so easy . . . even I can do it!



## ACROSS CLUES

- Place of swimming and sailing
- One can get more of this at night during holidays
- VB's form of transportation
- The bakery posts its hours to indicate when they are this
- For example
- Hot apple beverage
- Location of recent military action
- Old monument on the village green
- A very long time
- U.S. public TV network
- Winnipeg is building a new one downtown
- Type of parents
- Adjacent to front
- A high temperature
- Abbreviation for Canada's flattest province
- Flavor of ice cream not found at the Moonlight
- Hockey veteran for Anaheim (initials)
- Wedding statement "I \_\_\_"
- Former Wpg Jets player who just signed with the Avalanche
- Site for VB movies
- Large bird
- League in which 19 across plays
- Camping necessity
- Some cottages are lucky enough to have this cooling system
- Waterway between Hillside and Pelican Point
- Father on "That 70's Show" (initials)
- Not yet men
- Elvis - themed Moonlight restaurant
- Km \_\_\_ hour
- Gang of bullies
- VB has its very own clinic on Birch Ave
- In order to make a happy hour drink last longer, you must do this
- Family fun day at the beach: Beach \_\_\_\_\_
- Wipe gently
- VB throws two shakers; one in July and one in August
- The building next to the Recreation Director's cottage

## DOWN CLUES

- Cannot be found
- Polite greeting for a man
- Bakery Irish
- Inclined to
- Yard sign: "\_\_\_ off the grass"
- Allow to
- Titanic's DiCaprio
- Delicacy not offered at the Bakery
- Popular jumping spot for all ages
- Avenue or beach \_\_\_\_\_ Edward
- Thursday night TV drama
- Families tend to track this in through their cottages
- Masquerade activity: \_\_\_\_\_-up
- Abbreviation for a neuromuscular disease
- Inventor of the Swoosh
- Happy hour accompaniment Hors d' \_\_\_\_\_
- Shrek is one
- Patricia or Arthur
- Initials following a registered brand name
- Group of people who make VB municipal decisions
- Program to help immigrants learn English
- Of royal lineage
- Name of skill used in both tennis and volleyball
- Red-breasted bird
- Auntie \_\_\_ in "The Wizard of Oz"
- Outdoor bathroom
- This sport holds round robins for avid players
- Body of salt water
- The Nashville channel
- TV network that calls themselves "Canada's Sports Leader"
- Nobody wants summer to do this because then it's back to work and school
- Salma Hayek's recent movie
- Email icon
- Baseball term
- Ideal golf score
- Authored

## Finding a Chum: Helping our Kids develop Friendships at the Beach

This topic may strike some as surprising. After all, do we now need a "strategic plan" for something as basic as making friends? Actually, many children don't. But what may seem natural and straight forward to some of us can be an anxiety-laden challenge for others.

The challenges and rewards of friendship are dependent on many things including the context or situation, the child's age or stage of development, and their temperament and aptitudes.

Our contexts or situations here at VB range from those who have been here annually throughout the season, to those who visit occasionally or on a part-time basis. Some children essentially "grow up" here, and can't remember even thinking about making friends. They were simply always together. Some of these youngsters may need a bit of encouragement to "break the ice" again after the winter separation, but many of them can simply pick up where they left off last season. The situation may be different for the part-timers or for older children new to VB. Some families solve this challenge by bringing along a playmate from the city, and this can be quite successful. Eventually though, the visitor has to leave, and the child then has to find a way to hook up with the ongoing local scene. We all know that bored kids are not happy campers. I'll come back to this point later and try to give a few suggestions to help kids over this hurdle.

Another aspect of the friendship issue has to do with the age or developmental stage of the child. For the pre-schooler, the parents have the most impact in shaping the development of early friendships. It may simply involve keeping an eye open for children of similar ages who happen to be in a rhythm of going swimming and "beaching" at the same time and place as your family. The sharing of a pail and shovel, a jointly made castle, and voila! The parents naturally connect through the children (helping with the castle!), and it's relatively easy to plan to see each other again the next day, or to begin to make arranged visits.

For the elementary-school-aged child, the same method may work, that is, hooking up with other children via doing activities as a family, and also by attending some of the many structured programs offered at VB. One may find a friend at arts and crafts, or at swimming lessons, or at tennis. What begins to add complexity at this stage though is that children differ widely in their temperament and aptitudes as well as in their level of mastery of skills. For instance, being able to ride a bike becomes an important ability when trying to get around independently. Some kids are reluctant to try new activities, and hence finding a good "match" becomes more complex. One child doesn't play cards, another won't try golf, another stays away from anything to do with catching a ball; some swim, some don't, and so on. The more confident and flexible youngsters usually will have a broader range of activities they will try, but for the shy or anxious or less confident child, the repertoire is more narrow.

Perhaps though, the most challenging developmental stage impacting making friends is that of the onset of puberty. Sometimes kids have played well together in previous years, but are

shocked the next summer to suddenly feel that the person they once knew has "morphed" into some unfamiliar being. They don't all reach this stage in a neatly timed manner. And of course, clothes, interests, and "style" take on a deeper meaning during this tender passage. Emotions run high, feelings are easily hurt, and the dynamics of being included or excluded, being seen as cool or popular, can have a big impact on early adolescent self-esteem. Again, we know that an unhappy camper isn't having fun.

The above issues are all the more complex for children with special needs or for those who need extra support to develop social relationships. Having said all this, how can we help all our children make the most of this wonderful setting and the numerous opportunities here at VB?

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### Finding A Chum - continued from page 12

Since every family is different, our situations vary, and each child is unique, there can't be one pat formula that fits for everyone. However, here are some things we can consider that may help a reluctant child over some of these challenges.

1) First of all, have a frank and open conversation with your child. Ask what he or she is hoping for this summer, and also ask if there's anything they might be nervous about. If the friendship issue comes up, reassure them that it is normal to be a bit nervous about meeting new people, but that you can help them overcome this.

2) Try to engage your child in a kind of "activity/interest inventory". Brainstorm together all the possibilities of things they might do at VB, both within the structured programs and also in informal activities at the beach or back at the cottage. Help your son or daughter sort the list into categories such as "definitely want to / may be willing to try / only in some circumstances / and absolutely not." This of course can be modified according to the age and stage of the child. Once the list is done, you have the basis for some support and agreements about a certain amount of activity which can lead to connecting with others.

3) A slight caution: Go lightly on the use of electronic entertainment. These items sometimes get planned completely, but whether we like it or not, electronics are a part of our culture and are here to stay. Some electronic games can in fact be a shared activity, and there are some games that offer action without violence. However, an over-reliance on electronics to occupy lonely or bored kids doesn't serve them well in the area of physical activity, trying new experiences, and developing new friendships. It's a matter of helping them find a balance between an old stand-by and usually solitary activity, and getting out there to explore some new possibilities.

4) Some kids need fairly active coaching and may need you to accompany them as they take risks. This is an opportunity to serve as a role model, to go together and try something, and then debrief together. "How did it go?" If possible, help them break through the age / grade barrier. In the summer time, these rigid divisions don't really matter. Also, some children need help with pacing the development of a friendship. For example, you may advise them to start by having a popsicle together on the way home from an activity. It's OK to take time to get to know people, and in fact, longer visits or "sleep-overs" are far later, once people know each other well. For some children, initial visits may work best if structured around a specific activity rather than the open-ended "come and play". A parent may help by setting up the activity, or in some instances, joining in, as in a board game.

Having mentioned these few suggestions, there are probably many other ideas that parents have tried over the years. For some families, friendship is a natural development that happens without any special effort. But for those who need a little extra encouragement, let's help them reach out, be brave, and find each other in this wonderful place. They'll get by with a little help, first from the parents, and later from the friends.

Jean-Dianne Smith, MWS.

[Joan is a social worker and therapist in Winnipeg. She shares a family cottage on 7th Ave.]

## Silent Auction Report

A beautiful selection of gifts attracted a host of customers to this year's Silent Auction table at the Flea Market. Contributors to the table include many businesses we know and love:

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Also contributing were these individuals who care: Wayne and Liz Alsip, Brigitte Webes, Karl and Sheila Ruban, Hank and Betty Ludewyks, Adele Koralyk, Barbara Riess and Georgina Palmquist.

Special thanks to my husband Greg Loader who took a lead role in organizing and setting up the prize display. My daughter Tara Loader and her friend Lane Gendron aptly managed cashier duties. I am also very grateful for the help of Brian Hysku, Jeannette Keating and Cheryl from Grandma's Craft Cabin for assisting the day of sale, and for the huge assistance of Betty Ludewyks, who secured and collected the majority of the prizes.

Once again, the spirit of the Victoria Beach Community prevailed, and another successful event came together!

Carol Loader

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## Rec Director's Report

Hello everyone! What a great summer it is! The recreation staff is working hard and it's paying off. The turnout to all the activities is great - be it the golf lessons, the tennis lessons, the sport sessions, the children's games or the family sport nights.

If you haven't met the recreation assistants, the 2003 recreation team is comprised of Jamie Thomas, Aynsley Walker, Tyler Phillips, and Mary-Anne Craft. And as you've surely noticed already, Tamara Ansons is back for another year as our Senior Tennis Recreation Assistant with a crew of 5 attendants. And they are: J.J. Wiens, Riley Horne, Mark Ruban, Katie Thomas and Stephen Kernaghan.

Here are a few points to remember for this week's activities:

- Bike Hike destination for July 16 is Sandy Bay. We encourage the use of helmets by the children. They should also bring a snack and a towel. A lifeguard assists us on every hike to ensure safety in the water. DEPARTURE FROM THE CLUBHOUSE IS AT 10:00 AM and we return for noon.

- And again, a reminder that all evening activities - Family Sport Nights and Movie Nights - start at 7:30 this summer. We'll be expecting some parents to come and have fun at a parents vs kids game at Friday's Family Sport Night.

- WRISTBANDS! Wristbands! WRISTBANDS!

- Bike racks! BIKE RACKS! Bike racks!

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See you around!

*Luc Bremaut*  
Recreation Director

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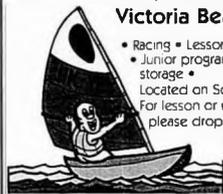
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## Hey Readers!

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Kids! Remember to bring in a picture of your favourite book to the library to enter our drawing contest. The deadline is Saturday, July 12th. A winner will be chosen on Tuesday from two categories: 6 and under and 7 and over. Be creative!

Once again, the library hours are:

Tuesday - Saturday 11-12 am

Tuesday - Thursday 7-8 pm

Storytime for kids is Wednesday at 11 am.

Please remember to bring in any overdue books from past years. If you would like to take out books, a \$5 charge will be required for any outstanding books.

Volunteers are always welcome, but must be 10 years old or older.

Have a great summer and keep reading!

*Lisa Spangelo*  
*Rebecca Sisler*

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### Monday Night Bridge News



The opening game of the season was June 30th.

The fans and lemonade kept us cool but the bridge was hot.

Congratulations to former Reeve Sam McMorris the high score for the evening of 3360. Runner up was Lue Jones with 3290.

See you next week.

*Donna Thain and Fran Pollard*

## 200 Metre Swim - July 12th

Registration - 10:30am Races - 11am

Come on to the pier Saturday July 12th for some fun and friendly competition!

Registration for the swim begins at 10:30am at the pier. The races begin at 11am and there will be heats for all ages.

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Entry fees are \$3 per event for members. [\$10 entry and \$3 per event for non-members.] Maximum 3 events.

Draw sheets will be posted at the courts by 8 p.m. Friday, July 18th.

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The second week was another great success! We made foam magnets.

For the third week, we are making flower pot decorations and we are asking each child to bring a metal hanger. Also, if you have a few extra lying around the cottage that you would like to donate that would be a great help. Reminders that tie dye is coming up so make sure you have something white.

Now, here is a reminder of our times and ages — on Tuesday ages 9-13 from 12:30 till 1:30 and on Thursdays ages 5-8 from 10:30 till 11:30.

Thank-you

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Tonight [July 11] is our annual "After Dark Scavenger Hunt". You must have turned 12 and not yet turned 20 on July 11, 2003 to participate. Have you pre-registered yet? If not, and if you can get to 402 - 7th before 8 pm tonight, please come and pre-register. If you pre-register, we can allow you to be on the same team as one friend. If not, we will not offer that benefit.

Teams will be balanced as much as possible for age and ability; pre-registration also makes this easier! Although pre-registration is not absolutely necessary, it really does mean that we can get teams made up ahead of time and get this event going much more quickly. However, if you cannot pre-register, don't let that stop you from coming out! Just show up at the Clubhouse between 9 pm. and 9:30 to register.

If you have pre-registered, you can likely arrive around 9:15. We really don't want to start the hunt until dusk as the challenge is in finding things in the dark! Please remember to bring your membership wristband, there is no fee for members. Fees are \$5.00 for non members. You also need to remember your bike, flashlight, backpack, and pencil! There are prizes for winning teams!

We usually finish around 11:30 or 12 a.m. If parents want to bike up to the Clubhouse to meet their kids, feel free! I could also use about two more parents to help with last minute registration and tallying of points at the end. If you are able to help let me know! It is always fun to be part of this activity. If your child is hesitant about your being there, just tell him/her not to worry, you will be in the clubhouse while he/she is out in the dark (and possibly the rain) on a bike! Make sure Grandma & Grandpa are going to be home, you may need to consult them about some of the clues!

Next Friday will be another inovie movie at 9 pm in the Clubhouse. Watch for signs. Speaking of signs, pay attention to the cottage signs around you as you bike through the beach. They might just be one of the clues on tonight's Hunt!

In order to continue to offer teen movies to this age group, I will need at least one more adult volunteer for each of the remaining movies this summer (July 18th and August 1st.). If you can help, please call me!

Marij Birley  
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## Policeman's Corner

### ■ Fairy Tale

Once upon a time there was a young princess who moved up to the beach to live. She enjoyed her new home very much and was always very busy with her newly found friends.

One day she rode her brand new bicycle to the beach and left it in the bike rack unattended only to return to find it gone upon her return. Sadly she reported her loss to the sheriff of Not-a-Ham who said "dry your tears little one." When asked if she had locked her bicycle the princess said "why would I do that? Everyone is so nice at the beach. Who would steal my bike?" "... Who indeed?" ... muttered the sheriff.

Happily, a few days later, the sheriff found the bicycle and returned it to the princess who was very happy. She had her father, the King, give the sheriff a bag of gold as a reward and the princess rode her bike every day but locked it up always. And everyone lived happily ever after.

Fairy tale? ... just the part about the "happily ever after". The responsible party was not so happy to be charged with possession goods obtained by crime, have fingerprints and a photo taken (not a holiday snap) and a court date (not with the court jester).

Moral of the story ... I'll let you come up with that as this is an interactive piece.

### ■ 911 Pranks

On 1st July at 02:59 and again at 03:15 some pranksters called 911 requesting medical assistance, giving fictitious addresses both times. RCMP sent 2 cruisers, Pine Falls sent an ambulance, VB sent VBEMS and VB Police. Not funny. Criminal Code offence. Now Pine Falls has their ambulance at VB and someone having a heart attack in Pine Falls would have to wait for the ambulance to drive back. Could have been a life threatening situation.

A confidential phone call to Police would be appreciated as we need to talk with those responsible to impart to them the seriousness of their act.

### ■ Vehicles on the beach

[Sung to ... "Signs, Signs"]

And the sign said  
No atv's ... be driven on the beach  
So I tucked my hair up under my helmet  
And I drove there anyway

He said "you look like a fine upstanding young man  
I think you knew"  
So he gave me a tag  
And said "imagine that"  
Me ... catching you-oo

Signs ... signs  
Everywhere there's signs  
Catching your eyes  
Registering in your mind  
Do this ... don't do that  
Please read the signs

### ■ VB Stereo Jargon

- Woofers ... not allowed on beach between 10 am and 8 pm. From 8 pm-10 am they are allowed, but on a leash and if they defecate, you remove it (it's not buried treasure)
- Tweeters ... allowed any time on the beach while in their cage.
- Crossover ... dress any way you like. There is no dress code.
- Power bar ... a "triple" for those times when time is limited.

Stewart Macpherson  
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## Tennis Round Robin Results

### Teen - July 2nd

#### A side

- 1st - Alex Lesiuk/Mike Pollard 87.5%  
 2nd - Taylor Home/Graeme Phillips 81.25%  
 3rd - Mackie Quinton/Mike Bilenki 75%

#### B side

- 1st (tie) - Patrick Johnston/Katie Lesiuk 66.6%  
 Jane Yagi/Josh Rowson  
 2nd (tie) - Liane Gendron/Brock Schultz 41.6%  
 Riley Coats/Daniel Russell

### Teen - July 3rd

#### A side

- 1st - Doug Ritchie/Mike Bilenki 87.5%  
 2nd - Rory McMorris/Graeme Phillips 75%  
 3rd (tie) - Michelle Guest/Mike Pollard 62.5%  
 Mark Lloyd/Mackie Quinton  
 Taylor Home/Colin Russell

#### B side

- 1st - Emily Keating/Kira Keating 100%  
 2nd - Max Goeding/Josh Rowson 75%  
 3rd (tie) - Brock Schultz/Katie Lesiuk 62.5%  
 Regan Anderson/Alexander Obed

### Adult - July 4th

- 1st (tie) - John Brownell/Michelle Brownell 75%  
 Hedy Heppenstall/Joan McCuaig  
 2nd - Joyce Dryden/ Diane Gendron 68.75%  
 3rd - Karl Ruban/Donna Plant 56.25%

#### Tanara Ansons

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Looks like another good tournament. Anyone wishing to donate prizes can leave them at the clubhouse - they will be much appreciated.

Betty Hansford



## CancerCare Manitoba - The Nancy Fund

The Nancy Fund had its genesis at a fundraising dinner in Victoria Beach in August 1999. This fund was created to recognize the contribution to cancer treatment of VB'er Nancy Johnson.

The initial grant from the income generated by the capital of the Nancy Fund has now been approved. The following is a letter from Barry D. McArton, the Executive Director of CancerCare Manitoba Foundation Inc, dated June 24, 2003.

"The CancerCare Manitoba Foundation is pleased to present the following financial report re the Nancy Fund for Pediatric Oncology for the period 2002-2003.

Principal Held in the Fund at March 31st, 2002: \$562,999.13

Donations made to the fund during the period 2002-2003: \$97,988.50

Income Available for Distribution at March 31st, 2002: \$92,344.57

New Investment Income realized for the period 2002-2003: \$29,490.47

Total Investment Income available for distribution: \$121,835.04

Funding Commitment made as of June 30th, 2003: \$41,965.00

Investment Income available less current commitments: \$79,870.04

Further to correspondence dated November 21st from the Foundation to the Nancy Fund, an award in support of a Pediatric Fellowship has been made to Dr. Karen Backway commencing July 2003. The commitment is for a two year period and for 2003-2004 the award will be \$41,965.

Investment Income was achieved this past year by applying the overall rate of return of the investment portfolio of 4.5% over the total value of the fund held at March 31st, 2002 (Principal \$562,999.13 and Available Income of \$92,344.57). Please note that an administrative fee of 1% of the value of the managed fund has been assessed to the fund by the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation (CCMF). This fee is designed to support the operations and marketing activities of CCMF as it relates to the management of this endowment fund.

We thank the Nancy Fund for its support to CancerCare Manitoba.

Ross Yarnell

[on behalf of the Nancy Fund Dinner Committee]

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