

# Victoria Beach Herald

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Fun in the sand and surf of Patricia Beach with Jaden Elliot [left] and her cousin Nelson Elliot [right]

## Coming Events!

- **VB Club Membership Drive**  
Fri thru Sun — July 2-4 — Door to Door
- **Swimming Registration**  
Sunday, July 4 — 1-3 p.m. — Clubhouse  
- Swimming Lessons start — Monday, July 5  
- Lesson Inquiries — Mon - Fri — 9:30 - 10 a.m.  
— Swim Dock
- **Flea Market & Silent Auction**  
Saturday, July 10 — 1 to 3 p.m. — Clubhouse
- **Beach Events**  
Sunday, July 11 — 10 a.m. - Noon — Clubhouse Beach
- **VB Police Bike Auction**  
Sunday, July 11 — 11 a.m. — Police Information Office  
at the VB Gate
- **Book Sale**  
Sunday, July 11 — 1 - 3 p.m. — Clubhouse
- **Tees Scavenger Hunt**  
Friday, July 16 — 9 - 11:30 p.m. - Clubhouse
- **Slow-Pitch Baseball Tournament**  
Sat. July 17 — 9 a.m. — Sports Ground
- **200 Meter Open Swim**  
Sat. July 17 — 11 a.m. — Pier
- **Children's Masquerade**  
Sat. July 17 — 6-7 p.m. — Sports Ground
- **Adult Dance**  
Sat. July 17 — 9 p.m. — Clubhouse

## Junior Achievement News

Signing up for swimming lessons? Why not sign up for Junior Achievement?! Summer has arrived and this year there will be a brand new program at VB! Junior Achievement enables students aged 9 to 18 to learn business concepts and life lessons, develop financial literacy, and even create their own summer job! A brand new pilot program in association with the VB Club, JA Manitoba's summer initiative will offer five different programs to Victoria Beach youth.

Business Basics introduces students in grades 5-6 to four key business concepts: Organization, Production, Management, and Marketing, while Dollars with Sense teaches middle school-aged students to make informed decisions about their financial future. The Economics of Staying in School helps students develop a positive attitude towards education. Senior High School students can take part in JA Titan and the Company Program, where they learn about the inner workings of a business and can even create their own summer job, giving them the opportunity to freely set their own hours and to make some money! All programs are offered free of charge.

We're also still looking for volunteers and sponsors for the programs. Sponsoring a JA program enhances profile in the community as a responsible corporate citizen, as well as ensures networking between the education, business and JA communities. After all, what if our kids ran the world... they will! This summer, Junior Achievement of Manitoba plans to reach more than 200 youths in the VB community. If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring a program, please contact me at 756-2818.

Program registration for students will be held along with signup for swimming lessons on July 4. Any questions can be directed to me at 756-2818. I'm anticipating an exciting season, and look forward to working with the Victoria Beach community this summer!

Patrick Smith  
Program Coordinator

## 2004 Tennis Lessons!

Once again, the noted and certified Tennis Manitoba instructor, **Robert Kennedy**, will be providing tennis lessons for children, teens, and adults on Thursday, July 8 and Friday, July 9 on courts 1,2, and 3.

Lessons are one hour each for children and teens - one and a half hours for adults.

For ages 5 - 7 years, a parent must accompany the child onto the tennis court and participate in the lesson.

The age/skill levels of the various classes are as follows:

- Age 5 - 7 . . . parent and child
- Age 8 - 12 . . . beginner
- Age 8 - 12 . . . advanced beginner [must be able to sustain a rally]
- Age 13 - 17 . . . beginner
- Age 13 - 17 . . . advanced beginner [must be able to sustain a rally]
- Adult . . . beginner
- Adult . . . advanced beginner [must be able to sustain a rally]

The sign-up for these tennis lessons will be on Saturday, July 3 and Sunday, July 4 from 10 a.m. to noon. [Enrollment is definitely limited.]

Cost is \$5.00 for children and teens. [Ages 5-7 with parent counts as one participant.]

Cost is \$10 for adults.

If the lessons are postponed because of weather - an alternate date will be considered and announced.

If you have any questions regarding these lessons, call Boris at 756-2412.

### Shaun Dennehy

#### Surveyor

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## Silent Auction Prizes Needed!

In the past, folks around the beach have been very generous answering our call for prizes for the silent auction at the Flea Market. So again, I ask local businesses, crafters and any caring people to please call me at 756-8471 to donate any new item or gift certificate and I will gladly pick up your donation.

My porch is also open to drop-offs anytime at 303-7th Avenue right up until the Flea Market date, Saturday, July 10. Your donations help us build a better Beach Club.

Carol Loader  
Silent Auction Coordinator



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## Dance . . . Dance . . . Dance!

As a big reminder, the first big bash at the clubhouse this summer is the PARTY on Saturday, July 17th.

Are you primed and ready to Party Hearty? With the debut of recording artists, **Quinz Band**, it should be a great night, again rocking on the 17th.

Where to get your wristbands? **Beddie** at the VB Grocery Store has graciously accepted the responsibility of selling the wristbands for the price of \$15. Bring your \$ and she will sell you what you need. To save her grief, don't ask her to "hold" wristbands for you "later" as this causes more heartaches than it is worth.

Don't forget to bring your ID when you come to the dance. Just because you have purchased a wristband, it doesn't guarantee you entry if you can't supply identification proving you are over the age of 18.

Chris and Tom

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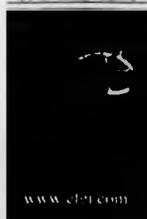
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## VB Ladies Golf Tournament Wednesday, July 28

The annual Victoria Beach Ladies Golf Tournament will be held Wed., July 28th. There will be 2 rounds, 8 am and 11am. Sign up now at the golf course.

Sherill Zellis

[Editor's note: Equal time for the guys - signup is also underway now at the golf course for the Men's Tournament, which is on Friday, July 23rd.]



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## A "BIRD'S EYE VIEW" of Victoria Beach for only \$50!

With a little help from friends, a unique aerial view of Victoria Beach from 8th Avenue to the lake on the North, South and West boundaries has been created. And it can be yours!

Using aerial photos from a 1998 Manitoba Hydro mapping project, an Orthophoto has been produced of the area described above. An Orthophoto is simply a mosaic of aerial photos combined with the latest digital technology to produce a scaled, accurate photo of an area. As an added bonus, a current compiled plan using all the legal survey plans available since 1914 will be included with each Orthophoto.

**Shaun Dennehy**, a surveyor for over 30 years has initiated and managed this project, ably assisted by **Trish Rathwell** and **Melanie Tooley**, as a legacy and for the benefit of the Beach community. This unique project is dedicated to all V.B. volunteers, past and present, which have helped to make the Beach such a wonderful summer retreat. Shaun would especially like to dedicate this effort to his mom, **Dodie Dennehy**, who has given much time and energy over the years serving as a RMVB Councillor, a Bridge Convenor and President of the V.B. Community Club.

This makes a great gift! What an interesting addition this will be to your cottage or home!

Best of all, all profits will go the Community Club whose outstanding efforts benefit the entire community.

Please join us at the Flea Market (outdoors near the Clubhouse - weather permitting) on Saturday July 10th from 1-3 pm, and at the Book Sale in the Clubhouse on Sunday, July 11 from 1-3 where the Orthophoto and plan will be on display and available for purchase. Take this opportunity to buy one early, as we expect to sell out!

### Special thanks to the following supportive 'Friends':

- Pollard Banknote Limited - for technical production expense and all costs associated with printing of the compiled plan and Orthophoto.

- Barnes & Duncan - Land Surveyors, (Donald F. Shiach, M.L.S.) for GPS Control survey and equipment use.

- Aucoin & Lewis - Land Surveyors - Yukon (Gabe Aucoin, C.I.S.) for AutoCAD processing on compiled plan.

- Contributors to the Victoria Beach Heritage Cottage Tour 1992 Fund - Donation

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- Kilgour Bell Insurance - photocopy / courier services

- Paul Kraft, Paul Grover, Dodie Dennehy, Mark Tooley - for assistance to Shaun during surveying.

### Remember the V.B. Heritage Cottage Tour of 1992?

It was organized by **Jean Carter Riess**. The funds collected through Tour ticket sales has grown to \$1,350, and has been held in Trust until a worthy VB project came along. Well, this year it came along! These funds will support the creation of the unique Victoria Beach Orthophoto (aerial photo) that will be available for sale this summer as a legacy and tribute to all of the volunteers of Victoria Beach, past and present. All profits from the sales of the Orthophoto and accompanying Plan will go to the Victoria Beach Community Club, where ongoing efforts benefit the entire community. Thank you to all contributors to the VB Heritage Cottage Tour of 1992!

You may see the Orthophoto and Plan on display and purchase one (set) for \$50 at the Flea Market, Sat July 10 from 1-3 and the Book Sale, Sun July 11 from 1-3 at the Clubhouse. They may also be available for sale through the summer, while supplies last.

*Shaun Dennehy, Trish Rathwell, and Melanie Tooley*

### 2004 Victoria Beach Golf Course Rates

Manager: John Evans

#### Memberships

	Seasonal	Monthly	Two Weeks
Family Adult Couple	\$275.00	\$185.00	\$115.00
Single Adult	190.00	115.00	80.00
Junior 13-17	115.00	75.00	70.00
Child 12 & under	85.00	85.00	50.00
2 or more children	125.00	85.00	75.00
same family (12 & under)			

#### Green Fees

9 holes Weekdays - \$8.00 Weekends - \$8.50  
Children: \$1.00 (round 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays only)

#### Lockers

	Lower, Locked	Upper, Locked	Lower, Open	Upper, Open
Seasonal	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$20.00
Monthly			\$20.00	\$15.00
Daily	\$2.00			

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

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## Summer Movies at the Clubhouse start July 6th!

Tuesday, July 6 - "Recess - School's Out!" [G]  
Thursday, July 8 - "Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" [PG]

Friday, July 9 - [Teen Movie]  
[Note: Teen movies will only go if two mature adults volunteer to help]

Tuesday, July 13 - "Bug's Life" [G]  
Thursday, July 15 - "Doug's First Movie" [G]

Tuesday, July 20 - "Lion King 1 1/2" [G]  
Thursday, July 22 - "Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London" [G]

Friday, July 23 - [Teen Movie]  
[Note: Teen movies will only go if two mature adults volunteer to help]

Tuesday, July 27 - "Brother Bear" [G]  
Wednesday, July 28 - "Ladies Movie Night"  
Thursday, July 29 - "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen" [PG]

Tuesday, August 3 - "Peter Pan [2003]" [G]  
Thursday, August 5 - "Connie and Carla" [G]  
Friday, August 6 - [Teen Movie]  
[Note: Teen movies will only go if two mature adults volunteer to help]

Tuesday, August 10 - "Winnie the Pooh: Springtime with Roo" [G]

Thursday, August 12 - "Piglet's Big Movie" [G]  
Tuesday, August 17 - "Atlantis: Milo's Return" [G]  
Thursday, August 19 - "Finding Nemo" [G]

## Please note:

- July and August movies will all start at 7:30 p.m.  
- The movies are approximately 2 hours in length.  
- All Tuesday and Thursday movies are rated G [General] or PG [Parental Guidance] according to the Canadian Home Video Classification.

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**Mar Desmet B.F.A. Hoas, B.E.** - Paintings to view. Ph. 756-8896 - come to 7 Pine Rd., V.B. My work is at the Birchwood & The Moonlight Inn.

**Sun Country Arts & Crafts Inc. Exhibition & Sale** - Sat. July 17, 10 am - 3 pm at the Senior Scene, Victoria Beach, Manitoba. Sat., Aug. 7, 10 am - 3 pm at the Victoria Beach Sports Club on Pine Rd.

**North Star Studio** - Art by Nancy-Lou Ateah. Original paintings, prints and cards of the Eastern Beaches in watercolour, oils and acrylics. 1 - day painting workshops for teens and adults. Children's painting classes. Please call for details. 24 Ateah Rd., Victoria Beach, MB, R0E 2C0, 204-756-3447. Open most days - call for daily hours or take a chance! Also see my art at the Northern Lights Summer Craft Sales, Birchwood Hotel and Einfield's Bakery, V.B.

**Northern Lights Craft Sales** - Victoria Beach Sports Club, Pine Rd. (accessible by car). All times 10:00 - 4:00. Saturday July 3 - Welcome Summer Sale. Saturday July 31 and Sunday August 1 - Summer Sizzle Sale. Sunday September 5 - Christmas in September Sale. Information: Merrilee Green 204-756-3398, Nancy-Lou Ateah 204-756-3447. **LOTS OF NEW CRAFTS AND OLD FRIENDS TOO!**

**Want to rent, cottage at Victoria Beach on Sunset Blvd.** - between Patricia, King Edward and Connaught Beaches for 2-4 weeks in July. \$800.00 per week. Call RR5-5619 Wpg. or 756-8136 V.B.

**For Rent: Lakefront, Victoria Beach, Bayview area.** Sleeps 7, plus guest cabin. TV, BBQ, & all amenities. No pets or smoking. Open Aug. 15 - Sept 6. 756-8381. [www.geocities.com/wpgnetsurfer]

**For Sale: 2000 Honda Dirt Bike - XR 100.** Excellent condition. Never raced. \$2,000. Call Trevor 756-2662, or 756-8381.

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**Giant Inventory Sale** - July 1-5. Need room for new inventory. Up to 70% off. Grandma's Craft Cabin - 19 Ateah Road, Victoria Beach 756-3934.



## Golf Course Irritations!

Here's a little insight into a couple of things that golf courses do that really irritate some of their golfing customers. Hopefully, we hackers will better understand the reasons behind these practices, after a little explanation.

■ Why is it that some layouts won't let you play if there's morning frost on the grass?

Greenskeepers point out that frost, by itself, won't usually damage a course, but PLAYING on a frost-covered course can.

They explain that it's common sense, if you think about what frost is. It's dew that settles on the grass and then freezes when the temperature drops. The cells inside the grass plants are filled with water and can freeze, too. When the blade of grass is in this condition and then pressure from a footprint or golf cart tire is applied, the cells rupture and bleed - a process known as dehydration. This can cause stress, discolouration and perhaps even death to the grass.

And that explains why they often ask us to wait until the sunshine burns off the overnight frost.

■ What's the deal with that annoying 'aerification' thing that they do to the greens a couple of times each season - which makes the greens so unplayable for a few days?

This is when they pull plugs out of the greens and then spread sand all over the surface. Some courses remove the plugs from the putting surface, others don't. Putting is tough enough under the best of conditions, but putting through sand [and maybe clumps, too] makes it next to impossible!

The greenskeepers explain that the condition of a green has a lot to do with what goes on under the surface. In order to keep grass growing at 3/16-inch, you have to have deep, healthy roots. If they didn't aerify, the soil would become compacted, restricting the development of roots and reducing the amount of oxygen available in the soil.

Although there are several types of aerification, it's mostly done by removing one-half inch cores and then filling the hole with a sand top-dressing. This helps the soil retain air space; makes it easier for roots to grow downward; and improves drainage on the greens.

Although golfers hate the inconvenience, the good news is that the process is quick and the green is back to normal in a couple of days. Golfers also have a tough time understanding why something like this is done to a green in August or September when golf course conditions are usually at their best. The greens-guys patiently explain that it's the ideal time to aerify because the greens will recover even faster when they're so healthy.

So, that's the scoop behind aerification . . . a temporarily disruptive golf course maintenance procedure . . . that is also a very important and essential one!

Allen Willoughby

## Victoria Beach Club Membership Drive - July 2-4

Welcome back to Victoria Beach for another fun-filled, activity-packed summer! The Victoria Beach Club, an organization of volunteers, sponsors many of the recreational programs and events held during the summer. The recreational programs offered include: swimming, tennis and golf lessons, yoga, aerobics, mixed bridge, movies, arts and crafts for children, supervised hikes and bicycle rides, teen nights and family recreation night-just to name a few.

Some of the special events include the dog show, sports day, beach events, the cross-country run, the masquerade, tennis tournaments, open swims, and the fishing derby. The Club is responsible for the publication of the Herald; the maintenance of the swimming dock, the clubhouse and the tennis courts; as well as the salaries of the recreation director, the recreation and tennis court assistants, the arts and crafts co-ordinators and the librarians.

The major source of revenue to provide all these programs and services is through the sale of memberships and club donations. We need your support to continue the traditions that have made Victoria Beach so special. If you feel that you would like to help us out even more than by simply buying your membership, you can also make a tax-deductible donation to the Club. (Canvassers will provide a tax-receipt.) If you feel that you do not need a membership, we also ask you to consider making a donation to maintain the traditions of VB.

For the first time in five years, membership rates for 2004 have been raised by \$5.00 across the board in an attempt to keep up with rising costs.

	Season	Month	3 Weeks	2 Weeks	1 Week
Family	\$45.00	\$40.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
Couple	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$27.50	\$25.00	\$20.00
Single	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$22.50	\$20.00	\$15.00

Family is defined as mother, father and/or guardian and their children only. Payment by cheque is preferred. Cheques should be made payable to the Victoria Beach Club.

Wristbands are back again this year in a bright blue colour. Please remember that you MUST wear your wristband to all VB Club activities in order to participate in any club event. Each family member will receive a wristband upon the purchase of a membership. All members must wear their wristbands when attending Club-sponsored events. Parents-it would be a good idea to write your child's name on the wristband in the event that it gets lost. Replacements for lost wristbands are available for \$2. Wristbands will be checked at events.

If you miss the membership drive you can buy your membership at the swimming lesson registration or throughout the summer at the Library (during regular hours) and the Tennis Courts.

The Membership Drive for the Victoria Beach Club is Friday, July 2 to Sunday, July 4. Volunteer canvassers will be going door to door to assist you in the purchase of memberships for your family. Once again, canvassers will also take payment for your tennis shoe tags (\$7.00 per person). To obtain your shoe tag you will need to take your membership application receipt to the tennis court.

Volunteers are always needed! If you would like to be added to our list of canvassers for next year please let us know. It's a great way to get re-acquainted with your beach neighbours after a long winter and it provides a valuable service to the Club.

The membership kit for the canvassers can be picked up at 316 - 2nd Ave.

Allison Gwest and Carol Durck  
(756-8269) (756-2079)

## Swim Program 2004

Welcome to VB'ers Swim Safe 2004!

Your team this year is myself, **Meghan Gray** - Swim Program Convener; **Kate Giesbrecht** - Swim Program Supervisor; **Sasha Hastings**, **Nicole Bachynski**, and **Ian Burr** - Instructors. The Victoria Beach Club is an affiliate member of the Red Cross and the Life Saving Society. All instructors employed by The Victoria Beach Club hold valid Red Cross and Lifesaving Society certification.

Swim lessons will start on Monday, July 5. Registration Day will take place on Sunday, July 4, from 1-3 p.m. at the Clubhouse. As usual, all registration will be first-come, first-served. Payment is due upon registration. Please also note that people in default of payment from last year will not be allowed to register this year until their account is cleared by cash payment. The fees and session dates for the 2004 season are:

-Aquaquest levels 1 - 12: two three-week sessions at a fee of \$15.00 per session. Lessons are 1/2 hour. Students may be registered for both sessions on registration day. Aqualeaders: two three-week sessions, 1 hour per day, at a fee of \$65.00 per session. Session dates are:

Session 1: July 5 - July 23, Session 2: July 26 - Aug 13.

Private and semi-private lessons for Aquaquest levels 1 - 12 will also be available. Lessons are 1/2 hour. The fee for private lessons are \$50.00 per week and for semi-private lessons (maximum two students at the same level), \$35.00 per week. Private and semi-private lessons are available upon request, time permitting. We will make every effort to accommodate your request.

Swim Patrol (Rookie/Ranger/Star), Bronze Star, Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross: one six week session from June 30 - Aug. 8. Lesson length varies from 1/2 to 1 hour depending on the course. The fees are as follows: Swim Patrol- \$35.00; Bronze Star - \$50.00; Bronze Medallion/Bronze Cross- \$80.00. Bronze-level lifesaving classes may have additional fees of between \$10 and \$45-50, depending on level and need for textbooks. These will be paid directly to instructors when due.

Please remember that all swimmers must be at least three years old when they start attending classes. No exceptions. Aquatots classes for younger children and a parent/caregiver will be scheduled if there is enough interest. If possible, please indicate your interest on Registration Day.

Don't forget the Lifesaving Society programs: the Swim Patrol more or less replaces Lifesaving I, II, and III, but the Bronze Star fills a gap, accommodating those 12- and 13-year olds for whom there used to be nothing but waiting to be eligible for the Bronze Medallion.

In the interests of reducing the chaos of Registration Day, PLEASE note the following procedure:

### BRING/KNOW:

- YOUR copy of VB Club membership form (memberships available on-site)

-\*\*\*medical insurance #'s for each registrant

-cash or chequebook

-relevant medical conditions of each registrant (asthma, allergies, etc.)

-expected date of arrival/departure (see below)

-your own pen (highly recommended)

### STEP ONE/AREA ONE - Choose Your Classes

-pick up a registration form and a swim program policy statement from the first table as you enter.

-Check out the big program schedule poster to find your preferred classes.

-Fill in your registration form: read the policy document (Step 3 lines long? Do it in line)

**STEP TWO/TABLE TWO** - Get a Membership, if you haven't got one.

**STEP THREE/TABLE THREE** - Get Signed Up/Fees Calculated

-There will be four lines at this area, each ending in one of the four instructors, who will get you assigned to classes. Any instructor can register you for all classes. Just pick the shortest line (!)

### STEP FOUR/TABLE FOUR - Pay

-Payment is by cash or cheque (payable to Victoria Beach Club).

-Please use line-up time to have your cheques ready, if possible.

As usual, we will do our best to have the various areas/tables well labeled, but we rely on our experienced VB'ers to help anyone looking overwhelmed. Thank you, in advance.

Again, we are asking you to "know" your expected date of departure. Too often we have found that suddenly a child will greet the instructor with "This is my last day today." Of course, the instructor, not having known this, has not prepared a progress report, and cannot stop to do so now. The child is disappointed. We hope that asking for this date in advance will minimize the problem. The date is not intended to be binding. You are free to change your mind, though we will still require two or three days notice if you decide to leave earlier than your stated date. As well, if you decide to stay longer, some notice would be appreciated as it will prevent the wasted time and expense of preparing documents prematurely.

If you cannot attend Registration Day, Kate will be at the Swim Dock every weekday morning from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. to take new registrations. (In the Clubhouse, if it is raining). The above fees apply.

The base rate for Aquaquest is \$15.00 for three weeks or any part thereof. Please be prompt. She cannot go beyond the time. As well, please ensure that you have YOUR copy of the VB Club membership form and medical insurance numbers and either cash or cheque payment.

Endure Registration Day... then enjoy the summer!

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## Beach People!

■ The Annual Arizona/Victoria Beach picnic was held Feb. 27th at Red Mountain Park in Mesa. It was a great sunny day and everyone enjoyed a good visit & a scrumptious potluck lunch.

A very competitive game of bean bag was held and the final winners were the team of **Barb Daly** and **Glen Torgerson**.

■ **Chris** and **Elaine Ford** are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, **Rob**, to **Laura Petkau** of Kelowna, B.C.

**Rob** and **Laura** met while they were both attending Briercrest Bible College. An October wedding is being planned in Kelowna.

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## Mixed Slow-Pitch Baseball Saturday, July 17

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Games start at 9 a.m. and end around 2 p.m. at the VB Sports Ground.

Five males and five females are needed for each team.

Register at 325 - 5th... or phone 756-2416.

Sally and Bob Lawler

## Cottage Owner's Meeting – Highlights August, 2003



A meeting of the VB Cottage Owner's Association was held at the Victoria Beach Clubhouse last August. Approximately 75 cottage owners attended.

As a result of his re-locating to British Columbia, the President of the Association, **Jeff Quinton**, submitted his resignation to **Laurie Pollard** (Immediate Past President.) Mr. Pollard called for nominations for a new President. **Mr. Murray Kerr**, seconded by **Mr. Ross Yarnell**, nominated **Bob Johnson** as President. **Ozzie Hirschfeld** moved nominations closed - seconded by **Ian Plant**. The motion was carried.

Issues arising from the meeting were as follows:

- The need for the V.B.C.O.A. to become a member of the Manitoba Cottage Owners Association in order to be cognizant of ongoing concerns and projects regarding water quality and general issues relating to the monitoring of beach properties. [**Bob Johnson** has joined the Manitoba C.A.A. and was planning to attend the November 2003 Annual Meeting.]

- The issue of School Taxes was raised and it was requested that as a result of last years' commitment by **Jeff Quinton** to explore the ongoing issue - a report be received for next year's meeting.

- A long discussion was held regarding noise and fires on the Beach, (particularly during July and August and on Fridays and Saturdays) and the apparent lack of police involvement and general control. There appears to be little police involvement in controlling excessive noise and general safety in the issuing of permits and the monitoring of fires. It was recommended that the police duties could be to monitor the noise and fires after dark on the Beaches - this appeared to be primarily in the King Edward - south to Clubhouse Beach area. Suggestions were also received that the police should have the authority to issue fines to those breaking the law.

[Note: **Tom Farrell** indicated that the by-laws were in need of updating and Council were in the process of reviewing them.]

- Concern was raised over the amount of traffic in the restricted area during July and August (800 permits issued in July).

There appears to be some abuse of the permits issued and the fact that permit holders are using Beach access for other than the designated reason for permit - [e.g. it was noted that permit holders are using vehicles to drop their family at Clubhouse Beach as well as driving to the golf course parking lot during July and August].

There also appears to be a list of permit holders that have been grand-fathered by Council and the meeting questioned as to why this was done, and is it reviewed annually.

It was unanimously agreed that the criteria for issuing permits needs to be reviewed to insure it is meeting the ambience of the beach, and the needs of the cottage owners as well as the needs of those requiring access to the restricted area during July and August.

It was also recommended that criteria for issuing permits be published in the Herald in July of each year. It was recommended that all persons receiving a permit be made clearly aware of the fact that during July and August, children use the road system without fear of vehicles. In this sense, it is imperative that all

vehicles in the restricted area be extremely vigilant in the "watch" for children on the road. Perhaps a memo outlining these conditions could be issued with each permit.

- Is there a plan for emergency measures to deal with mass evacuation of the restricted area?

- It was suggested that more bike racks be available at the parking lot.

- Consideration be given to having meetings earlier in the season, (e.g. - July). [Note - while there is merit to the suggestion, it would not provide an opportunity to review concerns for the current season.]



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## Stargazing at VB! [August, 2003]

"What is there between the Andromeda galaxy and us?" "Nothing," didn't seem a sufficient answer. But what can you say about dark matter, photons, or the energy in the void when you're attending to more than 25 people waiting at each of four viewing instruments?

We were nevertheless pleased to get this and other interesting questions at two public outings we conducted last August at the VB pier. In all, we had more than 140 participants.

For many of the kids this seemed to be a first guided glimpse of the universe. And they got a late bedtime as an additional reward!

Mars was the draw last summer. "The red planet was named after the Roman god of war, perhaps because red brings to mind fire, blood and danger." The moon was also a big hit under high power telescopic views of the brightest stars and Aristarchus, the rays of Tycho and Copernicus, and a look at where the first man walked on the moon July 20, 1969.

We also walked the groups across the night sky explaining how to easily find the summer triangle, the brightest stars and the easiest constellations of the summer sky. We gave the meaning of some of the star names like Arcturus, keeper of the bear, Vega, the swooping eagle, Capella, the nanny goat. People were keen to hear the myths behind the constellation of the Big Bear and Queen Cassiopeia.

Through a little window from spaceship earth we peeked at another galaxy, Andromeda, a faint world so far away. We promised better views to come because we're getting closer to Andromeda at the speed of some 300 kms a second. Maybe our galaxies will even collide in about 4 billion years. [We made a date to meet then at the VB pier to watch the fireworks!]

In the meantime, let's just get a few good looks at the night sky this summer. At VB, we benefit from good dark viewing sites, thanks to the absence of street lights and to the kindness of people who turn off their outside lights for the night.

It was rewarding to hear the extent of appreciation for the bit of knowledge we were able to share and to sense the thirst of the participants for more. Thanks to Meg Gray and Alan Einarsen for the loan of their refractor telescope and to the Royal Astronomical Society for lending a 6-inch Newtonian scope.

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There's never a guarantee of how many lost, stolen, discarded, or damaged bikes there will be in the auction, but you can be sure that the price will be right!

[As always - All buyers agree that, should the original owner subsequently recognize the bike you bought at the auction as theirs - you get your money back and they get their bike back.]

So, bring some loose change to the auction on Sunday and grab a beach-bike - "clunker" - to add to your vast and varied cottage-bike-collection!

[Each summer, between 50 and 100 lost, stolen, or misplaced bikes are returned to their owners. This admirable record is thanks to the bike sticker registration system from previous years, as well as the honesty of VB'ers who turn in the errant bikes they find to the Police Info Office near the VB Gate.]

Allen Willoughby

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## Sailing Club News

Did you know that Victoria Beach is home to one of Manitoba's most active sailing clubs? On any given Saturday or Sunday there are always a number of sailboats in view if you stand on the pier. Victoria Beach Yacht Club is comprised of over fifty memberships, the majority of whom are families, who enjoy racing as well as recreational sailing in the bay, along the plentiful beaches, or to the pristine reaches of Elk Island.

Sailing lessons for youth and adults begin on July 5th and run until August 13th. For more information, please call Pat Dorval at 478-2594 (Winnipeg) or Evelyn Russell at 756-6525 (VB).

The racing season begins on Saturday and Sunday, July 3 & 4, with the annual 'Redeye Regatta'. Why not come down and see both catamarans and a wide variety of monohulls as they rig and ready themselves for another summer of sailing fun.

As well, VBVC will host an Open House Barbecue on Saturday, July 3rd from 12 - 2 pm for all interested individuals. We welcome you to come down to the club and find out more about the facilities and programs offered. Memberships and lesson information will be available.

Maureen Krauss

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**Garden Tour — 2004**

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Dierdre DeGagne [756-3070]



## VB Yacht Club Sailing Schools

### Private / Semi Private & Group Lessons

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Rates vary.  
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### Optimist Sailing Program

SIX ONE-WEEK SESSIONS FOR  
YOUTH AGES 7 TO 13  
July 5 - Aug. 13, 2004

The Optimist GYBE program of the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) for junior sailors (ages 7 - 13) holds morning classes for beginners, and afternoon classes for those who have had previous sailing instruction or experience. This program is conducted in one-person Optimist sailboats by a MSA/CYA certified instructors. The \$75 per student tuition covers 5 two hour per day sessions. Enrollment is limited to 6 participants per session.

DATES	LEARN TO SAIL	
	9:30 - 12:30	1:30 - 4:30
JULY 5 - JULY 9		
JULY 12 - 16		
JULY 19 - 23		
JULY 26 - 30		
AUG 2 - 6		
AUG 9 - 13		

FULL PAYMENT IS REQUIRED WITH THIS APPLICATION. COST OF THIS IS \$120 PER SESSION. CHEQUES PAYABLE TO VBVC

### Release

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DATES	OPTIMIST		
	9:30 - 11:30	12:30 - 2:30	2:30 - 4:30
JULY 5 - JULY 9			
JULY 12 - 16			
JULY 19 - 23			
JULY 26 - 30			
AUG 2 - 6			
AUG 9 - 13			

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## Herald Flashback!

### From the Herald — August, 1931

#### Early History

To those who speak of Victoria Beach as being "out of the way," it may come as a surprise to learn that, in the past, it was along the main road to the "North-West" - as Western Canada was known for many years. In those days gone by, most of the traffic to and from the east went past what is now Victoria Beach.

La Verendrye built Fort Maurepas at the mouth of the Windipeg River and he and the explorers who came after him must have often passed by these shores on their way to the Red River.

Traces of the French occupation remain to this day in some of the place names. Elk Island is English, but it's simply a translation of the old French - "Isle a la Biche." Another example is Traverse Bay - "Baie de la Traversée" - a traverse referring to cutting across open water from point to point. Grand Beach is new, but "Grand Marais" is old - "Marais" is French for "a marsh."

After the French, came the traders of the Hudson's Bay and North West companies. The NW Company had a fort at Bas de la Riviere or "River Mouth" which is now Fort Alexander. From here, they travelled up and down the lake to their "departments" along the Red River.

Alexander Henry, the Younger, wrote in his journal about this area as he passed by around 1800. He wrote that they started across Traverse Bay from Bas de la Riviere but a storm sprang up from the north and they were forced on-shore until the wind abated. They finally crossed the sand bar south of Isle a la Biche without having to portage, as was usually necessary for about 200 pack animals on the sand bar. He described how they camped on the Grand Marais; went

duck shooting; and later discovered a pile of decomposing fish-fles on the shore 6 to 8 inches deep - the smell of which he described as terribly unpleasant.

Another often-used portage was just to the south of Victoria Beach, across the marsh between Traverse Bay and the lake. Nicholas Garry, who later was Deputy Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, and the man whose name was given to Fort Garry, describes this route in his writings from around 1820. He mentions a short-cut from Traverse Bay to the lake - a portage of about a mile - across a sandy road which may have been an Indian trail. *[Editor's note, 2004: This might have been through the Bayview marsh, which required portages in years of low water but could be paddled across in years of high water. Or, the short-cut might also have been down a trail which is today David Road. Both routes offered a shortcut which eliminated the need to paddle around VB or Elk Island.]*

In 1870, the Wolseley expedition stopped here on their way to Red River to deal with the Riel rebellion. The historian of the group relates in his journal how they camped on a pleasant Sunday afternoon on the north shore of Elk Island. The writer describes the beautiful scene and wonders of the time will come when Fort Garry will be a thriving city and when these sandy beaches will perhaps be a summer resort.

So, this quiet spot of today has seen much of the history of the west pass by it's shores. Then, when the railway arrived, the traffic flow changed and the old paths were almost deserted. Fort Maurepas is a memory and Fort Bas de la Riviere is also gone.

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As you blow off the dust and fight the cobwebs in your charming cottage in preparation for another lovely summer, please keep a keen eye out for those long lost trophies.

We now have two trophy cases in the VB Club House, one of which is waiting to be filled with paraphernalia to track the colourful history of Victoria Beach. Canoeing, swimming, tennis, golf, running & please consider sharing recognition of your family's accomplishments with the entire VB community.

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Shannon MacFarlane  
VB Club President



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You can reduce the risk of being infected by reducing your exposure to mosquito bites. The following are examples of ways you can reduce your risk:

- Eliminate or reduce the collection of standing water on your property. Common receptacles are children's toys, pet bowls, wading pools and flowerpots.
- Using mosquito repellent with DEET.
- Reducing outdoor activities from dusk to dawn. These are the peak mosquito hours but Culex mosquitoes will also bite during the night.
- Wearing loose fitting, light coloured, long sleeved tops and long pants when outdoors.
- Making sure that door and window screens fit tightly and are free of holes.

The public should report dead corvids (crows, blue jays, ravens and magpies) to Health Links at 788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257. General information regarding the West Nile Virus is also available from Health Links or on the web at [www.gov.mb.ca/tealib/](http://www.gov.mb.ca/tealib/).

### ■ Unauthorized Use of Municipal Lanes

The municipal lanes that were brushed by Manitoba Hydro to enable the replacement of its infrastructure are not to be used for vehicular access. The only authorized vehicles in these lanes are those driven by our municipal employees, emergency personnel and/or Manitoba Hydro staff.

Under no circumstances are private individuals, delivery companies, contractors, etc., to use these lanes as access to the rear of private properties or for parking vehicles. The lanes are not graded or gravelled and were not brushed to provide access for private vehicles. Unauthorized vehicular traffic poses a safety risk to the adjacent property owners, especially children and has resulted in damage to municipal water lines. Parking in the lanes is not permitted and will hamper or prevent access to authorized vehicles. The continued use of these lanes by vehicles increases our police's workload and may increase the risk of break and enter and theft. Please refrain from using these lanes and report any unauthorized vehicles, travelling on or parked in the lanes, to the municipal police. The municipal police will monitor these brushed-out lanes and issue tickets to offenders.

### ■ Waterfront Living - Handbook

The municipality has donated two copies of On the Living Edge - Your Handbook for Waterfront Living to the Victoria Beach Library. The handbook provides lakeshore residents with valuable information on topics ranging from water quality protection to strategic planning that will minimize the effects of flooding, erosion and sewage back-up. It also includes information on buffer zones, construction tips, maintaining septic systems, private water systems, landscaping, erosion, living with wildlife, etc.

The handbook also lists Manitoba contacts for various departments and resources and an appendix on native plant species. We encourage readers to borrow this handbook and we thank Tirzah Ateah for making council aware that it was available.

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