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Coming Events!

- **Swimming Lesson Inquiries**
Mon - Fri - 9:30 - 10 a.m. - Swim Dock
- **Teen Film Festival/Coffee House**
Friday, Aug. 4 - 9-11 p.m. - Clubhouse
- **Senior Tennis Tournament**
Sat. thru Mon., Aug. 5-7 - Tennis Courts
- **Silent Auction**
Sat. & Sun. Aug. 5 & 6 - 10 a.m. 2 p.m.
Village Green
- **Bike Race**
Sun. Aug. 6 - 10 a.m. - Sports Ground
- **Dog Show**
Monday, Aug. 7 - 11 a.m. - Sports Ground
- **Junior Golf Tournament**
Wednesday, Aug. 9 - 9 p.m. - Sports Ground
- **Teen Movie Night**
Friday, Aug. 12 - 9 p.m. - Clubhouse
- **Soccer Tournament**
Saturday, Aug. 12 - Sports Grounds
- **Duplicate Bridge Tournament**
Sat. Aug. 12 - 7:30 p.m. - Clubhouse
- **Cross Country Run**
Sun. Aug. 13 - 9 a.m. - Clubhouse
- **RM/VB Council Meeting**
Tues., Aug. 15 - Sports Club (Pine Rd.) p.m.
- **Slow-Pitch Baseball Tournament**
Sat. Aug. 19 - 9 a.m. - Sports Ground

VB Municipal Election Results!

There were 7 Council candidates running for 4 positions. The election results are:

Kevin Atesh - 450 votes [re-elected council member]
Tom Farrell - 405 [re-elected council member]
Bruce Morrison - 395 [re-elected council member]
Gordon Kaye - 324 [re-elected council member]

Deirdre Degagne - 287

Bob Lyon - 211

Roger Lauria - 129

Reeve - Elected by Acclamation - **William McDonald**

[The VB Council remains unchanged.]

[Voter turn-out was a disappointing 24%.]

Special Events

Although most of the Victoria Beach Special Events occur once in a summer, there are some regularly run activities which are not run by Rec. Staff, but in fact are run by volunteers. Aerobics, which runs three times a week, is convened by **Maria Erickson**. Maria works relentlessly over the winter contacting and obtaining commitments from a variety of aerobic instructors. These instructors are professional fitness leaders who choose to give up their holiday time in order to offer us this tremendous program.

The calm and gentle **Jane Carroll** has also volunteered for many years, leading a once per week yoga class. Jane has many loyal followers and her classes are enjoyed by both teens and adults.

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Rain or shine, Mixed Bridge hands are played Monday nights at the Clubhouse. This event is coordinated with grace and finesse by **Donna Thala** and **Fran Pollard**.

For those of you who attend these regular events, I would like to emphasize that these are available to you only because of the generous time given by volunteers. Perhaps you can take a moment this summer to let your convenor know that their efforts are enjoyed and appreciated.

Thanks go out to **Ken Rowson** for his excellent organization of the Men's Golf Tournament. **Jocelyn Duncan** again coordinated the Volleyball Tournament last Saturday. Jocelyn is a former Rec assistant who has cheerfully embraced our VB volunteer philosophy. **Laurie Reade**, **Judy Owen** and **Nancy Keith** are a set of brand new convenors who are to be for a very successful sandcastle-building event at Clubhouse Beach last Sunday morning.

After securing our volunteer activity coordinators, it is my goal to ensure they feel supported and valued. I would ask that perhaps all of you can help me with this task.

Carol Louder

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Policeman's Corner

• Ride

The 11 AUG ride to Winnipeg is fast approaching. We leave at 0600 from the VBPL and have approx. 7 Winnipeg Police bicycle unit members joining us in our cause. If you like getting up early, please come and wave us off and give us your encouragement. If you wish to write a cheque to the Children's Wish Foundation for Stormy Stevensons' wish we will gladly ride it all the way to Winnipeg.

A big thank you to all who have donated and special thanks to Ray's Plumbing who are donating \$2.00 from every invoice up to ride day and Cheryl at the Idle Thyme restaurant who is feverishly collecting money for her "Ride for Stormy" collection bucket, plus her staff, who are donating all of their tips on one day, plus a Poker derby for Stormy.

Wal-Mart in Selkirk put on a BBQ fundraiser for us wherein 4 VBP members attended on their own time and sold hot dogs and a drink for \$2. We raised almost \$3,000...which is awesome.

• Vests

VBP members can be seen sporting bullet proof vests which some might say is a little excessive for Victoria Beach.

The value of the vest is not only for the ballistic ability of the vest but also to prevent blunt trauma to the body from punches, knives and even motor vehicular collisions. Recently, a Powerview RCMP cruiser attempted to miss a bear on the #11 Hwy at 3 am. They veered left, the bear doubled back, the cruiser veered right, drove onto the gravel shoulder, the physics of which caused the cruiser to careen into the ditch and end up upside-down in the watery ditch. The moral of this story is that everyone was safe owing to the fact that they were buckled in and stayed safely in their seat and did not fly all over the interior of the car. The second thing was that they were wearing their ballistic vests which protected them from the blunt trauma of hitting the steering wheel, computer and any other equipment in a modern-day cruiser car.

*Stewart MacPherson
VB Police Chief*

VICTORIA BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH - 2006

St. Michael's Church, Corner 8th and Pine
Interdenominational Services 11:00 a.m. Sunday

Aug. 6	Rev. Dr. Murray Henderson	Anglican
Aug. 13	Wayne Larstone	United
Aug. 20	Hugo Unruh	United
Aug. 27	Bill Davis	United

Choir Practice 10:20 a.m. - Everybody Welcome!

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CLOSED SUNDAYS

Cross Country Run Sunday, August 13

Dust off your runners – the annual VB Cross-Country Run will be held on Sunday, August 13. Registration at the Clubhouse is at 9am and the run starts at 9:30am.

The 3 events are:

- **Short Course** – 1st to Patricia to 8th to Gibson to Sports Ground (approx. 3km)

- **Long Course** – 1st to 8th to Gibson to Sports Ground (approx. 5km)

- **Family Relay** – 4 family/extended family members use Long Course with exchanges at Patricia and 1st, 6th and 1st, and 8th and Patricia.

This run is for all speeds – fast and slow. Last year's trophy winners – please bring trophies to Johnson's at 309 - 3rd or to the Clubhouse on run day.

Grace and Bob Johnson

Rec Director's Report

Hello All,

This week's Arts and Crafts project will be the Clubhouse Carnival. We will be making juggling balls, as well as face painting, playing musical chairs, 'pin the smile on the happy face' cookie, and other fun events!

Please remember that members pay one dollar and non-members pay two dollars.

Our bike hike this week will be off to the Sand Cliffs. Remember to bring your hike helmet, bathing suit and towel. Also, bug spray and sunscreen are highly recommended!

Also a reminder to everyone that there is no programming on the Monday of the August long weekend - August 7.

Thanks again to all the participants who came out this week!

Michelle Reimer
Rec Director



VB Cottage Owners Meeting

The annual V.B.C.O. meeting will be held on Sunday, August 27th 2006 at 1pm at the VB Clubhouse.

If you have any agenda items, please send them to me by email at bohjassociates@mts.net or drop them off at 309 - 3rd Victoria Beach before August 20th.

Our councillors will be invited to attend. See you on the 27th.

Bob Johnson
President

2006 Victoria Beach Weekly Summer Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Tennis Lessons 8 45-9 45 Ages 7-9	Yoga 10 00-12 00 Adults and Teens	Tennis Lessons 8 45-9 30 Ages 5-8		Tennis Lessons 8 45-9 45 Ages 10 and Up
	Adult Tennis 10 00-12 00 Round Robin Play	Golf Lessons 10 00-11 00 Ages 7-11		Golf Lessons 10 00-11 00 Ages 7-11	Adult Tennis 10 00-12 00 Round Robin Play
	Aerobics 10 00-11 00	Adult Golf Lessons 11-12pm	Aerobics 10 00-11 00	Golf Lessons Ages 12-16 11 00-12 00pm	Aerobics 10 00-11 00
	Youth Sport 10 00-11 00 Ages 10-14		Bike Hikes 10 00-12 00 Ages 7-12		Youth Sport 10 00-11 00 Ages 10-14
	Childrens Games 10 00-11 00 Ages 4-10	Arts and Crafts 12 30-1 30pm Ages 4-8		Arts and Crafts 12 30-1 30pm Ages 4-10	Childrens Games 10 00-11 00 Ages 4-10
	Family Sport Night 7 30-8 30	Tennis Ages 11-18 5 00-7 00 Round Robin Play	Family Sport Night 7 30-8 30	Tennis Ages 11-18 5 00-7 00 Round Robin Play	Family Sport Night 7 30-8 30 Parents Vs Kids
PM		Movies 7 30-9 30pm	Teen Sport Night 8 30-Dusk Ages 12-18	Movies 7 30-9 30pm	Teen Night 8 00-11 30pm Ages 12-18

VB Men's Open Golf Tournament Results



Tournament convenor Ken Rowson (left) congratulates the 2006 Men's Golf champion, J.J. Wiens on his spectacular winning round of 67

[It's a tournament record and probably a VB course record, as well!]

Another Men's Golf tournament has come and gone, and this year's event ushered a new era of golf at Victoria Beach. It was the first time that we had ever brought "Charity" into the event and that added a different flavour this year. Bruce Eyford donated a beautiful Callaway golf bag to be given away at the tournament. The only way you could be eligible to win the bag was to make a charitable donation. I was happy to come to an arrangement with "The Ladybug Foundation" as our charity to support. It comes as no surprise to me that the good people of Victoria Beach were happy to support this charity as well. I am pleased to report that we raised \$756 through the event and I want to thank everyone for their generosity. Young Hannah Taylor, the founder of the Ladybug Foundation also thanks you for your help in her quest to provide food and shelter for the homeless. In the draw, at the end of the day, the golf bag was won by Mike Manning.

Now onto the golf! There were a total of 143 participants this year with 74 playing in the morning and 69 playing in the afternoon. For those in the morning the chilly air was welcome relief after weeks of very hot temperatures. The afternoon players enjoyed almost perfect conditions for golf. For many of the regular players at the beach, they know the names of golfers to watch for in the men's open. Names like Wilson, McMurray, Lawler and Jeffery all have their names on the trophy a few times or more. We all knew however that the day would come when the next generation would start their dominance of the men's open. That happened this year. Twenty-one year old J.J. Wiens, who hits the ball a mile, turned in a fabulous score of 67 to win this year's championship. He was 8 shots ahead of his nearest competitor, and we believe that 67 is the lowest round ever in the history of this tournament. Congratulations to J.J. Wiens on a great showing in this event. Here are some other results from the tournament:

Overall Champion: J.J. Wiens

1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight
1. Andrew Stelmack	1. Bryan Clake	1. Larry Alexander
2. Keith McMurray	2. Wayne Moroz	2. John Evans
3. Tom Wilson	3. Ron Vealestuk	3. Al Prejet
4. Ted LeBaron	4. Allen Willoughby	4. Mike Bru
5. Pat Hastings	5. Kevin Grace	5. Laith Gagnon
6. Duncan MacKinnon	6. Dennis Roth	6. Fletcher Langford

7. Jack Fotheringham	7. Gale Petreny	7. Richard Lemire
8. Chris Warrack	8. Stephen Dubinski	8. Frank Bevilacqua
9. Bob Lawler	9. Jim Sheppard	9. Slade Willison
4th Flight	5th Flight	6th Flight
1. Bill Hurtig	1. Rob Henderson	1. Frank Hodgert
2. George Schamber	2. Gil Jeannotte	2. Don Timmerman
3. Peter Komarmicki	3. Angelo Andreosso	3. Bruce Lillie
4. Everett Shade	4. Bruce Welsh	4. Michael Swantz
5. Ray Plouffe	5. K. Clapham	5. Doug Bannerman
6. Marcel Lecuyer	6. Gary Wall	6. John Perry
7. Rob Puls	7. Chris Minke	7. Brian Hyska
8. Bob Mansfield	8. Bob Mauthe	8. Matt Walker
9. Helmut Unruh	9. Paul Nagel	9. Guy Desautels

Closest to the pin in the morning: Peter Turcotte

Closest to the pin in the afternoon: Tom Wilson

Closest to the line in the morning: Al Jeffery

Closest to the line in the afternoon: John Evans

The prize table went fairly deep this year although there was not enough to give every player a prize. The meager entry fee of \$10.00 is used to purchase prizes. That is done with very careful purchasing decisions in order to obtain as many prizes as possible.

We also are very fortunate to have a number of generous people who have donated prizes for this event. Please read the names of the people and the companies below who have supported our tournament this year and some, for several years. I want to thank all of them for their support.

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The Rowson Family

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Men's Golf, continued from page 4

I failed to make mention on tournament day of the great job the team at the golf course has done and getting the course into shape. For the regulars, we all remember the conditions of the greens back in late May and early June. John Evans and the grounds crew of Roger, Mel and Jonathan have certainly turned things around in a very short time and they are to be commended for the effort they put into keeping our course beautiful. Also to Rhett, Dorian and Anna who have handled the registration for our tournament and who always keep things running smoothly, I want to thank them for their support. Finally I want to thank my regular crew of friends and golf buddies who are always anxious to help out in any way. They actually do all the work, so that I can stand around and look important. They are Keith McMurray, Kevin Gooding, Dan Rouault, Pat Hastings, Rob Puls, & Mike McGettrick. A special Thank you to my daughter Tess Rowson who helps me with score cards and sign before the tournament.

Next years event is Friday, July 27th. Book your vacations now and plan to be at the 2007 Victoria Beach Men's Open.

Ken Rowson

Tournament organizer

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Check Newsletters, Posters and Bulletin Boards
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The 200m swim winners
David Woodman and
Kendra Garagan.

800m Open Swim Results



The 800m swim
winners
Rachelle Winsor and
David Woodman.



All the 800m swimmers.

Congratulations to all who swam in the 800m Open Swim. Special thanks to our volunteers: Kelly Garagan and Patti Vadeboncoeur, and to our VB swim instructors - Emily Birley, Lisa Spangelo, Lauren Johnson and Patrick Beech.

Here are the results!

Men's Trophy Winner - David Woodman
Women's Trophy Winner - Rachelle Winsor

● Ages 11/12

Girls

1. Breanne Siwicki
2. Emily Haydaman

● Ages 13/14

Girls

1. Rachelle Winsor
2. Kendra Garagan and Rachel Shin
3. Hanna Sands

Boys

1. Garrett Suss

● Ages 15/16

Girls

1. Lauren Van Berkel

● 30+ Female

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Bridge News



Great cards and good bidding made for an exciting night of bridge July 24th.

On the last hand of the night - John Ishister and Don Simonson bid and made a grand slam with 7 no trump. "This is as good as it gets" scoring 2870 in one hand... wow... giving John top score 6670.

Ann Manning with a few "small slams" under her belt led throughout the evening till the last hand, scoring 6480 and squeaking into 2nd place. Honorable mention: Don Simonson, 5810 and Frank Manning, 5330.

A fun night of bridge - come and join us.

Remember Aug. 12th - Duplicate tournament.

Joan Summers

Tammy MacIntosh

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Aerobics

Thanks so much to all the great aerobic instructors who once again volunteered their vacation time so we all could enjoy our workouts 3 times a week.

Debbie Loughheed works at Shapes and Images in Winnipeg. Diane Carlson and her friend Angie from Good Life Fitness on Sargent Ave at St. James and Linda Conner who plies her trade at St. George's Church on Wilton Ave. Last but not least is Kirsten Drybrough who works at Shapes.

The aerobics schedule for the next 2 weeks will be posted at the Clubhouse.

Maria Erickson
Aerobics Coordinator

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VB Junior Golf Tournament Wednesday August 9th

This year's tournament will be held Wednesday, August 9th, 2006. We will be holding two shotgun starts at 9 am (8-12 year olds) and 1 pm (13-17 year olds).

Should you be able to help out with a prize or donation (BIG or small), please contact me at my office or drop off prizes at the Victoria Beach Golf Course. Should you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make all cheques payable to the Victoria Beach Golf Club. We require chaperones to score on tournament day as well.

I would like to thank last year's contributors for their continued support of our annual Junior Golf Tournament at Victoria Beach. We managed to attract over 100 participants ranging in ages from 8 to 17 years. With the generosity of our sponsors, all participants came away with a prize. It has been policy not to charge an entry fee for Victoria Beach Club and/or golf course members. It is only through the support of companies and individuals that enables us to continue this tradition. All contributors are announced at the Tournament's conclusion and are mentioned in the Herald.

It is with some reservation that after some 15 years I am considering stepping down as the chairperson for the Junior Tournament. I've enjoyed this thoroughly but feel it is time to move forward. Therefore, I am looking to the next generation of VBers to come forward and volunteer a day of their holiday to help out.

If you feel you would like to take over as convenor, please contact me at the lake [756-8582]; leave your name with John Evans at the club [756-2435]; or, contact me at Hastings Hearing Centres Ltd., 390 Graham Ave. Winnipeg, MB. Toll free: 1-800-782-0078.

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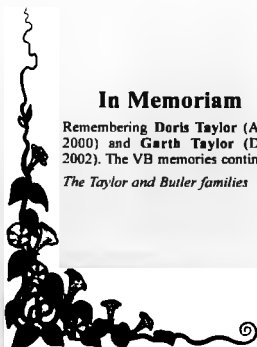
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In Memoriam

Remembering Doris Taylor (Aug. 2000) and Garth Taylor (Dec. 2002). The VB memories continue.

The Taylor and Butler families





Beach People!

● How much can three girls and their dad experience at Victoria Beach in a short seven-hour visit? Just ask Avery, Allison, Olivia, and Jeff Zabudsky when they spent the day here on July 27.

After a walk from the Parking Lot to 406 – 6th for a quick lunch, it was then a bike ride to the pier for pier jumping. The next stop was Clubhouse Beach for a swim and a hunt for bird feathers and pretty rocks. What visit is complete without an ice cream at the Moonlight Inn? Then it was back to the cottage to play with Shae and Dylan (our pup and kitten), followed by dinner – with dessert being a choice of a dream or face cookie from the Bakery. Then, as the day started, it ended with a walk back to the Parking Lot.

We look forward to a return visit from the Zabudsky family next summer. Hopefully on that visit, mom Leanne can experience first-hand the many delights of Victoria Beach.

Mary McIntosh, Peter Komarnicki, Sheila Johnson, Lauren Johnson

● Douglas and Dianne Pritchard arrived from Glasgow, Scotland with their two children: 3-year-old Aislinn Mai and one-year-old Dylan. During their three week visit, they enjoyed taking the children to the planned activities and loved our beautiful beaches. Dylan and his first cousin, one-year-old Chayse Dubé, tried to stand up and walk unaided – it's a race they will have to continue to master. The young Pritchard family have taken up positions in Singapore, and hope to return to Victoria Beach for the summer of 2007.

"The Grandparents"

● Jerry and Lynn Butler are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jenny Butler to Paul Zeldler of Winnipeg. As VB holds so many wonderful memories for Jenny, she and Paul will be married on the beach by the big rock at King Edward on June 16, 2007.

Jerry and Lynn Butler



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Soccer Tournament Saturday, August 12

Hard on the heels of the World Cup, it's time for the third annual VB Soccer Tournament, taking place at the Sports Ground on Saturday, August 12.

We'll begin with the Squirt Division (7 to 10 years) at 9:00 am, followed by the Youth Division (11 to 15 years) and Open Division (16 years and over), both starting this year at 10:30 am to beat the heat.

The concept for this tournament remains soccer "lite". Teams consist of a keeper and 5 players on the field with as many reserves and subs as you like. Games will consist of two 12-minute halves, except for the Squirt Division (who will play two 10-minute halves). Individuals who don't have a team are welcome – we will find you a team!

To allow us to arrange the draw, please submit your team name, list of players, and division by Friday, August 11 at 7:00 pm. We can be contacted at 756-2367, or drop off your information to us, Greg and Sheila, at 311 – 5th Avenue. If your team won a trophy last year, please return it to us by August 6. We'd love to have teams from the year-round community, the parking lot staff, the tennis crowd, or any neighbourhood group. And, remember to be creative with those team names!

As always, we would welcome anyone to assist us with the refereeing or organizing. As we are at the beach, running shoes or bare feet are preferred to avoid stubbed toes. So, no cleats!

See you there!

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Sandcastle Building Contest - Results

The creative juices were flowing at the July 30 Sandcastle Building Contest at Clubhouse Beach.

Forty-eight teams, representing more than 210 participants, competed in six categories under sunny skies.

Organizers Nancy Keith, Judy Owen and Laurie Reade send a huge thank-you to all participants, judges, helpers and donors for a fun, successful event. Thanks to our judges: Corinne Sorenson, Ryan Sorenson, Nicole Radons, Chris Ali, Tim Goodwin, Coleen Smith, Howard Bilenki, Judy Bilenki, Megan Young, Geoff Meadows, Sharon Kreutzer, Brian Boyd, Jade Welmer and Suzanne Thibodeau.

Thanks also to Tim Scott for donating the soft drinks and the shy donor who picked up the tabs for the prizes and freebies.

A big pat on the back also goes out to our helpers: Al Keith, Stefan Keith, Dave Teghtsoonian, Tim Goodwin, Coleen Smith, Bruce Owen and recreation director Michelle Reimer and her staff.

Here are the results:

(Our apologies if we didn't correctly decipher some of the name spellings)

● ANYTHING GOES

1st Place: Black Pearl — Daniel & Gerry Hagglund

2nd Place: The Catch of the Day — Ryan & Curtis McCrady,

John & Sarah Guest

3rd Place: The Fiefdom — Samantha, Rika & Deirdre Beck, Patrick McGoe

Other participants:

The Flip Flop — Leah Heppenstall, Maddy Loader, Laura & Beth Radons

Thomas The Tank — Victoria & Hugh Taylor, Jack Filuk-Scott, Samantha Enns, Adam, Simon & Tim Scott

Giant Crab — Danny Sisler, Patrick & Allen Johnston, Brenden Nerfa

Ancient Egypt — Brandon, Carmen & Ron Walker

Castle With Moat — Ian Gordon, Alette Dercho

Breakfast Is Served — Katie Morrow, Leah Cappello

Twisted Mermaids — Kelsey & Megan Hill, MacKenzie & Dave Carlson

Octopus 8 — Brett, Ryan & Nicole (no last name provided)

● FAMILIES ONLY

1st Place: VB Dragonfly — Eric, Carson, Megan, Jim & Nadine McIntosh, Mikayla, Evan & Michael Kerr

2nd Place: Kornelsen — Tanner, Noah, Annika, Carolyn & Lowell Kornelsen

3rd Place: Winnipogo — Robin, Glen & Sheila Williams

Other participants:

Matthew & Doyle Rice, Danielle & Nicole Levesque, Joyce Rich

Sponge Bob Square Pants — Jen, Kevin, Jessie & Jordan O'Leary

Caterpillar — Joshua Peacock and his mom

K Green Dons — Zachary, Gabrielle & Sophie Gindon, Madson, Emily & Jenica Kelley, Samantha, Brenda, Don & Gail Green, Joe Anderson, Alli Thomas

The Little Castle — Paetra, Theo & Alan Adamson

Spitz — Andrew, Melissa, Linda & Bob Mauthe

Egyptian Pyramid — Chantal, Jennifer & Danielle Fortier, Lauren Nerfa, Julia Sisler

Dinosaur — Roger, Brienne, Garrett, Hannah & Avril Suss, Clayton Dyck, Laura & Hannah Dyck-Chan

● KIDS ONLY — 12 & UNDER

1ST Place: King's Court — Amber, Tristin & Benjamin Beze, Jennifer, Megan & Ryan Bonner

2nd Place: Sandman's Castle — Taylor & Gabriel Sudermann, Cady & Alex Jessiman, Mollie Quinton, Celine Richardson

3rd Place: Dragonfly — Fallon Moreau, Jillian Klann, Elora Adamson

Other participants:

Nature Castle — Ashton Sudermann, Olivia Torrie

Many Castles — Aidan & Sami Hestes, Laura & Matthew Sachvie

Most Excellent Castle — Marielle & Riley Langdon Martin

Hotel On Beach — Grace McMorris

Snappy — Ethan & Dylan Gow, Sean Taylor

King Kong On The Empire State Building — Emily, Chas & Abbie Meadows, Melissa Mauthe

Dribble Castle — Jordan & Julia Lucht

An Ipod — Connor Davies, Abby Eyford, Macleod Grant

Team Powell Edmond — Derek & Lauren Edmond, Meagan & Rebecca Powell

The City — Andreas Sudermann, Jaxin DeRosa

● MOST DECORATED

1st Place: The V.B. Pier — Melissa & Sarah Kennedy, Katrina, Liam & Keiran Schioler

2nd Place: Splash In The Waves — Alison & John Bogar, Erin Petreny, Jane Hawkins

3rd Place: VB T.V. & Football Watcher — Stefan Keith, Lauren & Kennan Teghtsoonian, Michelle & Laura Owen,

Tanner Goodwin, Sydney Smith

Other participants:

La Torta Del Salsa (La Salsa Cake) — Laura Taylor and the Taylor Troop

Beach Raiders — Nancy, Emily & Jenny Sikora, Bill & Evelyn Head, Cynthia Velie

● SUPER STRUCTURES

1st Place: Egyptian Valley — Kera, Peter & Kendra Garagan, Alyssa Willison

2nd Place: Chichen Itza — Luke Erickson, Lauren & Thomas Bevilacqua, Liam Grace, Cameron, Ella & Kayleigh Russell, Josh & Matthew Koldon, Tess & Dana Poulton

Tie 3rd Place: Black Pearl Boat — Emilie, Caroline, Sophie, Chloe, David & Daniele Evans; Spooky Mountain Volcano — Hannah & Luanne Lank, Annick Dionne-Floch, Claire Dionne

● TRADITIONAL CASTLES

1st Place: Helen, Owen & Rial Black, Renee, Olivia & Daryl Probetts, Jane Axworthy, James, Kirsty & Matthew Cook, Kristian Gutormson

2nd Place: Grand Playa de Clubhouse — Alanna, Kristin, Brenda & Herb Vielhaber, Shea Kosokowsky

Tie 3rd Place: Brendan & Cory Proulx, Cole & Dane Moreau; A.M. 4 — Meaghan Proulx, Alex Spyropoulos

Nancy Keith, Judy Owen, Laurie Reade



1st Place - Anything Goes



1st Place - Families Only



1st Place - Kids 12 under



1st Place - Most Decorated



1st Place - Super Structures



1st Place - Traditional



Sandcastle Participants



Boys Under 14 - Doubles



Boys Under 18 - Doubles



Girls 12 & Under - Singles



Girls 14 & Under - Singles



Boys 18 & Under - Singles



Boys 12 & Under - Singles



Girls 16 & Under - Singles



Girls 18 & Under - Singles



Boys 14 & Under - Singles



Boys 16 & Under - Singles



Mixed 14 & Under - Doubles



Mixed 18 & Under - Doubles



Girls 14 & Under - Doubles



Girls 18 & Under - Doubles



Parent/Child Competitive



Parent/Child Recreational

Junior Tennis Tournament – Results

This year's Junior Tennis Tournament saw 102 participants participating in 119 matches. Two days of excellent tennis competition were enjoyed by participants and spectators alike.

The results are as follows:

SINGLES:

Girls 12 & Under
Boys 12 & Under
Girls 14 & Under
Boys 14 & Under
Girls 16 & Under
Boys 16 & Under
Boys 18 & Under
Girls 18 & Under

DOUBLES:

Girls Under 14

Boys Under 14

Girls Under 18

Boys Under 18

Mixed Under 14

Mixed Under 18

PARENT & CHILD:

Recreational

Competitive

WINNERS

Emily Fridrik
Jack Riess
Erika Fridrik
Hector Cameron
Jaime Peterson
Alex Lesiuk
Alex Lesiuk
Jaime Peterson

WINNERS

Emily Keating
Erika Fridrik
Noah Yagi
Hector Cameron
Jane Yagi
Katie Thomas
Alex Lesiuk
Eric Pollard
Emily Keating
Noah Yagi
Jaime Peterson
Eric Pollard

WINNERS

Jane Turk
Madison Turk
Maureen Neuendorff
Scott Neuendorff

RUNNERS UP

Abby Eyford
Connor Turk
Madison Turk
Noah Yagi
Jane Yagi
Taylor Horne
Sean Bailey
Kira Keating

RUNNERS UP

Glynnis Eyford
Katrina Lesiuk
Will McPherson
Davis Hirsch
Kira Keating
Emily Keating
Riley Horne
Taylor Horne
Katrina Lesiuk
Scott Neuendorff
Katie Thomas
Mark Lloyd

RUNNERS UP

Dan Drybrough
Jack Drybrough
Diane Carlson
Dane Carlson

Congratulations to all of the players!

Thank you to Aynsley Walker and all of the tennis court attendants who willingly helped throughout the tournament and to Sally Lawler who kindly looked after ordering the t-shirts and tennis balls.

Finally we would like to thank all of the wonderful VB kids. Those who played and those who watched can attest to the excellent talent displayed in the matches. As convenors, we were impressed, once again, by the cooperation, respectful attitudes, and enthusiasm displayed both on and off the courts. This winning combination of skill and sportsmanship makes VB tennis the best there is.

See you at the courts!

Bryan and Lisa Yagi
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Tennis Report



For his many years of outstanding tennis involvement, VB Tennis icon George Gilmour receives the Vilsa Ansons Memorial Award from Stacy Ansons [left] and Peggy Ansons [right].

July is over, two tournaments are finished and two are yet to come. At this time I would like to give special thanks to the court attendants. **Andrew Ruban, Jane Vagi and Rachel Duncan** have completed their three weeks - **Taylor Horne** continues for the next three weeks. Thanks to all of you for a job well done.

Chris Thomas, Michael Bilecki and Danielle Hall are the new court attendants and have already started their term.

Aynsley Walker, our senior court attendant, continues to do a commendable job of running the Round Robins and tennis lessons. She also provides leadership and supervision to the court attendants.

The Masters Tournament was another great success. Thanks to **Aurele Gendron** and **Rex Neuedorff** for convening and making it all run so smoothly. The Junior Tournament was a pleasure to watch - talent galore and good sportsmanship - it can't get any better. Thanks go to **Brian and Lisa Vagi**, and **Jane Turk** for convening once again.

Margaret and Tom Richardson have been convening the Tennis Ladder on Wednesdays - 4:30 - 6:00. They could use more players - especially men. Remember you don't have to attend every week. Come out at 4:15 and you will be placed on the ladder according to your ability.

If you received tennis balls as a prize in any of the tournaments, check to make sure they are pressurized. Several tins have been flat. If you have a bad tin, bring it back to the court un-opened and we will replace it for you.

That's all for now. In closing I would ask players to help keep the courts and surroundings clean by picking up litter (even if it isn't yours) and please use the bike racks.

Sally Lawler

[this sounds like a Beach Banter item to me... and it needs to be shortened]

The Hundred Acre Woods

The Hundred Acre Woods, or Pine Glen, is a special place. It extends from Arthur Road East north to Trainor subdivision lakeshore to Highway 504. Historically, culturally, and ecologically, this area demands our respect. I understand that the electorate has twice voted not to develop this area.

It has been on the migration route of the hunting, berry-picking Ojibway groups forever. Laverendrye writes of camping below the sand cliffs. My own father met his death on the ancient trail at the base of the hill in a logging accident. Our history surrounds us in the green depths of this forest.

These acres are now an important part of our lives. The shoreline from Wanasing to the cliffs is a beautiful solitary walk and the "bare tracks" of people mingle with the sharp hoof-marks left by deer. Each summer, hundreds of families come to play and swim at the sand cliffs - walking or hiking in from Highway 504. A few days ago, I counted 74 bicycles in a VB Club group going to the cliffs for a day of fun. My grandchildren and I snowshoe, cross-country ski, bird watch, and nature study in the snow in winter.

The top of the hill is spruce and jack pine parkland. Blueberries grow out of the deep grey moss and bearberry. A meadow where a fire burned 70 years ago is full of grasses and wildflowers. Monarch butterflies live on the milkweed. Below the hill, across the trail is the dark balsam forest - tangled fallen trees in deep green moss and fern. The hermit thrush sings from here in the evening.

Now comes the bad part. Recreational motor vehicles are using this forest. We cannot hike and can scarcely walk to the cliffs as the trails are so churned up. The meadow is flattened. Ground cover juniper, bearberry, and grass have been stripped on a circuit to make a motorway. On the first day of lower water levels, vehicles buzz along the lakeshore.

Many communities face these problems. We at Victoria Beach have shown our concern for the environment in many ways - such as the excellent response to the recycling challenge. We must get our heads together and meet this problem of preserving the harmony between the community and the forests.

Tirzah Ateah



Greg Holmboe



Be Bear Smart
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"Becoming Bear Smart"

Two dozen cottagers were informed and entertained at Manitoba Conservation's Bear Smart workshop held July 30th at the VB Clubhouse.

Hank Hristienko, Black Bear Programs Manager gave a presentation addressing many of the common questions and concerns related to black bear conflicts and attractants. The University of Manitoba's study of attitudes and behaviours related to human/bear interactions in cottage country was also explained by Dr. Michael Campbell.

This study will continue throughout the season with regular audits of bear attractants and the information ascertained will be available in the coming months.

In the next few weeks, a survey designed to gauge the effectiveness of the Bear Smart program will be distributed to cottagers in the VB area. This survey will take approximately 20 minutes and your participation is greatly appreciated. Manitoba has a healthy black bear population and we are committed to ensure that bears remain part of our rich heritage and landscape. By working together, and being Bear Smart, we can safeguard people and property and reduce the number of problem bears.

Some key tips to remember:

Never approach or feed a bear

Keep garbage in a secure area until picked up

Remove all bird feeders (including hummingbird feeders)

Feed pets indoors

Clean and store the BBQ after each use

Remove all ripened or rotting fruit from your trees regularly

Further information can be obtained at www.manitoba.ca/blackbear and from the U of M Researcher at Victoria Beach.

Liz Kaye (756-2499)

Fund Raising Raffle This Weekend On The Village Green!

There's something for everyone! Stop by and see the prizes and buy 10 tickets for 5 dollars and try your luck.

Winning tickets will be drawn at 2pm on Sunday. You don't need to be present to win... we will call you.

All the money raised will be used for VB kids programs.

Last minute donations will be graciously accepted.

Hope to see you this weekend.

Peggy Ansons and Sharon Kreutzer



Harold Knowitall

Everything you ever wanted to know about — Fireflies!

■ What can you tell us about fireflies?

Well, first of all, there are over 2,000 species of these bioluminescent, nocturnal beetles. ['bioluminescent'... there's a \$50 word, eh?]

The firefly (aka lightning bug) produces a "cold light" in a specialized organ on the underside of its abdomen. There, a substance called luciferin reacts with oxygen, which is breathed in through the abdominal trachea.

[Aren't you glad you asked?]

■ Why do fireflies glow like that?

It appears that the male fireflies' flashing pattern is a mating signal — females seem to prefer the most rapidly flashing males. Some scientists also believe that the flashing warns off potential predators. Nevertheless, frogs have been known to gorge on a summer feast of fireflies until they themselves begin to glow.

■ What do fireflies eat?

Uh... well... uh... haven't got a clue!

No one is really sure. Some report that adults don't eat at all, others believe that they feed on nectar and pollen. Female fireflies lay eggs in the soil. Four weeks later larvae are born. These larvae feed on slugs and snails over the summer, spend the winter in underground tunnels and emerge in the spring to eat again and transform into glowing bugs.

■ Are fireflies found everywhere... or just at VB?

Fireflies are found throughout tropical and temperate regions of the world. To attract fireflies to your backyard, try cutting down on lawn chemicals, reduce extra lighting that may interfere with their signaling, and plant tall grass or overhanging trees and shrubs to provide cool, moist, daytime shelter. In Japan, fireflies have become the cultural symbol for river protection and environmental conservation.

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Here's a shot of nostalgia — if you remember the old days of the VB Train ... and the "Moonlight"!

This old ad — vintage 1935 — is from the Winnipeg Free Press.

[Thanks to Dennis Fuerst of the Selkirk Journal for sending it along].

[The "Victoria Beach Inn" reference is to what started out as the "Pinehurst Inn" ... built on Pier Point in 1916 ... and which later became the Victoria Beach Inn. Sadly, it suffered partial fire damage in 1953 and was torn down in 1959.]



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You may have noticed the various boat trailers parked on the south side of the sports field last weekend. The Manitoba Sailing Team transported several boats and sailors to compete and train in the Big Bird Classic out of the VB Yacht Club. Four high performance coaches from Winnipeg, Montreal and Germany, put 26 sailors through intense land and water training over the four-day-camp. Sailors arrived at VB from Thunder Bay, Clearwater Bay, Falcon Lake, Winnipeg, Gimli, Grand Beach, and of course, VB. The race committee was organized by VB sailor Chris Aldridge.

Members of the Manitoba Sailing Team are heading off to sail for the Western Canadian Championships in Calgary, then up to Edmonton (Lake Wabamun) for the Canadian Youth Sailing Championships. From Edmonton, many of the team will be going out to Kingston, Ontario for CORK - the Canadian Olympic Regatta at Kingston.

Many volunteers helped us out this weekend. I would like to thank Rita Inggenmey and Evelyn Russell for all their meal time help. Sailors were also billeted around the beach — thank you to all who provided a bed and some breakfast. Baking was donated by several VB folk and was truly appreciated by the hungry hordes at the Yacht Club and at my cottage — thank you! Special thanks to my family and neighbours for their help and support.

If you are interested in learning to sail or want to improve your sailing skills, the VBVC offers one more week of sailing instruction. For information, please call Evelyn Russell at 756-6525.

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Note! – Date Change!

The date of the Annual General Meeting of the Victoria Beach Community Club has been changed to 10 am, Saturday, Sept 2 in the Victoria Beach Clubhouse.

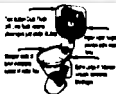
Please try to attend!

Beer Bottle/Can Pick Up

Just a reminder to save your beer bottles and cans for pick-up on August 8, in support of the Project Playground Fundraiser. Remember, you must phone 756-3432 and leave your name, address and phone number to arrange for pick up. Empties should be left on your front step. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

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VB Volleyball — Wrap Up

Last Saturday, under very sunny skies, 70-plus sets of volleyball were played out with exceptional sportsmanship and lots of laughs in true VB form.

The Adult Division had an unbelievable 11 teams entered which led to a ton of very competitive well-played matches. Two young teams (ages 14-16) entered the adult division for the first time and did great. "Can't touch this" made it into the Competitive Division Playoffs and "Mackie's Mighty Minis" finished as Recreational Division Finalists. These two teams will be a force to reckon with in a few years and a few more inches.

Results:**● Family/Youth Division**

Finals "Bench Warmers" def. "Last Minute"
 3rd Place "Spice Girls" def. "Sisler Family"

● Adult Recreational

Finals "Bloody Knees" def. "Mackie's Mighty Minis"
 (this match was a 3 set nail biter)

● Adult Competitive

Semi Finals "10 Years Str8" def. "Sets on the Beach"
 "Pallister Storm" def. "Peacocks"

● Finals

"10 Years Str8" def. "Pallister Storm"
 (this is win #3 for "10 Years Str8" - Congratulations!)

Thanks to all the participants and fans who came out to enjoy the volleyball. A huge thank you to Cassidy Quinton, Aynsley Walker, J.J. Wiens, David Duncan, Michelle and Dave Reimer and the fabulous Rec Crew for all their help before, during and after the tournament.

Finally, thank you to everyone who donated prizes and equipment: Manitoba Volleyball Association, WinMan Volleyball Club, Quietex Services, Grand Pines Golf Course, VB Store, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

The tournament ran smoothly with a lot of people having a lot of fun. Remember - it is never too soon to start practicing for next year. Someone has to try and interrupt "10 Years Str8"!

Jocelyn Duncan

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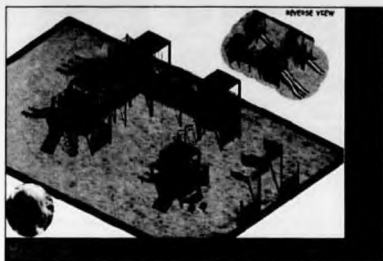
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VB Dog Show Monday, Aug. 7th

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There are prizes for all dogs, trick contests and a chance for all to have their names, along with their pet's name, permanently placed on the VIP (Very Important Pooch) cup.

Be sure to get your "tails" down to the Sports Field on Monday, August 7th at 11 am to honour these wonderful companions. It's the "leash" we can do for them, and it's great fun for kids of all ages!

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Teen News!

■ Teen Scavenger Hunt

Last Saturday evening the avenues were lit by groups of teens bearing flashlights, and carrying sandwich bags containing dream cookies and fish flies. Cottagers opened their doors to be greeted by young boys in search of pantyhose and requests for last year's parking pass. Children encircled St. Michael's, counting windows, and sand-filled milk jugs were treated like prize possessions. Grandparents' memories were tested with questions on the early history of Victoria Beach. What was going on? Why, it was the annual VB Teen Scavenger Hunt! 63 enthusiastic teens participated in this fun-filled event organized by Melanie Charbonneau.

Congratulations to Cole Moreau's team whose trivia knowledge and crossword skills garnered them bragging rights for 1st place. The spirit and determination displayed by Michael Bilenki's team earned them a 2nd place finish. A tie between Heather Stefaniuk and Noah Yagi's teams necessitated an impromptu contest to determine a 3rd place winner. Thomas Aitken and Olivia Probetis donned an iPod and sang on-stage as their teammates cheered them on. After much deliberation, the judges awarded Heather's team the 3rd place title.

The members of the winning teams are as follows:

1st place: Cole M., Morgan P., Victoria T., Simon S., Kathleen O., Sarah G., Ryan M., Hugh T., Adam S.

2nd place: Mike B., Krista A., Mitchell A., Michael R., Erin R., Hector C., Kathleen R., Rachel S., Hannah C., Jennifer P., Whitney S.

3rd place: Heather S., Michael H., Colin W., Landan H., Chris H., Thomas A., Shea K., Kristin V., Whitney B., Olivia T., Alanna V.

Thank you to the teens that served as team leaders. They are Heather Stefaniuk, Margot Hall, Colin Russell, Noah Yagi, Cole Moreau, Cory Proulx, and Mike Bilenki. A special thanks to the following parent volunteers: Herb, Tracy, Carolyn, and Dwayne. Finally, thank you to all of the cottagers who are always so willing to share their knowledge of VB history and assist the teens in their pursuit of assorted eclectic paraphernalia.

Bryan and Lisa Yagi

■ Teen Film Festival/ Coffee House

I am really looking forward to witnessing first hand some VB teen talent. If you sing, play an instrument, can read a favorite passage from a book, perform a short skit or create your own short film about the beach — then we want YOU!! Please call me at 756-2263 to register and also to let me know if you require any special equipment.

The event starts Friday, August 4 at 9 pm at the Clubhouse.

I apologize for the mix up with last weekend's scavenger hunt and the changing of the date — due to the election. So I repeat, the Friday, August 4th Teen Film Festival/Coffee House event begins at 9 pm at the Clubhouse. Wear your wristband, bring a friend, be a participant or a spectator. See you there!

Melanie Charbonneau
Teen Coordinator

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Tuesday, August 8
Two Brothers [PG]

Thursday, August 10
Yours, Mine, and Ours [PG]

Friday, August 11
Teen Movie - 9 p.m.

Please note:

- August movies will all start at 7:30 p.m.
- [Teen movies at 9]
- 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 Classifications.

Movie summaries this week -

● **Two Brothers**

From Jean-Jacques Annaud, the acclaimed director of *The Bear*, comes an extraordinary motion picture event for the whole family. Set not so long ago in a distant land, *Two Brothers* is the story of twin tiger cubs—one shy and gentle, the other, bold and fierce who are born among the temple ruins of an exotic jungle, but are one day separated by fate. An epic adventure story about the power of friendship, the bond between brothers and the spirit that connects us all.

● **Yours, Mine, and Ours**

When Frank Beardsley (Dennis Quaid), a widower with eight children, runs into his high school sweetheart, Helen North (Rene Russo), it's as if 30 years never passed! Helen, also a widow with 10 kids of her own that include the six she and her husband adopted, feels the attraction as well. It's no wonder they rush into marriage without telling their kids. True love can conquer all, right?

Unfortunately for Frank and Helen, the families don't mesh quite as easily as the newlyweds had hoped. East meets west as two families find a way to work together in order to separate!



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VB Bike Race — Sunday, August 6

The great VB Bike Race will be held Sunday, August 6. The start signal will be at 10 am, registration will be 9:30-10am at the Sports Field. Please bring your membership wrist-band or a \$1.00 entry fee.

Each age group will use a slightly different route:

7 and under: Will travel from the Sports Ground up First to Arthur, along Arthur to Eighth to Gibson and across the Sports Ground.

8-12: Will travel up First to King Edward, along King Edward to Eighth, along Eighth to Gibson and across the Sports Ground. Ages 8-10 will be separated from ages 11-12.

13-18: Will travel the "long course" along First to Eighth to Gibson and across the Sports Ground.

Medals will be awarded to the first male and female in each of the four age categories, ribbons for second and third. Anyone wishing to compete for the trophy must ride the long course and pass the checkpoint at 8th and Sunset.

Multi-gear bikes will be taped to one gear to ensure even competition against beach bikes. Contestants and parents are responsible for making sure brakes are in good working order. Cyclists should be careful when turning corners at King Edward from Sunset and at Gibson from 8th.

We need a few parents to help with registration and to help direct cyclists at the corners. If you can help, please let me know during registration. If you think you can keep up with your budding Olympic cyclist, feel free to ride along with them. Bicycle helmets are strongly recommended. Please wear yours.

This is the last year that I will be doing the Bike race. If you feel like co-ordinating this event [probably the easiest VB event to run], please talk to me at the race or contact the special events co-ordinator, Carol Loader, at 756-8471.

Evelyn Russell

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Tennis Round Robin Results!

Adult - July 24

1st - Jacques Guerin/Janice Paquette
 2nd - Patrik Schuermann/Carole Wright
 3rd - tie - Paul Henderson/Donna Plant, Nancy Sarchuk/
 Chris Thomas

Teen - July 25

1st - tie - Brian Forsythe/Ben Drybrough, Colin Russell/
 Dylan McMorris
 2nd - Scotty Neuendorf/Katy Lesiuk
 3rd - Emily Keating/Carlee Wilson

B Side

1st - tie - Deedee Beck/Rika Beck, Abby Eyford/
 Hannah Cameron
 2nd - Daniel Russell/Thomas McGoe
 3rd - tie - John Guest/Curtis McCrady, Ryan McCrady/
 Jackson Cameron

Adult - July 28th

1st - Vic Ritchie Amanda Heffelfinger
 2nd - Patrik Schuermann/Karen Mitchell
 3rd - Marte Bachinski/Donna Plant

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 Sat., Aug. 12, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Victoria Beach Sports Club, Pine Road.

Mar Desmet - 756-8896. Paintings from everywhere. In Moonlight Inn & Birchwood. At Sports Hall Aug. 12, 10-3.

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Art by Nancy-Lou Atchab. 24 Atchab Rd., V.B. 756-3447. Paintings of local scenes. Art on display - Einfeld's Bakery, Birchwood Hotel and Northern Lights Craft Sales. Art cards at V.B. Grocery.

Master of Fine Arts in Photography (Concordia University) - student looking for subjects. My work involves the investigation of familial dynamics through portraiture. All family make ups accepted: parents, grandparents, children. Participant will receive a 16"x20" color print of all the work. Contact Nicholas at 756-6389 or nshoban@hotmail.com

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Northern Lights Craft Sales - Victoria Beach Sports Club - Pine Rd., Sat. Aug. 19 and Sun. Aug. 20. Info: Nancy 756-3447 or Merrilee 756-3398.

Art by Leona Brown, Photographs by Susan Flanders. - 409-5th Ave. Sale - August 5, 6, 7 - 11 am - 2 pm.

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Jane Turk

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● On Wednesday, July 26th, I was visiting my grandma Boyda and I saw a bird flying in her cottage. Then it was hanging on the living room ceiling. It was big and black. Our neighbour Shirley said it was a bat! Shirley went home and got Peter's fishing net and caught the bat in the fishing net. We took it outside and let it fly away. It was cool.

Sydney Plante, Age 6

● Thank you to the "two nice ladies" who took my son, Cole Paige, to the doctor's after he fell off his bike in front of the Bakery on Friday, July 28.

Lori Paige