

Victoria Beach Herald

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What a difference a few months make!

Coming Events!

- **VB Club Membership Blitz**
Fri. to Sun., June 27 to June 29 — Door to Door
- **Swimming Registration**
Sunday, June 29 — 1 to 3 p.m. — Clubhouse
Swimming Lessons start — Monday, June 30
Lesson Inquiries — Mon. to Fri. — 9:30 to 10 a.m.
Swim Dock
- **Teen Night**
Friday, July 4 — 9 p.m. — Clubhouse
- **Flea Market**
Saturday, July 5 — 1 to 3 p.m. — Clubhouse
- **VB Police Bike Auction**
Sunday, July 6 — 11 a.m. - Info booth @ VB Gate
- **Book Sale**
Sunday, July 6 — 1 to 3 p.m. — Clubhouse
- **Beach Events**
Sunday, July 6 — 10 a.m. to Noon — Clubhouse Beach
- **Teen Night**
Friday, July 11 — 9 p.m. — Clubhouse
- **200 Meter Open Swim**
Saturday, July 12 — 11 a.m. — Pier
- **Children's Masquerade**
Saturday, July 12 — 6 to 7 p.m. — Sports Field
- **RM/VB Council Meeting**
Tues, July 15 — Sports Club [Pine Rd] — 7 p.m.
- **Ladies Movie Night**
Wednesday, July 16 - 7 p.m. — Clubhouse

Welcome Back!

Finally, summer. It's been a long but very productive winter for your VB Board. I can't say enough about the great people that have stepped up to serve you as volunteer board members. If you see them this summer, take a minute to say "thank you" for doing their part to provide the programs and facilities that make the beach such a great family experience. A special "thank you" to all the past board members and presidents whom have made my job easy by providing the "know how" of what needs to be done to keep the traditions and spirit of the beach intact.

The board met over the winter and we have set out a number of priorities for our club. Some of these include the creation of a Planned Giving program, a volunteer appreciation program, written guidelines for volunteer convenors to follow, and a "working relationship" with the Lake Winnipeg Foundation. You will hear more on each of these topics in future Herald's this summer. In addition, the pending lawsuit against the club has been settled out of court.

A few other updates: We have a new Recreation Director this year. His name is Randy Routledge. Randy brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the position and he has already had a great impact on the planning of the summer's activities. Also, a sound system has been purchased by the Pollard family that can be used for all club events including outdoor performances in the Village Green (stay tuned for details). Thank you, Lawrie. Your family has been wonderful to the beach. Your gift is very much appreciated.

It's going to be a great summer. If you need to find me, I'm usually at the tennis courts on weekend mornings, chipping at my opponents across the net. Stop by to say hello. I look forward to hearing from you. Enjoy the beach!

John Heppenstall
VB Club President

The 2007 VB Slow-Pitch Champions!



"The Decepticons" ... winners of the 2007 VB Slow Pitch Tournament.

Back row [left to right]: Grant Paul, Eric Pinchin, Paul Janssen, Gord Gaylord, Chris Pollard, and Chad Swayze.

Middle row [left to right]: Matt Manning, and Jesse Connell.

Front row [left to right]: Emily Brownell, Sasha Borgen, Rhonda Plett, Pam Miller, and Riley Burgie.

[Special thanks to Judy Walker for scorekeeping, Jeremy Walker and Mike Lesluk for umpiring, and Bernie Plett for prizes.]



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Best Spot on the Lot!

Another long-awaited summer has arrived, and through July and August we will once again be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win the "Best Spot on the Lot" in 2009!

Congratulations to the winners from the draw held on September 2, 2007:

- Lisa Hastings of Pelican Point will be parking, free of charge, in the "Best Spot on the Lot" during the summer of 2008.
- Shannon Johnson of 3rd Avenue will enjoy 4 free taxi rides.
- Marlene Boyd (yes, last year's winner!) will be spending a \$25 gift certificate at Plum Creek Gifts.

My thanks to Sandra and Kevin Ateah, who donated the first and second prizes, and to Donna Shilliday of Plum Creek Gifts for the third prize. I am also very grateful to the following people for their help in selling books of raffle tickets: VB Parking Lot staff, Carole Corona, Betty Hansford, Nancy Johnson, Doreen Lungdon, Nancy Mitchell, Karen Mitchell, Lynn Paterson, and Donna Plant.

Lastly, and most importantly, the VB municipality's medical trust fund is almost \$1200 richer. This fund exists to purchase new medical equipment when required. One never knows when this might be needed for oneself or one's family. So, plan to purchase your 2008 raffle tickets. They'll always be available at the VB Parking Lot, as well as from others around the beach. Happy summer, everyone!

Fran Pollard



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"Bits and Pieces" from the Editor



You've been waiting patiently for summer, and now, here it is... at last! And, we like to think that you also look forward to the nine issues of your VB Herald... which start with this one in your hand!

This is the 82nd year of this non-profit volunteer venture of the Victoria Beach Club. Each summer, Herald ad revenues hopefully cover the considerable printing cost. So, if you're a merchant or individual who would like to support this summer-community-project, please call **Joanne at 756-3523** and buy an ad. And, our thanks to all of you who have supported us along the way!

When you buy a VB Club membership, you are also financially supporting this publication. Even though you may not participate in any VB Club summer activities — you probably do enjoy your weekly Herald. Your membership purchase [or donation] helps keep this newspaper going, and the VB Club says "Thanks!"

If you have thoughts, funny stories, jokes, historical memories, or constructive comments relating to our community - they're always welcome. We try to publish as many submissions as possible, but please keep in mind that editing is often necessary for reasons of clarity, space, and taste.

These people help make the Herald happen!

● **Joanne Johnson**, the super-organized Herald Advertising Manager.

● Several very good volunteer-typists... [to be named later, since we haven't yet coerced them into the job!].

● Year after year, **Lloyd Schmidt** volunteers to pick up the just-printed papers in the city and deliver them out to the lake. We are most grateful! [Lloyd says he likes being the first to read the Herald!]

● Ongoing thanks, as well, to **Kevin and Sandra Ateah** [and the VB taxi staff] for their weekly help with the Herald distribution around the beach.

Everything you ever wanted to know about the Herald!

[If you're submitting something, the ideal method is... e-mail — ahwilloughby@shaw.ca]

But, please don't send any LARGE e-mail attachments... [e.g. several megs of pictures]. Please call 756-8264 first and discuss any large pictures or graphics you might want to e-mail to the Herald. [Thanks.]

If your cottage isn't yet connected to cyberspace, hand-written contributions are always accepted. Just drop your submission in the Herald mailbox by the corner-window in the VB Grocery or in the Editor's mailbox at 30 Bayview Blvd. All submissions must include your name, beach address, and beach phone number [if available]. The deadline is Sunday at 4 PM for the next week's issue. [Please note: the last Herald issue of the season will be on Friday, August 15th, making the deadline for that one — Sunday, August 10th.]

● Herald CLASSIFIED AD forms are always available near the Herald mailbox in the store. Classified Ads MUST be accompanied by payment!

- If you're an event-convenor this summer, you can:
- e-mail a picture of your event to the Herald;
- loan us your camera-memory-card with the pic on it; or,
- borrow the Club's digital camera.

Just arrange any of these options with the Editor at 756-8264.

● We ask that you please take only ONE copy of the Herald. This helps keep our printing costs down and ensures that there are enough copies for everyone at the beach. If there are any extra copies, they will be available, as always, at the Parking Lot office.

Enjoy the rest of the paper... and the 'rest' of the summer!

Allen Willoughby

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Sat. Aug. 09 - Exhibition & Sale - *VB Sports Club*
10 AM to 3 PM (Silent Auction)

Sat. Aug. 20 - Yard Sale & Arts & Crafts - *Belair Field*
10 AM to 2 PM Rain Date Sun. Aug 31

Victoria Beach Club Membership Drive! Friday, June 27 to Sunday, June 29

We would like to introduce ourselves as the new coordinators for the 2008 Victoria Beach Membership Drive. We have taken over the role from Allison Guest and Carol Dueck. Thanks to Allison and Carol for their efforts these past few years and for helping us with the transition into the role.

We would like to welcome everyone to Victoria Beach for another great 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 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.

The membership rates for 2008 are as follows:

	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
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Wristbands are back again this year in a green 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. 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 during the swimming lesson registration on Sunday, June 29th at the clubhouse, or throughout the summer at the Library (during regular hours) and the Tennis Courts.

The Membership Drive for the Victoria Beach Club is planned for Friday, June 27th to Sunday, June 29th. Volunteer canvassers will be going door to door to assist you in the purchase of memberships for your family. Canvassers can 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 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. If you can assist with selling memberships at the tennis courts on the Monday (June 30th) following the long weekend, give us a call.

The membership kits for the canvassers can be picked up after 6pm on Friday, June 27th at 338 - 5th Ave.

Shauna Filuk (452-0356 - H) (756-6642 - VB)

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The 2007 Novelty Tennis Tournament winners!

Novelty Tennis Tournament Results [2007]

Thirty four players came out last August with racquets swinging to participate in the Novelty Tennis Tournament.

Players accumulated points as a team, vying for the Duke Family Trophy which was proudly presented by Dr. Peter Duke to the "Wannabees", the team of Jean Bushuk, Marj Birley, Ken Puller and Kevin Dube. The runner-up team was "Just the Six of Us", Stuart Juzda, Larry Peachell, Maureen Neuendorf and Rob Henderson. Best team name went to the "Land Lobbers". Many thanks to Michelle Brownell for filling in when needed and to Noel Pritchard for collecting entry fees.

Thanks to all for coming out with a great attitude, making this event competitive but fun. See you in August!

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- Thursday, July 3 — **Surfs Up!** (G)
 Tuesday, July 8 — **Shrek 3** (PG)
 Thursday, July 10 — **Bee Movie** (G)
 Tuesday, July 15 — **Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium** (G)
 Thursday, July 17 — **Alvin and the Chipmunks** (G)
 Tuesday, July 22 — **Water Horse: Legend of the Deep** (PG)
 Thursday, July 24 — **A Night at the Museum** (PG)
 Tuesday, July 29 — **Daddy Day Camp** (PG)
 Thursday, July 31 — **Zoom: Academy For Superheroes** (PG)
 Tuesday, Aug 5 — **Madagascar** (PG)
 Thursday, Aug 7 — **Charlotte's Web** (G)
 Tuesday, Aug 12 — **Flushed Away** (G)
 Thursday, Aug 14 — **Nim's Island** (PG)

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 Classifications.

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Rec Director's Report

Hello everyone!

My name is Randy Routledge and I am pleased to say I'll be the Rec Director this year at Victoria Beach.

As a father of three children, coach, physical education teacher and co-ordinator of previous summer camps, I bring experience and new ideas to Victoria Beach in 2008.

I'd also like to introduce the hard working Rec Staff for this summer. Chris Thomas and Jamie Gillis will be back, while Jane Yagi, Mackenzie Carlson and Noah Yagi will be joining us for their first year as members of the staff.

We have planned many new craft-activities, games and movies for all to enjoy. There will be tote bags and t-shirts, piñatas and activities with sand. This year you may have a chance to win that night's movie in the draw!

Many of the successful activities from the past (bike hikes, cliff climb, scavenger hunt, etc) are again on the schedule.

We are confident this will be a summer full of surprises and enjoyable activities for members of all ages. See the Herald to find out each week's activities, come out (bring your wristband) and have fun! People without proof of membership will be required to pay for the activity.

I'm looking forward to meeting everyone at the Club!

Randy Routledge
Recreation Director



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2008 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 9:00-9:45 Ages 5-6		Tennis Lessons 8:45-9:45 Ages 10 and Up
	Adult Tennis 10:00-12:00 Round Robin Play	Golf Lessons 10:00-10:45 Ages 7-11		Golf Lessons 10:00-10:45 Ages 7-11	Adult Tennis 10:00-12:00 Round Robin Play
	Aerobics 10:00-11:00		Aerobics 10:00-11:00	Golf Lessons 10:45-11:30 Ages 12-16	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 8-12	Childrens Games 10:00-11:00 Ages 4-10
PM	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
		Movies 7:30-9:30pm	Teen Sport Night 8:30-Dusk Ages 12-19	Movies 7:30-9:30pm	Teen Night 9:00-11:30pm Ages 12-19

Golf Course News!



Once again, and for my final year, I would like to welcome back all our golfers for another season.

The golf course wintered as usual. The greens were treated with chemicals and covered in October. But, nothing can stop the Poa-Annuua-grass roots from freezing - thus the winter-kill. Some years it's worse than others . . . and the greens will recover . . . but, it takes time.

We started work on April 14th, with lots of snow around and the cold weather delayed the melt. Then, just when we thought winter was over, 6-8" of snow fell on April 24th! The golf course opened on May 1st.

This year, the golf course will be looked after by **Edwin Thomas** and **Mel Rawluk** (full-time). The clubhouse staff consists of **Rhett Thomas** (full time) and **Ramona Brandt** (part-time).

Summer Golf Tournaments are as follows:

Men's Open - July 25th (Tee-offs at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.)

Ladies Open - July 30th (Tee-offs at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.)

Juniors - August 6th.

55 Plus - September 8th.

Ken Rowson will once again be the chairperson for the Men's; **Sherrill Zellis** for the Ladies, **Adam** and **Ed Boge** (C.P.G.A. Professionals) for the Juniors; **Hub** and **Deirdre DeGagne** for the 55+.

SIGN UP sheets will be available at the Clubhouse as follows:

Men's - July 1st

Ladies - July 1st

Juniors - July 8th

55 Plus - August 5th

The Future of golf is with the children, and on Tuesdays during July and August, they can play for \$1 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Parents - don't send your children to the golf course - bring them!

The only restriction on children is that they cannot tee off Saturday, Sundays and Holidays until after 10:00 a.m., and must be accompanied by an adult. This is a condition of membership, and also applies to green-fee players. (For golf course purposes, an adult is 18 or over).

I am of the view that the entire membership should marshal the golf course by speaking to those who are not respecting the course; not repairing their ball marks; or not replacing their divots. Anything of a serious nature should be reported to the golf course staff. We also welcome constructive complaints, suggestions, and compliments regarding VB Golf Course improvements and maintenance.

A tee should be placed under the ball on all tee boxes to prevent divots. When needed, Tee-Box-Mix is supplied at all tees to repair divots - please use it. There are signs directing golfers from greens to tees, and the paths must be followed for your safety.

The Golf Course will open daily at 7:00 a.m. giving greens-keepers a chance to prepare the course for play. Play before opening interferes with their work, and is also confusing to the Clubhouse Staff, who control the order of play. They will not recognize second round privileges if you tee off before the opening hour. We will keep the rough cut to a standard height - exposing the golf balls and making the course more playable. The management and staff are committed to providing the best possible conditions for golf.

Have a great season!

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■ VB Police Department

- Chief: Stewart MacPherson
- The Police Office is located at the north-east corner of the VB Firehall, on the highway.
- Phone: 756-2322
- Cell: 754-7166
- Emergency: 911

■ VB Doctor Information

We welcome the doctors who will be in residence through the summer at the Doctor's cottage at 124 Birch Ave.

Doctor's Hours

Tuesday to Saturday - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Sunday and Monday - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Please bring your Health Insurance Number and pay for all medications at the time of service.

VB Doctor's Office: 756-2247

Emergency/Ambulance number: 911

Pine Falls Hospital: 367-5400

■ VB Library Hours

Tuesday-Friday: 11:00 am - noon

Tuesday-Thursday: 7 pm - 8 pm

Saturday: 11:00 am - noon

Closed Sunday & Monday

■ Moonlight Inn

Summer Hours [as of June 28th] - 8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. — seven days a week. [756-3224]

■ VB Grocery

Open daily at 8:30 a.m.

■ VB Bakery

Summer Hours

Monday - Friday — 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. [Closed from 2-4]

Saturday — 9 am - 8 p.m. [NOT closed from 2-4]

Sunday — 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. [Closed from 2-4]

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■ Post Office Location and Hours

The Victoria Beach Post Office operates year-round from Lot 19 — Ateah Road. [756-3934]

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Wed., & Sat.: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Please note:

● Outgoing mail is picked up every weekday evening and must be received at least 15 minutes before closing to be included in that day's mail pickup.

● No mail is received at the Post Office on Saturday, Sunday or Holidays.

● Every summer, there's a large volume of unclaimed mail at the Post Office. Unclaimed mail is returned to the sender after 15 business days. Please stop by and see if there's mail waiting for you.

■ Miscellaneous

— Information Office [at the VB Gate]: 756-2725

— VB Taxi/ Parking Lot Office/ Messenger Service: 756-2383

— VB Public Works: 756-2286

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■ Brush Piles

The brush pick-up service is being provided to taxpayers for 2008. Brush and leaves are not to be piled on the road allowances during July or August and after the (October) fall pick-up.

It is illegal to dump anything other than brush from dead-fall or leaves on the piles and for contractors to use the road allowance / municipal land as a "dumping ground" - this pick-up service is for property owners only.

Council is planning to discontinue the brush pick-up service due to the numerous problems with illegal dumping, general unsightliness and potential fire hazard of the brush piles. If the service is terminated, the 2008 fall pick-up will be the last one. We are considering other proactive measures that could be implemented with the funds that are presently allocated to provide brush pick-up. Council has discussed the possibility of chipping the brush but this would probably not be feasible due to the time required to chip the amount of brush generated. Another possible option is to re-allocate the funds from the current brushing contract to implement an on-going brush removal program from municipal land. In this case, property owners would be responsible for disposal of their own brush and transportation to the Traverse Bay Landfill. We believe that Victoria Beach is the only Municipality that provides a brush pick-up service and the time has come to consider other viable methods of reducing deadfall and the potential of a serious fire within the Municipality. Council's decision regarding the brush pick-up will be communicated to taxpayers in due course.

■ Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping of garbage, especially near our garbage cages, is creating a serious problem and can only increase the risk of bear-human encounters. This is a very difficult matter to address because our Police cannot monitor all the areas where illegal dumping might take place 24 hours a day. Our taxpayers can assist us by phoning the Police and reporting the licence plate number of the vehicle if they see someone illegally dumping refuse. Our Police can trace the owner and some remedial action may be undertaken to prevent a recurrence. We note that garbage cages are for "household garbage" only therefore illegal dumping also relates to the type of garbage (building material, old appliances, equipment, etc...) being disposed of in the municipal enclosures.

■ Garbage

The Municipality will only pick-up household garbage placed in large plastic garbage bags. Garbage containers are to be left in the front yard (not on the street) by 8:30 am on garbage day. The use of bear-resistant containers is highly recommended. Permanent garbage enclosures have been provided in some areas of the Municipality. The temporary and permanent garbage enclosures are to be used for disposal of household garbage only. Individual refuse collection, except for those areas with permanent garbage enclosures, will commence on June 23, 2008 with the final pick-up on Tuesday, September 2, 2008. Before that date and after September 2, 2008 refuse must be deposited in the enclosures provided at the various subdivisions. Albert Beach property owners are reminded that the garbage enclosure will be removed for the summer season as door-to-door pick-up will be provided for that area. Please refer to our weekly ad for the pick-up schedule.

■ Lake Winnipeg Ministerial Committee

The Lake Winnipeg Ministerial Committee was formed by the municipalities in the south basin to make recommendations to the Minister of Water Stewardship relative to the implementation of proactive measures to reduce the nutrient load on Lake Winnipeg. Reeve McDonald represents the Municipality on the Ministerial Committee. The Committee meets regularly to discuss stakeholder concerns, to present municipal concerns and to continue its lobbying efforts with the provincial government in the hope of expediting the remedial work required to improve Lake Winnipeg. For more information regarding the Committee's work and other issues relating to Lake Winnipeg you may log on to the provincial website at www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/index.html.

■ Dog Control

Council has made arrangements with an Animal Control Officer to patrol the Municipality on a weekly basis. This Officer has the authority to apprehend any dog running-at-large and collect the relevant charges before the dog is released to its owner. In addition, the Animal Control Officer will attend when called upon by the municipal police.

RMVB Council

[Editor's note: The two summer VB Council meetings held at the beach will be Tues, July 15 and Tues, August 19, both at the Sports Club [Pine Rd] at 7 p.m.]

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Maria Erickson

Aerobics Help Wanted!

We urgently need volunteers to teach aerobics classes this summer. If no one steps forward to volunteer, we will have to cancel aerobics. If you can help, please call Maria at 256-0667.

Tennis Report

I would like to welcome back all our tennis players! The courts opened May long weekend and were quite busy despite the cool weather.

My name is Lisa Lucht and I am your new Tennis Convenor. Our family joined Victoria Beach three years ago and I have truly enjoyed this wonderful community ever since. With help from the tennis community, I look forward to a full program of lessons, round robins, ladders and tournaments. Taylor Home returns as the senior court attendant with a group of great kids to attend the courts over the summer.

The dates for the tournaments are:

Masters - July 19th and 20th
 Junior Tournament - July 23rd and 24th
 Senior- Aug 2, 3, 4th
 Rookie Tournament- Aug 15th
 Novelty- Aug 16th and 17th

New this year is our Rookie Tournament. For this event, young players will be given a day of instruction and practice time, in addition to tournament play. It is intended for entry level junior players who are experiencing competition for the first time. Tennis Manitoba sponsors it with the goal of developing grassroots-level tennis. These are our future players and we'd like our courts full for many years to come!

Adults, you too can hone your skills. Robert Kennedy will be conducting a Tennis clinic. I will keep you posted on the date. If you have any used tennis balls please drop them off at the kiosk. We can always use more! If you have any questions regarding tennis feel free to call me at 756-6645.

See you on the courts!

Lisa Lucht
 Tennis Convenor

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VB Club Hiring & Staffing

On behalf of the VB Club's Hiring Committee, I would like to thank all the applicants. You were numerous, conducted yourselves with maturity and your talents were multifaceted.

Positions are, however, limited. Therefore, we look forward to your continued participation and support in all our programs and I encourage you to apply again next season.

To our new and returning VB Staff, the words of encouragement you provide, your smiles and your guidance help create an atmosphere like no other. Have a great working beach season.

Melanie Charbonneau



Harold Knowtall

Everything you ever wanted to know about - Cottage Hints!

■ Use vertical strokes when washing windows outside and horizontal for inside windows. This way you can tell which side has the streaks. Straight vinegar will get outside windows really clean.

[And, don't wash windows on a sunny day. They will dry too quickly and will probably streak.]

■ Place fabric softener sheets in dresser drawers and your clothes will smell freshly washed for weeks to come. You can also do this with towels and linen.

■ To clean artificial flowers, pour some salt into a paper bag and add the flowers. Shake vigorously and the salt will absorb all the dust and dirt and leave your artificial flowers looking like new!

■ To easily remove burnt-on food from your skillet, simply add a drop or two of dish-detergent and enough water to cover bottom of the pan, then bring to a boil on the stove top.

■ Spray your plastic foodware with non-stick cooking spray before pouring in tomato-based sauces and there won't be any stains.

■ Wrap celery in aluminum foil when putting it in the refrigerator and it will keep for weeks.

Harold Knowtall

2008 Victoria Beach Golf Course Rates

Manager: John Evans

Memberships

	Seasonal	Monthly	Two Weeks
Family, Adult Couple	\$310.00	\$185.00	\$130.00
Single Adult	215.00	130.00	80.00
Junior 13-17	130.00	65.00	80.00
Child, 12 & under	95.00	62.00	56.00
2 or more children, same family (12 & under)	140.00	95.00	85.00

Green Fees

9 holes Weekdays - \$10.00 Weekends - \$10.50
Children - \$1.00/round (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays only)

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	Lower Locked	Upper Locked	Lower Open	Upper Open
Seasonal	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$20.00
Monthly				\$15.00
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● Lying there, you suddenly realize your waterbed has sprung a leak ... but you don't have a waterbed!

● You sit up in bed, put your feet on the floor ... and that's us far as you want to go.

● You switch on the TV and the cable is dead.

● You put both contact lenses in the same eye.

● You cut yourself shaving ... with an ELECTRIC razor!

● You put on a blue sock and a brown sock, and don't even notice!

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VB Library News



Here we all are once again, returning for another fantastic summer! We hope everyone had a good winter and are all excited to be back at the beach!

Our names are Julia and Lauren and we will be this year's summer librarians. We are both excited about keeping the

library a great place to come and find a good book to read!

Don't Forget our Hours!

Sunday: Closed

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 11am-noon and 7pm-8pm

Wednesday: 11am-noon and 7pm-8pm

Thursday: 11am-noon and 7pm-8pm

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We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the library!

Julia Sisler and Lauren Hollins

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Door-to-Door pick-up is as follows:

- Monday** - Albert Beach, all areas south of Arthur Road & west of Ateah Road - including Aieah Road
- Tuesday** - All Avenues in Restricted Area north of Arthur Road including Sunset Boulevard
- Wednesday** - Municipal garbage enclosures in all areas.

Garbage is to be placed in garbage bags and left in containers (preferably bear-resistant sites). Containers are to be placed in the front yard not on the road allowance - by no later than 8:30 am. PICK-UP IS FOR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ONLY.

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July 19th - Garden Tour - Anyone wishing to help out with this fundraiser or volunteer their garden please contact Sandra at 756-3117

July 26th - Pet Walk - It starts at Charlie Wall Park which is located on the south side of Hillside Beach Rd. 9 a.m. registration / hand in pledges. 9:30 a.m. petwalk starts. Registration fee - FREE with \$50 in pledges raised or \$10 entry fee. **Prices for the top pledge earners.** Supports East Beaches Animal Shelter and Darcy's Arc.

Pledge forms are available on our website (see above) at nlateah@granite.mb.ca or by calling Nancy-Lou at 756-3447



Beach People!



The annual VB & area picnic was held on a beautiful, sunny day in February. Glen & Sharon Targerson hosted the event and the big "bean bag" champs this year were Jean Antaya and Charlie Dalrymple. The pot luck picnic was delicious and a good time was had by all.

■ Welsh-Boyd Wedding!

On September 8th, 2007, Aynsley Welsh and Stephen Boyd exchanged wedding vows on a beautiful sunny afternoon on Clubhouse beach.

Aynsley is the daughter of Kim and Bruce on 7th Avenue, and Stephen is the son of Karin and Jamie Boyd of the "Boyd's Nest" on Sunset.

The ceremony was officiated by the bride's uncle, Geoff Oliver of 'The Lighthouse' on 7th Avenue, and was followed by a reception and dance in the Clubhouse, catered by Denise and Jean Louis.

Aynsley worked many summers for the R.M., tending our lovely beach - planting flowers and cutting grass; while Stephen chauffeured many around VB as a taxi driver.

To meet, fall in love, and marry at VB! What could be better. Life is good!

Kim and Bruce Welsh

■ With sadness we announce the death of a long-time Victoria Beach visitor, Father Joe Suroviak. Many will remember Joe as a priest who held summer services, as an avid golfer, and as an observer of life at the parking-lot.

Joe died at the Health Sciences Centre in November. He is missed.

Bill Burland

■ On August 4, 2007, a beautiful wedding was held at the Village Green. Cameron and Chantal Wilson of 5th Avenue were married, with a reception at the cottage. Cameron's 92-year-old grandmother was in attendance at the cottage she had built.

The Wilsons



Les Carter, a wonderful VB tennis volunteer, receiving the Vilas Ansons Memorial Trophy. Many of his VB friends were able to share an evening with him, reminiscing about tennis at the lake.

[Unfortunately, Les passed away during the winter.]

Sally Lawler

Policeman's Corner



The VB Police summer staff. (left to right) Lindsey Stevens, Stewart MacPherson, Matthew Robb, Scott Main, Alexander Peterson, and Michael Foster.

Welcome back for 2008!

It's "Season # 6" for me and we have a new line-up for the VB Police. Cpl. Lindsey Stevens is back for year 4 and the rest are brand new:

Cst. Scott Main, Cst. Alexander Peterson, Cst. Mike Foster and Cst. Matthew Robb. Cst. Main is no stranger to many of you as he has spent pretty much all of his summers at VB. Cst. Peterson has completed his Police Studies at the Northwest Law Enforcement Training Academy and is looking to join the RCMP in the fall. Cst. Foster and Cst. Robb have just completed a tour of duty for the Kativik Regional Police in the high Arctic of Quebec and are looking forward to being close to a larger community this summer which is less isolated. We look forward to another successful summer serving this beautiful community. Welcome Back.

■ Bullet-proof vests

Last year there were some comments made about us wearing bullet-proof vests. Some see it as being a bit over-kill but as we all know, the worst time to buy house insurance is when your house is burning and the Fire dept. is bashing down your front door with axes. The vests function to protect the wearer against blunt trauma during a vehicular collision, a 2 x 4 to the chest, a pointed instrument or a bullet. The world is changing and not for the better and some of that not-so-nice stuff has a nasty way of seeping into our previously pristine community. Hopefully we will never have to test the benefit of wearing one but . . .

■ Web site

Over the winter we put together a web site . . . so google us at "Victoria Beach Police Manitoba".

■ Children's Wish

We will be riding again for the Children's Wish and have 2 children this year. Ride date is JULY 23. See one of us for pledge sheets if you want to ride. We already received a cheque for \$10,000 from the South Beach Casino . . . great start!!

■ Open liquor

There are always some questions about this area so.....here goes.

Open liquor is a container/glass containing an alcoholic beverage. . . . an open beer. . . or open bottle of wine or liquor.

Open liquor is a box of beer with even 1 missing. the container has to be as it was at the time of purchase. Therefore, a six pack with plastic rings having one missing is considered open liquor.

Open liquor is not allowed on any public place, street, beach or even in the trunk of your vehicle. A sealed box of beer is not open, but once one is removed it has now become "open."

Stewart MacPherson and the VBP.

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Swim Program 2008

Welcome VBers to Swim Safe 2008! Your team this year is Dana McMurray, Head Instructor, Jevian Haywood, Erin Reid, and Aiden Smith - Instructors. The Victoria Beach Club is an affiliate member of the Red Cross and the Lifesaving Society. All instructors are employed by The Victoria Beach Club and hold valid Red Cross and Lifesaving Society certification.

Your executive is proud to continue its support of this long-standing, proud and vital VB tradition. At the root of our swim program is the desire to keep our families safe. In an effort to promote our swim program and general water safety at VB, we will be paid a visit by Buckles, the Red Cross safety mascot. During the first week of July, you may see Buckles walking around the beach giving out Red Cross tattoos and stickers to the kids. This friendly fellow looks like this, and he will be ready to talk to anyone about the importance of learning to swim and playing it safe by the water:

"Buckles" the Red Cross safety mascot

If you decide to enroll your family members in our swim program this summer, here's what you need to know:

Swim lessons will start on Monday, June 30th. Registration Day will be on Sunday, June 29th, from 1:00-3:00 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 2008 season are:

Red Cross Swim Kids (Formerly Aquaquest) levels 1 - 10: 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. Session dates are:

Session 1: June 30th - July 18

Session 2: July 21st - Aug 8th

Private and semi-private lessons for Red Cross Swim Kids levels 1 - 10 will also be available upon request, time permitting. Lessons are 1/2 hour. The fee for private lessons is \$50.00 per week and for semi-private lessons (maximum two students at the same level), \$35.00 per week. We will make every effort to accommodate your request.

Lifesaving Society programs will also be offered: Swim Patrol (Rookie/Ranger/Star), Bronze Star, Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross, in one six week session from June 30th - Aug. 8th. 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 \$50, depending on level and need for textbooks. These fees will be paid directly to instructors when due.

All swimmers must be at least three years old when they start attending classes. No exceptions will be made. Red Cross Swim Preschool classes for younger children and their parent/caregiver will be scheduled if there is enough interest shown.

In an effort to reduce the chaos of Registration Day, PLEASE note the following procedure:

BRING/KNOW:

- your VB Club membership form (memberships available on-site)
- medical insurance numbers 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 TWO/TABLE TWO - Buy a Membership, if you haven't already 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 assign students to classes. Any instructor can register you for any class. 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, Dana will be at the Swim Dock every weekday morning from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. to take new registrations (She will be at the Clubhouse if it is raining). The above fees apply. The base rate for Red Cross Swim Kids is \$15.00 for three weeks or any part thereof. Please ensure that you have your copy of the VB Club membership form and medical insurance numbers and either cash or cheque payment.

Finally, a gentle reminder to observe the signage at the swim docks which clearly states that only instructors and swim students are allowed beyond the gate. This enables our instructors to remain focused on teaching their classes and keeping their students safe.

Looking forward to seeing you on Registration Day and wishing you a most enjoyable and safe summer!

Alice Russell
Swim Convenor



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Lake Winnipeg Foundation Our voice is growing stronger!

The Lake Winnipeg Foundation (LWF) was established in 2005 with a mandate to restore and maintain the health of Lake Winnipeg and its huge watershed. We are a non-profit, non-political, registered charitable organization. Our goals include support for scientific research, public awareness, education for all ages and advocacy for sound environmental policies and programs. Our dream is a healthy Lake now and for future generations.

Our current membership in the LWF stands at almost 300 and we have as a goal for 2008 to double that number. Victoria Beach accounts for about one third of our members. We would like to have many more members from Victoria Beach and from other communities on the east side of the Lake. To help us reach that goal the Cottager Publications ad-bag delivered on the May long weekend contained our LWF brochure. This bag was delivered to 6500 homes/cottages from Gull Lake to Victoria Beach. Please read our literature and consider an individual, family or student membership. With every LWF member the voice of the lake gets stronger.

The Victoria Beach Club and the LWF have a couple of joint ventures in support of the Lake. Watch for details concerning a Walkathon on August 10th and a Lake presentation on July 23rd featuring the "Fat Lake" video.

The LWF is pleased to welcome two new board members from Victoria Beach - Karin Boyd and Sheila Grover. Karin, Sheila and Janet would be pleased to answer questions concerning upcoming projects and activities. We will be looking for your support in a variety of ways. Become a member, buy a LWF tee-shirt, enviro bag or travel mug to help fund our educational and research projects. Volunteer your time and energy to support our summer activities. Share your ideas and thoughts concerning the challenges facing the Lake and watershed. Think of a project that will help the Lake.

The Lake Winnipeg Foundation needs you!

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July 20	Alex Cross	Wayside Gospel Chapel
July 27	Wayne Larstone	United Church

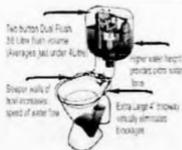
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FOR YOUTH AGES 7 TO 13

July 7 - Aug. 15, 2008

The Optimist GYBE program of the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) for junior sailors (ages 7 - 13) holds morning classes for those who have had previous sailing instruction or experience, and afternoons for beginners. This program is conducted in one-person Optimist sailboats by a MSA/CYA certified instructors. Tuition is \$95 per 5 day session. Enrollment is limited to 6 participants per session.

ALL STUDENTS MUST BRING A CSA-APPROVED PFD (LIFE JACKET) TO PARTICIPATE.

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DATES	9:00-11:30	12:00-2:30	2:30-5:00
July 7 - July 11			
July 14 - 18			
July 20 - 25			
July 28 - Aug 1		NO CLASSES	
Aug 4 - 8			
Aug 11 - 15			

*During days of poor weather, students may be dismissed early. Full payment is required with this application.
COST OF THIS IS \$95 PER SESSION. CHEQUES PAYABLE TO VBVC.

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SIX ONE-WEEK SESSIONS - TEENAGERS & ADULTS

July 7 - Aug. 15, 2008

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DATES	9:00-12:30	1:30-4:30
July 7 - July 11		
July 14 - 18		
July 21 - 25		
July 28 - Aug 1		
Aug 4 - 8 Bronze Camp		
Aug 11 - 15		

Sailing lessons are offered for young people in Optimist dinghies, as well as White Sail levels for both youth and adults in Lasers and Laser>> Private sailing lessons are offered by request.

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