

# Victoria Beach HERALD

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*Photo by Avery Edwards*

**As we all leap into the breach of the off season, we take  
fond memories and hope for another great VB summer in 2022.  
Herald 1, 2022 is 308 days away!**



# 55+ Golf Tournament

Monday September 13th  
 Shotgun start - 9 am and 1 pm -- 9 holes.  
 \$15 entry fee for all.  
 \$17 green fee for non-members. All applicable fees payable at time of entry at the VB Golf Course.  
 Closest to hole contest.  
 Closest to the line.  
 Putting contest.  
 Cash prizes.  
 Trophy for low score male. Trophy for low score female. And this is the first year for the John EVANS memorial plaque for the most honest golfer. John was a prince and shall be remembered as such for all of his hard work for us.

# Tennis Provincial Grant Application Not Funded

As many of you are aware, the Tennis Capital Campaign Committee did apply for a matching grant of up to \$300,000 for the rebuilding of the tennis facility. The provincial government received over 400 applications with the majority in the eastern region of the province.

The feedback from the province was that the application was very strong, and we have been encouraged to reapply next year. Also, there may be additional grant monies available under a new recreational category that we will be exploring.

The campaign will continue, and we will reach our goal of \$550,000. We ask the community to consider this project as part of your annual charitable giving for the next few years. Think of the brick as what you would pay for membership for summer tennis at any club. You'll find that at \$250/year, it is still a bargain. Many people that have bought a brick have raised their pledge to become a \$2000 builder. You have the option of doing this over the next 3 years, by giving \$567 per year. You can pledge now and pay in the next three December's if the timing is better for you.

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# VICTORIA BEACH CLUB

## 2021 - SUMMER ACTIVITIES - 2021

Membership wristbands are required at all activities.

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### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH ADDITIONS/DELETIONS OR REVISIONS  
SHOULD CHANGES OCCUR IN COVID 19 GUIDELINES**

#### KIDS ACTIVITIES (All Ages)

- Kids Games:** Mon. & Fri. 10:00-11:00 AM  
(Village Green & Sports Field)
- Family Games:** Mon. Wed. Fri., 7:30-8:30 PM  
(Sports Field)
- Arts & Crafts:** Tuesdays drop in between 12:00-2:00 PM  
(Clubhouse) Rec. Assistants
- Bike Hikes:** Wed. 10:00 AM-Noon (Ages 7+)  
(Leaves from Clubhouse) Rec. Assistants
- Golf Lessons:** Tuesdays 10:00-10:45 AM (ages 6-11) (Sports Field)  
Thursdays 5:30 PM (ages 12-16) (VB Golf Course)
- LIBRARY HOURS:** Mon. & Wed. 11:00 AM-Noon, 7:00-8:00 PM  
Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 10:00 AM-Noon  
Sun. Noon-1:00 PM Library Assistants

#### FITNESS ACTIVITIES

- Yoga (Adults & Teens):** TBD Mairén Kops  
(Green space by Pier)
- Seniors Stretch:** Tues. & Thurs. 8:45-9:00 AM  
(Clubhouse or Village Green)
- Aerobic Classes:** Tues. & Thurs. 10:00-11:00 AM Julie McPetrie  
(Village Green)
- Boot camp with Julie:** Mon. Wed. Fri., 9:15-10:00 AM  
(Village Green)  
Please check Victoria Beach Herald for updates
- TENNIS COURT ACTIVITIES** Tennis Court Attendants  
(Modified with restrictions on numbers and social distancing)
- Youth Tennis Lessons:** Wed. 11:30-12:15 PM & Fri. 12:30-1:15 (Ages 5-6)  
Tues. & Thurs. 1:00-2:00 PM (Ages 7-9)  
Mon., 12:30-1:30 pm & Thurs., 1:30-2:30 PM (Ages 10 & over)
- Junior Tennis Nights:** Mon., Wed. 6:00-7:30 PM (Ages 11-18)
- Adult Tennis Round Robin:** Mon. & Fri. (Register) 10:45 AM  
(Play) 11:00-12:30 PM
- Adult GVS:** Tues., Thurs. & Saturdays 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
- Family Tennis:** Tues. & Thurs., July 6:15-7:15 PM / August 6:00-7:00 PM
- 10 & Under GVS:** Tues. & Thurs., July 6:15-7:15 PM / August 6:00-7:00 PM

### VICTORIA BEACH CLUB SPECIAL ACTIVITIES 2021

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
VB Membership Blitz	Thurs., July 1	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Parking Lot	Yvette Wilson
BIG VB Clean	Sun., July 4	All Day	Community	Pritchard-Dube and Pollard Families
Swim Registration	Sun., July 4	10:00 AM-Noon	Clubhouse	Edwards Family
Kirbyson Junior Doubles Clinic	Wed., July 7	2:00-5:00 PM	Tennis Courts	Geoff Kirbyson
Teen Summer Kickoff Party	Fri., July 9	9:00 PM	Clubhouse	Rec Staff
Soccer Tournament (15+)	Sat., July 10	9:30 AM Registration	Sports Field	Ted Gedderd and Rec staff
Masters Tennis Tournament	Sat., Sun., July 11, 12	All Day	Tennis Courts	Bill and Jane Turk & Carol Forsythe
Sandcastle Building Contest	Sun., July 11	10:00 AM-Noon	Clubhouse	Beach Rec Staff
Kirbyson Adult Doubles Tennis Clinic	Wed., July 14	2:00-5:00 PM	Tennis Courts	Geoff Kirbyson
Teen Movie Night	Wed., July 14	9:00 PM	Clubhouse	Rec Staff
Girls Tennis Day	Thurs., July 15	3:00-5:15 PM	Tennis Courts	
Sports Day	Sat., July 17	10:00 AM-Noon	Sports Field	Poulton Family
Kids Fishing Derby	Sun., July 18	9:00-11:00 AM	Pier	Rec Staff
Robert Kennedy Tennis Clinic	Tues., July 20	2:00-5:00 PM	Tennis Courts	Robert Kennedy
Junior Tennis Tournament	Wed., Thurs., July 21, 22	9:00 AM	Tennis Courts	Kim and Kevin Goetz, Mike Bru, Jenny Hasenack Bru, Kerra Mruss & Adrian Frost
Teen Beach Party	Wed., July 21	9:00 PM	Clubhouse	Rec Staff
Volleyball Tournament	Sat., July 24	All Day	Sports Field or Clubhouse Beach	Mike Lesiuk
Bike Races	Sat., July 24	10:00 AM	Sports Field	Sylvia Furtado, Mark Bucholz, James Hilland
Bike Jam	Sat., July 24	7:00 PM	Village Green	Sylvia Furtado, Mark Bucholz, James Hilland
Children's Masquerade	Sun., July 25	10:00 AM-Noon	Art Vincent Memorial Stage	Pollard Family
Ladies Golf Tournament	Wed., July 28	TBD	VB Golf Course	Patti Uirich
Teen Scavenger Hunt	Wed., July 28	9:00-11:00 PM	Clubhouse	Rec Staff
Senior Tennis Tournament	Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon., July 30 - Aug 2	All Day (Starts 6:00 PM Fri.)	Tennis Courts	John Blair & John Heppenstall
VB Club Raffle	Sat., July 31	10:00 AM-4:00 PM	Village Green	Suzu Blunderfield & Shannon Bowden
VB Film Festival	Sat., July 31, Sun., Aug 1	7:00 PM	Clubhouse	Ida Smith
Novelty Tennis Tournament	Sat., Sun., Aug 14, 15	All Day	Tennis Courts	Frank Manning
Kids soccer (ages 8-14)	Sun., Aug 1	9:00 AM	Sports Field	Rec Staff
Kraft Memorial Art Show	Sun., Aug 1	11:00 AM-4:00 PM	Clubhouse	Kraft Family and Dianne Cameron
Teen Movie Night	Wed., Aug 4	9:00 PM	Clubhouse	Rec Staff
Junior Golf Tournament	Thurs., Aug 5		VB Golf Course	Adam and Ed Boge
Bike to the Beach	Fri., Aug 6	11:00 AM-3:00 PM	Clubhouse	Scott McDonald
Cross Country Run	Sat., Aug 7	9:00 AM Registration	Clubhouse	The Johnson Family/Wiebe Family
Dog Show	Sat., Aug 7	11:00 AM	Village Green	Paul Infuso, Trish Nesbitt, Al Keith, Barb Hansford
Lake Winnipeg Foundation Walk for Water	Sun., Aug 8	9:45 AM	Art Vincent Memorial	Brenda Hearson and Committee
Kids Beach Games	Sun., Aug 8	10:00 AM-Noon	Clubhouse	Rec Staff
Teen Farewell to Summer Party	Wed., Aug 11	9:00-11:00 PM	Clubhouse	Rec Staff
Volunteer Appreciation Night	Fri., Aug 13	7:00-9:00 PM	Clubhouse	Shannon Bowden & Doug Stewart
VB Annual Meeting	Sun., Aug 15	11:00 AM	Clubhouse	Suzu Blunderfield
Novelty Tennis Tournament	Sat., Sun., Aug 14, 15	All Day	Tennis Courts	Frank Manning
30+ Adult Dance	Sat., Sep 4	8:00 PM-1:00 AM	Clubhouse	Monica White

# VB Club Message

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Happy August everyone! I can't believe I am already writing the last VB Club message in the Herald for the year, it seems like the summer just got started a few days ago. Once again, we entered the summer not knowing whether we were going to be able to put on any of our usual VB Club programming. Thanks to the relaxation of the COVID-19 restrictions and a tremendous amount of work by the VB Club board, employees and volunteers, we were able to put on most of our normal events. In particular, I am happy that we were able to put on most of the regular programs for the youngsters at VB, like games nights, movies, teen nights, etc. I think that without those events the summer wouldn't feel like summer for a lot of the kids. We hope (once again) that next summer we will be able to be back to a full slate of events including things like the dance, trivia night, etc. that we all miss.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the employees and volunteers at the VB Club that take the time to put on the activities that we all take for granted. I am consistently

amazed by the amount of work that it takes to put on the various VB Club activities and by the willingness of our employees and volunteers to do that work. The sense of community that we have here at VB really is extraordinary.

I would like to send a particular note of thanks and appreciation to our outgoing VB Club President, Suzy Blunderfield. Suzy has been on the VB Club board in one role or another basically forever. I don't think it's an exaggeration to say that she may be the hardest working volunteer the VB Club has ever had. I could try to list all of the things she has done and continues to do for the VB community but there isn't enough space in the Herald. I am glad that she is getting an opportunity to step back from her challenging and time-consuming role as President but even more glad that she plans stay on the board as Past President and continue to be involved with the VB Club.

Enjoy the rest of the summer everyone!

## Be Prepared in case of Wildfire!!

*This QR Code will take you directly to the RMVB's page where you can click on the official evacuation plans in case of fire. There is one for residents within the vehicle restricted area and another for those outside. It's worth the time to review these at this time!! No cell phone? Go to the RM's website and click on "Forms & Documents."*



## About the Victoria Beach Herald

One of the longest continuously publishing community newspapers in Canada, now in our 96th year, the Victoria Beach Herald is a service of the Victoria Beach Club. The Herald prints nine issues each summer on Fridays from late June to mid-August. The Herald welcomes submissions from readers focused on family events, beach happenings, community issues, etc. Letters to the Editor are always welcome: they must be signed with the author's name and be written with the understanding that many people read the Herald, including youngsters.

Submissions should be sent via email to vbherald@shaw.ca. Those without access to email can place written submissions in the VB Herald mailbox behind the cash counter at the Victoria Beach General Store. Submission deadline is 4PM Fridays with the exception of VB Club event convenor submissions for events occurring on weekend days.

To support pandemic safety measures, the Herald is now available via newspaper boxes placed outdoors at the Parking Lot, the Golf Course, and the Village Green.

Editor





## Duplicate Bridge

Duplicate bridge is back!! Monday night duplicate bridge at the clubhouse started on Monday, August 16th and will continue on Monday evenings. Please be there at 6:30 for games to start at 6:45. Please be double vaxed, masks are optional, bring your own beverage, bring a partner. \$2 per person. Any questions, please email Peggy at p\_ansons@yahoo.ca.

### VICTORIA BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH Sunday August 22, 2021

#### “The VB Church and the Joy of Worshipping God”

Join us each week online as we share from a different location at Victoria Beach!

Includes a special Children's Story!

Each week's message can be found on:

Facebook: (Victoria Beach Community Church)

YouTube Search: (Paul Boge – The VB Church and the Joy of Worshipping God)

## VB Doctors Office

We enjoy the great privilege of having a local, staffed medical clinic within the vehicle restricted area of Victoria Beach. This year we have a medical doctor on staff until August 22nd. Here are the details you need to know if you need this great service:

- One person in the waiting room at a time.
- Benches are provided outside.
- MASKS ARE MANDATORY
- Hand sanitizer is provided, please use it.

#### BRING:

- Your medical card.
- Cash or cheque for a prescription if dispensed.

#### FILL OUT:

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#### HOURS:

9:30 - 11:30 every day EXCEPT Sunday and Wednesday

5:00 - 7:00 every day

Clinic phone number is (204) 756-6305

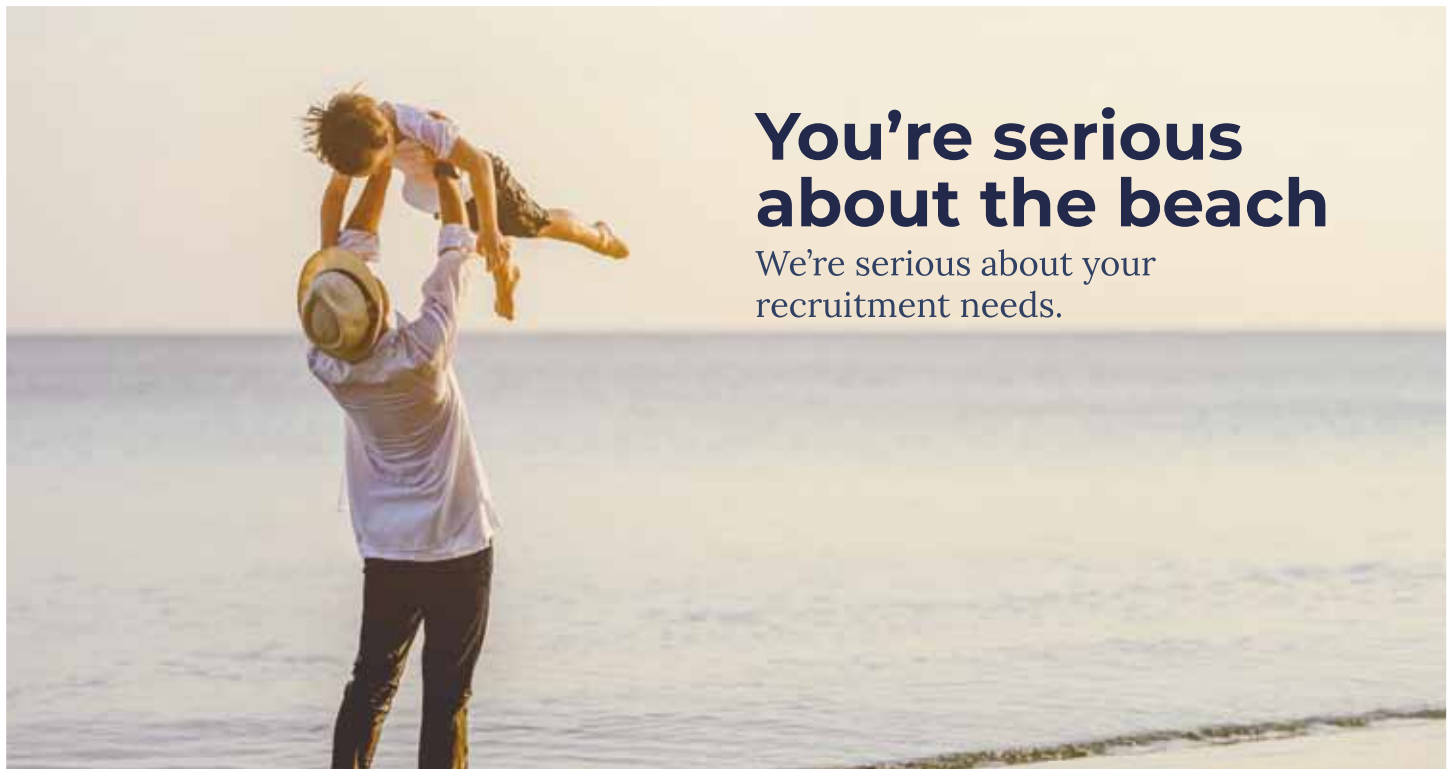
#### Doctors:

- Aug 15-22: Dr. Mitchell Guest

#### Stove Needed!

We are seeking donations to purchase a stove for the doctor's cottage. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation toward this much needed piece of equipment. To donate, please write a cheque to the RM of Victoria Beach, 705-1661 Portage Ave, R3J 3T7 OR e-transfer the RM of Victoria Beach. Please clearly indicate on your cheque/e-transfer the donation is for the stove.

You VB Community Medical Committee endeavours to keep the cottage & clinic in good working order. Thank you for assisting us with this task!



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# Eight at the Gate

The weather has turned to “real August” at least for a few days as this is written. Some riders who are in the “n+1 group” will get out their cyclo-cross/gravel bikes. Riding in the shelter of local trails allows them to ride when high winds and wet roads make road rides unpleasant. We are fortunate to have access to a myriad of short local trails as well as the connection to the Trans Canada Trail, the world’s longest network of multi-use recreational trails. <https://tctrail.ca>. As an added bonus, most of the local trails can be started from and end at Einfelds bakery. One of our Grand Beach riders found the solution to carrying half a dozen dream cookies back on her bike – “eat them before you leave”.

Our rides continue starting at 09:00 through Labour Day leaving from the “gate”. On Monday Sept. 6 we will start riding at 10:00. We have a few riders around through Thanksgiving.



For information contact Bob Marshall, cell 204 261 4292 or Face Book “Eight at the Gate”. Thanks for all the great rides this

summer in spite of COVID. See you on the road!



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# Council Corner

The rain and the cool sweater weather of last week made it feel quite September-ish. We were happy for the rain and that meant that our Fire Chief lifted the Fire Ban on August 12. Fire safety and fire awareness are still a priority in our community and we appreciate your ongoing efforts to mitigate fire risk in our community.

We held our first Coffee With Council at the amazing VB Country Market on August 14 and we thank all of you who took the time to stop by for a chat. We also held our first public Council Meeting at the EB Social Scene since COVID changed our world and again, we thank you for coming out and attending our meeting.

We'll be holding another Coffee With Council on Saturday September 4th again at the VBCC Country Market from 10 am to noon. We hope you'll come out and join us.

This is the last VB Herald for 2021 and we thank the VB Club and Herald editors Kevin Dube and Barb Pritchard for generously giving us the weekly space to keep residents up to date during the summer season. We encourage residents to stay current on municipal issues and initiatives and get your facts from our website at [www.rmofvictoriabeach.ca](http://www.rmofvictoriabeach.ca) and from our official RM of Victoria Beach Facebook page (RM of Victoria Beach). You can always send Council members and/or the RM office an email or give us a call for clarity on issues of concern to you. Our email addresses are on our website.

At the time of writing this article we don't have firm dates and times for a few important upcoming meetings. Please watch our website and FB page for updates on the time and place for the

upcoming Zoning By-Law Public Hearing; the discussion on the future of the Moonlight Inn; the progression of the accessible public washrooms in the log cottage on the Moonlight Inn property; future Coffee With Council plans; future Council Meeting locations; garbage bin updates; and FireSmart plans, to name a few. We do know that the Appeals for 2022 Property Tax Assessments will be held on October 13 in the RM Office in Winnipeg. Contact the RM Office for details on appealing your property assessment.

We encourage you to sign up for our communication service, VB CONNECT so that we can send you up-to-date information and instructions should an emergency arise in our community. Please go to our website and sign up for this important service. If you need assistance filling out the form, please contact the RM Office at 204-774-4263 or toll free in Manitoba only, at 1-800-513-3839. We will continue to film our Council Meetings and upload them to YouTube via our website.

Bears continue to roam our community and residents need to deal with their garbage properly and be bear aware. Conservation in Pine Falls has received many calls from our residents and they are doing the best they can with the resources they have available. They are the ones who are trained and authorized to deal with problem bears. Our Public Works staff and our police are not trained, authorized or equipped to trap, tranquilize or shoot a bear.

A reminder that as of May, 2022, any resident who uses curbside garbage pickup will require a bear-resistant bin or enclosure. We will continue to fill orders over the Fall and Winter for delivery of bins prior to the May 2022 deadline. Contact Councillor Bartmanovich at [mbartmanovich@victoriabeach.ca](mailto:mbartmanovich@victoriabeach.ca) or the RM office for more information.

Do you already have a bin/enclosure that you feel is bear-resistant? Send a photo to Councillor Bartmanovich for evaluation. If it meets our standard, you're good to go! You don't have to buy the RM bin, but it is a cost-effective choice.

Bear encounters can be alarming – do you know what to do if you encounter a bear? The Province has put out a very informative brochure about bears. We encourage you to download and read the Bear Smart brochure located at [https://www.gov.mb.ca/.../fish.../bear\\_smart\\_booklet.pdf](https://www.gov.mb.ca/.../fish.../bear_smart_booklet.pdf)

Thanks to our hard working, dedicated, municipal staff, contract employees and seasonal employees for all your continued efforts to preserve, protect, maintain and improve our municipality. We look forward to a more normal summer of events and activities in 2022 and we hope you all have a great, safe, healthy year ahead.

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## RMVB Garbage Pickup Summer Schedule

Door-to-Door pick-up is as follows (June 28 to Sept. 8, 2021):

**MONDAY** - Albert Beach, all areas south of Arthur Road and west of Ateah Road, including Ateah 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 ones). Containers are to be placed close to the road allowance – not in your front yard – by no later than 8:30am. PICK-UP IS FOR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ONLY.**

TRAVERSE BAY LANDFILL: PTH#11 - 3 miles east of PTH#11 & #59 intersection. Summer Hours OPEN DAILY - 9 am to 5 pm.

*A pass is required, they can be picked up at the gate, public works, or the municipal office.*

# RMVB Volunteer Award

## Kevin Dube and Barbara Pritchard

Kevin and Barb have been the primary editors of the Victoria Beach Herald on a voluntary basis for the past ten years. In this role, they are responsible for assembling the editorial copy and photography for the weekly community publications. They have clearly shown their pure dedication to our community. Through their efforts, the residents of our community are able to keep up with all aspects of VB life and learn about our wonderful home, all of which is done for no personal or financial gain for themselves.

The Herald services a community of over 8,000 seasonal and permanent residents in the summer and has been doing so for ninety-six consecutive years, making it one of the longest continuously published community newspapers in Canada. Without their efforts, our community would truly miss one of our prized institutions, and the appreciation and enjoyment we all feel when we arrive at the beach to head directly to the nearest distribution site to ask "Can I get a Herald?"

There are approximately 20 regular activities each week, 50 different events and hundreds of special activities throughout the summer. Each weekend there are activities that hundreds of community members come out to support. The convenors report their events to the paper that is then reviewed, edited, and submitted to the printer for publication.

During the COVID-19 summer of 2020, the Herald was especially important for delivering information regarding changes in programming.



At the start, Kevin's contribution included photographs for the Victoria Beach Herald, then co-editing with others in the community, then sharing the role with his wife Barb Pritchard, while working a full-time job with a young family. During the week, Barb attends all of the events and continues to provide additional photography for the paper. All images are gathered, edited and sorted for print.

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Margaret Murray-Haddad



Joanne Parker Gibson

Kevin and Barb have donated their services to save the club thousands of dollars over the years through their dedicated work and continue to serve this community with grace and distinction.

It is with the most sincere thank you and congratulations that the Victoria Beach Council recognizes Kevin Dube and Barb Pritchard's contributions to Victoria Beach by awarding them both the Victoria Beach Volunteer Award. It is through their tireless work that we see the best parts of each and every one of us.

to our community that Margaret is known for is the establishment of the VB Country Market, which helps to raise money for the VB Community Centre and has become a staple of Victoria Beach life.

It is with the most sincere thank you and congratulations that the Victoria Beach Council recognizes contributions of Margaret Murray-Haddad & Joanne Parker Gibson

to Victoria Beach by awarding them both the Victoria Beach Volunteer Award. It is through their tireless work that we see the best parts of each and every one of us.

**Margaret Murray-Haddad & Joanne Parker Gibson**

Both Margaret & Joanne have greatly contributed to the quality of life in the community through the creation and production of VB The Musical. It was a labour of love for them that strove to bring a stronger sense of community and an understanding of our history.

The script of the show provided a historical education about the beginning and growth of Victoria Beach. It also highlighted many of the traditions and institutions. Through their work, our community were able to develop a stronger appreciation for all the aspects of life at the beach that make our home so wonderful to reside in.

So successful was the show that a professional video was found and funds were quickly raised beyond what was asked. This was undoubtedly due to the quality of work and dedication they put in to making such a wonderful and appreciated piece of musical theatre. Truly our history came to life through their tireless efforts.

However, Both Margaret and Joanne have given more to this community than the musical. Joanne spent six years organizing and running the VB Flea Market which helped to raise funds for the Victoria Beach Club, one of our most prized institutions. For three years, she also ran the Masquerade which provided our children one of the greatest opportunities to be creative and explore their imaginations. Both of these endeavours contributed significantly to the quality of life in our community.

Margaret was a very passionate and community-minded person. She continually worked to improve life at the beach and the surrounding areas. Through her work she helped to initiate the VB Permanent Resident Association, the Grand Marais Mobile Clinic, the Interlake Eastern Regional Health Association, and was invaluable to the fundraising efforts for the St. Michael's Anglican Church. Perhaps the most recognizable contribution

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were too light to run the kite-only and waterman races, but we were able to conduct two nail-biting heats in the SUP race and also a slow and steady windsurfing race.

Some athletes generously gave a few free lessons in the different disciplines to some interested participants. This inspired organizers to add a kiteboard, windsurf and/or SUP lesson portion to next year's event for anyone wanting to give these sports a try.

Athletes patiently waiting for better wind conditions ended up creating the demonstration sport of windsurf jousting, which will officially be introduced at the 2022 games.

Wind or no wind, it's always a fun day on the water with friends. So many of us use Lake Winnipeg for sport and recreation. We recognize the importance of preserving its health. Waterman Athletes raised just under \$1000 for the Lake Winnipeg Foundation so far. Donations are still being accepted.

Race results to follow, have a great rest of summer and keep an eye out for the Waterman event date and details next year!

Danny Gibson

We had such a great turnout at this year's Waterman Challenge, our annual kite/windsurf/SUP (stand-up paddleboard) race and LWF fundraiser. We were pumped to see so many people, young and old, from our community come hang out on the yacht club deck and try their hand at SUPing or windsurfing. The winds

## Waterman Challenge Race Results

SUP under 20

MALE

1. Stephen Strachan
2. Murray McCaig
3. Gavin Broadbent

FEMALE

- Piper Hughes  
Jessica Preston

Windsurf

FEMALE

1. Piper Hughes

MALE

1. Corran Broadbent
2. Leven Broadbent
3. Andrew Kaul

MALE

1. Ted Geddert
2. Gary Albl
3. Chris Pelican

SUP over 20

FEMALE

1. Jill Kirbyson

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**Welcome back everyone - for another great summer!**





# VB Swim Program Windup



Hello Everyone! Avery here, and I'm sad to say, but another summer of swimming lessons has come and gone. It seems like only yesterday we were opening registration and meeting you all for our first class. After these past weeks, all the swim instructors and I would like to say how proud we are of all our swimmers this

year! It was truly a fantastic year of swimming, and we would be nothing without the hard work and determination of our fabulous swim kids! We hope you had just as much fun taking lessons as we did teaching them!

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A special congratulations goes out to our Bronze kids as they have now completed their 6-week course and final exam! See below the list of the kids who passed their respective courses! You've all worked so hard, and I'm happy it has finally paid off. I hope to see you all becoming future lifeguards and swim instructors.

**Bronze Medallion:**

- Bennett Sime-Surcon
- Colby McPetrie
- Kai Peacock
- Kai Veitch
- Kaleigh Henderson
- Noah Barnes
- Sydney Stibbard

**Bronze Cross:**

- Ethan Veitch
- Grayce Dubé
- Josh Stubbs
- Robin Wallace
- Scott Mitchell
- Stephen Mitchell

I hope everyone has a fantastic rest of their summer and a safe fall as we slowly return to normal!  
Avery & the Swim Staff



**Bike to the Beach 2021**

Thank you to the cyclists, sponsors, community partners and donors for making Bike to the Beach 2021 another record-breaking success. We are thrilled to have raised more than \$118,000 for the Lake Winnipeg Foundation.

SCOTT MCDONALD, EVENT ORGANIZER





# The VB Club is 100!!

2021 is the year that the VB Club turns 100. However, we decided to celebrate in 2022 when we can, hopefully, have a big party!! We're just like the Tokyo 2020 Olympics in 2021!

We will be putting on a day long party in July. Fun activities for kids and adults! VB Club 101 swag! Activities, bouncy castles, beer garden, bands, etc.

We will be looking for volunteers for the day of events. We would also like someone to design a special logo for the event! You can submit your entry over the winter. Please try to incorporate the existing VB Club logo if possible. Please submit your logo to: vbclubanniversary@gmail.com

More information will come in the spring of 2022! We look forward to celebrating our fabulous Club with all of you!!

VB Club Anniversary Committee



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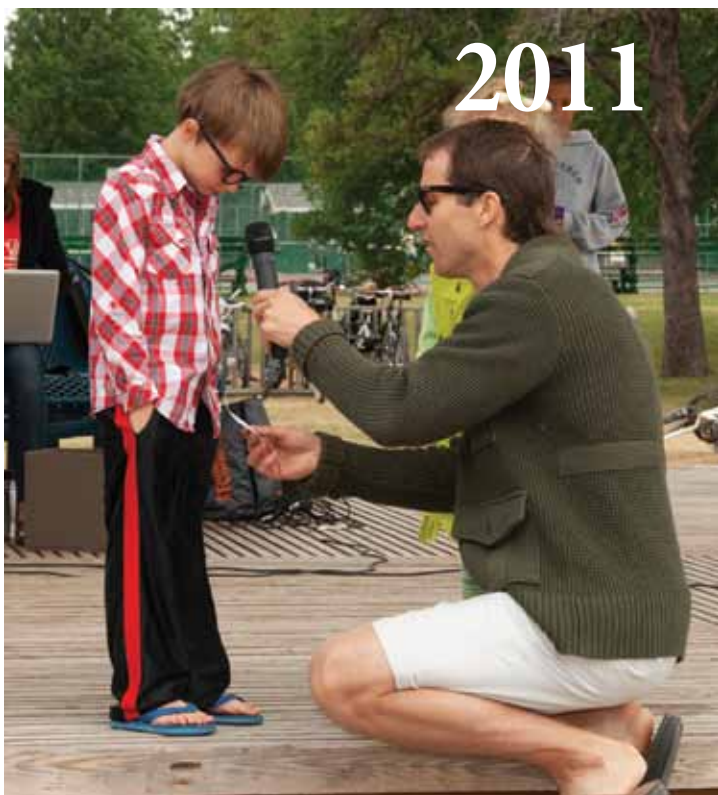
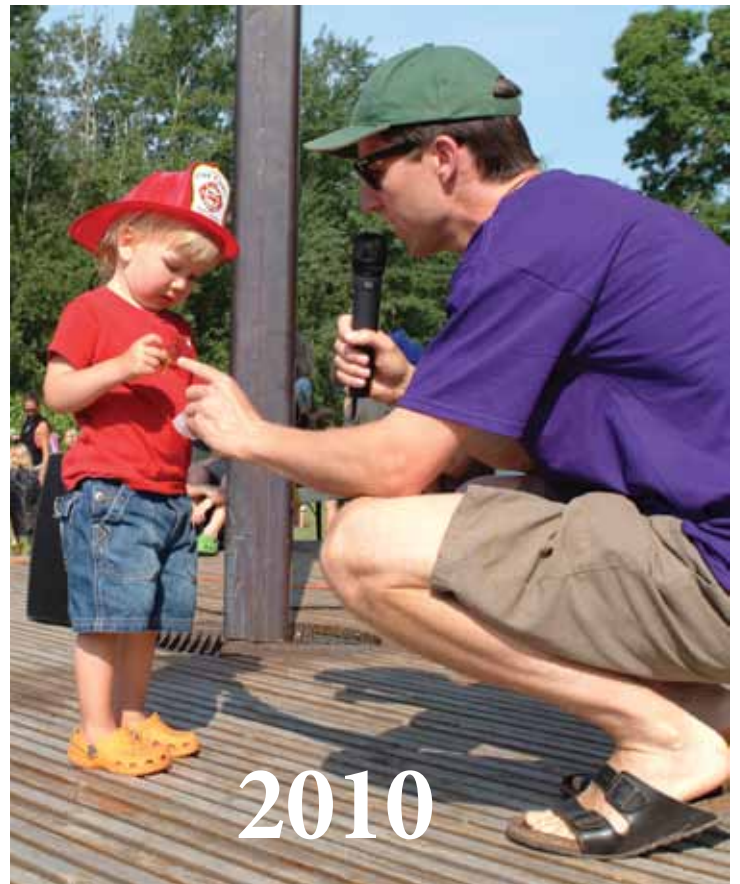
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# 13 Years of Masquerade Excellence

Doug and Kristie Pollard have run the VB Masquerade since 2009 and have handed the torch to a new crew starting next year. The VB Children's Masquerade is a rite of passage for many VB kids and has been for decades! Many reading this will fondly remember their Masquerade experiences. The Herald honours the commitment Doug and Kristie have made to this venerable VB Club institution for the past 13 years with these 13 photos.









# VB Novelty Tennis Tournament



That's a wrap on this year's Novelty Tennis Tournament! We had over 50 players of all levels come out and participate in this fun filled robin round style event.

The enthusiastic teamwork, strong competition, good sportsmanship, and laughter was seen on all 6 courts both Saturday and Sunday. We're very grateful that the Covid restrictions were lifted, and the weather cooperated allowing us to hold the tournament. Thank you to all the players and congratulations to the following winners:

2021 Novelty Tournament Wimbledon Division Champions Team 3: "Podium Poachers" (Jacquie Schultz, Teresa Young, Terry Martin, Bruce Eyford)

Wimbledon Division Runner's Up, Team 1: "He-love-a Good Team" (Andrea

O'Connor, Joanne Jeanson, Kevin Dube, Karl Ruban)

2021 Novelty Tournament U.S Open Division Champions Team 11: "Fully Vaxed" (Barb Pritchard, Gord Bell/John Heppenstall, Mark Lamont, Brian Hyska)

U.S Open Runner's Up, Team 7: "Gordon Bells"

(Dawn Cyr, Brent Prusak, Brad Nechediuk, Jason Stubbs)

U.S Open Runner's Up, Team 9: "The Stars and her Entourage" (Bev Lesiuk, Mike Manning, Xavier Champagne, Stuart Juzda)

2021 Novelty Tournament Overall Champions Team 3 of Wimbledon Division: "Podium Poachers"

(Jacquie Schultz, Teresa Young, Terry Martin, Bruce Eyford)

Best Team Name: Team 1 "He-Love-a Good Team"

(Andrea O'Connor, Joanne Jeanson, Kevin Dube, Karl Ruban)

Special thanks to Allan Morrish and Gord Bell for organising and running this much anticipated annual event. I'd also like to thank the tennis staff for coming out and helping during the lunchtime activities, and Einfield's Bakery for supplying warm, fresh cinnamon buns.

What a great way to finish off our 2021 tennis season. Can't wait to see everyone at the courts again next summer!

Meghan Pidskalny, Head Tennis



Wimbledon Division Competitors



# VB Novelty Tennis Tournament



*Wimbledon Division Competitors*



*Wimbledon Division Runners-up and Best Team Name Winners*



*VB Novelty Tournament 2021 Overall Champions*



*US Open Division Champions*



*US Open Division Runners-up (tie)*



*US Open Division Runners-up (tie)*





# Beach Games

The Rec Staff ran Beach Games two weekends ago and, as usual, a ton of fun was had.




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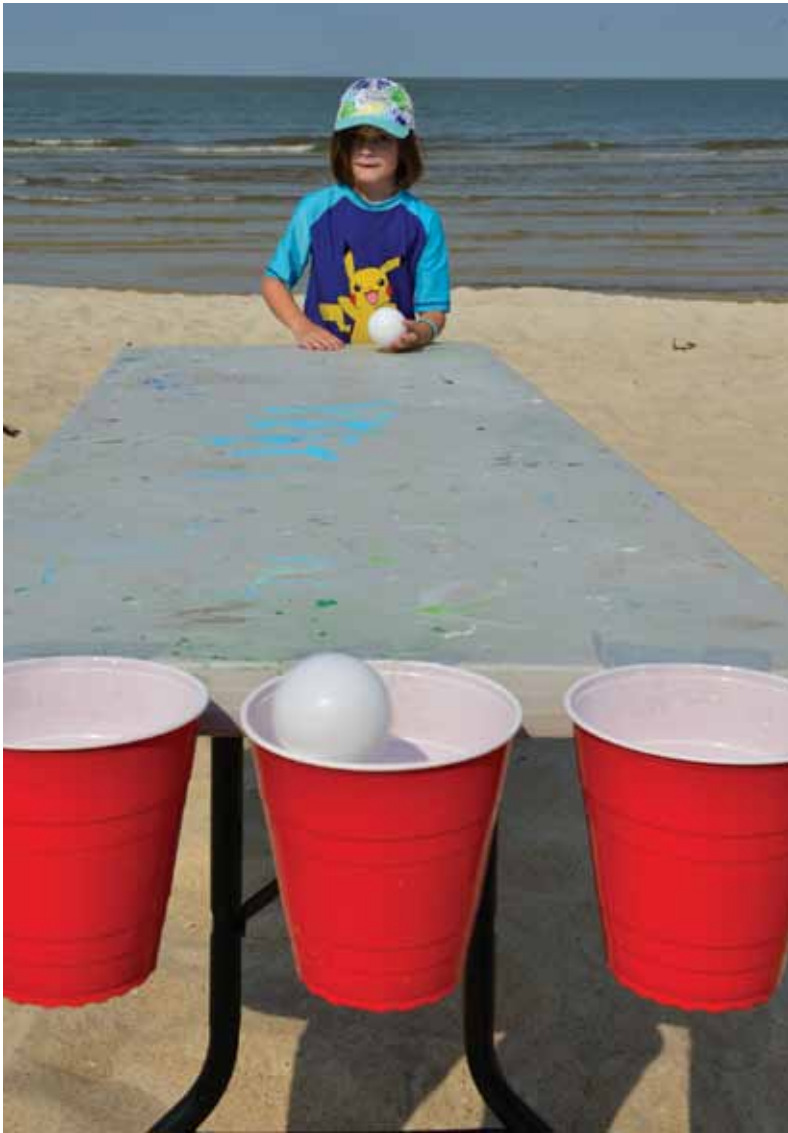
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# VB Country Market

The VB Country Market continues to run Saturdays from 10AM to 1PM. Only a few market days left for the summer of 2021. What a market it's been!!! Great weather so many vendors and shoppers.

Thank you to all shoppers and especially the market volunteers who make this possible every Saturday. We welcomed the Veggie Wagon back along with another vegetable vendor, Dylsey's Fresh Veggies from St. Francois Xavier and Braman's Greens who has served Victoria Beach almost year round. Corn is available now. Still new vendors each week.

The market entrance is on the parking lot of the Victoria Beach Community Centre (VBCC). The VBCC is on Highway 59N at Ateah Road – you can't miss us!

The breakfast volunteers are offering breakfast starting at 9:00AM on a takeout basis with hot dogs available around 12:00 until 1:00 PM. Picnic tables available in the sunshine or in a shaded area – the outdoor bar area.

This summer we are also running a raffle (LGCA 1723 RF-35897) The Best Sleep of Your Life. Tickets are \$5.00 for a chance to win a Queen size Riviera Mattress and Boxspring valued at \$2,000. Draw proceeds will be used to purchase accessible play equipment for the new playground – so all our children can enjoy. In addition to that – we will work to enhance the skate park/ outdoor concrete pad to encourage older children to enjoy the area as well.

Thank you to Dave's Furniture and Appliances of Powerview-Pine Falls for the donation. Only 1500 tickets available. The draw will be held Saturday October 9th 1:30 pm at the VBCC.

See you at the VB Country Market!



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# What's happening at the Victoria Beach Community Centre

**A beautiful park bench, honouring Margaret Murray-Haddad, has been placed in the market area across from the playground.** Margaret loved Victoria Beach and she loved VB Country Market that is celebrating 10 years this year. So please think of Margaret as you visit the country market and the Victoria Beach Community Centre.

**Victoria Beach Golf Tournament 2021** Mark your calendars and sign up early -- September 17th at Grand Pines Golf Course -- Highway 59N. A Texas Scramble tee off time is at 12:30. Men's, women's and mixed team competition this year. \$125 per person or a team of 4 for \$450. Contact John Heppenstall at 204-229-0777 or email johnheppenstall204@gmail.com. Details available on [www.vbcommunitycentre.com/golf.html](http://www.vbcommunitycentre.com/golf.html).

**Pickleball** is up and running at VBCC with all current Provincial COVID protocols in place. Monday through Saturdays 9:00 am to Noon. All levels of adults are welcome with new players asked to attend Monday's to get started. Bring your own equipment and water bottles. On Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays the front court is reserved for advanced players. With a current \$15 VBCC membership there is a \$3 drop-in fee daily or \$25 per month. Without VBCC membership the drop-in fee is \$5.

Covid guidelines are in place. We ask that all players entering the court area be fully immunized. You will be asked to sign a Covid guidelines/practise acceptance form prior to playing. For additional information contact Bill/Lorine Mason 204.250.6466

**Summer Yoga** is on now -- Thursdays from 10AM to 11AM -- on a drop-in basis. Classes cancelled August 19th. Contact Rhonda by text at 250-486-6451 or email rhondajeannanning@gmail.com to book a spot! Space is limited. COVID protocols in place.

**Breakfast and lunch** are available Saturdays from 9:00AM -12:00PM and lunch from 12:00 to 1:00PM as a takeout option during the VB Country Market. Picnic tables are available on the grassie area or in the shaded outdoor bar area.

**The Annual General Meeting is October 19th.** Details to follow.

We are **Building for the Future** that saw the installation of the safari themed play structure as well as outdoor washrooms now

available during club outdoor activities. The parking lot for the Victoria Beach Community Centre has been modified to accommodate accessible parking and assist in traffic flow for all visiting the community centre. The parking lot will allow for the parking of about 160 vehicles and the traffic patterns have changed. We thank all community residents and members of VBCC for assisting in this redevelopment plan.

The **Merry Makers Rummage** is being held September 24 to 26. Rummage sale drop off continues throughout the summer. If you are dropping off in the containers beside the skating rink -- please remember to bring items in closed flat boxes and/or garbage bags that can be carried easily by the Merry Makers -- women. Any electronics are to be in working condition or please recycle. If you have any questions, please call Lynn at 204-754-7557.

VBCC is looking for volunteers to help at the canteen throughout the year. If you are interested, please email [vbcountrymarket@gmail.com](mailto:vbcountrymarket@gmail.com) or call Carol at 204-880-0025.

See you at the Victoria Beach Community Centre.

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# Victoria Beach Bike Jam 2021

On Saturday, July 24th the 3rd annual Victoria Beach bike jam was held. Due to Public Health Orders limiting gathering sizes only 100 tickets were sold for this year's event (resulting in a sold-out event within minutes of tickets going on sale), and participants were divided into 4 teams of 25 people. These teams were assigned a color to denote which group they were with, and participants embraced this team by dressing in their team colors – Yellow, Purple, Red or Blue. Bike Jam participants were provided with a "I Bike VB" hat, and a colored headband in their team colors. This resulted in many fantastic outfits, colored flags, and even team cheers.

Upon gathering at the Village Green, these groups of 25 collectively rode to one of each of the 5 "Pit Stops" on this year's bike jam. These stops are graciously provided every year by volunteer hosts, who year after year continue to amaze our volunteer team and participants with their generosity and community spirit.

We'd like to give special thanks and recognition to this year's hosts for making this year's bike jam one to remember:

- John and Jane Manness
- Stephanie Schuultz and Brad Prusak
- Suzy and Dan Blunderfield
- Darcy Cameron and Gord Poulton
- Scott and Nikki Stephenson (and team)

Activities at each pit stop included karaoke, ladder ball, group ping pong, pinata, outdoor darts, trampoline, bocce, slacklining, ziplining, and other assorted games. There may also have been a dance off at the Pelican point stop when two teams randomly met up.

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Delicious snacks and cocktails were also served at each stop, providing energy and refreshment along the three-hour ride. At the end of the Pit Stop portion of the evening, all participants gathered on the beach to watch the sunset and celebrate an evening of great fun.

Thanks to all the hard-working volunteers who step up year after year to make this fundraiser in support of the WRENCH and a bike repair station at Victoria Beach such a great community building event. It's always lovely to hear the stories of people making new connections at this event, and our team looks forward to making this event even bigger and better in 2022.

If you are interested in hosting a pit stop next year, helping to organize next year's event, or would like to donate to the fund to build a bike repair station in our community, please shoot us an email at vb-bikeraces@gmail.com and we'll happily chat further.

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing everyone at next year's Bike Day!

Cheers,

Mark Buchholz, Sylvia Furtado, and Jamie Hill-and - Your VB Bike Day Convenors



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# Book Review

A few years ago, I submitted a book review to the Herald for a book by local writer Geoff Kirbyson called The Hot Line about the WHA Winnipeg Jets. I'm back again with a review of his current book: Broken Ribs & Popcorn. His current book chronicles the Winnipeg Jets of the 1980's.

I must confess I love the Jets and, therefore, was looking forward to reading this book about an era of hockey I fondly remember. The author did not disappoint me. In fact, it was better than I had hoped.

The book connects the WHA era Jets to their first entrance into the NHL and their initial struggles after having their team dismantled as a condition to enter the league (the complete opposite of the Seattle Kraken or Vegas Golden Knights experience) to their rise to a top contender.

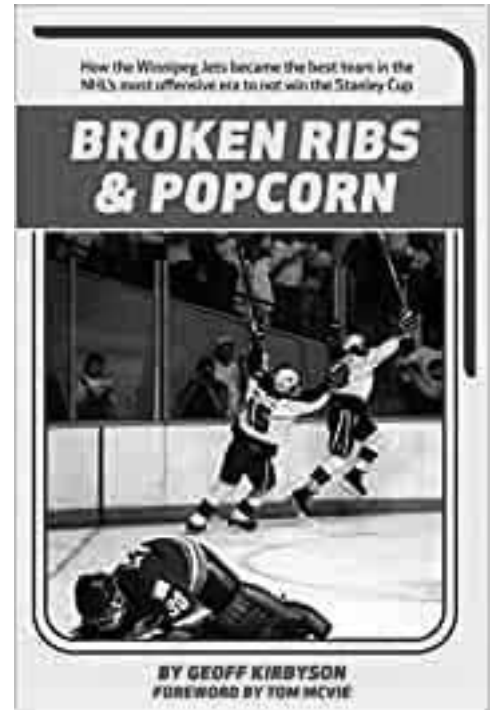
What I enjoyed was not only the shared memories of the 80's Jets, but the back stories of the events. The author's research and interviews with those involved in these events is extensive. I found the

stories about the lesser-known Jets the most revealing.

The Broken Ribs in the title of the book refers to the infamous crosscheck by Jamie Macoun on Dale Hawerchuk in the playoffs that broke Hawerchuk's ribs and dashed any hope to knock off the Gretzky led Edmonton Oilers. The author writes about the event, but what I absolutely loved was the stories of Macoun's family connection with Winnipeg and the life of its own that the crosscheck became. \*Spoiler-alert Jamie's brother moves to Winnipeg in the insurance business.

There are happy stories, sad stories, triumphant stories and stories of defeat (those damn Oilers). Overall, I highly recommend Broken Ribs & Popcorn by Geoff Kirbyson as a great summer read and look forward to his next book.

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In VB Restricted area, close to all amenities and beautiful beaches.

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Rare Y/R unique chalet style in a priv prime location, 1420 SF+980 SF finish bsmt w/kitchenette+BR. LR w/ stove, FP, shingles 2016, well, gar, studio/bunkie

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Choice building lots in Pine Glen in VB non-restricted area w/mature trees & close to beautiful beaches, boat launch, stores, trails & all amenities.

**9 Olafson Dr, LAKEFRONT on 2.33 acres** .....**REDUCED \$899,900**  
Tropical paradise here in Sandy Bay. Private LF w/infinity pool. 200 ft of sandy beach owned right to water's edge. Year md 3 BR, 2 bath+media room+office, granite Kit counters+floors+HW floors. O/S triple gar+recreational area+balcony overlooking it all.

**9 Scott Dr** ..... \$489,900  
Fantastic newer build, YR 2BR+ loft home just steps to the water!! Private, well treed property/private well. Cathedral ceilings, HWF, Granite counters, high efficiency FP, Hot Tub+more! Screen porch & 2 decks.

**3 Charles, LAKEFRONT** .....**REDUCED \$359,900**  
Beautiful YR home/cottage 1200 sq. ft 3 BR plus sunrm, front deck overlooks priv yard+lake. Lake access. Wd stove, BB heat, garage, drilled well.

**114 Centre**.....**PENDING \$184,900**  
600 SF 2 BR fully insul w/1/2 log siding+a 12x20 ft 2 BR bunkie. Screen wrap deck, plenty of rm to enjoy outdoors

**115 Centre**..... \$349,900  
Fab location. 1800 sq ft y/r w/4 BR, 1 w/balcony, 2 1/2 bath, lrg eat in kit w/screened deck, LR & rec rm, w/walk out bsmt, workshop, shed, furnished

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