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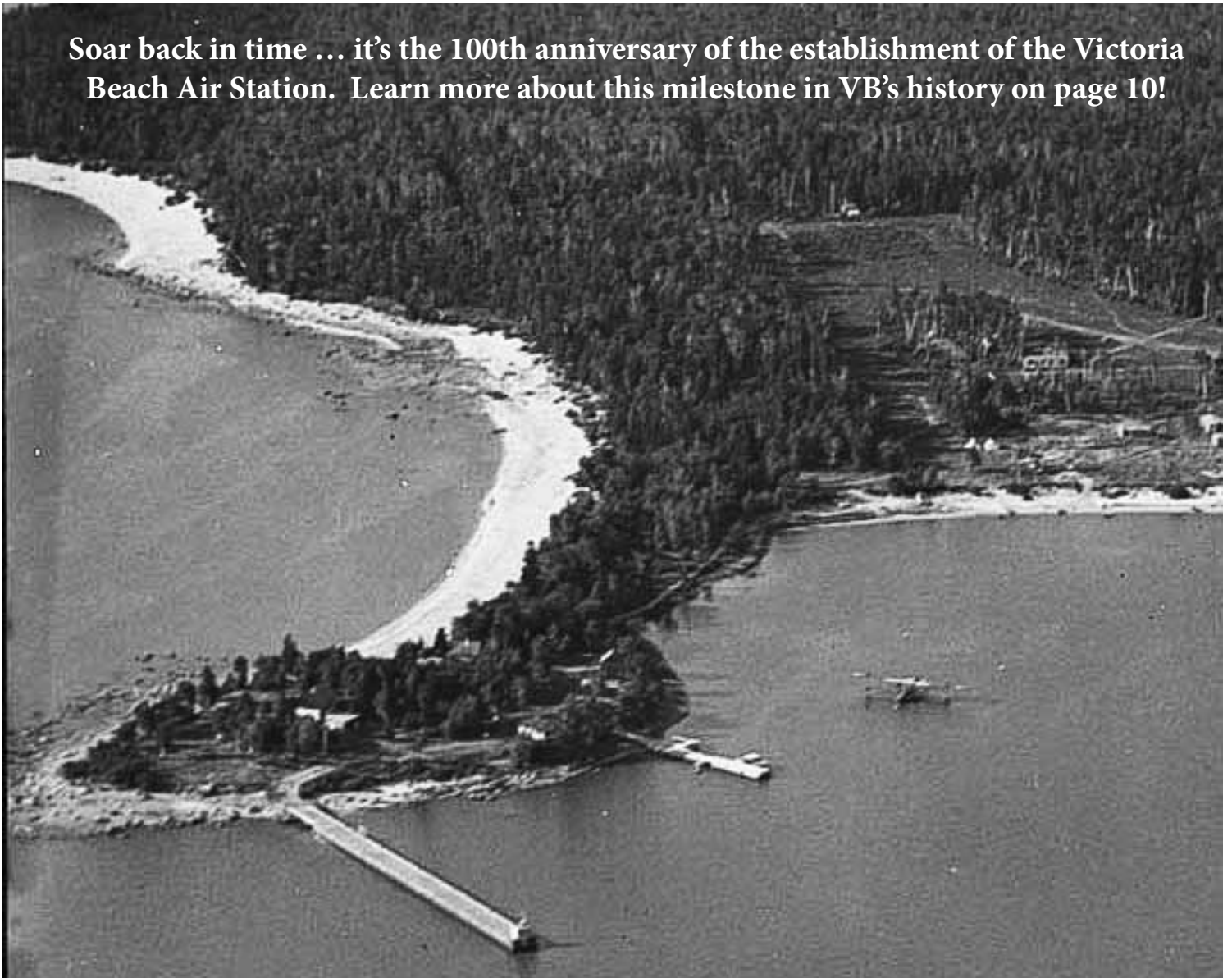
# Victoria Beach HERALD

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Friday, July 2, 2021

Soar back in time ... it's the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Victoria Beach Air Station. Learn more about this milestone in VB's history on page 10!



## VICTORIA BEACH CLUB SPECIAL ACTIVITIES 2021

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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





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Welcome back to Victoria Beach. The VB Country Market is up and running – welcoming so many vendors this summer.

The Market entrance is through the parking lot of the Victoria Beach Community Centre (VBCC) and runs every Saturday from 10AM to 1PM until September 4, 2021. All COVID protocols are in operation for a RETAIL environment. This means that whatever is happening when we grocery shop – the same will be done at the market and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

As the Victoria Beach Community Centre continues to work on an outdoor development plan all Market parking is on our club property. The market is an “L” shape where the entrance is along highway 59N and goes behind the new playground through to the ball field. This will accommodate a larger square footage for vendors, shoppers, and volunteers -- allowing us to safely move through the market. For anyone with accessibility issues, the walk is long, and you will be allowed to enter through the market exit which is by the ball field.

July 3 the Market is hosting almost 60 vendors – so many of them new and so good to see and welcome back so many favourites. A special thank you to all of the VB Country Market shoppers – everyone is so welcoming, and the vendors just love this market – so I thank you.

July 3 will also see an outdoor breakfast start – breakfast sandwich eggers, cinnamon buns, hot dogs, coffee, pop and juice.

The market is looking for volunteers to help at market or canteen. If you are interested, please email [vbcountrymarket@gmail.com](mailto:vbcountrymarket@gmail.com) or call Carol at 204-880-0025 or visit <https://www.vbcommunitycentre.com/vbcountrymarket.html>.

This summer we are also running a raffle (LGCA 1723 RF-35897) The Best Sleep of Your Life -- \$5.00 for a ticket to win a Queen size Riviera Mattress and box spring valued at \$2,000. Only 1,500 tickets available – draw will be held Saturday October 9th 1:30 pm at the VBCC. 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 or outdoor concrete pad to encourage older children to enjoy the area.

The Merry Makers Rummage 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.

See you at the Victoria Beach Community Centre.



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**Paul Boge**

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 Each week's message can be found on:  
 Facebook (Victoria Beach Community Church)  
 YouTube (Paul Boge – Victoria Beach Bakery)

**Tips for Clearing Deadfall**

Cleaning up your yard this summer? Remember to keep an eye out for deadfall! If you have dead trees on your property – whether standing dead trees (“snags”) or coarse woody debris – consider removing them in a strategic fashion to reduce your property's risk of wildfire. According to FireSmart Canada's FireSmart Begins at Home Manual, the accumulation of fuels can generate heat and embers. Included within their recommendations is the removal of woody debris and combustibles from around your property. If you're going about doing so, here's some things to consider:

- We are just nearing the end of the nesting season for many of the birds in our ecodistrict. Always be sure to check any trees or shrubs for nests or animal activity before removing them.
- Cleaning is best done in the spring or fall when you are allowed to put brush on the piles around the RM. If you remove brush during the summer, be sure to contact one of our local tree companies to have the brush chipped and removed. Refrain from stacking brush on your property to wait until the fall – this poses a fire risk.
- Know your limits with a chainsaw. Safe chainsaw operation includes wearing proper personal protective equipment and having sufficient training to operate the chainsaw within your limits. Serious injuries can result from inexperience and chainsaw operation. If in doubt, call an arborist.
- If you're considering pruning trees on your property to remove deadwood, remember that trees seal over their wounds – not heal. As a result, any pruning cut made on a tree stays with it for life. Many homeowners will accidentally prune a branch too close or too far from the tree. If you feel unsure about where to properly prune a tree and wish to call an arborist, remember to ask if they are a licensed or Certified Arborist™. In Manitoba, an arborist must be licensed or Certified to prune trees. You can find an arborist at treesaregood.org
- You may consider retaining snags or coarse woody debris on your property to the benefit of wildlife. If doing so, be selective in the retainment of certain species as some will pose a higher risk than others. Be sure to consult with a forester or arborist if you are unsure which trees to retain as wildlife snags.

For information on FireSmart™ and how you can better reduce the risk of wildfire in your community, you can access information on the RM's website under Residents > FireSmart section.

Alexander Martin is an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Board Certified Master Arborist, Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) Certified Treecare Safety Professional, and Director of Ironwood Urban Forestry Consulting Inc. He can be reached at (204) 803 – 7520.



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# VICTORIA BEACH CLUB

## 2021 - SUMMER ACTIVITIES - 2021

Membership wristbands are required at all activities.

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AUGUST							2021						
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### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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SHOULD CHANGES OCCUR IN COVID 19 GUIDELINES

#### KIDS ACTIVITIES (All Ages)

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

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

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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 Geddert 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 Ulrich
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	Suzy 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
Ride 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	Suzy 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

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## President's Message

Summer has officially started! My name is Shannon Bowden and I am in my third year as Director at Large with the VB Club Executive. We had hoped this would be a COVID free summer and we could revert to our typical VB Club programming – unfortunately that didn't happen. However, we are very thankful that restrictions lessened!!

I hope you have purchased your membership already and used our online service. If you missed out, not to worry. You can still order online (pick up is during library hours starting July 5th) or go to the Clubhouse during Swim Registration on July 4th from 10 till noon (and register your kids for swimming lessons too!) Starting on Monday, July 5th, you can also purchase a membership at the tennis courts. Don't forget – wristbands are required for ALL CLUB ACTIVITIES! Two of our major fundraisers aren't happening AGAIN this year, so we are relying on membership revenue more than ever. Our expenditures are increasing as we purchase more cleaning supplies and stock up on hand sanitizer. We are also anticipating requiring more staff hours to complete thorough

cleaning and sanitizing of the Clubhouse and shared equipment/materials.

As one of the convenors for the raffle (our only VB Club fundraiser this summer) – please mark your calendar for July 31st. We hope you'll come down and buy lots of tickets as ticket revenue goes directly into helping us run the many VB Club programs and activities!

Activities coming up this week are (see Herald for more details):

- VB Big Clean – Sunday, July 4th
- Swim Registration – Sunday July 4, 10 till noon at the Clubhouse (MASKS REQUIRED AND LIMITED NUMBERS IN CLUBHOUSE)
- Junior Double Tennis Clinic – Wednesday July 7, 2:00-5:00pm
- Teen summer kickoff – July 9th at 9:00pm

Don't forget that our Victoria Beach Club Facebook group (request permission to join if you aren't a member) and Instagram page (VBCLUBMB) are the best places for the most up to date information on any programming, activity and special event changes.

Have a great summer enjoying the beauty and fun times that Victoria Beach offers!

Shannon Bowden, Director at Large

## Life on the Wild Side (An Open Letter to the RM of Victoria Beach)

What a privilege it is to still have places like Victoria Beach, where we city folks can escape to the wild side — experience the sights and smells and sounds of the forest! What a shame it is to encounter forces at work that counteract the joy and the beauty of that experience. Building development is bad enough. Worse are practices and rules that replace common sense and communal sensibility in an effort to maintain the very milieu that we come here to enjoy.

The most recent official affront is the poorly thought out set of recommendations regarding 'FireSmart' practices for cottage owners placed in this year's welcome packet. On our small lots in the Vehicle Restricted Area, maintaining a 10-metre buffer between trees and the cottages coupled with pruning branches two or three metres from the ground, would effectively destroy the natural ambiance as well as any semblance of privacy, not to

mention the resultant reduction in wildlife habitat. Without retaining the forest, we might just as well remain in the 'urbs'.

Of course, there is a risk of fire, just as there is the ever-present risk of falling trees — yet we have come here to be in the forest! The administration can do much to assist residents with good site management practices to reduce these risks to acceptable levels. Rules to restrict brush pick-up to two months of the year, and tree-removal recommendations replete with mathematical miscalculations and plant list errors stop short of being helpful. Careful thought and wise resource management providing direct owner assistance with both hazardous tree removal and the timely disposition of brush will surely do all that is required for safe life on the wild side.

Ryon C. Johnston

Victoria Beach, Manitoba

## 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



# VB Club Membership

Happy July!

We made it! After 9 months of being in RED, Manitoba is finally opening up ... slowly... but nevertheless restrictions are easing and we can begin to enjoy time with friends and family, something we all have been waiting for.

As I explained in my last article, what activities will be available, how they will be administered, where they will be held and how many people can attend, will be changing as our provincial guidelines change. Patience and understanding will be key for all of us, as the board makes decisions and how they will be communicated...with the safety of our community in the forefront.

As you all know, a membership is needed to partake part in any of the Victoria Beach Club activities. Thank you to those 150 families (at the time of writing this article) that have used the on-line option to date ... I'm hopeful that by now that the number has doubled, with more to come before July 4. The on-line option will be available until early August, so please use it when purchasing your membership.

July 4 from 10-12 at the Clubhouse (coinciding with Swimming Lesson signup) is the second designated pick-up time. In-person purchases will also available during that time as well, with the preferred method of payment being credit and debit.

If you miss, or you are not at the beach yet, and any on-line memberships bought after July 3, will be available for pick up at the library during the hours they are open (please check the

Herald for times).

Memberships can be purchased in-person at the Tennis Courts starting July 5.

Club activities will be dependent on the most up to date COVID-19 guidelines for Manitoba. Any changes of activities and events planned will be posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages as soon as possible.

Refunds will not be issued should programming be severely restricted due to COVID.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Yvette Matousek-Wilson

Membership Convenor

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# Eight at the Gate

We're back, not that we ever left. Hoping to see our out of province riders back with us this year as the pandemic restrictions are adjusted!



Some of our regular riders enjoying the June sun last year.

Our rides are starting at 08:00, as it says on the shirt. We leave from the "Gate" to Albert Beach, then on to Lester Beach, via Hillside Beach. The roads are lightly travelled so traffic is not an issue. The pace of the group varies from relaxed to speedy with some riders breaking off to add some hills (ok speed bumps) to their ride. With COVID-19 protocols in place we are limiting group sizes but are still able to get out and ride. New riders are welcome. We provide coaching, encouragement and a fun way to enjoy a lifetime sport.

For information contact Bob Marshall cell 204 261-4292, VB land line 204 756-8255, email rmarsha@mymts.net, or find us on Face Book at "Eightatthegate".

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# Council News

Summer has begun and bikes and pedestrians abound in all areas of the municipality. Please be aware of pedestrians and cyclists and stick to the posted 20 or 30 km/hr speed limits on all municipal roads.

Please continue to follow all current COVID protocols as mandated by the Province. We have managed to keep the virus out of our community so far and we thank each of you for doing your part to ensure the health and safety of our community and our families. For up-to-date COVID information for Manitobans and those coming to Manitoba, please check the following link, <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/index.html>.

Our municipal offices are still closed to the public per COVID protocols. Please respect the health and safety of our front line workers who include our administrative staff in Winnipeg, our Public Works team, our fire fighters and first responders, our police officers, our Summer Information Office staff, the Golf Course employees and our Building Inspector. Please send your inquiries via email, via the E-Service Request on our website, [www.rmofvictoriabeach.ca](http://www.rmofvictoriabeach.ca) or by calling the respective offices.

We have had a few power outages recently and we are very pleased that our new generators at the 8th Avenue Water Treatment Plant and at the Albert Beach Water Plant have kept the municipal water systems working without interruption. The outdoor tap on the Albert Beach water plant has been turned off for the summer season and potable water is available at the VB Fire Hall. We encourage residents to limit water use and use water conservation devices and low flow appliances whenever possible.

The VB Accessibility Committee provides valuable input and feedback on the Provincial accessibility standards and ways that our municipality can improve and implement those services and policies. You'll notice a new automatic door and updated ramps at the VB Bakery. Hand rails are being added to various sets of municipal stairs.

We hope to have more benches for residents to rest on in various locations while being mindful of the outrageous cost of lumber these days. Thanks to Public Works for building 2 wheelchair accessible picnic tables and installing one at the Moonlight Inn and one in the Village Green. Thanks to Graham Todd at Reliable Mobility for the delivery of our 4 mobility scooter rentals, available through the Summer Information Office for \$20 per day.

We need to be able to reach our residents in the case of an emergency. Please take the time to sign up for VB CONNECT on our website. You can choose to receive information via your land line, cell phone, text or email. If you need assistance filling out the form, please contact the RM Office in Winnipeg at 204-774-4263 or toll free in Manitoba at 1-800-513-3839. Also check out our RM of Victoria Beach Facebook page for factual information from the municipality.

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**SWIM PROGRAM**

Registration Day - Sunday, July 4th  
 from 10am-12pm @ the Clubhouse  
 Swimming lessons begin on Monday, July 5th.  
 All registration will be first-come, first-served.  
 Payment is due upon registration.  
 Session 1: July 5 – July 23 • Session 2: July 26 – August 13

**Registration Day:**

Bring your copy of VB Club membership proof of purchase (memberships available on-site; wristbands will not be accepted as proof of VB Club membership). If you paid on-line, you will have had your receipt emailed to you at time of purchase.

- Bring debit/credit card (we are discouraging cash due to health regulations)
- Know relevant medical conditions of each registrant (asthma, allergies, etc.). We will not be collecting medical numbers.
- Know expected date of arrival/departure of your swimmer.
- Students registering for Bronze Medallion must be 13 years old by the day of the exam (Aug. 13) OR have completed their Bronze Star. Students who have completed the Bronze Star, must show their certification card at registration. Photo of certification card will be accepted.
- Students registering for Bronze Cross must have completed Bronze Medallion and must show their certification card. Photo of certification card will be accepted.
- Students registering for Bronze Star should have completed level 10 or equivalent swimming abilities.

**HOWDY VB KIDS!**  
 Rec Program July 5-9

Please bear with us! We are trying to make this a great summer while following the restrictions to keep us all

**Outdoor Arts & Crafts**  
 Rustic Wood Decorations  
 Tuesday at the Clubhouse drop in between 12:30-2:00  
 Limited numbers allowed in at one time

**Golf Lessons**  
 Tuesday: 10:00-10:45 am ages 6-11 at the Sports Field  
 Thursday ages 12-16 5:30 pm at the VB Golf Course

**Bike Hike** to Albert Beach  
 We leave from the Clubhouse at 10:00 Sharp Wednesday  
 Don't forget a helmet!

**Sports Field Fun**  
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# Meet Your 2021 Rec Assistants

Hi, my name is Declan Bowden, and I am super excited to be coming back this summer as Head Rec Assistant and I'm looking forward to seeing all the kids again. I am 18 years old and just graduated from St. Paul's High School. Next year I will be attending Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba. Some rec activities I've enjoyed while coming to the beach are Yoshi's island, mission impossible and the soccer tournament. Other things I like to do during the summer is hanging out on the beach playing spike ball and going to the Moonlight for some ice cream. I look forward to another great summer of rec activities!



Hi! My name is Juliana Zeilstra and I am so excited to be a part of the Rec Staff this year. I have been spending my summers at VB for as long as I can remember and I've always enjoyed the Rec activities! I will be attending my first year of University



this year at the UofM to pursue my dream of becoming an elementary school teacher. I'm a competitive dancer at Kickit Dance Studio but I also enjoy track and field, volleyball and soccer. I love spending my time outdoors and being active. You may find me this summer at the tennis courts, the beach, the pier, or just biking around! My favourite Rec events have always been sports day, the volleyball tournament, and movie nights! I can't wait to see everyone this summer!

Hey! My name is Benji and this is my first year doing Rec at VB. I am going into Grade 12 at McNeil High School in Toronto. VB has always been a big part of my life for as long as I can remember. I enjoy playing and watching sports, however



I like Volleyball the most. This year I played club Volleyball for the u17 Leaside Thunder. At VB I love taking part in various activities such as football, golf and spikeball. Excited to see and meet so many of you guys this summer! See you on the sport field!

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**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (subject to change without notice):**

Time	Avery	Blake	Finn	Kieran	Matt
9:00	Adult Class	Pre-School 1	Bronze Medallion + Cross	1/2	7/8
9:30	Registration	3		Pre-School 2	9/10
10:00		4	5/6	Pre-School 1	Pre-School 2
10:30	7/8	5/6	private	3	1/2
11:00	4	9/10	1/2	5/6	3
11:30	private	Pre-School 2	3	7/8	private
12:00	9/10	Parent + Child	Pre-School 1	Fun + Fit	Bronze Star
12:30	Lunch				
1:00					
1:30	Pre-School 2	4	3	9/10	7/8
2:00	Pre-School 1	5/6	9/10	1/2	4
2:30	Bronze Medallion + Cross	private	5/6	private	1/2
3:00		7/8	Pre-School 2	4	Pre-School 1

Classes will take place at the swim dock for level 4 and up. New for this year – pre-school 1 & 2 and levels 1 – 3 will be at clubhouse beach (at the far end, though the grass area past the public toilet, by the big rock)

We are asking that you respect social distancing + masks must be worn while in line. We are only allowing a maximum of 5 people inside the clubhouse at a time. Clipboards with the registration form will be handed out as you approach the front. Once inside, the clipboard will be collected from you, wiped down and passed

to the next parent. Our instructors will be available to answer any questions you may have. Once you have your spot, you will move to the payment line which will be located by the windows on the west side of the clubhouse. After you have paid, we ask that you exit through the north door by the beach.

Check the June 25th edition of the Herald for pricing and course descriptions. Bios and photos will come out soon!

See you on Sunday!

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## Meet your 2021 VB Library Staff!

I'm Scott Mitchell and I'll be running the library this year with one of my triplet brothers, Stephen. I have been coming to the beach for my entire life and books from the library have always been an integral part of my summer. I just completed grade 10 and will be going



into grade 11 next year at Rundle College. My favourite hobbies are reading, playing tennis and basically every mountain activity you can think of. I'm really stoked for this summer and hope to see you all at the library!

Hi everyone!

I'm Stephen and I'll be running the library with my brother Scott this year. I'm super excited to see you all so please come by and check out our books. When I'm not at the library you can find me on the tennis courts



or walking my dog on the beach. In the winter I spend my days skiing and exploring the mountains. I hope you all have a fun summer filled with lots of great reads!

## 2021 VB Ladies Golf Tournament – Enter Now

After missing this great event last year, we are pleased to announce that the 2021 Ladies Golf Tournament in Support of the Heart and Stoke Foundation at the VB Course is set and ready to go. The tournament format this year is focused around 'Something for Everyone' and welcomes golfers of all skill levels. There will be games of chance and/or skill at every hole making sure that we are welcoming the newbie golfers as well as the seasoned veterans to play with us. We are sad that we will not be able to gather for the luncheon or prizes after the tournament – but still wanted to make the golf as fun as possible for everyone. Scoring is Individual and a trophy will be presented to the low score for a Non-VBGC Member as well as low score for a VBGC Member. Additionally, there will be tons of opportunities to win other prizes on all holes on the course. There will be a morning flight of 36 golfers shotgun tee-off at 9:00 AM and an afternoon flight of 36 golfers with a shotgun tee-off at 12:00 PM

Registration is now open at the VB Golf Course. Only the first 72 paid golfers will be accepted as entries – reminder that you must be 18+ to enter. Entry Fee is \$10 plus the Regular Green Fee of \$17 and both must be paid when you sign up in advance for the tournament at the golf course. When you sign up and pay in advance at the golf course, you will also be asked to provide both an email and phone number for contact tracing purposes as well as this is how we will notify all winners as the tournament wraps up. We anticipate this event filling up quickly so get your registrations in as soon as possible by visiting the VB Golf Course. Don't forget you have to pay in advance when you sign up. Register as a single, a twosome, a threesome, or a foursome.

We look forward to enjoying a fun day with all of you – and just a hint – the Heart and Stroke Foundation is our charity this year and their theme of course is RED and HEARTS! And.....one of the best ways to support this charity is bring along a few toonies with you on the day of the tournament – there will be a couple of opportunities for games that will cost you a toonie to enter.

Thanks so much on behalf of the 2021 Ladies Golf Tournament Committee

Patti Ulrich, Laura Ateah, Melanie Charbonneau, Stephanie Schulz  
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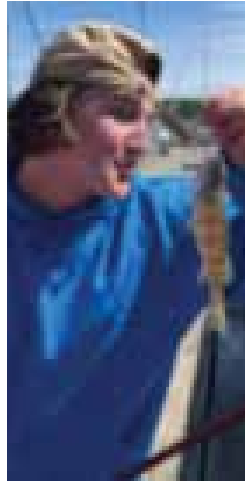
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Rec Assistants continued

Hi! My names Easton, I'm in grade 12 at École Secondaire Oak Park. My family's had a cabin at VB since 2012. I've always enjoyed the Rec Games up here and I'm looking forward to giving you guys the amount of fun I had taking part in it. I really love getting outside and socializing as well as hockey and mountain biking. I can't wait to see you all on the field!

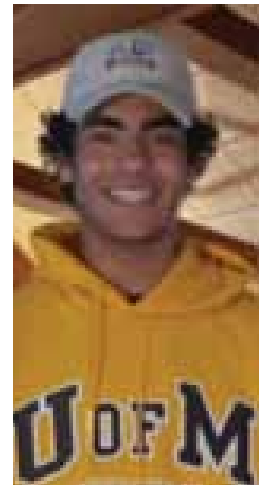


Hi! My name is Jackson and this is my second year being on the Rec Staff. I am 17 years old and going into Grade 12 at Miles Mac next year. I play hockey and this past year I played for the AAA Provincial Bruins. I have been coming out to VB for as long as I can remember. My favorite things to do at the beach is golfing,



playing tennis and going to the beach. If you ever see me , don't be afraid to say hi! And I love happy face cookies!! Cant wait to see everyone!

Hello! My name is Matthew and this is my second year being on rec. staff. I just graduated from St. Paul's High School this past year and will be attending the U of M for engineering in the fall. My favourite things to do at the beach are golfing, playing spike ball and avoiding chores around the cabin! Im hoping we can still make this an exciting summer amongst the restrictions.



Hello, my name is Alexandra Mason and I am very excited to be on this year's Victoria Beach Club Rec. staff! I live in Winnipeg, and I am going into grade 12 at Collège Béliveau and Nelson McIntyre Collegiate. I have been coming to Victoria beach for as long as I can remember. and my favourite things at the

beach are Happy face cookies, swimming at the beach and enjoying outdoor activities. I am looking forward to seeing many new faces this summer!

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# Summer Fitness at Victoria Beach 2021

## Bootcamp

When: Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
 Where: Directly in front of the General Store (trees will be markers for stations)

Times: (2 classes) 9-9:45am & 10-10:45am  
 We will be using some equipment and I will provide hand sanitizer at each station.

No more than 4 people per station maintaining a 3-meter distance apart.

## Seniors strength, stretch and mobility class

When: Tuesday & Thursday  
 Where: At the park in front of the memorial stage

Sign up required for all classes (max 25 people per class), sign up sheets will be available on the bulletin board in front of the bakery. I will grab the rosters before class and see if there are anymore spots available if people are wanting to jump in.

Please note that with all classes you are participating at your own risk and if you feel dizzy or experience any type of chest pain you need to tell me! Please don't leave the class without telling me. Review the health status questionnaire and if you answer "Yes" to the following questions let me know at the start of class.

**Julie McPetrie, CFC, BA Kinesiology**  
 204-979-2707 [Fit4life149@gmail.com](mailto:Fit4life149@gmail.com)

Time: 8:45-9:30am  
 The first week in July & August will be trail run to see if there is an interest in this class

## Aerobics

When: Tuesday & Thursday  
 Where: At the park in front of the memorial stage  
 Time: 10-11am

# VB Yoga

Welcome back to the beach! We will be running a small & safe Yoga program in the clubhouse according to the latest "group fitness" public health order guidelines - starting July 5th. Classes will be held in the clubhouse with a maximum of 20 students (first come first served), physically distanced and masks required.

## Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am - 11:15am (one class only)

If we are turning people away because classes are full then we will adjust times and add additional classes if needed. Please check the VB Instagram and Facebook page for all yoga updates.

We have some of the same fantastic instructors from last year joining us including, Natasha Lennon on Fridays, Kelly Cowan on Mondays, plus a few other guest appearances from Noah Krol, Susie Fisher, Adrienne Shum & Phil Rosario.



Any questions or concerns please feel free to email Mairén at [mkops@hotmail.com](mailto:mkops@hotmail.com).

# Victoria Beach Club

Tennis Calendar

Format of all events subject to change based on Public Health guidelines.

# July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 	28	29	30	1 Happy Canada Day! 	2	3
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Your existing committee has either completed their 3 year commitment or has had an unforeseen circumstance where they are unable to continue. As it stands right now, we have one person willing to commit for the next 3 years. Please consider joining Stewart Macpherson and form the new committee.

If you are interested or need further information regarding the committee, please call Barry Shurvell @ (204)756-6466. I look forward to hearing from you.

## “Birthplace of the Air Force in Manitoba” RCAF and Yacht Club Commemorate 1921 Opening of Victoria Beach Air Station

*To commemorate the centennial of the Victoria Beach Air Station, which opened July 1, 1921, 17 Wing Winnipeg of the Royal Canadian Air Force is presenting the Victoria Beach Yacht Club with an RCAF ensign. The Yacht Club will fly the ensign from its flagstaff throughout the 2021 sailing season.*

*The RCAF ensign will be hoisted for the first time in an unveiling ceremony at the sailing compound on Yacht Club Beach at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 3. Present will be VBYC Commodore Brad Scott with executive members and the Commander of 17 Wing Winnipeg, Colonel J.G.D. (Dave) Proteau, a 34-year veteran of the RCAF, who spends summers with his family at Victoria Beach. While members of the Yacht Club and public may attend, please adhere to public health orders and guidelines.*

The Victoria Beach Air Station, which operated from 1921 to 1926, was a government “air harbour” established on the land and adjacent shoreline now occupied by the Victoria Beach community’s sports field and Yacht Club. Immediately north-east of the sports field is an interpretive panel, erected in 2019 to mark the centennial of the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach, with archival photographs of the Air Station during its later years. The Air Station’s canvas hangars once stood on the present-day baseball diamond.

This government Air Station was established in the spring and early summer of 1921 by the Flying Operations branch of the Air Board of Canada and was the first in Manitoba and one of the first six in Canada. Others were at: Dartmouth (Halifax), Nova Scotia; Roberval, on Lac St Jean, Quebec; Rockcliffe (Ottawa), Ontario; High

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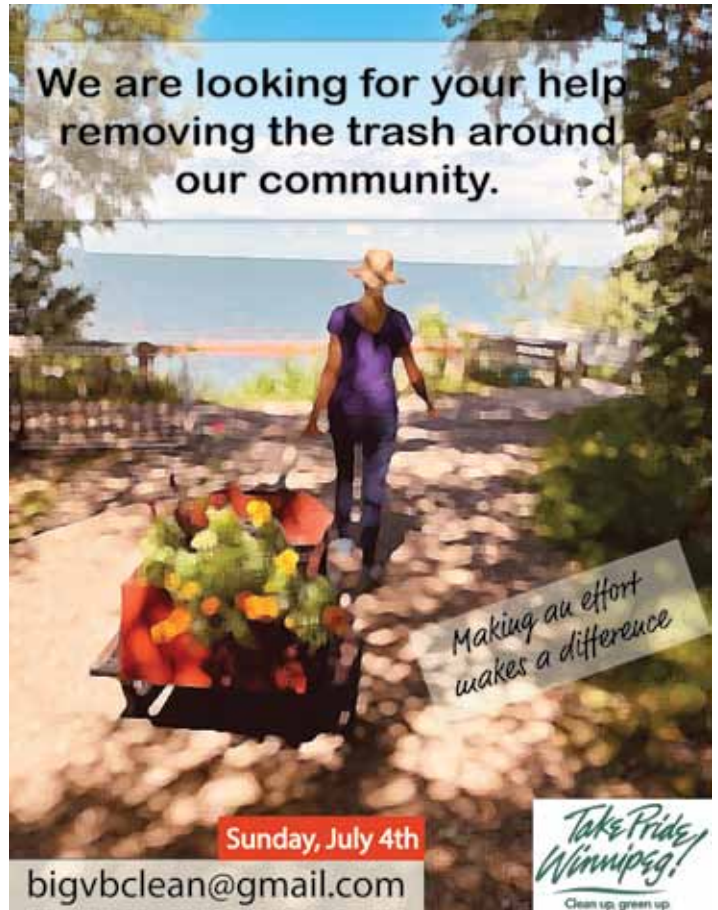
Unfortunately, due to recently announced COVID restrictions, tournaments cannot be held at this time. We are currently looking a possible dates in August/September if the restrictions are loosened. Other programs will begin July 5th, such as: lessons, round robin and instructor clinics. GVS may be a go once a format has been approved. We are considering GVS sign up as a possible process to

keep the group size below 25 participants.

Thanks for your patience and understanding.

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**2021 VB Teen Events!**

**Summer Wind Up Extravaganza!**

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**Scavenger Hunt**

**July 28**

9:00PM @ Clubhouse

**Movie Nights**

9:00PM @Clubhouse

July 14 August 4

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**The Beach Party**

July 21 9:00 PM @Clubhouse Beach

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### Library News

Hi VB!

The library will be opening on Sunday, July 4th. We hope to see you all come down and check out some books to start off a great summer! We'll be starting a book club soon, so stay tuned for that. Children's story time will continue at 10am on Wednesdays, and we'll be featuring a book of the week in the herald so keep your eyes peeled for that too.

Due to current COVID restrictions, only 5 people will be allowed in the library at one time and must all be wearing masks. Also, story time and the book club will take place outside in order to properly distance everyone. This means if we have any adverse weather (eg. rain) both events will be cancelled.

See you July 4th!  
Scott and Stephen

### 2021 Victoria Beach Golf Course Rates

MEMBERSHIPS:	Seasonal	Monthly	Two Weeks
Adult Couple	\$ 635.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 265.00
Single Adult	\$ 360.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 145.00
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12 & under	\$ 145.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 90.00

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Seasonal	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 25.00
Monthly	\$ 35.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00
Daily	\$ 5.00		

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The aircraft operated from these Air Board Air Stations (except for High River) were “flying boats”: fixed-wing airplanes with a strengthened fuselage, a rugged, wooden boat-like hull, specifically designed to float directly on water, and to withstand the pounding and high stresses experienced when taking off and landing. These were heavy, rugged aircraft, stabilized on the water by a pair of under-wing floats near the wing tips. Unlike land planes of that era, or modern float planes, they lacked any landing gear with wheels or skis, which restricted their operation to seasons when Canadian waters are ice-free. From May to October, flying-boats were well-suited to fly into lake-filled wilderness areas of northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan and northwest Ontario at a time when no airfields or roads had yet been built anywhere on the land below.

In January 1921, the Air Board decided to establish an Air Station, initially as a base for aerial patrols to detect and suppress forest fires in northern Manitoba. Major B.D. (Basil) Hobbs, DSO, DSC, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, was appointed the Air Station Superintendent, at age 26. During the First World War, after initial flight training in 1915 at the Orville Wright School of Aviation in Ohio, he joined the Royal Navy Air Service in Britain. He, like many other pilots who flew from Victoria Beach, was a naval military pilot: what is today called a “top gun”. Hobbs was decorated for his service as a pilot of flying boats on anti-zeppelin and anti-submarine missions over the North Sea. He remained in command of Victoria Beach for four years through 1924, holding the RCAF rank of Squadron Leader. Today, the headquarters building of RCAF 17 Wing Winnipeg is named in his honour.

In April 1921, the site selected by Major Hobbs was leased from the Victoria Beach Company (which originally intended the land for a resort hotel, never built). In May, an advance crew of civilian airmen arrived to construct the first buildings and receive delivery, at the adjacent Victoria Beach railway station, of equipment, supplies, and vehicles, including the first aircraft. At the Dartmouth Air Station, two single-engined, ex-U.S. Navy, Curtiss HS-2L flying boats were disassembled, loaded into crates and onto flat cars, then shipped by Canadian National Railways to Victoria Beach. In July, a contract was awarded for construction of a timber platform which used as its foundation concrete footings already on site for the hotel. By summer’s end, the platform supported a timber-and-canvas Bessonneau hangar. Tents and rented cottages housed the station’s 24 employees.

One hundred years ago this week, the Air Station began operations with its first test flight. A crew of airmen using ropes and a team of horses hauled the first reassembled HS-2L aircraft, which weighed three tonnes, from the grassy field and dragged it across the sandy shoreline. When launched into the waves of the bay, the machine floated on the surface. Once hauled into deeper water, the bow and wing tips were secured by lines to a mooring buoy anchored in the bay, within view from the Victoria Beach government pier.

On Friday, July 1, 1921, a canoe with a small outboard motor mounted on the transom set out from the shoreline from a small dock on Pier Road, near where swimming lessons are now taught. The canoe carried the air crew to the aircraft: a pilot and an air engineer wearing flying suits and helmets made of leather, and fitted with goggles. After climbing aboard and into the open cockpit, the pilot engaged the throttle and magneto ignition, the engineer manually cranked the 12-cylinder Liberty engine and 4-bladed propeller, both mounted behind the cockpit, and the engine roared to life. The craft taxied across the bay, pointed into the wind, then the pilot shifted the throttle control to wide open. The machine roared and built up speed as it hit the waves. At 50 miles per hour (80 km per hour), the hull lifted over the crests of the waves into the air. The aircraft climbed slowly. The machine made a brief and successful test flight over the treetops of the Victoria Beach peninsula, then circled south and settled down again on the waters off Bayview.

The next weekend, on Sunday, July 10, Major Hobbs flew a giant, twin-engined Felixstowe F-3 flying boat from the Red River in Winnipeg, near the Norwood Bridge, to Victoria Beach. He made brief stopovers on the Red near Selkirk and on Lake Winnipeg between Grand Beach and Victoria Beach. This F-3, constructed in England and powered by two Rolls Royce Eagle VIII V-12 engines, had already made history in October 1920. It had flown the longest leg of the first-ever trans-Canada flight, from Rivière-du-Loup, Quebec to Winnipeg, piloted by the Air Board’s Flying Operations Director Lieutenant Colonel Robert Leckie and Major Hobbs (as Sheila Grover described in the Winter 2021 issue of *Prairie History*). The F-3 was stored over the winter on the banks of the Red, near Brandon Avenue in the Riverview district of Winnipeg, where in later years all flying boats from Victoria Beach were hauled from and into the water each autumn and spring.

The RCAF Historian, Wing Commander F.H. Hitchen,

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has written that the new Air Station at Victoria Beach “within a few years became one of the most important centers of civil government flying in Canada”. During 1921, four flying boats operated from Victoria Beach: two HS-2Ls and two F-3s. In 1922, two more F-3s were added, the largest number of this type of aircraft to operate from any single location in Canada. The following season, 1923, brought a twin-engined Curtiss H-16 and the first of a new purpose-built type, the Vickers Viking flying boat powered by a single Rolls Royce engine. In 1924, six of the total eight Vikings in the RCAF fleet, and several smaller Avro Viper seaplanes, were assembled at Victoria Beach, and operated from Victoria Beach and its sub-bases in Northern Manitoba at Norway House and Cormorant Lake. By this point, Squadron Leader Hobbs commanded 5 pilots, one photographic officer, one equipment officer, and a staff of 47 airmen.

The original mission of Victoria Beach was to perform forest ranging patrols and assist in fire suppression on Crown lands, then the responsibility of the Forestry branch of the federal Department of the Interior. After an F-3 made an 1,100-mile demonstration flight to Norway House, The Pas, and Cumberland House, Saskatchewan in 1921 and another in 1922, the mandate soon broadened to provide other services for many branches and federal Departments. In 1922, a pioneering wireless telephony system linked the Forestry branch officers in Winnipeg, Victoria Beach, and Norway House, and an experimental aerial survey was conducted to test innovative methods for creating accurate topographic maps from mosaics of oblique photographs.

This work culminated in 1924 in a pathbreaking 2,800-mile expedition to conduct the first major aerial photographic survey ever conducted in Canada, in the uncharted Reindeer Lake and Churchill River region of northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan. This historic mission was completed over a month in a Vickers Viking flown from Victoria Beach by Squadron Leader Hobbs, with Dominion Land Surveyor Robert G. Davidson as navigator, RCAF Photographic Officer D.J.R. (Jimmy) Cairns, and RCAF air engineer Corporal A.J. (Alex) Milne. Cairns, facing 60 mile per hour winds at an altitude of 5,000 feet while manually operating a large-aperture Fairchild camera from the open front cockpit, took over 1,700 photographs covering over 15,000 square miles. Cairns’ photographic output included many outstanding images of the Victoria Beach Air Station throughout its existence.

Victoria Beach may legitimately claim to be the birthplace of the Air Force in Manitoba. In 1922, a winter base was established in Winnipeg, with headquarters at Fort Osborne Barracks. A

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# VB Parking Lot Update

The VB Parking lot/taxi services will be starting as per the same protocol as last year. Our staff will be asking all incoming travelers to announce if coming from out of province and if so and needing a taxi they will be escorted in their vehicle, the taxi driver will wait for party to unload family and belongings then escort the vehicle back to parking lot to park and the cottager(s) will walk back to their cottage where they will isolate for a 2-week period. This will hopefully be short-lived as the hope is that by

the long weekend the province will announce folks coming from out of province with both shots will not be required to self-isolate for the 2 weeks.

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**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 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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### How can we all help?

- Place a trash can at the end of your property on Sunday July 4th

- Remove trash private and public spaces.

### Just take a trash bag with you when:

- Taking your dog for a walk
- Walking to the store, Moonlight or bakery
- Watching kids at the playground
- Out for a walk clean as you go
- Off to play tennis take a moment to pick up along the way
- Remove trash while out golfing
- Going for a cycle down the highway
- Planning to relax on the beach

We are looking for community leaders to encourage your neighbours to join in on the fun.

If you would like a trash bag and sign, please reply at the email address below and we will drop off to your cabin.

This event will be following all COVID rules and regulations.

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maintenance facility was set up in rented premises above a Ford dealership on Maryland Avenue to perform the service and overhaul of engines and airframes outside the flying season. From May to October, the main operational base reverted back to Victoria Beach. On January 1, 1923, when the Department of National Defence succeeded the Air Board, Victoria Beach became the first operational base in Manitoba of the Canadian Air Force and subsequently a Royal Canadian Air Force base when the RCAF was officially formed on April 1, 1924. Victoria Beach remained an RCAF base until 1926, when operations and many structures were relocated to a new base established at Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba.

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### Summer Activities Supporting the Lake

The Victoria Beach & District Walk for Water has been one of the largest grassroots fundraisers for the Lake Winnipeg Foundation (LWF) for many years, generating vital funds to help protect Lake Winnipeg. We invite you to participate or support the Walk for Water and other LWF events this summer: Bid ... For Lake Winnipeg art auction, and Bike to the Beach. The money raised by these events helps LWF address the root causes of harmful algal blooms by supporting research projects, training citizen scientists to collect water samples, advocating governments for evidence-based policy, and educating students and community groups.

### Bid ...for Lake Winnipeg: July 2-Aug. 7, 2021

Back for a second year, the LWF online art auction begins July 2. It will feature a wide range of art pieces, created and generously donated by lake-loving artists. Inspired by the beauty of the lake and natural surroundings, artwork includes pottery, wood carvings, sketches, paintings, stained glass, macramé, a quilt, and more. Additional information on the auction will be in next week's Herald.

### Bike to the Beach: Aug. 6, 2021

Bike to the Beach returns for its second year on Aug. 6! Following up on 2020's record-setting ride, cyclists will once again hit the road from Winnipeg to Victoria Beach in support of a healthy

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Thank you for supporting these events. Together, we are making a clean, healthy Lake Winnipeg, now and for future generations.

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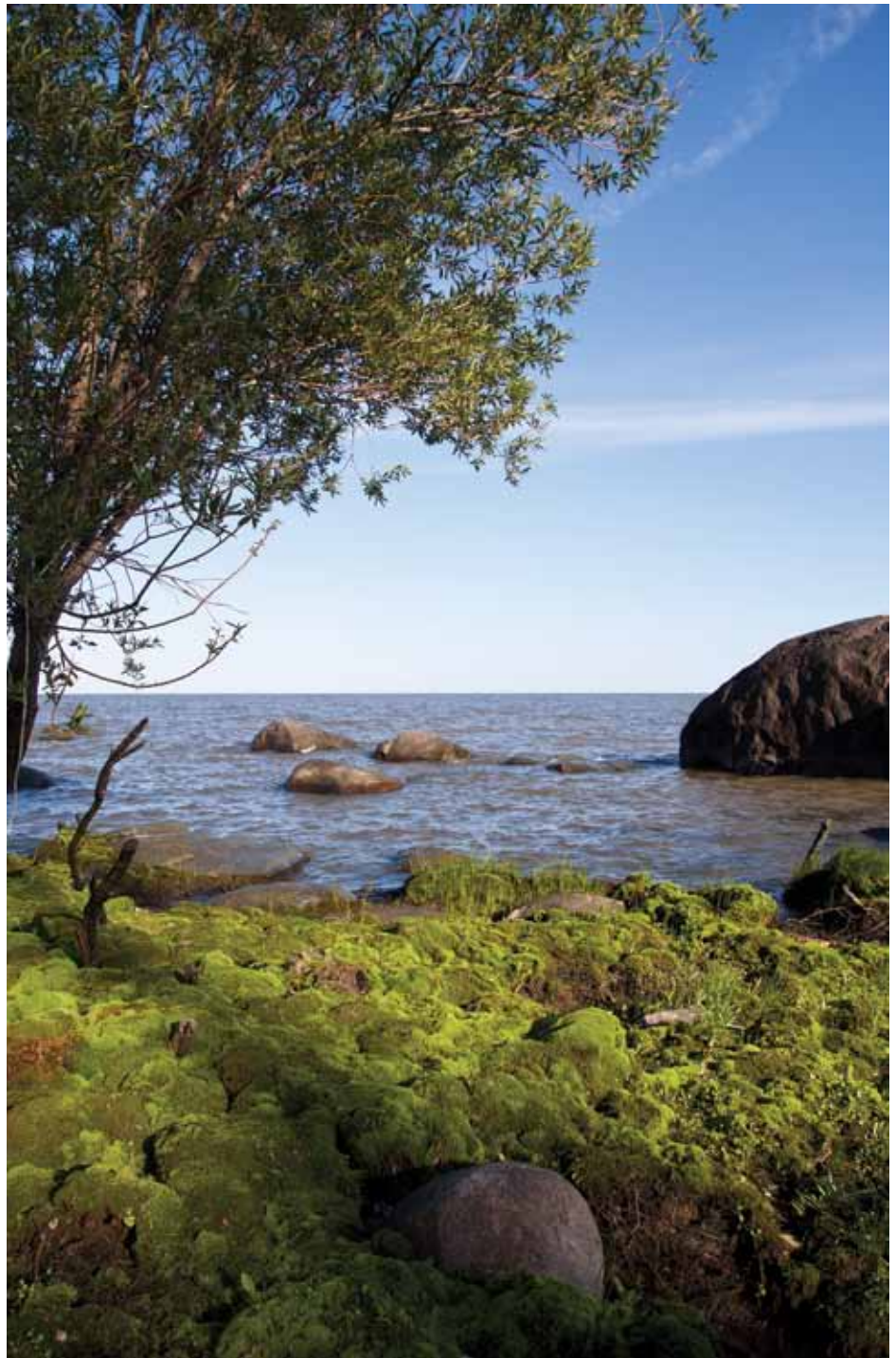
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