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Kraft Memorial Art Show	Sun., Aug 1	11:00 AM-4:00 PM	Clubhouse	Kraft Family and Dianne Cameron
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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
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# VICTORIA BEACH CLUB

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### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH ADDITIONS/DELETIONS OR REVISIONS  
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#### 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 Library Assistants  
Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 10:00 AM-Noon  
Sun. Noon-1:00 PM

#### 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)  
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- 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

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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 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

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# Message from the President

It is with mixed emotions that I draft this last message as president. The remaining messages will be written by the VP, Treasurer, Director at Large and Secretary. I feel fortunate to have worked with hardworking and passionate Executive members over the years (Marj Birley, John Heppenstall, Maureen Neuendorff, Melanie Charbonneau, and Anil Kaul to name a few). The current slate of Exec members is top notch and I'm leaving the VB Club in good stead. The last 16 years (I think- was just trying to figure out with Marj outside the store) have given me the opportunity to meet so many people I otherwise wouldn't have. The people I've met have been the kind of people I'm proud to know. There are quietly generous families out here that make this community what it is. I wanted to call out a few notable ones over the past 16 years hoping not to offend anyone I've missed because there are lots! Kae Dawson and Heather Jessiman spear headed the playground which looks as good today as the day they fundraised for it (and is just as crowded). Bryan Yagi (tennis convener for a couple years) who expanded the tennis activities to the extensive programming we now have (and came up with the trivia night!). The Pollard family that passionately supported the clubhouse renovation and are so generous with their time and financial support for events like the masquerade. The Wilson family are everywhere helping out. Dave has served as treasurer for years (6?);

Yvette has done membership for years; and as a family they have volunteered at countless events. They are salt of the earth. I could fill up the Herald with examples I've seen of tremendous community spirit and support.

My mixed emotions come from the fact I'm weary of the complaints. They are not a daily event, but they are frequent enough. Before you send an email to a member of the Exec with something you see as an issue or type it publicly on Facebook (and continue to complain even after the logic was explained), ask yourself whether you would talk to a loved one that way after they donated their time to organize something for the community. With social media, people type things they would never say to your face. It comes off as entitled and frankly, I'm tired of it. Maybe try instead volunteering in the future. This community is fortunate enough to have numerous volunteers that organize throughout the year so that we can have a great summer. Appreciate them! And if you have concerns, raise them in a respectful manner and offer to help in the future!

If you are interested in joining this amazing team, please reach out to me as we will have an opening on the Exec at the AGM.

The tan lines may fade, but the memories will last forever,

Suzy Blunderfield

## 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 convener 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



# A Remarkable Story in Memory of Dr. Peter Sudermann

## February 22, 1923 – July 31st, 2006

This July 31st, 2021, marks the 15th Anniversary of our Father's passing. Where he is resting peacefully at the Victoria Beach Cemetery. The story of how he got to Canada and then Victoria Beach is a fascinating one and we have shared a condensed version of his journey below.

1923 Born in Waldheim (Southern Russia) The first language at home was German, then Ukrainian. There was a shortage of trained agronomists in the new Soviet system, and as an administrator for State Agricultural Farms, Peter's father Leonhard, was in demand and was often transferred from farm to farm in rural areas, maybe fifteen times by the time Peter was fifteen. His mother, however, had to live in the city to teach. Separated during the week, the parents commuted to be with family on weekends. As a result of the many moves, Peter grew up with little attachment to a place or permanent friends. He and his brothers were close. In wintertime they enjoyed skiing because the easy availability of ski equipment in Russia: the Soviet military subsidized ski equipment after encountering the better-prepared Finnish ski troops in the Russo-Finnish War.

1932 They moved to Dnepropetrovsk then came the Great Purge of 1936-38 by Stalin. Peter's father was transferred to a Sovkhoz near Dnepropetrovsk [Dnipro now]. This state farm belonged to the NKVD (now the KGB). Supplying food stuffs for officers of the OGPU/NKVD gave Leonhard Sudermann and his family some security. In Dnepropetrovsk the family got to live together. The kids rode to school in a horse and carriage or sleigh. The kids knew that party leaders were being purged (1936-38) when the pictures of certain Communist leaders disappeared overnight from the walls at school. During the disastrous famine of 1933-34, Peter's hobby of raising rabbits provided needed protein. Peter was expelled from school for insubordination even though he was an A student—he made fun of the teacher who conducted compulsory military exercises.

Peter finished school in Dnepropetrovsk 1940. Not eighteen, Peter was not yet eligible to be drafted into the Red Army. At this point, he applied to university to become a naval engineer. (He had always been fascinated by Amundsen and other famous explorers.) But he was rejected, because he was ethnic German.

1939-40 Hitler-Stalin Non-Aggression Pact, August 1939, and Peter's move to Lvov. A former student of Peter's mother became the party boss of this newly formed Soviet province in

Ukraine, and through his influence Peter gained acceptance to the University in

Lvov/Lviv/Lemberg after being cleared by the NKVD [in 1940] to study electrical engineering. If students finished the first year, deferment from the draft was customary. Peter found material life so much better in Lvov. Resistance to the Soviet regime was strong in formerly Polish Lvov. At the same time, Peter found Lvov a beautiful, European-type city with well-nourished people and plenty of consumer goods. He began to doubt the Communist system and Soviet propaganda. Peter studied in Lvov where he finished two semesters [1940-41]. [He was eighteen at this point.] Exams included compulsory basics of Marxism-Leninism. Peter found theoretical mechanics difficult, and a professor encouraged him to switch to study of music, much to Peter's amusement, since he thought of himself as tone deaf.

1941 Peter visits brother Leonhard: Prior to the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union.

Peter's brother Leonhard, now in the Red Army and stationed



in the Carpathian Mountains, came to visit him. Peter remembers skiing three or four days from Lvov into the Carpathians to return the visit to his brother.

June 1941 the Germans attack the Soviet Union and bombed Lvov. Evacuation from Lvov, 1941. The evacuation process was chaotic, involving random shootings and executions by [Ukrainian] partisans. Peter could speak and understand both Ukrainian and Polish and remained safe. The evacuation went by train to the old Russian border, and when they crossed the border, Peter found the poverty there terrible, a huge contrast to the better conditions in Lvov. It was here that Peter met some members of the Hansch Family (who went on to form Hansch Construction in Winnipeg).

1942 were known as the "Wander Years" were he bounced around trying to avoid capture (many interesting stories and adventures to numerous for this issue of The Herald). However, Peter was captured, "All of a sudden," Peter says, "I was gazing into the hot end of a machine gun." The weapon was mounted on the sidecar of a motorcycle. Peter lifted his hands to surrender, and "to my horror, they were Italians, not Germans." The captors took away Peter's canvas boots. It was cold but no snow yet. The prisoners were marched toward Stalino (Donetsk), placed in a camp, and forced to work salvaging bricks from bombed ruins. They had frozen cabbage soup to eat. Prospects for survival seemed dim, so Peter and several fellow prisoners knocked out a guard and escaped. They wandered around for a while, living off of the land.

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In 1943 he learned that his brother Leonhard had been kill.

He then learned that the German occupation administration was recruiting young persons—[Peter was twenty at the time]—to study medicine in Berlin. He would have agreed, he always said, even to study theology to get out of the war. Peter arrived in Marburg, Germany, to begin medical studies in October 1, 1943. He found it peaceful and pleasant. Allied planes flew over to bomb the big cities but not Marburg.

He could not avoid joining the German military in the winter 1944-45. Finally, Peter received his draft notice and was sent for training to Pomerania, where he received a uniform and weapon.

He and his Unit fought many battles. In one battle in March, 1945 he was throwing a hand grenade at a Russian soldier coming out of a building when he felt as though someone had hit him with a baseball bat from the back. He turned around to see who it was and realized he had been wounded. We can all remember as young kids at Victoria Beach the bullet wound in his back. He recovered in the Spring of 1945 with American and Allied Troops advancing and the war near an end.

He studied medicine in Göttingen and became a doctor in 1949 and emigrated to Canada in Spring, 1950. Finally receiving the papers he needed to emigrate, Peter boarded the Liberty ship General McCrae in Bremerhaven and sailed for Canada. He served as the ship's doctor for the voyage. Even in Canada, he comments, deportation back to Russia was a theoretical possibility. But officials did not know he was born in Russia, since he had managed to alter identity papers from "Waldheim, USSR" to Waldheim, Germany." No evidence remained that he had been born in Russia.

Arriving in Halifax, Peter headed for Manitoba by colonist bus. (He had signed a contract for farm employment in Lorette, Manitoba. With no immediate family alive after the war. Relatives in Kitchener tried to persuade Peter to stay there, because "a flood was coming," but a contract was a contract, and he felt compelled to go on to Winnipeg. "I arrived in Winnipeg in the middle of the Flood of 1950. During the flood only work on the dikes was available. The Salvation Army provided food."

After that, Peter got a job as an orderly at the General Hospital. Then came a job as "doctor-under-supervision" followed by exams, internship at General Hospital, and his license to practice medicine. After a year of practice in Vita, Manitoba, Peter opted for post-graduate training in Winnipeg. That is where he met Barbara Henderson, an operating-room nurse, "and we eventually married." The honeymoon was at Victoria Beach at 3rd and Patricia. He was the Victoria Beach Doctor in 1958/59. He became a Pediatric General Surgeon and worked out of the Winnipeg Clinic until retirement in the 1990s.

In the Summer of 1970 Barb and Peter bought the cottage at 207 Sunset where Barb can still be seen to this day on the Cliff overlooking the beach or on the beach socializing in the Sun with almost everyone she meets.

Peter loved Victoria Beach in the Summer and downhill skiing in the Winter at Mount Agassiz.

His Legacy is 5 children, 13 Grand children, and 5 and soon to be 6 great grand children, and his beautiful wife (Mom) Barb. A great life lived.

Thanks from the Sudermann Family

## Dave Drybrough – a Life Well Lived

By Geoff Kirbyson

This summer, the Victoria Beach tennis community is missing a fierce competitor, a coordinator of tournaments and fundraising and, perhaps most importantly, a larger-than-life fan.

Dave Drybrough lost his battle with cancer in March. He was 84. He faced his third fight with the disease with optimism, humour and gratitude.

He was one of the driving forces of tennis at Victoria Beach tennis for more than a last half-century.

He is survived by his "bride" of 59 years, Connie, son Keith (Kirsten) Drybrough and their children, Julia and Madelaine of Winnipeg; son Dan (Marjolein) Drybrough of Calgary, AB and their children, Benjamin, Jack and Samuel; and daughter Heather Drybrough and her children, Jane and Isabel Askham, also of Calgary.

Time at the family cottage on



Eighth Avenue was precious for Drybrough, as was the annual trek that he and Connie took to Hawaii. He excelled on the courts, winning multiple titles in the annual Victoria Beach open tournament in singles and men's and mixed doubles. He ran the tournament for several years and helped do the draws of what



Photo by Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame

would ultimately become the biggest tennis event in Manitoba.

Dan remembers his dad having just finished the draw one year and sitting around with fellow organizers drinking a few stubby beers when somebody knocked on the door. It was a just-arrived renter who had caught wind about

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the tournament and asked if he could enter.

“Absolutely. We’d be more than happy to have you join our tournament,” Drybrough told him.

Minutes later, he was erasing parts of the draw and redoing them to include the new entrant.

“He wanted everybody to be involved,” Dan says.

When he turned 40 and realized the younger generation wasn’t going to let him relive past glories, Drybrough simply started a masters tournament for those no longer in their thirties.

His on-court battles with good friend Rolly Ruhr were the stuff of legend. Drybrough wasn’t shy about telling the naming story of the trophy which is awarded to the masters singles winner every year. He and Ruhr agreed to jointly donate the trophy with the caveat that whoever lost in the final that year would go first on the trophy name.

“So, it’s the Ruhr-Drybrough trophy,” he would say with a laugh.

Drybrough was instrumental, along with Ross Yarnell, in expanding the three shale courts into six hard courts in the early 1980s. Today, the V.B. courts are arguably the top tennis destination in the entire province.

Heather remembers going door-to-door with her dad soliciting donations from fellow cottagers. Most people, even non-tennis players, were happy to get out their chequebooks.

“We went to one cottage and the guy told us, ‘I’m not giving any money for the tennis courts because we don’t have new cards for the bridge club,’” she says. “We should have told him new cards were included with a donation.”

While Drybrough wasn’t shy about pointing out to a new winner of a tennis event the plaques on the trophy from his heyday, he wasn’t one to brag about his greatest sporting exploits.

“He was the dominant runner in Manitoba from the mid-1950s to the early 1960s,” says Rick Brownlee, executive director of the Manitoba Sports Hall Of Fame. “He was the national cross-country champion in 1956.”

Perhaps his grandest moment was setting the Canadian record for the mile in front of a home crowd at the national indoor track and field championships, breaking the tape in 4:10:4 at the Winnipeg Arena in 1960.

A four-minute mile was the gold standard back in that era and Brownlee is quick to note that times are typically slower inside due to the many tight turns on the smaller tracks.

Drybrough also represented Manitoba internationally in 1958 and 1959 when he ran the mile at the Drake Relays at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

“They were a really big deal. All of the American universities would send their best. It was an invite-only event. He finished seventh in both races,” Brownlee said, before adding for empha-

sis. “That’s seventh in North America.”

Drybrough also shone at the 1959 Pan Am Games trials, finishing second in the 1,500 metres and third in the 3,000-metre steeple chase, earning a spot on the Canadian team that summer.

“He won his 1,500 semi-final but he was (clipped from behind) with two laps to go in the final, fell and didn’t finish,” Brownlee said.

After retiring, he coached the University of Manitoba cross-country team to a national championship in 1964.

A chartered accountant by trade, Drybrough was inducted into the MSHOF in 2009 as both an athlete and a builder. He signed its “wall of fame” in 2009. When he heard that hockey stars Bobby Hull and Ulf Nilsson had signed five years later right beside his signature, he thought it was only appropriate.

“I would have scored more goals on the Hot Line than Anders Hedberg anyway,” he deadpanned. (Hedberg finally signed in 2018, also right by Drybrough’s signature.)

After spending so much time on the move, there were moments when Drybrough wanted nothing more than to sit in his recliner and watch some sports on television.

“Watching the Olympics was so important to him. In the summer of 1976, he rented a colour TV — because we didn’t own one — and brought it down to the lake,” Dan says.

## VB Yoga

Yoga schedule August 2nd-6th:

Monday 10-11:15am Kelly Cowan

Wednesday 10-11:15am Ken Wong

Friday 9-10:15am & 10:30-11:45am Natasha Lenon



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# RM of Victoria Beach declared Winner among Small Municipalities

Recent VB Council reports have mentioned the ongoing efforts to make Victoria Beach more accessible. Not only are residents benefitting from these improvements, but other Manitobans are taking note.

On December 3, 2020, the International Day for Persons with Disabilities, the Manitoba government celebrated the RM of Victoria Beach as a champion of accessibility during the inaugural Manitoba Accessibility Awards. (See AccessibilityMB.ca).

Reeve Penny Mc Morris credits the council's enthusiastic Accessibility Committee for its vision. This committee helped create Victoria Beach's first Accessibility Plan in 2018, as required by The Accessibility for Manitobans Act.

Accessible pathways, ramps to buildings and even the new garbage bins, automatic doors and upgrades to washrooms in public buildings are just some of the accessibility enhancements that have been put in place over the last few years. Future plans include beach access and increased website accessibility. For more details, visit [www.victoriabeach.ca](http://www.victoriabeach.ca)



Victoria Beach is unique in Manitoba in that it restricts vehicle use in a portion of the municipality during the summer months. This presented council with an additional challenge, considering the residents and visitors who are unable to bike or walk around the community. You may have already noticed the increasing number of mobility scooters in our community. Did you know we now have a rental service and charging station, conveniently located at the community parking lot?

Harold Wiens is one of many residents who have benefitted from this service. He is pictured here on the four-wheel scooter he rented.

In the award submission, Reeve Mc Morris explained why accessibility is a council priority.

“Accessibility means improving the ability of all persons with disabilities to achieve their best and to participate in and enjoy their surroundings in a safe and respectful manner. Investing in and contributing to accessibility in our community brings tremendous benefits and rewards to our residents and visitors with disabilities and enriches the entire fabric of the municipality.”

Congratulations, VB Council and Accessibility Committee, and thank you, on behalf of the many individuals and families who are benefitting from your efforts – including mine!

Yutta Fricke, celebrating 50 years with a family cottage at VB



## Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach

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# The Reason We Walk

The Richardson-Mason family giggled when asked if its okay to use both of their last names for this interview. The couple were each raised here at Victoria Beach, met and married at the lake and have now raised their family here. You could say that lake water flows thickly through their veins. Trish and Mike's lives evolved around their activities and experiences on the shores of Lake Winnipeg, especially in their relationship to the water and the beach, from kayaking and windsurfing to swimming and playing games in the lake. Later, they had the great joy of introducing their infant daughters to lake life and watching them grow in their appreciation of the lake.

Walking in Lake Winnipeg's annual Walk For Water has long been just the natural thing for this family to do. They join their fellow lakera each summer to demonstrate how much they value the health and sustainability of the lake.

Now, as the parents of energetic teens, Trish and Mike also get to watch younger families encounter the lake all over again. It's a place to gather, to enjoy nature, to learn about the shorebirds and aquatic life, and to form and re-form beach community. Clean lake water is pivotal to this communal encounter.

The life-lakera also observed that beyond this shared lifestyle experience is an acute awareness for their family of the importance of the health of Lake Winnipeg and its watershed. Living on the shores of one of the largest freshwater lakes in the world,

what we have here is a natural jewel, something we value and need to protect. And yet despite knowing the challenges and the solutions for our endangered lake for decades now, its future remains in the balance. The health of the aquatic systems, the lives of Indigenous and settler communities who have lived around the lake for generations, the economic impacts to its fishery, tourism, and cottagers is beyond calculation. Losing this freshwater lake to human-induced degradation would be crazy, Trish and Mike observed. People all over the world are suffering from a lack of clean water. Here we have it in abundance and yet are in the process of squandering it.

Some ready answers come to hand: As Winnipeggers, Trish and Mike have been pro-active in pushing for the upgrade to the North End Sewage Treatment plant in Winnipeg (see last week's Herald for the update) and have contributed to lake and shoreline clean-ups and information sessions. And they walk.

The Richardson-Mason family walks for water because it is a sign of unity and concern for people of all political stripes who agree that the health of Lake Winnipeg broadens the narrative beyond ideologies and into the realm of human's relationship to their natural environment. Heavy stuff, for sure, but essential for our lake and more broadly, for our world. We can't continue to degrade either our water or our world. They are certain that it is within our grasp to bring about the change.

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Join us for the Walk For Water in Victoria Beach, together as citizens and lake-lovers, on Sunday August 8th, or support a walker with a pledge. We can make the difference.



### VB & DISTRICT WALK FOR WATER AUGUST 8TH 10:00AM, VILLAGE GREEN

- Check-in starts at 9:45 am, rain or shine (unless lightening)
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- Face masks are not required but appreciated. Hand sanitizer will be available, and social distancing encouraged.
- VB Parking Lot will offer complimentary parking for those that live beyond the restricted area and plan to participate.
- Create your own fundraising page at [www.lakewinnipegfoundation.org](http://www.lakewinnipegfoundation.org) or use the pledge form in today's VB Herald to gather pledges or make a donation.

If questions, call Deanne (204)232-2656 or Brenda (204)792-6186.

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# Council News

It's hard to believe that half the summer is almost over; and what a summer it has been! Every day the number of people who are taking the step to help return to normalcy, protect themselves, their family members, and our community continues to rise by the simple act of getting their Covid-19 vaccinations. Because of this success, Council is looking to once again host our meetings live at the Social Scene. Provided there are not any further Provincial or Federal restrictions, the RMVB Council will have our first in person meeting on August 17th. Note that only residents who are double vaccinated and in possession of a valid Covid-19 vaccination passport will be allowed entry to the meeting.

As we are all aware, Victoria Beach - along with most of Canada - continues to get pummeled by drought conditions. This has made for an exceptionally dry year for our RM.

Unfortunately, this is the 5th drought year in a row. Therefore, Council would like to remind all residents that coniferous trees (evergreens) pose a substantial fire hazard to our community. Coniferous trees burn anywhere from five to 10 times faster than species of leafy trees ([agric.gov.ab.ca](http://agric.gov.ab.ca)). This is because they contain flammable resin and have an incredible amount of surface area due to their production of needles rather than water filled leaves. To protect your property from the threat of this type of tree, remove and replace them with drought tolerant deciduous trees (leafy trees) and do not plant conifers on your property. More information about how to protect your property can be found on the FireSmart website at [firesmartcanada.ca](http://firesmartcanada.ca). If we all do our part, we can protect our community and properties from a catastrophic fire.

Due to the ongoing drought conditions, Council recognizes our residents desire to irrigate their properties. However, residents are asked to refrain from using spray irrigation. There have been several times this summer where the supply has come close to not being able to keep up with demand. Should this happen, the Victoria Beach and Albert Beach plants could be forced to shut down. Furthermore, this surge in demand - brought about by the irrigation demands of the community - puts an increased strain on the machinery, which may limit its life span. So please, limit your use of water for irrigation purposes.

Effective alternatives to spray irrigation are the following: drip lines, soaker hoses, and subsurface irrigation. These alternative irrigation methods are more effective than spray irrigation and reduce water consumption between 60-85%. If you must irrigate your trees, shrubs, or garden, please use these irrigation methods to limit your water consumption. Together we can support our water treatment plants, limit their wear and tear, and become better stewards of our home.

Council would also like to remind all residents that fireworks in the RM of Victoria Beach are permanently banned. Violators of BY-LAW NO. 1589 will be subject to up to a \$1,000 fine.

Residents of Wanasing will notice that the garbage bin has been moved. This was done in consideration of the safety of residents and our bears. Garbage should now be brought to the depot at Public Works.



Council would also like to remind all residents that garbage should never be left outside in a bag for pickup. Garbage must be in a container to limit the attraction of bears. Next year it will be mandatory for residents who want garbage pick up to have a bear resistant bin. If you do not have a bear resistant bin, you can obtain one by contacting Councillor Bartmanovich at [mbartmanovich@victoriabeach.ca](mailto:mbartmanovich@victoriabeach.ca).

Regarding garbage and waste, please note that the only items to be dropped off at our garbage site is standard household garbage only. All other items must be taken to the Traverse Bay Landfill along highway 11. Every item that our Public Works employees must bring there increases our municipal taxes. So, let's keep taxes low and bring items that don't belong in the Public Works garbage site to the landfill along highway 11.

Council would also like to remind residents to review the new proposed zoning bylaw on the municipal website. The zoning bylaw has passed first reading and will require a public hearing when one can be effectively and safely arranged. In the meantime, Council welcomes the input of all residents of the RM.

A reminder that the COVID-19 vaccines are safe. They will keep you out of the hospital, out of the ICU, and on the right side of the ground. Getting your vaccine is the best way to help protect you, your family, your friends, and your community from this virus. Remember, the variants are now targeting all age groups and even those with traditionally strong immune systems. So, protect yourself and everyone around you and get your COVID-19 vaccine. Schedule your COVID-19 vaccination by calling HealthLinks at 1-888-315-9257 or going online to: [protectmb.ca/making-your-appointment-is-easy/](http://protectmb.ca/making-your-appointment-is-easy/)

To get more information about the safety of the Covid-19 vaccines, call HealthLinks at 1-888-315-9257 or go online to [https://manitoba.ca/asset\\_library/en/covidvaccine/covid19\\_second\\_dose\\_factsheet.pdf](https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covidvaccine/covid19_second_dose_factsheet.pdf)

The VB Council recognizes the atrocities committed in the residential school system brought about by systemic racism. We must never forget or ignore the simple fact that every child matters and that we must all work together to heal the wounds of the past through strong, thoughtful, and reflective reconciliation.

# Fishing Derby 2021

This year's fishing derby was a huge success. 24 anglers enjoyed a beautiful morning of fishing on the VB pier. Twenty fish were caught in total including pickerel, drum, perch, and catfish.



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# Fishing Derby 2021



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Eric Yarnell

**Biggest Fish (18 inch Catfish)**  
Brody Atkins

**First Fish (9:25AM)** -  
Cohen Dubiensi

**Smallest Fish (5inch perch)** -  
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**Last Fish (10:59)**  
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# What's happening at 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 Mondays 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.

For further information regarding the current COVID protocols ( ie: masks are mandatory at this time as well as spacing, sanitizer use, and etc.) in place or playing questions contact Bill or Lorine Mason @ 204.250.6466 or manitoba\_south@msn.com

Summer Yoga is on now – Thursdays from 10AM to 11AM – on a drop-in basis. 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 grassy area or in the shaded outdoor bar area.

We are Building for the Future that saw the installation of the safari themed play structure. 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 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.

As COVID protocols continue to improve we expect to see more activities at VBCC.

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

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# 2021 VB Bike Race Results!!

Congratulations to all the participants in this year's race, another beautiful race day in the books. We had over 80 riders in this year. Huge THANK YOU to all the parents, grandparents, REC staff and all fellow VBers that volunteered to help in many of the important roles to ensure everything ran smoothly. Without volunteers the race could not have been so much fun and so successful. **Here are your winners:**

### Girls 4-5

- 1st Place: Cali Ploegman
- 2nd Place: Ruby Ateah
- 3rd Place: Frances Scoles

### Boys 4-5

- 1st Place: Austin Spiegel
- 2nd Place: Will Townsend
- 3rd Place:

### Girls 6-7

- 1st Place: Jaelyn Walker
- 2nd Place: Amy Fast
- 3rd Place: Penelope Tait

### Boys 6-7

- 1st Place: Bruno Buchholz
- 2nd Place: Sullivan Palmer
- 3rd Place: Parker Ateah

### Girls 8-9

- 1st Place: Sofia Lyon
- 2nd Place: Chloe Owens
- 3rd Place: Sofia Zarillo

### Boys 8-9

- 1st Place: Hudson Driedger
- 2nd Place: Nixon Halley
- 3rd Place: Carter Manternick

### Girls 10,11,12

- 1st Place: Annabella Sime-Surcon
- 2nd Place: Ilsa Buchholz
- 3rd Place: Sanna Strome

### Boys 10,11,12

- 1st Place: Will McCaig
- 2nd Place: Braden Driedger
- 3rd Place: Kristjan Bachart

### Boys 13-18

- 1st Place: Bennett Sime-Surcon
- 2nd Place: Ethan Veitch
- 3rd Place: Addison Mawhinney

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# Bike Race Day



# Volleyball Day



Great time had by all at VB Volleyball Day, with Fully Vaxed players ruling!

After a year of pent-up energy, athletes of all ages came out to let 'er loose on volleyball day, which was held on July 24th at the VB sports field (moved from Clubhouse Beach due to the high winds).

A round robin format was used this year due to Covid restrictions on Tournaments. Six teams participated and while there were no playoffs, Team "Fully Vaxed" was the only team to go undefeated. Best team name goes to "That's what she sets" and honorable mention to "Variants of Concern".

The participants exhibited some amazing athleticism, skill and, as always, great sportsmanship. There was plenty of cheering and lots of big hits, digs and scrambling that kept every point exciting. There was non-stop effort that all the players put into keeping the ball in play.

Thanks to the fans that came out to cheer on and support the players. A huge thanks goes to the VB Recreation Staff that worked as a team pondering and solving how to set up the nets and to Brent Prusak for lending us his beach net again this year.

Looking forward to bumping in the sun again with y'all this time next year,

Mike Lesiuk – VB Vball convenor.

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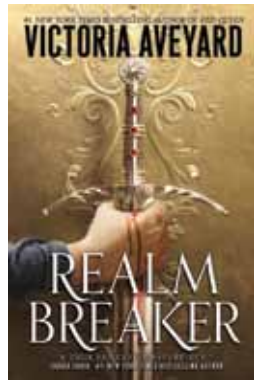
## Library News

Hi VB! We've had some busy days at the library this week and are glad that everyone's out reading! However, please ensure that you are returning your books. We have 57 overdue books from this summer, 118 from 2020, and 117 from 2019. We aren't a bookstore, we're a library.

However, in light of revised restrictions, we will be able to hold our annual book sale this year! The sale will be held outside, in the grass by the library, in front of the rec cabin on Sunday, August 1st from 1-3pm. Donations are accepted, and greatly appreciated, at the library anytime.

And now for our book of the week:

Title: Realm Breaker  
 Author: Victoria Aveyard  
 Age Group: Young Adult



Genre: Adventure/Fantasy

Realm Breaker, from the author that brought us the critically acclaimed Red Queen series, is a thrilling roller coaster ride of betrayals, battles and narrow escapes. It tells the harrowing tale of a rag tag multinational group of criminals, knights, a sorceress and a pirate's daughter, all of them stepping up to face an unimaginable danger while the rest of the world cowers behind false hopes and half-baked excuses. They must ride across the land in search of holes ripped into their realm, gateways for monsters, undead soldiers and the like to escape their own dying realms. Faced with fighting armies while being hunted by corrupt monarchs, the main characters truly are the underdogs of the millennium. This book is sure to keep you on the edge of your seat from the very first page to its stunning conclusion.

Happy Reading,  
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## Summer Fitness at Victoria Beach

Instructors	Bootcamp	Seniors Strength & Stretch	Aerobics
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# Tennis News

I can't believe that the tennis season is almost at the half-way point! The summer is just flying by! It's wonderful to see all the smiling people coming out to participate in the various tennis events or to just play a match. Lots of new faces every week learning to love the game!

Thank you all again for your continued support of the COVID protocols we have in place, please feel free to ask any of the tennis staff if you need clarification about any of the guidelines in place. We are working hard to ensure all the rules are followed.

We are having a great turnout this year for the many junior events. There are lessons running Monday to Friday each week at various times for the different age groups. Please check the VB Calendar for the details. Family tennis is every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 6:15 p.m. This is a great way to introduce your young players to the game in a fun family friendly setting. Junior GVS also runs three times a week as well, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 pm.

The Junior Tennis Event was held on July 26th and 27th and was a great success! We had a large number of junior players come out for Round Robin style matches over the two days. Thank you so much to Mike Bru and Jenny Hasenack Bru, Kim and Kevin Goetz, Kerra Murss and Adrian Frost for organizing this fun filled event.

A reminder that Mega GVS Event will be held on the traditional Senior Open weekend on both July 31st and August 1st, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This activity is open to all ages and skill levels. Any other upcoming special events will be posted on both our Instagram page and the VB social media pages.

Chris Derksen, one of our tennis court attendants would like to remind all the parents and kids to come and check the lost and found at the tennis kiosk. Many various items have been left behind and are starting to accumulate!

Another fabulous turnout again for Round Robin this week. It runs every Monday and Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It's a great way to play some casual matches in a fun non-competitive environment. Many thanks to everyone who participated this week and congratulations to the winners! Round Robin Results:

**July 16th**

- 1st Place: Ted Kosokowsky & Jack Filuk Scott
- 2nd Place: Barb Hientzsch & John Stapleton
- 3rd Place: Ed Jeanson & Karl Ruban

**July 19th**

- 1st Place: Nancy Edmond & Alexis Bru/Chris Derksen
- 2nd Place: Jacquie Schultz & Andrea O'Connor
- 3rd Place: Karen Hollins & Michael Krutiak

See you at the courts!  
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# The Victoria Beach Film Festival is Back!



*Doc asks whether success at sport justifies abuse and manipulation of athletes*



*First-time playwright Vivi Dabee makes her way through the writing process and onto the Fringe stage*



*People from Hollow Water First Nation protest silica mine on the shores of Lake Winnipeg*

Well, it seems that the VB Film Festival will be back this year! While many things have been uncertain over the last many months, the talent of local film makers has been unwavering, as has their support for this event.

We will be keeping the programs relatively short this year, but we're making up for that with quality.

On Saturday, July 31, from 7:30-8:30 pm, we'll be showing all four parts of The Lake Winnipeg Project, directed by Kevin Settee and made available by the NFB. These short documentaries give

us a window into four different communities on Lake Winnipeg, their love for the lake, their reliance on it, and their fierce determination to protect it.

The story of Camp Morningstar, a sacred camp established on the Hollow Water First Nation, will be of special interest to VBers. Hollow Water First Nation is an Anishinaabe (Ojibwa) first nation located 75 kilometres north of Pine Falls. Its members erected Camp Morningstar in response to the proposal of the silica sand mine that so many VBers were concerned about. It also explores Camp Morningstar's historical and spiritual connections to territory, the role of ceremony and spirituality, and the power of collective action.

The other parts of the Lake Winnipeg Project look at Matheson Island, which is located at the narrows of Lake Winnipeg, Fisher River Cree Nation (Ochekwi-Sipi), located on the west side of the north basin of Lake Winnipeg, and Poplar River First Nation (Azaadiwi-ziibi Nitam-Anishinaabe), an Ojibwa First Nation on the east side of the north basin of Lake Winnipeg.

On Sunday, August 1, at 7:30 pm, we'll be showing two award-winning long-form documentaries. The first, Nike's Big Bet, was directed by Paul Kemp, a long-time summer resident of VB. Nike established the Oregon Project in 2001 as a ground-breaking program to develop elite track and field runners and put Americans back on top of the Olympic podium. Coaching legend Alberto Salazar was put in charge and was given free reign to employ his unorthodox training tactics to deliver results. His successes were astounding, with him developing Olympic and World champions. However, in 2019, despite his athletes never once testing positive in a drug test, he received a four-year international doping ban from all coaching activities. The Nike Oregon Project immediately collapsed. To his fans, including an outspoken Malcolm Gladwell, Salazar's methods justified the means by pushing the competitive boundaries of what's fair in sport. But to others, including former protégés, he was abusive and manipulative—wielding an unchecked control over their careers and well-being. With a win-at-all-costs attitude and a sport built upon testing the margins of human limits, is Salazar a villain or hero?

The second, Vivi's Vision, was produced and directed by another long-time resident of VB, Leona Krahn. In it, we follow Vivi Dabee, a first-time playwright who was thrilled to be selected as part of the 2019 Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival. However, if writing and producing a play isn't daunting enough already, Vivi is doing it without her sight. Her play is based on the Harlem Renaissance novel Passing by Nella Larsen which tells the dramatic story of a mixed-race woman who passes for white, married to a bigoted husband who doesn't know her true identity until he makes the startling discovery - with fatal results. Vivi relates strongly to the novel as she is not only blind but mixed race so "passes" often in life to better cope with her incredible challenges.

We hope you'll join us for one or both nights! Just a reminder: COVID protocols will be followed. At the moment, they mean that masks must be worn, social distancing must be observed, proof of full vaccination (vaccination card or QR Code) will be required for those 12 and up, and anyone 11 or under must come with a fully vaccinated caregiver. In addition, fans will not be used because they negate social distancing.

Finally, thanks to the Kemp kids for putting up posters for me, to Chris Mason of South Beach Photoworks for another awesome poster photo, and John Lytle for working his graphic design magic again!

# Swim Life!



Hello VB Swimmers!

Second session is underway! The first 3 weeks flew by. Congratulations to all our young swimmers on a successful session 1! Before it started, you may not have been able to put your face in the water, jump off the dock, do whip kick or front crawl...and because of your hard work, you now find yourself doing these tasks with ease! Well done!

We have received lots of positive feedback on moving the beginning lessons over to Clubhouse Beach. Great viewing for parents and Grandparents alike and wonderful shallow clear water with a beautiful sandy bottom for all to enjoy makes everyone happy.

Also, just a reminder that the swim instructors on the beach and in the water have your young swimmer's safety as their primary concern. If there is a need to cancel or change locations,

they will make that decision and do their very best to keep everyone safe. Once everyone in the classes in front of them are secure, they will then let the swim convenors know of any cancellations. From there, as we discussed during the initial registration process and in our swim rules and regulations (yellow form), we will post a notice on @vbclubmb on Instagram and Twitter. The primary culprit that leads to cancelation of lessons is lightening.... Rain, or even heavy rain at times, is not necessarily going to lead to cancelled classes, as they are often moved into the clubhouse for water safety training.

Last, there are still spots available for session 2. If you are interested in lessons, please see Avery at the swim dock Monday – Friday between 9:00-10:00.

Be safe and keep swimming!  
Lori and Greg Edwards

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## Victoria Beach Dog Show

Saturday, August 7, 11:00 am

Art Vincent Memorial

Please join us to celebrate all the wonderful dogs at Victoria Beach! Show off your furry friends, grab a loot bag and enjoy the fun. Enzo and Philly hope to see you on the 7th!



# VB Country Market

The VB Country Market continues to run Saturdays from 10AM to 1PM. We are welcoming so many vendors and shoppers this summer. On July 17th we hosted around 46 vendors. There are several new vendors each week along with vendors joining us all summer. The August long weekend will see a full house or around 60.

Thank you to all shoppers and especially the market volunteers who make this possible every Saturday. We have ninety-five (95) vendors registered to participate in the market throughout the summer.

The market entrance is on the parking lot of the Victoria Beach Community Centre (VBCC). The VBCC is on Highway 59N at At-eah 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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# The VB Club Raffle is this Saturday, July 31st!

Make time this Saturday, July 31st to come down to the Village Green to admire our fantastic prizes and purchase tickets from 10:00am till 4:00pm. Our famous "VB Club Extravaganza" is back, along with the tower of games, a beer fridge, cruiser bike, paddleboard and so many other prizes that are perfect for cottage life.

Draw is at 4:00pm sharp and as long as we have your contact info, we will find you!

This is our only major fundraiser this year so we are relying on our Victoria Beach community to come out and support us! ALL proceeds go towards funding the VB Club activities that we all enjoy.

We thank everyone who generously donated funds that went towards purchasing all the amazing prizes!

Thanks in advance for your support and see you on Saturday!

Your raffle conveners:

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## Eight at the Gate – Riders Dodging the Rain Clouds



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As it says on our cycling jerseys, we ride every morning (weather permitting – road bike tires don't like wet roads) at 08:00. Our pace varies from 25 – 35 km/hr depending on the group, wind and discussion topic for those who can speak and ride at the same time. The distance varies from 40 – 50 km to Lester Beach via Albert and Hillside with the occasional loop to Belair and Grand Beach to add distance and challenge. We provide a fun way to exercise and socialize. Our group consists of riders of all ages and abilities. Included in our group are re-treaded runners whose knees need a rest, serious triathletes working on riding in a straight line and riders training for major events such as Gran Fondos and/or fundraising events like "Bike to the Beach 2021" on August 6th.

Participating riders with our Eight at the Gate group rides will need a road bike in good mechanical condition, a helmet and a positive attitude. Riders under 18 are welcome accompanied by a responsible adult.

For information contact Bob Marshall cell 204-261-4292, VB local 756-8255, and on Face Book "Eight at the Gate".

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## Tennis Calendar

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Note:</b> The superscript number <sup>1</sup> following the event indicates the number of courts that will be used.					31 <b>Senior Open Tournament</b>
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15 <b>Novelty Tennis Tournament</b> 	16 Beginning today, Tennis attendants will no longer be on duty. Please use the ball rack and mark your times on the chalkboard.	17	18	19	20	21
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# Special Events

Greetings to everyone at the Beach. Welcome to my first Special Events article this year. (I know its late...I have been busy vaccinating!!)

It looks like we have had a great last couple weeks for events with some very hot weather! I know there are constant changes due to COVID-19 restrictions and I want to thank all our volunteers for being so accommodating. I would like to send a big thanks to the executive and Bruce and all the Rec/Tennis staff for trying to provide as much activity as possible. Please continue to look in the Herald, Instagram, twitter and Facebook for changes to events.

A couple urgent needs that Special Events will need for next year. We need convenors for the following events

1. Beach Events
2. Sand Castle Building
3. Fishing Derby
4. Children's Masquerade

Remember that all of our events only are able to take place due to our wonderful volunteers. Please get involved so events can continue. If there is another event you would like to help out in that's not listed as well, please contact me.

If you are able to volunteer next year, please contact me below.

Thanks, and everyone have a Great Summer

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I will be returning in a temporary capacity as the Chief of Police. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our members.

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## NEEDS VOLUNTEER CONVENERS FOR 2022!

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# VB Yacht Club

## So Far

If you've spent any time gazing up at night, you can't help but notice the moon. It's been everything from a raging blood orange ball of celestial fury, as if daring Bezos to land on it, to a buttery crescent reminiscent of the Moonlight Inn. In these waters the Captain takes the night watch. This time of year, a moon-tan can be as important as a sun-tan, because having a base means you're ready to be called upon to stay up late. My mother always told me nothing good happens after 2 a.m., I've always told her she gets too much sleep.

The VB YC are being kept up at night by the usual dreams of water and visions of wind. We lament the cancellation of another world-famous dance. At least we're not sad and alone in Les Sable d'Alonne. We're not down at the Yacht Club. We're down at the Yacht Club.

Last night over the horizon I saw the Flying Dutchman and the Cap'n put up flags to signal a sailing event on July 31. The flags were ragged as we were in a gale. Through the spray the flags directed us towards www.vbyc.ca.

Captain James Q Limit



## HOWDY VB KIDS! Rec Program August 2-6

### Arts & Crafts

#### Windsocks

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#### Golf Lessons

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#### Bike Hike

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### Kids Games

Morning  
Monday/Friday  
10-11 AM



Thursday ages 12-16  
5:30pm  
play a few  
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Evening Games  
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Gorgeous oversized priv bldg lot - 1.15 acre lot (177ft x 300 ft) just outside VBRA gates. SANDY BEACH in all directions! Amenities close by.

**45 Ateah Rd 2.45 acre lot..... 145,000**  
In VB Restricted area a 2.45 acre well treed lot adj to green space. 1 block fr/water. Great for private cottage or may be possible for a small subdivision.

**Ash Ave. lots ..... 89,900**  
In VB Restricted area, close to all amenities and beautiful beaches.

**Paradise Sands Lots.....53,700 to 58,700**  
Properties are steps from desirable sandy Albert Beach! Price includes ground fill & prep, driveway approach & culvert, 1650 gallon holding tank shared well & hydro tie in. Close to all amenities.

**118 Birch Ave ON DOUBLE LOT REDUCED 689,000**  
Rare Y/R unique home in VB restricted area, priv prime location, 1420 sq ft & 980 ft bsm, stone FP, shingles 2016, well, garage, DOUBLE LOT! Studio/bunkie

**18 Evergreen ..... 32,900**  
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 ..... \$959,900**  
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. 0/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 Place, LAKEFRONT ..... REDUCED \$379,900**  
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..... REDUCED \$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

**320 7th Ave..... PENDING \$239,900**  
1152 sq cottage w/4 BR + a 3 pc bath, spacious LR/DR/ Kitchen 12 x 16 screened room, 2 sheds, W/D, comes furnished

**210 7th Avenue..... SOLD \$339,900**  
This meticulously cared for 966 sq ft 3 BR log cabin features detailed craftsmanship, kit/DR & LR, stone FP, porch, 3 pc bath, loft, shed, furnished

**5 Mitik, Wanasing Bch.. PENDING \$219,900**  
Rare find 1216 sq ft 3 BR w/vitd pine clg, woodstove, large kit/DR 4 pc bath, wrap deck, furnished 2 min walk to beach

**115 Centre..... \$349,900**  
1800 SF year round in great location. 4 BR, 2 1/2 baths and a walk out basement. Must see!

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# *Siegfried & Christel Kraft* **CELEBRATION OF ART**

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Victoria Beach Clubhouse

Siegfried and Christel Kraft peacefully passed on to their celestial journey together on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2021, in their home at Victoria Beach, Manitoba, Canada.



Their life and love together can only be described as pioneering. They were prepared to step outside the norm and what may have been expected in the mainstream. They followed their hearts and the path they felt held the most learning for them. Their beautiful home, built almost entirely by his own hands, stands as a pinnacle example of his ability and skill. Christel's creativity too is displayed throughout their home. Many have been the recipients of gifts their hands have created.

Christel and Siegfried's skills lay not only in their hands, but in the wisdom and their attentive listening that helped an uncountable number of people, including family, to see their way past obstacles in their own lives. As parents and mentors their skill grew with the years. They leave a legacy beyond Speckkuchen and real candles on the Christmas tree for their four children Gabriele, Wolfram, Siegfried Jr, and Ursula, as well as many grand children and great grandchildren.

The love they held for each other remains as an enduring inspiration for all who celebrate two lives lived strongly together.





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