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Most of us haven't been able to get a haircut now for many weeks but you may have noticed that VB has had a trim courtesy of Manitoba Hydro crews working to clear brush and trees from power lines. See the story on page 11 for all the details.

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BIG VB Clean	Sun., July 4	All Day	Community	Pritchard-Dube & 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 Reg.	Sports Field	Ted Geddert and Rec staff



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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

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

KIDS ACTIVITIES (All Ages)

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

FITNESS ACTIVITIES

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

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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

President's Message

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Volunteers have as usual been working hard over the winter to help make the summer fun for you and your family. It has been a déjà vu of last year with COVID restrictions changing often and an ongoing lockdown most recently. I wrote this message on June 17th when the restrictions didn't allow any of our swimming lessons or activities to occur. At this point, the only thing that can be run is tennis (max 5 people on a court). However, we are confident (hopeful might be a better word) that things will open up before July 5th (planned start date for all of our 6 week activities including swim lessons) as the vaccination numbers continue to rise. As a result, we have created a calendar which includes almost all of our regular activities. At this point, I can not detail what these activities will look like so please check social media regularly (Facebook and Instagram accounts for VB Club).

We have opened up the on-line membership tool. This is the easiest and most efficient way to get your memberships. Pickup dates and locations for membership packages (calendar, shoe tags and wristbands) are on the calendar. This way you can use your credit card and save your cash for the bakery. We will not be having the door to door campaign again this year to reduce social interactions. Should COVID reduce the activities we are allowed to run, we will not be issuing refunds.

We are looking for a few new volunteers this year. Being part of the VB Club volunteer team is a great opportunity to give back to the community and to meet and work with people who are also trying to make a difference. I have been President for 6 years, VP for 2 years and Treasurer for 8 (I

think) years. I have thoroughly enjoyed (almost) every minute of it. I have made wonderful friends during these years and have an appreciation for the effort that goes into running the activities we've all come to love and appreciate. The current VP, Heather Turzak, is putting her name forward for President. Heather has been a great support to me in the last 2 years and will absolutely be ready to take over. As such, we will have an opening on the Exec team starting at the end of this season (they are elected at the AGM). You can ask anyone of us questions about what is involved. Lori and Greg Edwards have been the face of the swim program out here for a few years and have decided to pass it on to someone else after this season. If you have kids that are swimmers and/or are familiar with what's involved in teaching lessons and lifeguarding, we'd like your help! The VB Club will miss Lori and Greg's smiles, great attitude, amazing organization abilities and "get it done" mentality!

This year marks the 100 year anniversary of the VB Club. We have decided to delay the celebrations to 2022 and hold a 101 year anniversary. We think it is too important to risk having to cancel because of COVID restrictions. If anyone has any fun 101 celebration ideas, please let me know as I'm going to be on the committee even though I won't be president (you can't get rid of me).

Suzy Blunderfield

PS Donate to the tennis court project! We have such a healthy tennis membership in our club. The courts aren't nearly as healthy and need your support!

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



HAPPY JUNE TO ALL !

Victoria Beach Club Memberships... it's a hot topic ...to be or not to be ??

Since early fall, many of us have experienced severe restrictions and shutdownsit has been a challenging time. Provincial guidelines have started to ease and we are now allowed a maximum of 5 people outdoors which Tennis Manitoba has communicated to us allows 5 people on a tennis court at a time. This maximum of 5 outdoors and none indoors does not allow us to currently run any activities we normally run aside from tennis. We are hopeful this loosening of restrictions is a positive sign for the upcoming weeks.

While Victoria Beach continues to be the place where we can still enjoy our cottages, bike rides, a game of tennis and the beach, at this very moment the future of programming and what it's going to look like is unknown. The Board, like last year, is having "déjà vu" conversations... discussing what the upcoming beach season will look like and what can safely be offered, and how to deal with changes to the schedules and programs as provincial guidelines change.

In order to take part in any of the Victoria Beach activities, a VB membership is required.

So just like last year, we are strongly encouraging all families to purchase memberships on-line (it's super easy) for many reasons, but mainly to keep the lineups to a minimum, so we can keep within the Provincial Guidelines for social distancing as much as possible.

We are currently planning the following pick-ups for memberships:

1. July 1 from 10-1, at the parking lot,
2. July 4 from 10-12, at the clubhouse.

All 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.

Please note there will be no door to door canvassing again this year. There will be an opportunity to purchase memberships in person for those who are unable to use the online tool (strongly recommend) starting July 1, with the preferred method of payment of credit and debit.

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

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Looking forward to seeing all of you from 6 ft away (or less if allowed)!

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The Yacht Club - A History of Fun & Inclusivity



The Victoria Beach Yacht Club & School looms large as the focal point of watersport, sail-based travel, and floating recreation, but like any organization of stature, it has come from a rich and storied tradition. As we look forward to our upcoming summer, welcome new members, and prepare to enrol students, please enjoy this brief look back at the evolution of the VBYC.

Early Days

The VBYC as we know it, was established in 1964 - a sparse collection of lockers and a ragtag compound to keep our crafts (mostly Enterprise and Lazy Dinghies) safe from racoons, other woodland critters, and beachside lovers looking for quick shelter in a moment of particularly intense ardor.

Throughout the 60's the club gained membership and momentum, as the race and property committees were formed to shoulder the club's growing community responsibility. This era also marked the beginning of the Scott Family's dynastic involvement in the club. Tammias and Don Scott held early leadership

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posts, which are held to this day by Commodore Brad Scott, and youth prodigy Jack Schott pictured below painting anchors with the righteous dedication of a little Michelangelo at the Sistine Chapel. Victoria Beach golf legend Dick Quinton (Great Uncle of Acting Communications Director Jason Quinton) had taken to the water, continuing the tradition of river-loving Winnipeegers trading muddy banks for our pristine sands in the summer.

The sailing school was founded in 1965, using the "Cadet Dinghy." In the wake of the Pan Am Games in 1967, many Manitobans took an interest in ways to play and compete on our lakes and waterways. Enrolment in the school swelled, as sailing was now a known quantity in the panoply of VB activities. What had always looked fun from the beach, could now be easily taught from the VBYC shore.

The "Boom Era"

Through the seventies and into the eighties, the story of the VBYC was one of competition and growth, as the explosion of club and regatta sailing, combined with the popularity of the Laser dinghy drove an increase in membership. Many sailors, fond of booms, were pleased to welcome a tide of "baby boomers" as the VBYC membership roll lengthened by the season.

In 1985, a new clubhouse was erected - and the space was needed, as the international sensation of Hobie Cat sailing ushered in the time of the catamaran, and many Hobie Cats dotted the shore in front of the mighty new facility.

Through this time, the tireless efforts of the late great Harry Wall allowed The Manitoba Sailing Association's Mobile Sailing School to transition into the VBYC School that continues to empower the nautically curious and sharpen cadets to this day. The visibility of the VBYC on the provincial scene was on the rise, as the sails would fly and trophies would accumulate.

The 1990's ushered in a colourful time, as sails of pink neon and electric teal began popping up in the distance. Windsurfing had arrived, bringing an action sports swagger, and carefree surfing mentality to the club culture.

Dancing On The Wind - 2000's to Present

With vagabond windsurfers accepted as our own - as the ever-progressive VBYC was on the vanguard of clubs willing to be an all-inclusive water sport facility, accepting all forms of sailing and paddling. After all, the wind isn't concerned with what kind of craft you captain - it's gonna gust regardless, and the VBYC has made it their mission to prepare you to harness it.

Through the millennium, the ever-agile VBYC continued to evolve, as the global action sports revolution caused more and more thrill seeking youths to rig up sails and deepen their skills through expert instruction. The club welcomed the exciting introduction of Kite Sailing, and subsequently the shores of Victoria Beach have become a regional sensation, as the Kite craze continues to uplift the boards and hearts of many water-oriented extremists. This proud tradition of open-mindedness still extends into all levels of the sailing school.

These years saw a fresh generation of volunteers, coaches and race officials take the helm. A young upstart commodore Ryan Van Berkel navigated choppy social and political waters to re-establish the "VB Dance" fundraiser to ensure the long-term viability of the sailing school and club racing programs. The limited edition collection of summer garments emblazoned with the VBYC logo was seen on the backs of influencers and tastemakers from Morris to Milan.

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The Yacht Club continued

The Yacht Club pivoted attention back to the land, and expansion of the deck and club facility was undertaken to enhance the facility for both members and guest sailors. Families and competitors were now better able to visit, commiserate, and engage in all manners of beach banter that enrich summertime culture.

The Future

The Yacht Club sailing school is open to fun-loving recreation yet will hone the skills of serious race focused sailors. You are invited to join today, take advantage of the opportunity to learn life skills and involve your family in this brilliant culture.

Whether you have never sailed in your life or are a buoyant fourth generation sailor like young Jack Schott, the VBYC is a club, a school, and a lifestyle that is open to welcome you, whoever you may be, or want to become.

Can't wait to see you on the water.

VBYC Communications Department

Fitness at VB

Hi everyone Julie here! Well since fitness facilities have been shut down some of you may have lost the motivation to go with it and are probably wondering what fitness at VB will look this year. As you know things are forever changing last minute so I have a few different plans for you fitness gurus.

Bootcamp

1. Have 5 people at the most per station and stations will be well distanced with hand sanitizer at each station.
2. Possibly have two shorter bootcamps in the morning and one or two at 7pm.
3. Have a group work out in the field like we did last summer without equipment.

Please don't neglect your fitness this summer either way! There are great walking & running trails to make use of. Take part in the BIG Victoria Beach cleanup July 4th with the chance to win prizes.

Depending on the restrictions I would like add a seniors' class Tuesday & Thursday mornings before aer-obics from 8:45am to 9:30am which focusses on strength, mobility & balance.

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Victoria Beach Club
Tennis Calendar

July 2021

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

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Removal of hazard trees near power lines improves safety and reliability

Manitoba Hydro removed hazardous trees, branches and bush along its power line right-of-ways in the vehicle restricted area at Victoria Beach over several weeks last November and in April.

The work focused on providing adequate clearance to power lines to reduce outages caused by trees and to reduce the fire risk of a downed live line. Tree contact is one of the leading causes of outages.

Work took place in an area north from Arthur Road between First and Eighth Avenues. In lanes between avenues, crews cleared trees and bush under lines with a mechanical mulcher on tracks. Dead trees standing near lines were also removed. Trees were trimmed to provide enough clearance from lines and account for tree growth.

Manitoba Hydro worked in partnership with the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach on the project.

The work followed a major outage last August after high winds caused a large tree to fall on a power line on Eighth Avenue. The downed line caused a fire quickly brought under control by the R M of Victoria Beach Fire Department.

“The incident was a stark reminder of the fire risk of a downed live line in our community,” R M of Victoria Beach Fire Chief Patzer said. “With conditions so dry, the risk of a fire is extremely high. Anything we can do to prevent a wildfire will help protect cottages and the community we all love.”

A fire at Traverse Bay in June 2019, which destroyed several cottages, and a fire behind the Social Scene on Ateah Road in



2004, were both traced to dry conditions.

The tree trimming work will also reduce the number of outages to the Eighth Avenue water treatment plant and the need for a boil water advisory following an outage. Trimming also provides easier access for Manitoba Hydro crews to do maintenance work and respond to emergencies.

Cottage owners are responsible for trees and branches on their property that are growing too close or touching the service line from the hydro pole to their cottage, and to contact a qualified arborist to safely trim branches or remove hazardous trees.

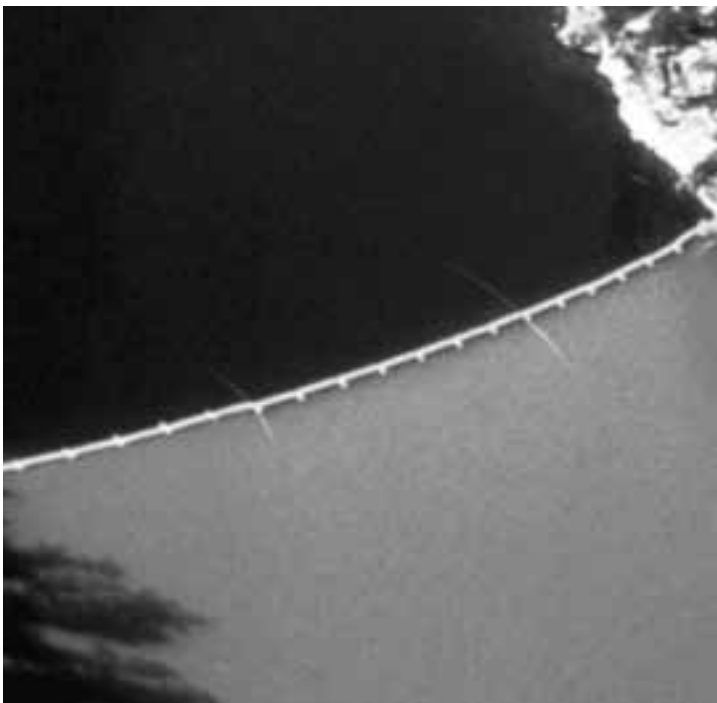
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Dr. David Schindler, freshwater scientist

In March of this year, Lake Winnipeg lost a great champion when Dr. David Schindler died at the age of 80 years. An American-born scientist, he chose to spend his career mainly in Canada, upon achieving his doctorate in biology from Oxford University. Dr. Schindler was a limnologist, the study of freshwater ecology on inland waters, but his work ranged broadly into the study of phosphates on water, acid rain, climate change, UV radiation and trans-boundary pollutants. He was a giant in the study and protection of the boreal forest, which includes the area on the east shore of Lake Winnipeg, and that we have learned is both fragile and under siege.

The young graduate was recruited by Fisheries Research Board of Canada, and subsequently earned the directorship of developing the Experimental Lakes Area (ELA), where he would become a world leader in freshwater research and knowledge. The famed collection of lakes is located in the boreal forest of northwestern Ontario, and feeds into the watershed that becomes the Winnipeg River before emptying into Lake Winnipeg. From 1968 to 1989, Schindler captained ELA in whole-ecosystem experiments in the 46 pristine lakes, the most famous of which saw a rubber curtain to divide Lake 226 in half. Both sides of the lake were 'fed' nitrogen and carbon while only one half of the lake was fed phosphates as well. Within a matter of weeks, a dense algal bloom appeared in the water on the phosphate side. Dr. Schindler hired a plane to record the result in what became one of the most iconic and effective scientific photographs ever released. The image reproduced here appeared in over 400 scientific publications and contributed greatly to the banning of phosphates in detergents, improving water quality around the world.



Acid rain from sulphuric emissions from smelters and coal-burning plants were next in his crosshairs, shown in ELA to disrupt the food chain and leading to species die-off. Schindler campaigned relentlessly throughout the United States and Canada, describing the science behind rain that fell laced with corrosive chemicals, to assist in the creation of the Air Quality Agreement signed by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and American President Ronald Reagan in 1991. After 21 years heading Experimental Lakes, Schindler left to teach at the University of Alberta where his work studied and exposed the ecological damage done to the watershed by outflow from pulp mills, coal mines and tailing ponds on the Athabasca River. When he was awarded the prestigious Stockholm Water Prize in 1992, the Alberta Legislature refused to recognize the honour. (Subsequently, David Schindler was honoured with the Alberta Order of Excellence in 2008 as a professor and mentor for his ground-breaking research.)

Other awards followed, including the Order of Canada, and recognition by Lake Winnipeg Foundation. Schindler was not deterred in his mission to sound the alarm about climate change, clearcutting and environmental degradation from industrial development. He was never content to remain in the classroom and lab, preferring to engage with his students with Indigenous people, trappers and people in rural communities all of whom had deeper experience with the land. He was a thorn in the side of politicians who refused to look at the irrefutable evidence. Freshwater and the boreal forest remained his great causes.

From the year 2000 on, it is estimated that Schindler gave more public talks than academic lectures. David Schindler retired in 2013 at the age of 73 to live in the mountains of BC. ELA carries on its important work in freshwater under the auspices of IISD-ELA.

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VB Tennis Capital Campaign Progress 2020/21

The Capital Campaign Committee has been hard at work over the winter to secure pledges and donations for the rebuilding of our tennis facility. As we know, the facility was built some 40 years ago and is approaching the end of its useful life.

As of mid-June, the campaign has received cash and pledges just over \$250,000. We will continue to fundraise for this important initiative. Construction estimates suggest that we will require approximately \$550,000 to complete the project.

The committee has submitted a strong application for a provincial capital grant that will potentially match up to \$300,000. We hope to find out the decision on the grant in the next 60 days. The success of the grant is not guaranteed as there is intense competition for these grant monies, as dozens of communities in Manitoba have applied.

Any donation is appreciated and any donation over \$15 will be eligible for a tax receipt. A gift of \$250 will be acknowledged by an engraved brick with 25 characters of your choice that will form part of the floor between the two sets of courts. Many families are deciding to make a second donation in 2021, even though they initially donated in 2020.

If you are interested in becoming a "builder" at \$2000 or more, you will receive a larger engraved "brick" as well as a personalized plaque.

Please consider joining the 100+ families that have to date bought one or more bricks, several which are "builder" bricks.

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VB Tennis Capital Campaign Progress 2020/21 continued

have any questions about the campaign, please contact me at 204 229 0777 to go over the details. We accept Cheques or Credit Cards.

To make a donation, or if you would like an overview before we connect, please visit: www.victoriabeachclub.com/tennis. We are planning construction to start in the fall of 2022.

Starting in July, the campaign tent will be set up on the village green every Saturday between 2pm and 4pm to accept donations and to answer any questions.

Special thanks to the committee for their dedication to this project and special thanks to Gus da Roza for donating the architectural drawings for the application.

Thank you for helping the legacy of Victoria Beach tennis continue. Respectfully, on behalf of the Tennis Capital Campaign Committee; John Heppenstall, Chair

Welcome to the Victoria Beach Community Church for 2021!

Due to current COVID restrictions, the VB Community Church will not be meeting in person this summer. However, you can join us Sunday mornings, beginning July 4th, on YouTube and the VB Community Church's Facebook page, when Paul Boge (one of our regular VBCC speakers) brings us an inspirational message each week from familiar locations around Victoria Beach.

We hope you'll join us ... Sunday mornings online at Victoria Beach!



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Thank you to everyone who helped make the VBCC playground project a reality!

This spring, after years of planning, fundraising and site preparation the new playground at the Victoria Beach Community Centre was installed! This project was a labour of love for many in the community and we are thrilled that the playground was able to be installed at such a crucial time, after more than a year with few activities permitted in the community centre, a safe outdoor playground has become available to our community families.

The “Safari” themed play structure features a large structure with 2 slides, climbing ladders and bars, stepping stones, as well as swings, and a barrel spinner. Of course, no safari is complete without its own jeep!

The playground was made possible thanks to a Province of Manitoba Building Sustainable



communities grant, as well as many donors of money, time, talent and expertise.

Although phase one of the playground is certified and ready to welcome users there are still some finish-ing touches to be completed. We hope that phase two (the addition of assessable playground equip-ment) planning and fundraising can begin immediately. For more information on phase two fundraising and planning please contact playground coordinator Drew Allwright at drew@allwrightcontracting.ca

Anyone using the new playground is reminded to follow all health restrictions and distancing require-ments.



Welcome Home

Wayne Ewasko
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VB Country Market

Welcome to VB Country Market 2021! We are hoping everyone is staying healthy and safe.

The VB Country Market -- located in the parking lot of the Victoria Beach Community Centre (VBCC), runs every Saturday from June 19 to September 4, 2021. All COVID protocols will be in operation for a RETAIL environment. So whatever is happening when we grocery shop – the same will be done at the market and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The market will operate in a slightly different setup. The community centre is working on an outdoor development plan which includes accommodating all our market car parking on the centre's property only. The market will be in 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.

The market is looking for volunteers to help with safety protocols including at the entrance and exit, walking around the market area ensuring customers are adhering to physical distancing and overall helping out with market operation. If you are interested, please email vbcountrymarket@gmail.com or call Carol at 204-880-0025.

For more information, contact at vbcountrymarket@gmail.com or check out www.vbcommunitycentre.com. The website will be updated with details over the summer – please visit us at <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 Boxspring valued at \$2,000. Only 1500 tickets available – draw will be held Saturday October 9th 1:30 pm at the VBCC.

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.

The Moonlight Inn Welcomes You Back

Well, it's been a strange and difficult year for all of us, but here we are again, back at our happy place. Summertime at Victoria Beach is a beacon of joy we all look forward to each year, but this year maybe just a little bit more. After months of lockdowns and social distancing, at the very least, we will get to pass friends on the avenues, see them on the beach, wait in line together for some dream cookies at Ein-feld's, or safely social distance for an evening scoop of ice cream at The Moonlight.

As the proprietor of The Moonlight Inn, I'm proud to serve this community each summer and thankful to all my customers for their support. We hope the regulations will ease following positive developments, allowing for a few tables inside this historic building, but either way, we have you covered! Our takeout window will be ready to serve you all your favorites and a few new treats! Sit at a picnic table or bring a blanket, there is plenty of space in the village green or sports field, and as usual we'll do our best with delivery.

This year we have an Italian Espresso machine and will be opening at 9am to help start your day right with an Americano or Latte! We'll be making our Sourdough Pizzas, Ribs, Burgers, and all of our home-made favorites. So, if there is one thing we can continue to count on this summer, it's meeting at the Moonlight!

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Victoria Beach Club Swim Program 2021

We are still on hold for the swim program this year according to the Public Health Orders effective from June 12-26, 2021. Lifesaving Society Manitoba has consulted with Manitoba Health to clarify several areas of the orders (for detailed information please see <https://lifesaving.mb.ca/>).

If these restrictions are changed on June 26, we will be so excited to offer a swim program this year!

The Victoria Beach Club is an affiliate member of the Red Cross and the Lifesaving Society. All instructors hold valid Red Cross and Lifesaving Society certification. The swim program convenors for this year are Greg and Lori Edwards. Avery is our Head Swim Instructor, working with returning instructors: Finlay, Blake, Kieran and Matthew. Look for their pictures and biographies in upcoming issue of the VB Herald.

As usual, all registration will be first-come, first-served. Payment is due upon registration. Preferred payment will be debit. A copy of your VB membership information will be required and we ask for your patience. Registration will be on July 4th 10:00-12:00.

*For your convenience, memberships will be available for purchase inside the clubhouse during swim registration or online prior to registration.

Fees and session dates are as follows:

Red Cross Preschool and Swim Kids, Sea Otter (Preschool I/ II) to Level 10

- Two, three-week sessions at a fee of \$40.00 per session.
- Lessons are ½ hour every weekday.
- Students may be registered for either or both sessions on registration day. Preschool programs are for ages 3-6
- Swim Kids Levels 1-10 are for ages 5 and up.

Private and semi-private lessons for Red Cross Preschool and Swim Kids, Sea Otter to level 10 will also be available upon request, time permitting.

Lessons are ½ hour. The fee for private lessons is \$60.00/swimmer/week and for semi-private lessons (maximum two students at the same level), \$50.00/swimmer/week. We will make every effort to accommodate requests for private lessons, but

there are no guarantees.

Lifesaving Society programs will also be offered:

Bronze Star, Bronze Medallion* and Bronze Cross**, in one - six-week session from July 5 – August 13.

- Lesson length varies from ½ to 1 hour depending on the course.

The fees are as follows:

Bronze Star - \$85.00, Bronze Medallion* & Bronze Cross** - \$175.00 plus book fees.

First Aid Certification Bonus - Bronze Medallion* is taught with Emergency First Aid, Bronze Cross** will be taught with Standard First Aid (The cost of this addition is included in the course fee).

Bronze Medallion and Cross Exam is tentatively booked for August 13.

* To register for this course, you must have your Bronze Star AND/OR be 13 years-old by the last day of the course. If you are registering for Bronze Medallion and are under 13, please bring your Bronze Star certificate to registration.

** To register for this course, you must have your Bronze Medallion. Please bring your Bronze Medallion certificate to registration.

Fun + Fitness Class - For kids who have already achieved Level 10 but who are not old enough or are not able to take the Bronze Medallion/Cross programs. A way to stay swim fit and make friends at the beach. No badge. Two three-week sessions at a fee of \$40.00 per session; lessons are ½ hour/day.

Adult Class (New) – For anyone 18+ who would like to build more confidence in the water, become a stronger swimmer or learn First Aid - \$40 for 3-week session.

More information regarding the swim program and registration process will follow in next week's Herald, including the tentative schedule of lessons.

We are looking forward to seeing you on registration day and wish you a safe and wonderful summer at the beach!

Greg and Lori Edwards

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VB Medical Clinic Returns!

GREAT NEWS. We will have a medical clinic this summer.

Again, Under the leadership of Dr. Carry Martens-Barnes, our clinic will be open in 2021. To start:

July 1- 4 Dr. Carry Martens-Barnes

July 4-11 Dr. Linda du Toit

Hours of operation - 5pm -7pm daily
9:30am - 11:30am every day except Sunday and Wednesday.

As a result of COVID, there will be some protocol changes this year for safety during this pandemic. Only one (1) person will be allowed in the waiting room. Others, please wait outside. There will be a patient card for you to fill out. Please bring your health card with you. Also, bring some cash in case the doctor prescribes a medicine for you. If we do not have the medicine you require, you will be given a prescription that may be filled in Pine Falls, Selkirk or a pharmacy of your choice.

As we remember all too well, Council closed the clinic in 2013. That decision was reversed when public outcry was heard. The clinic returned in 2014, under the leadership of Kathy Brydon. A Community Medical Committee, run by the community with expenses paid for by our tax dollars, was negotiated. It was with deep sadness we lost Kathy in 2017. Our committee has gone forward with her dedication and perseverance in mind.

The role of the committee ranges from securing and scheduling doctors for the summer, stocking the clinic, cleaning the cottage and ensuring it is well cared for. The committee also does a yard clean up, orders equipment, ensures a telephone and internet connection, brings out additional supplies for the clinic as needed, liaisons between Council and the doctors, and helps to orient and welcome new doctors each year.

Many of you have been called upon to help out with startup of the cottage/clinic and other assorted jobs. We are very grateful

for the continued commitment of the community. Unfortunately, due to COVID, we were unable to open last year.

Remember, our clinic is open to the Vehicle Restricted Area and all surrounding areas. This is a question that is often posed. The other question asked is how the doctors are reimbursed for their services. Each doc bills Manitoba Health directly. The average number of patients seen at the clinic per summer is approximately 400.

This year we have many doctors who are new to VB. Please welcome them when you meet them.

Sincerely your Medical Committee:

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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.

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

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Council Corner

Hello everyone and welcome back to another spectacular summer at our favourite place – Victoria Beach!

While vaccinating and maintaining social distancing are having a positive effect in stopping the spread of COVID-19, we must be mindful of following protocols and travel restrictions. Please check the Provincial website for the latest on COVID at www.gov.mb.ca/covid19.

Thanks to everyone who came out and participated in the Recycle My Electronics event at the parking lot on June 19th. Recycling old electronics keeps them out of our landfills and in many cases gives electronics a second life with other communities and organizations that desperately need computing equipment.

Are you planning on doing some landscaping this summer? The RM strongly recommends the planting of deciduous trees over conifers. The quality of our soil is not the best, and deciduous trees seem to do better. Check out our list of recommended trees and shrubs at <https://victoriabeach.ca/p/local-notice> under 'Recommended FireSmart Trees & Shrubs'.

We hate to have to bring it up again, but PLEASE – only household garbage goes into the green garbage bins. Our Public Works folks spend a lot of time and money having to sort improper garbage when the bins are emptied at the landfill. Non-household garbage must be taken directly to the RM Landfill

located on Hwy 11. If you can't take it yourself, there are many small companies who specialize in this service.

Also, fold down large cardboard boxes before putting them into the recycling – it costs us money to ship recyclables, and unfolded boxes mean we're shipping air!

Our current supply of bear-resistant bins is exhausted and more have been ordered. Email Councillor Bartmanovich at mbartmanovich@victoriabeach.ca to get on the waiting list. In your email, please include your cottage address, mailing address, phone number and number of bins required.

You don't have to purchase a bear-resistant bin from the RM, but starting in May 2022, only bear-resistant bins can be used for curbside pickup. If you think your bin is already bear-resistant, contact Councillor Bartmanovich for an evaluation.

Beach access repairs and upgrades are underway and some have been completed. This summer we're working on the sand ladder at the sand cliffs, the stairs at Clubhouse Beach #2, Redwing and Bayview #3, as well as the stairs at Sandy Bay).

The ramp to the bakery has been upgraded to Accessibility standards, an electric door installed, and upgrades to the handrails are in progress at several locations including the steps to recycling bin at Public Works.

A reminder that building permits are required for all construction, renovation, and demolition projects within the RM. See the RM website at <https://victoriabeach.ca/p/forms-documents-> under Building Permit Applications.

There is still space on the 100th Anniversary structure for commemorative family plaques. Please see details on the RM website at <https://victoriabeach.ca/p/forms-documents-> under '100th Anniversary'.

Finally, Municipal Tax Notices will be appearing soon in a mailbox near you!

That's it for this issue, and we would like to thank the current publishers of the VB Herald for their efforts in keeping the Herald vibrant and informative all these years – a proud tradition!

Until next issue, Have Fun and Stay Safe!

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Meet your 2021 VB Tennis Courts Staff

Meghan Pidskalny

Hi, my name is Meghan Pidskalny and I am very excited to be the Head Tennis Attendant this summer at VB! I have just graduated from Shaftesbury High School and will be attending the University of Manitoba in the fall. My career goal is to become either



a forensic anthropologist or to go into nursing. One thing on my bucket list is to stay the night in an ice hotel in Finland. My absolute favorite item from the bakery are the dream cookies. Although once again, this summer will be challenging with the Covid restrictions, I hope we can all work together to make this tennis season great.

I look forward to seeing you all again this summer!

Amy Edwards

My name is Amy Edwards, and I am headed to Western University next year. After studying Social Science at university, and hopefully attending law school, my career goal is to become a lawyer.



Somebody who I look up to is Zendaya, as she is a strong supporter of the BLM movement and an excellent role model for women. A few things on my bucket list this summer include playing tennis, seeing friends, going to the beach, and eating at the Moonlight. Above all, the thing I look forward to most this summer is eating dream cookies from the bakery.

Can't wait to see you on the courts!

Maclean Fish

Hi, my name is Maclean Fish and this will be my second year working at the courts. I am 17 years old and live in Winnipeg. I currently attend Kelvin High School and am going into grade 12. I play for the high school hockey team, the Kevin Clippers, and I'm also involved



in numerous extracurricular activities. I am very interested in the sciences, and medicine in particular, so I may pursue that during my post-secondary education. I have many people that I look up to. My parents are my two biggest inspirations in everything from the sports I play to my education and studies. Outside of school, I am interested in filmmaking and the arts, and I am involved in several classes and mentorships in that field. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the tennis courts again this year.

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Meet your 2021 VB Tennis Courts Staff

Alexis Bru

Hi, my name is Alexis Bru. I am going into Grade 11 at Vincent Massey Collegiate next year. I'm looking forward to my second year working with the VB club! Last summer I was one of the librarians, and this year I'm excited to



be working at the tennis courts. This summer I'm looking forward to playing tennis, pier jumping, and getting ice cream at the Moonlight Inn.

Jack Filuk-Scott

Hi, my name is Jack Filuk-Scott, and next fall I will be attending the University of Manitoba for my first year of university.



My career goal is to work with an NBA team. In my life, I've always admired

Michael Jordan for how hard he worked for his goals and achievements in his career. Something on my bucket list is to go on a safari in Africa or visit Australia. I'm excited to be working at the tennis courts for a second year this summer!

Chris Derksen

Hey everyone, I'm pumped to be back at the courts for my second summer!

I'm 17 years old and have finished my grade 11 year at Miles Macdonell Collegiate. I have a deep background in tennis and competed at nationals twice.



I also play for my school volleyball

team. I am very interested in languages and the field of law and hope to study both in my post-secondary education. My parents and my grandpa are my biggest inspirations as they guide and help me through all I do. Outside of school I enjoy watching sports and spending time with my friends (not this year unfortunately). I can't wait to see you all back at the courts this year!



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Victoria Beach Tennis Club Information and News 2021

Hello everyone, I would like to welcome back everyone to the VB Tennis Club. First off I want to welcome Gord Bell as my Co-Convenor. I will let Gord introduce himself to you later in this piece. It has been a difficult winter and spring for a lot of our community. I know everyone is itching to have summer programs similar to last year unfortunately the start to our tennis season programs this year will be limited or modified. Our tennis team is looking forward to seeing everyone starting June 28th. I would like to welcome Megan Pidskalny as our Head Tennis Attendant. We are asking players to practice social distancing while they play tennis. These practices include:

- Keeping six feet apart from other players
- Arriving to your game as close to the court time as possible
- Avoiding handshakes
- Avoid any social gatherings before or after your game
- Remember to wash your hands before playing
- Do not share racquets with anyone else

Similar to last year when you arrive at the tennis courts, bikes are not allowed in the centre area. Please use the racks closest to 4th avenue (West side of courts) or the racks outside courts 4-6. Use the gates by the kiosk for entering the courts and when leaving your court please use the other exit gates. For our first week we will be limited to basic tennis play. Below is the current restrictions that are in effect until June 26th:

- Maximum 5 people per court
- Doubles play is acceptable

Gord Bell



Allan Morrish



- Lessons are acceptable with 1 participant and 1 instructor only per court
- Players do not need to be from the same household to play together/ share the same court
- At this time, no organized event such as leagues and tournaments

Similar to last year changes to restrictions are happening quickly so please check at the courts or our social media pages for updates. Our hope is by July 2nd we can have 25% gathering but, for this issue of the Herald our first week we will be following the above guidelines.

Basic tennis rules now:

Player Behaviour: avoid swearing. Don't interrupt games on other courts for any reason. Wait until a point is over to walk past a court or retrieve a ball.

Victoria Beach Tennis Club continued

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Balls on your court: if you are in the process of a rally and a ball rolls into your court and disturbs either you or your opponent, stop playing immediately and call a "let". Replay the point. If you can play on safely, return the ball as soon as the point has been completed. Remember, no one wants to be injured and prevented from playing more tennis.

Good sportsmanship, courtesy and fair play are expected from players at all times

Shoe tags, shirts and non-marking tennis shoes must always be worn

Maximum playing time is 30 min. for singles and 45 min. for doubles

Non-members must pay a daily court fee of \$5.

Full Tennis rules will be posted at the courts during the season.

PLEASE REMEMBER: TENNIS IS ONLY A GAME YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY ARE NOT, RESPECT YOURSELF, RESPECT ONE ANOTHER BE SAFE!!

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE ACTIVITIES AND PROCEDURES AT VB TENNIS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS MANITOBA GUIDELINES CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19.

Now I'll hand it over to my co-convenor for his introduction:

Hi all, my name is Gord Bell and I am honoured to be the co-tennis convenor with my friend Allan Morrish. On August 1, 2008 we purchased property at Victoria Bay Estates (the "Canals") and became one of the few Saskatchewaners to frequent the East Beaches area. During one of my first runs, I stumbled across Victoria Beach Tennis Club and have become hooked on the club ever since. This summer I look forward to working with Allan, Megan, all the court attendants, and the terrific Victoria Beach Community to make the 2021 tennis season as successful and memorable as possible during these challenging times.

Your VB Tennis Club Convenors

Gord Bell, Allan Morrish

2020 55+ Victoria Beach Golf Tournament Sept. 14, 2020



It turned out to be a fairly nice day without any rain for the 41st Victoria Beach 55+ Golf Tournament. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we were limited to 72 golfers, 44 men and 28 women with a morning and afternoon tee time. Congratulations go out to Susan Spence for winning the women's low gross with a score of 47. Susan is no stranger to the trophy having won it 4 times previously.

Congratulations also go out to Andrew Stelmack for winning the men's low gross with a score of 35. This is three-peat for Andrew.

2020 55+ Victoria Beach Golf Tournament continued

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2020 55+ Victoria Beach Golf Tournament continued

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Women's Closest to the Line.	Bev Reske
Men's Closest to the Pin.	Kevin Allen
Women's Closest to the Pin.	-
Putting Contest Winner.	Gary Brethauer
Women's Flight # 1	Men's Flight # 1
(1) Bev Reske	(1) Ted LeBaron
(2) Rita Kupiak	(2) Gerry Whyte
(3) Joan Marshall	(3) Peter Nichols
Women's Flight # 2	Men's Flight # 2
(1) Susan Flanders	(1) Glen Torgerson
(2) Michelle Boudreau	(2) Jay Werner
(3) Linda Kiewer	(3) David Gibson
Women's Flight # 3	Men's Flight #3
(1) Allison Bloomer	(1) Neil Philpot
(2) Sharon Torgerson	(2) Gren Winslow
(3) Lisa Lewis	(3) Dave Jackson
Women's Flight # 4	Men's Flight # 4
(1) Deb Brethauer	(1) Brad Marr
(2) Linda Connelly	(2) Graham Bloomer
(3) Joyce Finnbogason	(3) Tom Akerstream
Women's Flight # 5	Men's Flight # 5
(1) Gail Radke	(1) Ken Cook
(2) Marilyn Clarke	(2) Gary DeBlonde
(3) Kathy McKibbon	(3) Neil Carroll

As always, a huge thank you goes out to Karl Hutchison and staff Edwin, David, Lissa, and Ramona for providing us with assistance and giving us such a great venue.

Your golf committee
Barry and Colleen Shurvell
Brian and Linda Connelly

VB Golf Course Welcomes You Back

Once again, I would like to welcome Members, New Members and green fee Players to another golf sea-son at the V.B. Golf Club. This year we opened on May 1st to hot dry conditions. With the lack of rainfall, the course had a tough time greening up. We are back on track now and things are looking good.

We renovated # 9 tee last year, it's almost ready to go. A new forward tee on number 8 has been added and will be ready sometime this summer. COVID-19 protocol is in effect, they keep changing almost weekly, so please follow the current guidelines when at the club. Come see what's new. The golf course is open and ready for your next game. So, grab your clubs, head on down and enjoy an outdoor activity with family or friends.

Looking forward to seeing you here
Karl Hutchison
Manager

**Big VB Clean July 4th
Volunteers Wanted**

Who remembers the trash can kids? We were paid \$5.00 a week to clean up our assigned lo-cation from the Village Green to the beaches. Who is picking up all the trash now?

We are looking for you to volunteers for removing trash around Victoria Beach

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.

Working together as a community we can make a BIG Difference.

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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 ask-ing 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 re-quired to self-isolate for the 2 weeks.

We're hoping things continue to improve on all counts with this pandemic and we can all enjoy a great summer!

Kevin Ateah

~ Beach People ~

August 16th, 2020 saw yet another VB birthday for Martha Balicki. Dr. Balicki, a pediatric emergency room physician at Winnipeg Children's Hospital, has never missed a summer in 40 years despite being raised in Calgary and BC. She even did a stint as a swimming instructor in her teens. She now makes her home in Manitoba making for even more opportunities to head to the lake. The contagion celebration featured a family roast beef dinner, a Facebook Event page with best wishes from around the world in the form of videos and messages, phone calls, e cards, snail mail and gifts. Proud mum Catherine Fast (with 64 years of continuous attendance here) made a mini-movie documenting the highlights of four decades of Martha's VB summers. Here's to many more summer birthdays.

VB Ladies Golf Tournament 2021

With our fingers crossed, the VB Ladies Golf Tournament committee is planning a mod-ified tournament event for July 28th. At this point we know that this event will include golf in foursomes (provided this is allowed) with 2 separate shotgun tee times at 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM. We also know that this event will have prizes on every hole as well as a few more opportunities to win ensuring we are catering to both the newbie golfers as well as the seasoned players. Watch for further details to come – but at this point – Save the Date for Ladies Golf Tourney at VB!

VB Ladies Tournament Committee – Patti Ulrich, Laura Ateah, Stephanie Schulz, Mela-nie Charbonneau, Ruth Lindsey Armstrong



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