

LONI BEACH PROGRESS

JUNE 2007

Midges, Mosquitoes, Meteorological
Mayhem...

what could be next ?

MEMBERSHIPS !!

Being the final Newsletter of the 2006-2007 season, the focus is now upon LBRA Memberships. Applications were circulated by email last month and you may have spotted your President, Lisa Squair, along with her Mom, Kathy, recently distributing copies around Loni. If you still haven't got the Form, don't miss the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on JULY 14 (SATURDAY: 10 am) at New Horizons.

The AGENDA for the AGM has not been set, but included will be the usual and various reports from your current Executive, including updates on the Playstructure and Sewer. Of course, there will also be the LBRA Executive Elections and it appears a number of positions might be available.... On that note, I (Salin) will be giving up ALL of my Past-President duties, as well as such things as writing this Newsletter, maintaining the Membership list and “chairing” the History Committee.

HISTORY REPORT

As I will also, regrettably, not be able to attend the 2007 AGM, my Report, such as it is, is being presented here.

As most readers will know, I have been grinding on and on about arranging for Loni Beach's history to be preserved in some fashion. Most, if not all, agree that this will be a good thing, some say it is even critical and imperative, a "Simply Must Do" thing, BUT, that is pretty much where it all ends. I had high hopes with that CTV producer of the show, History Bluffs, who did seem very interested in our tale of the "Tennis Corpses", there were the early discussions with Mayor Axelsson (in her New Iceland Heritage Museum Director capacity) about a Loni Beach exhibit, and numerous enquiries were made into funding sources for a written history. All I can say is that,

perhaps with the newly formed Gimli Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee and a fresh face (or two or three) from our Association, Loni's lore will not be lost....let's hope not.

LONI BEACHERS in the NEWS....

Marim Zipursky, who has her smoke & fire, oxide enhanced pottery featured at Gallery Lacosse (169 Lilac Street); Scott Stirton, who, as CEO of Smith Carter Architects and Engineers, managed to get his picture 3 times in the Free Press, all on 1 page; Halla Bertrand, (age 10), who made it as far as the Manitoba Finals in the National CanWest CanSpell Spelling

Bee, (the word “ephemeral” took her down);

Guy Maddin, who was just appointed for a 3 year term as U of Manitoba’s Filmmaker in Residence; and

Gregg Filmon, who took a break from his “real job” and sang lead vocals with “Sound Advice” at Winnstock, a local fundraising event for The Movement Centre.

The LBRA Executive also extends its condolences to the Cobb Family, whose Anna Goodmundson passed away on June 2, 2007.

GREEN AND CLEAN MATTERS

- . Blue Bags NOT Boxes..... Cornerstone Enterprises is ONLY accepting curbside recycling in Blue Bags and all items must be CLEAN! Questions? Call: 642-5028.
- . “SOUL” (Save Our Lake), which is a subcommittee of the Grindstone Cottage Owners Association is offering to assist with creating Loni Beach’s very own “SOUL” Committee. It also has many great ideas for individuals, as opposed to groups, wishing to help the Lake, such as where Phosphate free products can be bought. Call 257-7230 or email saveourlake@mts.net.

- . Manitoba Conservation has all the information you need on managing cottage wastewater (holding tanks are the preferred solution) and to learn more, call 945-2970 or visit www.gov.mb.ca/conservation.
- . There is also a “neat” program through TD Canada Trust, known as The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup....Details were passed onto Councillor Bill Barlow, but it is not clear where this wound up. In any event, Gimli is still “up for grabs” and participation and registration info is at www.vanaqua.org.

CLOSING REMARKS

First, well deserving of a “plug”, being of considerable assistance to me, are two local businessmen: Blair Ellison of L.J. Baron Realty and Carl Johnson of Pebble Beach Construction.

Second, I have to say that writing these Newsletters was, for the most part, fun to do and I truly hope that someone else will volunteer for the “job” and keep the issues going....

And finally, I am attaching what I believe to be a rather timely piece, given our expected infestation, penned by the late Thor Guttormsson, entitled “Ode to a FishFly”* ... * Caution: Adult/Mature Language !!!

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