

PEPP-TALK

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During the next two or three weeks two events which are rapidly becoming important dates on Rossland's summer calendar are due to take place and according to word from Cam Jensen and Tom Jones both events are ready to go.

Jensen is one of the motivating forces behind the production of the annual Slo-Pitch tournament which takes place this weekend. The tourney will open with a "Welcome Visitors" social evening and dance at the arena on Friday evening and active play will commence on Saturday at 8 a.m. with four games, two in Jubilee Park, one in Cook Avenue Park and another at the Centennial Park out in the Black Bear district. The same formula will be repeated again at 10 a.m., more games will be played at 12 noon and 2 p.m. and the pattern will be followed again on Sunday until a winner is declared, most likely with a 4 p.m. game.

Saturday evening a banquet and dance, a fixture quite popular since the annual event was organized, will take place at the High School, according to Kenny Dixon, another of the people who make this tournament go. This is one of the most popular facets of the event, especially for the visiting players and their wives or girl friends.

Sixteen teams will participate in the two-day tourney and the first eight pairings follow: Rossland's Orwell Scrap will play the Fortune team from Kamloops, Big 4 from Vernon will take on Trail's B.C. Tel team,

Rossland's Nuggets will battle the Bib and Tucker outfit from Vernon while Rossland Road Runners will battle an as yet unnamed team from Trail, all this on the 8 a.m. draw.

A team known as the Out-fitters from Enderby will take on the Snoboys from Kamloops, B.C. Rollers will battle last year's winners, the Animals from Calgary, ANAF of Vernon will play the Kamloops Kats and Claude's Radiator of Vernon will play the Rossland Miners, all four games going at 10 a.m.

These are all the first-round games and pairings from then on, sites of games, etc. will be decided by the results of the initial round. This is a rapidly-growing sport and its popularity is understandable as everyone is into the game all the way. The three tournaments in which Rossland teams take part, here and in Kamloops and Vernon, draw exceptionally well as you can play this game as long as you are able to regardless of age. That is one of the reasons for its popularity. The calibre of the play is in some cases outstanding, some of the plays made really bring the fans to their feet.

With weather like we've had over the past couple of days this could be quite a weekend, what with the tournament on Saturday and Sunday and the big Lions' barbecue in Northport on Monday, anyone who doesn't enjoy it should take a hard look at themselves.

Tom Jones, well known in the entertainment field locally and co-ordinator for Rossland's premier summer

attraction, Golden City Days and Fall Fair, chaired a meeting in his business office Tuesday evening at which most of the loose ends in the organization of that event were tied up.

Reports from all committees were mostly favorable and motions to provide the necessary prize money for the various contested phases of the show were made and passed.

In late-developing happenings it was reported that there will indeed be a midway with rides for the kiddies and games of chance for the older folks.

The games of chance, by law, cannot be run by the proprietor of the show, but in Rossland's case, the Rotary club has offered its services to staff these games and the Days committee and the Rotary will be benefitted by a generous percentage of the take. The rides will also turn back a percentage to the organization, from the 14 different rides, which will give the kids lots of variety.

Also, the Steelworkers Local 480 will operate a Bavarian garden in the Curling Rink and will also put on a sports day for the young folk at Jubilee Park at 2:30 p.m. Sunday with prizes for all. The Golden City Grind, a five-mile road race open to all, will be run starting at 9 a.m. instead of the 1:00 p.m. time advertised.

Yes indeed, it looks as though this year in truth, there will be something for everyone, so come on out and enjoy it with us, all you folks who read this column

wherever you are, come along and bring your friends, you won't regret it.

On Tuesday morning 36 retirees turned out on another marvellous day to play the upper course. It was Bingo, Bango, Bongo and low net with Carlo Martin and Gil Besso, both at 34, the low net winners, while in BBB, John Melvin amassed 11 points out of a possible 27. Right behind John were Percy Hamilton and Al Turner with 10 each, Gil Page, Bernie Ferrey, Ron Gardner and, get this, Jack Molyneux, all collecting a ball for their nine-point performances.

It was the first time that 82-year-old Jack has walked the upper course in almost two years and the little guy, known around the Slo-Pitch circuit as "the Eighth Dwarf," was suffering by the time the sixth hole was over but he elected to tough it out and played those last three as though he really meant it.

Our congratulations go out to the Rossland Labatts for their do-or-die effort in Creston on Sunday last. After their magnificent win over a strong Kimberley aggregation in a real cliff-hanger they had to go up against league champion Cranbrook who had had a comparatively easy time knocking off Fernie in the other semi-final match. Their 3-0 loss by no means disgraces them.

And to the youthful Trail Spurs for their win in the Castlegar tourney. Good going, you guys!