

# PEPP-TALK

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In a fitting climax to a wonderful curling season, the Retirees' invitation to the Trail club was a resounding success. Everyone I talked to thoroughly enjoyed the 10-end rotation matches of which four were played in the morning and two in the afternoon. Trail curlers won three of the games, while the successful Rossland rinks were those of George Kent and Russ Broughton with Carl Hansen and Angus Popplewell matched up and the game ending in a tie.

An enormous pot of the tastiest clam chowder was dispensed to all and sundry by the man who was responsible for its creation, George Dyson. Along with buns and cheese slices it went nicely with the coffee or the other liquid refreshments which were available and was responsible for numerous second helpings.

Skips from Trail who had their usual five-man rinks were Tony DeBiasio, Ed Perkins, John Melvin, "Frenchy" D'Amour, Carl Hansen and Otto Gill with Melvin, D'Amour and Gill being the successful Trail rinks. Other Rossland rinks

were skipped by Doug Harrison, Leo Telfer and Phil Bateman.

Points competition and some pickup four-enders were the order of the day at the Retirees' windup prior to a nice chicken dinner and the annual meeting. The club retained Angus Popplewell and George Dyson as president and secretary-treasurer respectively, while Cleve Cowland comes in as first vice-president and Rick Watkinson, Russ Broughton and Harry Pepper make up a three-man executive board.

During the winter I have named the winners of the various competitions, so I won't repeat them here, suffice to say the teams received their awards and supporting trophies, the fun prizes, a brain-child of George Dyson, drew a lot of chuckles from the attending members. We are almost sure to have an increase in our membership when the next season rolls around, from the comments heard at the windup.

The Legion One-day 'spiel Sunday, March 30 was well organized from start to finish.

We started curling with 12 rinks at 8 a.m., six-end games were scheduled and each team played three games, the games were spread through the day with the last ones finishing around 5 p.m., an hour before we repaired to the Legion basement clubrooms for one of the LA's famous beef stew dinners, followed by the presentation of the prizes, both the regular and fun varieties.

Winners of the "A" event were the Jim Bateman rink, with Jim getting top-notch support from two Gils, Besso and Jensen, and Rossland's most avid once-a-year curler, Freddy Thompson. David Davidow's foursome took the "B" competition. David had two of Fruitvale's stalwarts, Doug Haines and Kenny McCullough, helping him out, along with the guy who would have won the best beard contest if there had been one, none other than Mike Kraftchick.

The fun prizes drew a lot of laughs as Sam Keith gave one of his better performances as the MC in charge of that department. Sam does a real good job in this field and some of his explanatory barbs in

announcing the winners? really draw the applause from the guests. These prizes are a One-Day 'Spiel tradition and we would certainly miss them if they were dropped so let's hope that's never contemplated.

We of the Legion have to be so proud of the girls who do such a bang-up job of assisting the men's every effort. Donna, Hedy and Joyce stayed with it from start to finish, up in the lounge, selling tickets; making those delicious sandwiches and then going down to help the girls in the kitchen with the meal. Ladies of the auxiliary, we thank you for your effort and we are indeed proud of you all.

Turning from the contemplation of days gone by to those to come we can look forward now to golf, fun softball and minor soccer, the Labatts' season and, if rumors are correct, we shall be seeing men's fastball in town again, the first for some years.

Some of us have already had a trip to Colville under our belt and will be looking forward to our first try at Birchbank, and of course, when the snow disappears, a crack at the upper course.

In the field of minor soccer, a three-person board has been chosen to work with and for the kids who dig the soccer game. The board is composed of Shirley Postnikoff, John Habicht and myself. I certainly hope that some of the people who have been instrumental in running this sport in recent years will be around to help with advice, etc. I imagine we'll be able to use any we can get.

There will be registration forms in the local schools shortly and registration dates are Thursday, April 10 and Saturday, April 12, 6:30 p.m. to 8 Thursday and 9:30 to noon Saturday. If anyone wishes to bring a completed form and the registration fee to the Recreation office in the arena prior to Thursday or on Friday, they will be accepted, but the deadline is Saturday. So if you wish to play this summer, you have the choice of taking your form to the Rec

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I was otherwise occupied Saturday morning when the Labatts had their get-together but I expect to hear what transpired from John Hughes Jr. in the near future. He was to let me know when the league meetings were scheduled in Nelson, but I guess our communications were not in order. I see they have a scheduled game with Trail, so I imagine the schedule must be drawn up. More on this in the near future.

I heard a rumor that John Stanton was going to try to raise a fastball team in town but I didn't get any details as yet. As I said earlier, this would be in the form of something we hear about from Trail but haven't seen in Rossland for some time.

So, all in all, it looks as though there may be a variety of sports to watch this coming summer, and to participate in, if one feels so inclined. We haven't heard if anyone will try to revive minor ball or anything on women's softball yet, but it's quite a possibility that there may be action soon on either or both.

From a national monthly, on keeping one's health. Eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like and do what you'd druther not.

And nobody wants constructive criticism; it's all we can do to put up with constructive praise.