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Our next hockey entertainment will be on tap this weekend at the arena when the Fun hockey players open their two-day tournament on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. Readers of The Times sports pages will have seen the lineup for the opening round of this competition. You can bet that the games will be loaded with action of the kind you have been looking for with the emphasis on playing, not fighting. The officials will crack down on any chippy stuff, it has no place in fun hockey anyway, so we should see lots of you there.

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defeating the Florence Frew rink from Trail. Elsie Shorthouse and her rink from Trail defeated the Dawson rink from Grand Forks in the 'B' event, and in the 'C' it was Rossland's Gert Sandulescu who was victorious over the Treby foursome from Grand Forks.

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Some of the boys will add some weight before another season rolls around — Robbie Martin and Bob Drake can both use some extra. I was often amazed at the way they

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A Montrose rink skipped by Sharon Ripplinger was the winner of the 'A' competition,

rink from Trail. Elsie Shorthouse and her rink from Trail defeated the Dawson rink from Grand Forks in the 'B' event, and in the 'C' it was Rossland's Gert Sandulescu who was victorious over the Treby foursome from Grand Forks.

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Then there was the termite who walked into a pub and asked, "Where's the bartender?"

Another Edworthy gem!