

# PEPP-TALK

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During the past weekend the curling rink in Rossland was the scene of the most activity of the season thus far. The men's club was host for the Old Glory Bonspiel, starting Friday evening and lasting through Sunday with 29 rinks participating.

When the smoke of battle had died down and they were able to tally up, three Rossland rinks were in the prize list that also included four Trail rinks and single winners from Salmo, Kaslo, Nelson, Castlegar and Grand Forks.

Taking them by events, Bob McIvor of Grand Forks was the winner in "A" with Bill Van Yzerloo of Castlegar second, Jim Albo of Rossland third and Roy Stone of Trail fourth.

In "B" event, Bill Sweet of Nelson came out on top as he edged Ken Fines of the Trail club, Jack Malchow of Rossland and Bill Brown of Salmo were third and fourth respectively.

In "C" it was Gary Beaudry of Kaslo over Bob Stevenson of Rossland and in "D" it was two Trail rinks, namely John Merkley and Al McAulay, who were 1-2 in that event.

Lucky winner of the Saskatchewan mickey was Wayne Ashley. I'm told that Wayne makes a habit of this sort of thing. The luck of some people's kids!

Women's curling clubs are both in action on a regular basis, the Tuesday and Thursday afternoon club with seven rinks and the Monday nighters have nine. On the last three outings of the Ladies' Afternoon club for which I have reports it was Edie Harasin over Helen Ling Tuesday, Nov. 18, with Marg Harrison beating

Dorothy Fines and Fanny Albo over Marg Rosse. Gert Sandulescu had the bye.

Thursday, Nov. 20 it was Ling over Sandulescu, Fines over Harasin and Harrison and Albo playing to a tie. Rosse sat this one out.

Tuesday, Nov. 25 saw Ling beat Rosse, Albo take Sandulescu and Harasin top Harrison while Fines watched from the sidelines.

Three games were played in the Monday club Nov. 24. Donna Price won over Enza Boutry, Irene Dunlop topped Bev Bell, Beryl Davis beat Dolly Riley and Phyllis Woodward and Carol Albo had to cancel because of ice conditions, Arlene Dyson had the bye.

While on the subject of women's curling we have word that one of the grand old girls of the Rossland club has suffered a severe stroke. Everyone who knows her hopes Marg Harrison will have a speedy and complete recovery.

Retirees curling goes steadily along with lots of enthusiasm and some damn good games. So far there have been quite a number of ties, pointing up the kind of competition we get in the club. We are all looking forward to Dec. 18 when we hook up with the women's club for our annual Christmas party.

Last weekend also saw the Lions clubs of B.C. hold their annual Timmy's Telethon which raised close to \$2 million on behalf of the Crippled Children of the province. In this area, the Golden City Lions club and a now-forming Trail club were active on behalf of Jim Roller's Trail Esso which held a car wash and pumped

gas on behalf of the Telethon effort. Imperial Oil matched whatever Jim took in for the car wash and one cent a gallon, or is that litre, or gas sales Saturday and Sunday.

Lions from both clubs were actively engaged washing and polishing cars inside and out both days. Dave Shaw, George Tomich and yours truly represented Rossland Lions while Norm Hinton was probably the busiest Lion in the province as he hustled cars in and out of the bays on behalf of his club which is in the process of rebuilding.

You may remember my remarks re face masks in an earlier issue. I said I thought that masks should be either allowed by all clubs in the league or not allowed at all, talking to KIJHL vice-president Herb Castle, he explained the reason for the use of the masks by the Spokane club.

It seems the U.S. team cannot purchase insurance for their players from the one which handles insurance for the Canadian clubs in the league and it is a condition of their coverage that they wear the masks on a full-time basis.

President Bert LaFreniere of the KIJHL cited the earlier use of the masks by the Nelson, Rossland and Castlegar clubs and the fact that those clubs ceased to use them after a short time. He also feels that some of the Spokane players would like to play without them were it not for the insurance stipulation.

Meanwhile, the Warriors are still looking for their first win since their surprising victory in Kimberley. Since

that time they have fallen before Castlegar twice, Trail twice, Grand Forks and Spokane.

Looking to the future does not hold much promise of a better shake as the other clubs in the league are getting stronger. And though the Warriors are giving it a real try they seem to be falling short, the teams at whose expense they hoped to win, Nelson and Grand Forks, are their next opponents in Rossland. We shall have to see how they fare against them this time 'round; to make playoff country they have to start winning pretty soon.

Tonight's game marks the start of the second half, 20 down and 20 to go. It's a must for Rossland to start putting some points on the board if they are to have a reasonably good season.

How about that snow! I'll bet old Fred up at the ski hill is rubbing his hands in glee, meanwhile, we average citizens have to dig ourselves out every morning. As I look out my window, the neighbor's porch shows a good 18 inches and still falling. After pretty close to three days steady and the forecast of more on the way, one begins to wonder, are we in for a record year like the ones we read about in past years.

Oh well! Keep your chin up and keep shovelling folks, maybe it will quit tomorrow or the day after.

The Uplander is open, they made the deadline of Dec. 1. It's a nice place, the thing that seems to impress most people, from what I've heard are the prices. What else is new?