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From the curling world comes news that shift curling is coming into its own in Trail. It used to be quite a thing in Rossland a few years back. Sitting with Eric Granstrom at the game last night, he was really up on the way it is making a comeback.

Eric is president of the club and Elmer Pontius from the lead refinery is secretary. Eric tells me they play Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. and are attracting quite a number of steady day shift guys as well as shifters, guys who would

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I won't say anything about Bill Thompson's on-camera act, it was all said up in the lounge last night, some of it he wouldn't want me to repeat, anyhow.