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# PEPP-TALK

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The annual opener at the Upper Course this year will take the form of a fun mixer according to Al Lepage who will be in charge of the 1981 event. The time will be 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 10 and anyone who can swing a golf club will be welcome.

There will be a smorgasbord supper at the club house after your round at the very nominal price of \$15 a couple. It looks like an effort to really make the people of the district realize that the facilities at the upper course are equal to any in the area and as such are worthy of the attention of all golf enthusiasts.

So, there you have it, folks, come on out to Rossland Sunday, play one of the finest nine-hole courses anywhere and meet the folks who will be your hosts for the coming summer.

Ken Fines will be taking care of your golfing needs and Dorothy Fines will head the staff who will take care of our gastronomical requirements.

While on the subject of golf, I was thinking today, I wonder when the retirees are going to have their day on the upper course. I see the program is in full sawing at Birchbank so I think it's time we older folks got busy organizing a day for ourselves up this way. Whatta ya say, fellers!

Turning to soccer, I have been handed a schedule for Rossland Minor Soccer "Season Opener." This event, which is an annual warmup for all Rossland teams entered in the local leagues, was started a year

ago and was quite a success.

This year games will start at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 10 with a Pee Wee One game between Tom Johnston's Pirates and Merv Olson's Raiders. Games will begin on the hour and finish five minutes before the hour with a five-minute half-time break.

At 10 a.m. it will be the Royals coached by Maurice MacArthur going against Chris McIver's Rovers in a Pee Wee Two game and at 11 the Pirates will take on the Eagles coached by Jim Johnston in a Pee Wee One matchup.

The newly-formed all-girl team will perform at noon. They are coached by Libby Martin. At 1 p.m. it will be back to Pee Wee One and the Raiders versus Eagles and at two the Mosquitoes will be in the spotlight with a game between Barb Penner's Canadians and Roy Grant's Lions.

At 3 p.m. Pee Wee Two's teams, the Rovers and Royals, will play a return engagement and the festivities will wind up with the City, Bantam reps, coached by John Habicht, taking on a team made up of Juveniles, coaches, etc.

Hot dogs and pop will be available throughout the day and if the weather permits it should be a big day for Rossland soccer bugs.

Swinging over to lacrosse, I see where a league has been formed consisting of three teams. Rosters have been filled, some 30-odd players divided up amongst the three teams which will carry the names of Redmen,

Orwell Hotel and Team Three.

A schedule has been drawn and consists of some 15 games to be played Mondays and Wednesdays in the Rossland arena during May and June. The schedule called for a May 4 opener but I didn't get any information on whether it materialized or not.

I hope to get up to see some of the games in the future as it's a great game and I'm glad to see that enough people are interested in playing. Hope it goes well.

Rossland's Commercial League Softball team, the Uplander Hotel, opened their season Wednesday of last week with a winning effort. They defeated the Waneta Plaza team by a 4-3 score in regulation innings.

Coach John Stanton got his team off on the right foot with a long home-run ball and Lloyd Henderson pitched a good game. For a first game it was relatively error-free. I think we can look for the Hotelmen to give us some pretty good entertainment during the coming season.

All home games will be played at Centennial Park out at Black Bear. Take a run out Wednesday evenings and see some of them, you could wind up being a regular customer!

The Golden City Lions Club will once again hold its annual Old Glory Night; this year it will take place at the High School Friday, May 29 starting at 8 p.m.

There will be games of chance, raffles, the popular

baked bean supper and a dance. A refreshment bar will be in full swing all evening, tickets are \$3 each and you must purchase them beforehand as there will be no door sales. All members of the club have tickets available and there are some extra outlets.

Tickets for the Gold Nugget Draw are also available from members at the cost of \$2 each and a planned street sale is expected to be held on a couple of weekends between now and the big night. This draw is a prominent feature of Old Glory Night and has been very successful in past years. The nugget is a really valuable prize in these days of booming gold prices.

Looks like we are going to see an all-American Stanley Cup final. The Islanders are in and Calgary Flames have to do something drastic to stop the rollicking North Stars from forming the

opposition.

I mentioned a miracle in the previous column, however I now believe they must play a real solid game to get back in contention, something they have not done so far in the games I've watched.

In closing I would like to congratulate Jim Markle on his election to the presidency of the KIJHL. Jim will give it his all as he has done for the Rossland team. He replaces Bert LaFreniere, a gent who has done a terrific job, and certainly helped add to the league's stature during his three years at the helm. We can look for Jim to continue along this line.

Despite all the arguments pro and con the eventual entry of Beaver Valley was something that was bound to come sooner or later. Now it will be up to the other competing teams to work that much harder to assure their own efforts bear fruit.