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PEPP-JALK

with
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Since it looks like summer is finally here maybe we should start thinking about laying around in the sun and acquiring that which people go to great lengths to get — a tan. So far we've had very few opportunities to get even a semblance of one, unless we watched real close and ducked out between the raindrops.

Anyway, last Sunday down at the Upper Course they put on a Father's Day special and courtesy of Dorothy

Fines I have a report on what went on. They really had a ball, in fact they gave away quite a number of them, longest drive, shortest drive, most putts, least putts, high score, low score.

Some of the outstanding stars of the affair, Tommy Clark and Adrienne Leaman had the snake on No. 9. Only golf bugs will know what this means so we'll leave it up to you. Edith McCaig who paired with Sammy Manson, one-putted every hole.

Grant Gariepy was unlucky to be paired with Toby Edworthy, when his ball went into the bush Toby stepped on it. Sammy Manson probably got off the shortest drive of the day with a blast that travelled almost six feet and Ken Miles got one of those umbrella hats because his playing partner knocked his off. If you know Kenny, you know what that would reveal.

Joe Beauchamp and Joan Gariepy had a 10 on number 6, low scores were posted by Jimmy Feeney, Carl Osing, Al McAulay and Pat Beauchamp while Norma Dominici, Toby Edworthy, Doug Cavill and Marge Skelebec were the high scorers, Mike Schulz won a ball for his fearless leadership.

Boobie prizes were handed out too and Adrienne Leaman got one, just because she was a consistent winner.

On Tuesday, Archie McCannel and Bill Chartres masterminded a field of 37 retirees at the upper course. Joe Rosse and Clyde Nylan led the way in low net scores. Joe had a 32 and Clyde, 34, George Harkness and Gordie McLaren had 36's and were lucky in the draw as Gil Page, Gordie Bell and Sam Martin also had the same score.

Bill Besso and Phil Bateman had the least putts. Gil with 12, Phil with 13, next week it will be hidden hole, low net and honeypot, and as an added attraction we shall honor the most honest golfer.

Minor soccer is finished for the first half of the season and Rossland's bantam team wound up their first half with a flourish. Coach John Habicht was away in Vernon playing slo-pitch and Jack McDonald looked after the boys. He had eight players to field against the West Trail opposition but the boys came up with a stellar performance blanking the Bantam Cup winners 1-0.

Next on the list of sporting activities in Rossland will be this weekend's Slo-Pitch tourney. This immensely popular annual event will see four teams from the local league playing host to teams from Trail, Vernon, Kamloops, Calgary, Elkford and Salmon Arm. Sixteen teams will line up for the games which will be played over the weekend.

BEER AND ART

I got a call from Larry Whyte of the Steelworkers Union regarding the Golden City days celebration in Rossland. Something about an art show taking over the Curling Rink in place of the Bavarian Garden. The union has operated this in previous years.

With all due respect to the art show, (I really enjoyed the exhibit last fall), I can't really see why it should replace an institution like the beer garden. Why they can't go hand in hand is a puzzler to me. Everyone likes good art, which we saw an abundance of last year, it would have to be proven to me and a whole lot of my friends why it should displace a well-run beverage

garden.

I have a couple of columns donated to me by Cleve Cowland by a Regina sports columnist Bob Hughes. He writes on two topics which interest all hockey fans and followers of the NHL. They deal with violence in that league and the drafting of young hockey players.

Hughes holds a low opinion of the NHL's governing body. He feels the sole object of their being is to make millions regardless of what it costs the image of hockey. The NHL is, and will continue to, deteriorate at an alarming rate with the rough tactics of the so-called goon squads in the game. The powers that be are not giving this sort of thing the attention that is called for in such cases.

The calling up of young players also draws Hughes' ire, it starts with Wayne Gretzky, two years in the NHL and still with a year of junior eligibility to go, now the money-hungry moguls of hockey are dipping ever deeper. Soon they will be drafting the wee ones from the Pee Wee ranks. Those powers are beginning to realize the worn out image of their product needs new blood and they are willing to go to any lengths to get it.

The upcoming young brigade of super junior stars is just too much for them to resist, the people who are running the NHL today are thinking only in terms of money. They don't think of the hardships they are causing to the people who make junior hockey a viable product.

After all, there is nothing finer to watch anywhere than a bunch of young athletes playing for the love of the game at which they excell.