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PEPP-TALK

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One item in the report on the Senior Golf Tournament played at Birchbank on the weekend caught my eye. It concerned the winner of the

low net in the over-70 age group. Seems our old friend Jim Flynn of Grand Forks, who must be the granddaddy of golfers in this part of the

world, can still hit the ball straight and true. He came in with a 131, fifteen strokes less than his nearest rival in that category.

I was in a foursome with him three or four years back. He was over 90 then and although he needed the cart to go eighteen holes, when he got down off it to shoot he made some of us look pretty bad. Keep it up, Jim, hope those putts keep dropping for you!

We were lucky on Tuesday, all of 30 golfers at Retirees' Day at the upper course completed their rounds before we got a terrific 45-minute downpour. The original format had been low net, low gross, longest putt on No. 9 and closest to the pin on No. 5, but we had to vary that when the guys forgot to put their handicaps on their cards. I guess no one got one on the green on No. 5, so instead of low net we gave a ball for the most honest golfer, Bernie Ferrey. Instead of No. 5 we picked a hidden hole, it turned out to be No. 7 and Sam Maber won a ball on that.

Low gross went to Gord McLaren with a 42 and I was lucky enough to sink a 20-footer on No. 9 to take that part of the competition.

Our foursome was accompanied around the course by Cleve Cowland's young granddaughter, Tammy, she kept up a running commentary on everyone's shots throughout and must have given us all a

lift as our scores were the best most of us have had for some time.

Next week we would like some of the guys to come up with some ideas about what they want to play, something different is always welcome, you know.

Still on golf, from Dorothy Fines we have a report on what happened to some of the ladies while their spouses were engaged in the Birchbank tourney. Would you believe they too played golf, a spur of the moment tourney was put together at the upper course on Saturday and according to Dorothy, they had fun.

Out-of-town winners were, in low gross, Ann Davies of Kimberley, followed closely by Lil Stanwood of Fernie, low net went to Helen Ordway of Kimberley with Fern Talarico of Clarkston, Wash. and Irene Noddings of Kaslo tied in the runner-up spot. Least putts competition was won by Willie Meeker of Sequim, Wash., and next came Mary Gardner of Lewiston, Idaho.

The local girls in the prize list were Kay DiPasquale for low gross, Dorothy Fines and Jane Tyson tied for low net, Marg Williamson had the least putts and Annabelle Anderson was judged the most honest.

Also on the weekend the Rossland Play-for-Fun league held their playoffs and in this one the Super-Scrap won out over the Rossland Motel team. The next action for these two teams and possibly some others, will be when they journey to Kamloops on Aug. 1 to play in the final slo-potch tourney of the year.

While on the subject of

softball, it would sure be nice to see a move being made to have some seating accommodation made for the use of fans at Centennial Park. The overall surroundings at the park lend themselves to a pretty easy solution to this problem, the high sloping bank behind home plate which extends all the way to third base and part way to first, forms a natural amphitheatre background on which seating for 2-300 could be made easily available. The park was originally built by volunteer labor. I'm sure the fellows who display all that vigor on the playing field would gladly lend some of it to a project of this type.

With the Lions Trailer Park in close proximity of the ball park and the possibility of a man-made lake in the area, the whole project could turn out to be a real boon to the people of our city as well as our travelling cousins.

Incidentally the Lions Club of Rossland is now having their park continually policed, with two people on the payroll to take care of collections from users of the facility and see that the washrooms are kept clear and the grass mowed around the site.