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# PEPP-ALK

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Without the benefit of statistical information on the subject, I would say that Mick is probably right. However, if he isn't it's still fantastic a town of Trail's size to be able to field a team year after year able to beat the best the rest of the country has to offer.

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ways, the reason behind the team's showing is the way in which they are handled, not only on the field but off it too. Manager Andy Bilesky has made the job his life's work and this dedication shows by the way the kids play for him.

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This week's action at the upper course in Retiree's golf was handled by those two sultans of swat from Trail, Archie McCannell and Bill Chartres. They devised a scheme that, while it isn't exactly novel, was still new to the retirees. Players were divided into groups with regard to their handicap and the results showed that some of the boys could stand a little questioning about their figures, handicap figures, that is.

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Phil Bateman and yours truly will be looking after next week's festivities and we shall be looking forward to increased numbers over the 37 we had this past week, especially if this good weather holds.

While on the subject of golf, Glen Harper has passed along word that the annual tournament known as the Pucksters will be going under a different name and format this year. It is scheduled for Sept. 12 and when I catch up to Glen I'll pass along more on the subject.

Still on golf, the annual Legion East-West golf tourney will take place in Creston Sept. 19, so come on out all you Legion golf addicts and enjoy a day on the Creston course.

Here's some news this week on the Warriors 1981-82 edition. The organization has been at work on the program, which has borne more fruit in the form of considerable advertising. Hopes for an improved season over last year are expressed by Doug Buhr and Doug Hinton who is replacing new KIJHL president Jim Markle as manager of the team.

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the organization seems to be alive and well and raring to go.

If it isn't pushing the season a little too much, Bill Chartres passed along some information on Legion curling. He proposes each branch hold its own playoffs and the senior and junior winners go on to a final to be held this year in Rossland. This has found some favor with the curling masterminds and will be voted on before the season gets under way.

To satisfy those who like the old method, a zone one or two day 'spiel will be held along the same lines as our one day 'spiels are at branch level. It could be a really fun deal.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the Trail Spurs soccer team for their excellent showing in the playoffs against the two East Kootenay powerhouses. That they were edged out in the final by Kimberley is certainly no disgrace.

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This season will see the return of Lloyd McLellan to the coaching lines. He has decided to come back to help handle the club, a move which certainly can't hurt the club, that's for sure.

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In closing, I will have an update on Golden City Days ready in next week's column.

See you then!

Ed. Note: Actually, Monterey, Mexico has made the most visits to Williamsport — 10.