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# PEPP-TALK

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On Saturday six members of the Rossland branch of the Canadian Legion pointed themselves towards the Creston golf course and despite threatening skies and some fairly high winds, had an enjoyable days outing.

The occasion was the Legion East-West Kootenay annual tournament, an event which is played in that community every year. This year there were 20 four-somes.

Our group, headed by Phil Bateman, included Rick McGonigal, Jon Holm and yours truly while Tommy Clark and Bill Vickers came along on a golfing holiday. Phil had a so-so first nine but came in with a 43 on the second and brought home a prize as the winner of one flight.

Talking about the wind factor, Rick had puttied a good four inches past the cup on number eight in the first round when an errant gust caught his ball and

pushed it right back in the cup.

After our rounds were completed we sat around the clubhouse and were treated to some excellent musical entertainment by two Creston members playing a lot of nostalgic tunes. Our Fruitvale entertainer extraordinaire, Kenny McCulloch, sang some of his, and our favourites.

Still on golf, we had a little communication problem with our Retiree get together at the upper course this week. Some of us didn't realize the ladies' had used their day at the Birchbank course to invite the retirees to play in a mixed round.

At the upper course, consequently, quite a number of the regulars were missing, however, eight hardy souls braved the chilly, damp conditions to play nine. Wet feet were the order of the day and hot rum was a lot better than cold beer when we finished. Next week we shall have our day,

weather permitting, and the following day, Sept. 30, the course will still be playable but the clubhouse and its amenities will be closed for another year. We can only say we have enjoyed the past summer.

By this time, most of the local hockey teams have completed their dry-land training and have taken to the ice. The newest entry, Beaver Valley Nite Hawks, have had their baptism already and the Rossland Warriors will swing into action Saturday when they travel to Creston for an exhibition game. The Clippers will return the favor Tuesday evening.

News from the Rossland camp tells us six boys were invited from the Penticton-Summerland area. All returned home for the weekend and two were expected to have a chance to make the team. One recruit from Kitimat is in town and is expected to try out on defence.

Meanwhile, news has come that Bart Camarratta, last year's rokie from Bay City, Mi., will not return. He met with an accident which will keep him from playing for some time. Ron Lauriente, the Castlegar boy who played some last season is back for another try and the rest of the team are native Rosslanders.

Workouts have apparently shown some weakness on defence but the forward units are working well. The upcoming exhibitions should give the coaches some idea of what is in store for them.

Season tickets are on sale, starting date for regular league play is Oct. 2 and this season five lucky program draws will be made at each home game. There will be 21 home games plus playoffs this season, the winners of the program draws will all get a chance for a trip to a Canuck game.

On our trip to Creston we bumped into a number of old

friends, Ed Loutit who used to live around Rossland was in the foursome behind ours. Another prominent figure, from the Sparwood contingent was Mac McDonald who I knew pretty well in our years at Cominco.

Another meeting of an old acquaintance came Tuesday afternoon when Bud Fox came into the branch clubroom. Bud and I coached minor league ball during the years when I first came to Rossland and he is now a firefighter in Victoria.

A get-together of another kind is slated for this Saturday evening when we will help Steve Bowen celebrate an anniversary. Steve is one of the most active of the old-timers around our town and one you can really spend an hour or so with any time and be royally entertained. Steve has his own repertoire of Newfoundland stories to tell and a way of telling them that really can keep one in stitches.