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Over the past weekend Branch No. 14 of the Legion in Rossland sent three members to a fall meeting, plus a member of the LA, to the Kaslo branch. I was one of those going along and was assigned to the zone sports committee. Toby Edworthy was on the services committee, Carl Osing on the way and means and Jean Ritchie was the LA rep.

I always like going to Kaslo, the drive there and back, whichever route you take takes you through some of the most beautiful scenery in this part of the world, while the town itself, with its tremendous lake frontage and some rustic buildings of considerable charm, make it a very pleasant weekend stopover.

On the sports agenda, the committee was chaired by Harry Bate of Castlegar. The subject of Legion curling was foremost in our discussions and while some decisions were arrived at,

quite a number of points were left up in the air.

Part of the reason for the air of confusion at the convention sports meeting was there were only one or two members thoroughly knowledgeable in the mechanics of operating a Legion bonspiel.

Rossland will host this year's 'spiel and it was decided to make it a weekend of curling in the Golden City. Each branch will hold its own playoff 'spiel to decide a senior and junior winner, then these winners will converge on Rossland to decide zone champions in each category to go on to the provincial playdowns. The proposed weekend would start on Friday evening with the play-off to conclude Saturday. From there it will be fun curling for all comers through Sunday, the usual Saturday night banquet and dance will be held as usual.

The aspect of the costs for this 'spiel and the follow-up

subsidizing of the winners' expenses to the provincial events, was a little much to contemplate but several formulas to handle it are being looked into and hopefully the problem will be solved to one and all's satisfaction.

Dates for this event have yet to be determined and as soon as they are they will be made public.

Still on curling, Rossland Retirees met Tuesday afternoon and we got the news that rates will be up, this was more or less expected and our dues were set to take care of the raise.

A proposed date to start our schedule and a couple of open house dates were brought up and answers to these questions will be sought from the recreation director.

The Warriors must have done a pretty good job on the weekend as they played two games against two of the league's better clubs and

came away with a split of the points. After a loss in Castlegar on Friday they came back home to face a previously unbeaten Cranbrook team and beat them 11-9 in one of the highest scoring games in the league this season.

I didn't get to see either game as I was out of town but I know one thing for sure, their task this weekend is not going to be an easy one, for tonight they host the high-flying Junior Smokies, who also split last weekend, in the East Kootenay, then on Sunday it will be the wealthiest club in the history of the KIJHL, coming in for an afternoon encounter. The Kimberley Knights recently had a real windfall as they collected over 100 grand on a lottery ticket. So far the Warriors are four and four with three home victories and one away, their away losses coming in Beaver Valley, Trail, Nelson and Castlegar.

Meanwhile, on the National Hockey League and

CFL fronts our provincial representatives from the coast continue to flounder. After really auspicious starts both the Lions and Canucks are showing cracks in their armor, the Canucks have a long way to go, but if B.C. Lions are going to make the playoffs they better pray that Saskatchewan and Winnipeg falter pretty badly or they themselves are able to correct some of their biggest faults.

Right now, Toronto or Montreal with four points could make the East playoffs while B.C. would pass with 16 points in the West.

At this point it seems that the system which lets three teams from each division into the playoffs is a little lopsided. The West has dominated every one in the East except the Hamilton Ticats and it looks like the Eskimos are headed for another Grey Cup. On paper it looks like a real battle if these two clubs meet in the final.