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# PEPP-TALK

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Sunday, Jan. 17 is going to be a great day for handicapped kids from all around the Kootenays. That is the day the co-sponsors of the Annual Snowarama, Rossland and Castlegar Lions clubs assisted by local snowmobilers, entertain the youngsters with rides through the mountains of the area on their snow-going chargers. The kids are really treated royally on this red-letter day on their calendar.

On Jan. 16 a dance will be held in the high school in Rossland with all the proceeds going to the crippled children.

The two clubs have shared the responsibility of running the events since its inception, taking charge in turn as the machinery which runs it swings into gear about a couple of months previous to the 100-mile snowarama Race which will

be Jan. 31 this time around.

While the Lions do a lot of the organizing, enough credit should be reserved for the local Snowmobile Association who really work hard to make this effort on behalf of the crippled kids, a smash hit.

Sonny Samuelson is the snowmobilers representative on this year's team, a veteran operator, he has a world of experience to offer. Corporal Del Ferrel of the Rossland RCMP will assist new Lion chairman, Gary Drake, in the details of organizing this year's run and with the help of the Castlegar Lions and, I understand, several other Lion clubs in the district, they will endeavor to make this year's Snowarama the biggest and best ever.

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have shown a little more stuff in recent road games. Of their last three, two in Castlegar and one out in Beaver Valley, they have two wins and a very hard-fought loss to the Nite Hawks in overtime. Their 0-3 record against Beaver Valley shows the new boys in the league definitely came to play.

Marty Lizotte continues to play a strong game for Rossland. He got three assists on Tuesday in the 4-3 win over the Rebels. The return of Robbie Martin to the club after his injury in the East Kootenay two weeks ago, will certainly be appreciated by Rossland's faithful few. Martin is always in the thick of things when on the ice.

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a pass-out and lots of times there were two men tied up in the corners on powerplays. The team must be doing something different away from home, as their record attests.

Rossland's next game is Saturday when they travel to Cranbrook to battle the division-leading Colts whom they beat in a high-scoring game in Rossland in the early part of the season. Their next home game is against those pesky Nite Hawks.

On Sunday last, the Legion held its annual Grey Cup breakfast at the branch's lower hall, the event was well attended and for a while our Eastern contingent had themselves a ball. But, as expected, the West finally found themselves and came through big in the late going in a game which featured a lot of rugged tackles and a pretty big percentage of turnovers.

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in Rossland early in 1982. A meeting will be called within the branch to decide a suitable date and then plans can be put in place.

Most people we have talked to in regard to our proposal to return to the old format in Legion Zone curling have been in agreement with the idea, it will be interesting to see the response we get when the invitations go out. If this year's 'spiel is a success, then a permanent return to the formula could well follow.

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The Retirees are rolling merrily along. After five games in the 10-team league the veteran Jack Mitchell rink is atop the heap. Jack has Leo Telfer playing third, Gordon Halladay second and Jack Hook playing lead. The rink has a record of four wins and a tie in five outings and nine points in the first competition.

Angus Popplewell holds down second spot with eight points, Arnold Vanness follows with seven, Phil Bateman and Dick Cotton are next with five each, Russ Broughton, George Dyson and Norm Harry have four points each and Rich Watkinson has three.

Regarding Legion curling, as soon as a date is determined, invitations will be sent out to all branches in the zone to participate in the annual zone 'spiel to be held