

# PEPP-TALK

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Tuesday the annual Christmas party for the Retirees Club and the Ladies was held in the Curling Club lounge. This is one party that not too many of the men miss, yesterday it was the same as usual with practically every member present, the ladies club is not quite so strong this year but one thing you can be sure of, there is always lots to eat and drink and it is there in great variety.

After the usual welcoming speeches by Dorothy Fines on behalf of the ladies and Cleve Cowland for the men, we sat down to a really grand meal of cold cuts, and lots of spicy dishes. A door prize draw was made and Ollie Schulz was the winner.

After filling up at the tables there was fun curling for some, others sat back and watched and like curlers the world over, criticized those out on the ice and explained what they would have done in dozens of like situations.

It was a great way to wind up the first part of the season. We'll all sit around now until the holidays are over before we go at it in earnest again. That's not exactly right either, we of the retirees have games Thursday to cap off our opening half but the ladies are all finished.

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always make the headlines, like Doug, Chris, Barb and Marilyn and all of you who make it go, to Jack, Kenny, Raymond, Arnie who help keep it going, my best wishes for the holidays and the New Year.

To the Sno-goers and related organizations, may

you too have a good holiday, it seems any wishes you may have had of good snow conditions have pretty well been answered so to you all a really successful season and keep up your good work on behalf of the not-so-fortunate kids in co-operation with the local Lions Clubs.

To the newly-elected officers of the Legion, may you have a good term of office before you and may good fortune follow throughout the coming year.

And to anyone I may have missed in this Christmas wish, don't feel bad, I've been known to forget things

before, but at this time of the year I find it hard to feel badly towards anyone.

So, to finish up this week I'll say, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," to all who may turn to this particular spot in The Times for a few moments of relaxation.

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Seeing that its getting to be the last week before the Christmas holiday, this should be a suitable time for me to express my best wishes to some of my good friends around the country and thus save the expense of sending cards all over, so here goes.

To the Rossland Warriors, I send the wish they will find something to help them win those games that they need so badly if they are to get into the playoffs in the New Year.

To all the teams in the West Division I send the wish for continued success on the ice and improvement at the gate, they have provided us with some first-class entertainment during the past two months and they deserve the best we can wish for them. And to the league as a whole, from President Jim Markle to the lowliest stick-boy, thanks for a job well done and may all your hopes for the future be granted to the fullest extent.

To Roy Casler and his merry men of the Senior Smokies, the people on the board who are working so hard at trying to make the club another success story in these days of flagging interest, may your dreams for another Allan Cup be given a big boost in the New Year.

To all those coaches who rejoice when their teams are winning and have nightmares when they don't, Doug Buhr, Lloyd McLellan, Dave Limacher and Tom Gawryletz and others whom I don't know as well, may your lot become more bearable as the season rolls along.

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To all the minor hockey coaches around the country, thank you, gentlemen and ladies too, for the tremendous job you are doing with the young ones.

To all those people who are setting things in motion so the Winter Games may prove a big success in March, for all the work you are doing a big vote to thanks and may you be able to sit back and glow when its all over.

To all my fellow members of the various Retirees Clubs all around the country, both curling and golfing from Nelson to Castlegar, Grand Forks to Salmo, Fruitvale, Trail, Christina Lake and back here at home; may you all have a wonderful holiday and prosper in the New Year. May I pass along the wish our Rossland president passed on to us in his welcoming speech Tuesday, "may we all meet again in the same places next year."

To the people of the Rossland Recreation who oversee the operation of various facilities for fun and games in our town, not the least of which is the day-to-day operation of the arena, so to Jack, Babs, Desi, John, Nancy and all of you, may you have a great Christmas and a real good New Year.

And to the people behind the scenes with the Warrior organization who don't