

# PEPP-ALK

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The annual KIJHL all-star game will be held in Creston Arena on Jan. 2. Along with the game there will be the usual banquet and dance. As far as I'm concerned there has never been a bad all-star game since the practice was started and they seem to get better every year. If you are in a position to go to Creston this year, I'm sure you'll see another good one.

Twenty players from each division make up the two teams, there are five each from Trail and Cranbrook, four each from Columbia Valley, Nelson, Kimberley and Castlegar, three each from Spokane and Rossland and two apiece from Elk Valley, Beaver Valley, Creston and Grand Forks. Opposing coaches will be Colin Patterson of Cranbrook and Dave Limacher of Trail, Roger Handley will be Dave's assistant.

There will be medallions for each player named to the team and six from each team will get a trophy. The game has been built into some kind of a showcase over the years and this promises to be no exception.

A few weeks ago Cleve Cowland, who came originally from Yorkton, Sask., handed me a clipping from the Yorkton newspaper with a story regarding rule changes initiated by the local league in that area to guard against pre-game brawling. It is a practice which we have not been bothered with in the KIJHL so far, but as competition gets tougher, it is a possibility and looking at the fines, suspensions, etc. which the Saskatchewan league is going to start levying for occurrences of this kind, it might form a pattern for the young leagues in this province.

The league in Saskatchewan I'm referring to is the Tier Two SAJHL.

Effective immediately, teams must respect a 10-foot "buffer zone" at either side

of the red line, from which players must stay out, 25 pucks will be supplied for the visitors by the host team and if a puck goes into the opposing zone during warm up, it will stay there, all pucks will be picked up by the host team stick boy before the start of play.

Add to this a \$1,000 fine for any infraction plus suspensions, to coaches and/or players and maybe they have devised an effective deterrent.

Carol Albo of the Business Ladies' Curling Club called the other day to tell me the Rossland club has ceased operations for the holiday season and will resume play Jan. 11.

The club wound up its first competition with a party and the following were the top rinks in that competition. Vi Krest skipped her rink to the championship followed by the Jackie Wiltshire foursome, Vi had Lil Watkinson as her third, Flo Valentine, second and Norma Dominici in the lead spot, while Jackie's third was Carol Albo, Nellie Moll was second and Judy Schwartzenhauer lead.

While on the subject of curling I got a report on the Mixed Club in Rossland from Eileen McDonald. The club has just started with a brand new format this winter. All games in the club are 'fun' games. There is little competition. The reason is there is lots of new blood trying out. Sure, there is competition of one skip against another, but they get no points or prizes. They tell me any game featuring Arnie Sherwood and Jim Markle resembles the Hatfield-McCoy feud since there is no love lost on either side.

The club is in recess right now and will start up again on Jan. 6 with games between Jim Bateman and Jackson, Phil Bateman and

Angus Popplewell, Rick McGonigal vs. Jim Schuck and Sherwood vs. Markle. One rink has a bye each time. The club also indulges in some scratch curling on Sunday afternoons but this is not organized as yet. It seems everyone enjoys what they are doing and that's what it's all about, isn't it?

They wound up their first half with an Xmas party and turkey shoot, some big, beautiful birds were won by Mary Bruce, Phil Bateman and Jim Schuck.

News has come down the George Beaudry rink was elected to represent the West Kootenay Zone in the provincial playoffs for Legion curlers this year. The zone decided not to assist financially in the playoff picture this year and the rink goes to the playoffs on their own initiative and the good offices of the zone. The zone 'spiel' which will be held in Rossland this year will be strictly for fun and prizes and will take place March 26-28.

Back to hockey for a moment. This Sunday, the annual game between the 81-82 Warriors and a team of players from past Warrior teams will be played at 7 p.m. In the Rossland Recreation report last Friday, it stated Saturday, Dec. 27 but Sunday is the 27 and that's the date I was given previously by management.

There is a rumor going round that the game in Rossland against the Hudson's Bay Saints has been negated for some reason, but I see Beaver Valley still has it scheduled according to Monday's paper.

A prof asked his secretary to be sure he caught an important meeting on June 20. "But that was the day before yesterday," she said.

"Bother!" he exclaimed. "Then I missed it."

"Oh, no," she replied. "You went."