

PEPP-TALK

with
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Sometimes you run into one of those weeks when you have so many subjects to comment on you don't know which to do first. So you take the bull by the horns and just do whatever comes into your head.

Rossland Ladies' Curling Club held its annual Winter Wonderland bonspiel last weekend. Twenty-four rinks were entered. They came from Trail, Nelson, Beaver Valley and Castlegar to complement the entries from the host club, and a very successful event was completed.

Rossland rinks had one

representative in the prize list, which I suppose one could call, "playing the gracious host." Anyway, the competition was excellent and everyone had a good time. That's what makes a bonspiel.

In the winners circle, after all the results were in, were the April Hall rink from Trail who beat out teammate Joan Allen for the "A" event. April had Gail Schmidt, Marlene Ink and Colleen Sander on her rink while Joan was helped by Kay Buna, Lil Casey and Enid Hood.

In the "B" event it was

Sharon Young of Trail over Sharon Ripplinger of Montrose. Filling out the Young rink were Mary Karliner, Kathy Faulkner and Gail Rebelato. With Ripplinger were Lois DeBruyn, Penny Laughton and Anna McLean.

"C" saw Bev Fletcher of Trail triumph over Dorothy Albo of Rossland. Bev's rink had Lorean Fletcher at third, Betty Tang second and Dorothy Merkley lead while Dorothy had sister-in-law Carol at third, Bev VanderZalm second and Tina Drake lead.

In "D" it was Mary Hamann of Montrose winning out over Jean Olmstedt of Trail. On the winning rink helping Mary were Sadie Frederickson, Joyce Fizer and Darlene Jones. With Jean were Barb Swift, Carol Mirros and Therese Rosner.

Winning the draw for very nice prizes were Carolle Wilson of Castlegar, Bob Hildred of Montrose and this reporter. Pretty lucky, hey!

While on the subject of ladies' curling the Monday Evening club have completed their second competition and are commencing the third right away. Winners in the second

competition were: first, Beryl Davis and second Irene Dunlop. On the Davis rink were Diana Jones third, Irene Martin second and Ev Ellis lead, while Dolly Riley third, Lil Watkinson second and Nellie Moll lead completed the roster of the Dunlop foursome.

By the time you read this the over-60 playdowns, being held in Rossland this time round, will be history. Play commenced Tuesday morning and continues for three days, 16 rinks are entered from Kaslo, Grand Forks, Trail, Nelson, Castlegar and Rossland and are divided into two categories, "A" and "B". The winners of each bracket to play off for the right to enter the provincial playdowns.

Turning for a moment to a sport in which the season lies ahead of us, senior soccer, Rossland Labatts' style, will be looking forward to a big season in 1982. Co-chairman of publicity for the club, Armindo DeMedeiros, called last week to give me their executive. They will be looking to take any one who would like to try out for the club when they start early

practices. He spoke of practices to be held in the Trail Fieldhouse when it is ready.

Veteran player, Joe Hughes, will be manager of the team for the coming season with Grant Lenarduzzi, coach and Geoff Lowe, secretary-treasurer, Archie McKinnon will join Armindo on publicity.

Rossland's Golden City Lions Club and the local Sno-Goers club held their annual Snowarama on Sunday at Nancy Greene Lake. Sixteen snowmobiles completed their miles allotment and the club raise something in the neighborhood of \$2,500 for the crippled kids through their efforts. While the figure is down this year there were several things that could have had an adverse effect. One was the weather and another was a reduced participation by club members, something which will need to be given a shot in the arm before next year's program comes up for preparation.

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could play winning hockey. But the drive did not rev up in time.

The Smoke Eaters' hockey club arrived home from their trip to Japan early this week with a rather sad record, one tie game to show for six games played. From what we heard on the radio, the players have figured out the reason for their failure to do better over there. When our players in senior hockey over here can afford to practice five hours a day maybe they will have a chance to compete with the kind of opposition they met on this trip.

Last Friday evening, a small group of we retirees went down to Trail to help to honor Bobby Kromm, a former coach, player and hockey teacher. Bobby richly deserves this honor to be bestowed on him for what he gave to the area in time and effort. He put Trail on the map as world hockey champions and later by way of his hockey school where a lot of area kids got some first-class coaching in the game.

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On Friday night, flanked by many people who have been associated with him during his hockey career and his two fine young sons, David and Richard, he looked and spoke as if he appreciated the many things that were said and done for him. I thought his rather short acceptance speech was typical of a man who looks out upon his world, past, present and to be, with a great deal of satisfaction and not too much worry about his future.

I have no doubt he is very proud of his two sons. He told us he looks forward to their future with a great deal of hope and I don't think he has to worry on that account, both are fine athletes and if they continue in the Kromm tradition they can't help but be winners.

There were a lot of people at the roast that I have not been close enough to talk to for some years but its always good to renew acquaintances. There is also a lot to be said for meeting new people, some who impress and others who don't. However, they were all there to honor Bobby and how they went about it should not concern anyone too much.