

# PEPP-TALK

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There were quite a number of happenings over the week past, for instance, the Rossland Bantams will represent the West Kootenay in the Tier II playoffs at Enderby. They earned that honor with a win over Beaver Valley and will go on to see how they compare with the kids from the rest of the province.

These kids have a winning tradition and they could pull off a big win over in Enderby and bring back some trophies. Let's wish them luck anyway and let them do their thing. They are a great

bunch of kids and they have a lot of people rooting for them.

Also, the senior Smokies fell by the wayside and will have to rest up for a renewed attack on the records of the WIHL next season. Kimberley Dynamiters got some super net-minding from Randy Amatto and came up with a big 5-1 win. Dan McFarland, in the Smoke net, also stood up pretty well under a barrage that saw 51 shots fired at him. The Dynamiters will now tackle Cranbrook Royals to see who will be the ultimate winner

of the oldest senior hockey league in Canada. Tradition means a lot to the Kimberley club and we shall be watching with much interest to see if they can come up with a winning performance.

For a long time there has been no mixed curling in Rossland. It has been tried but has always had problems. This year a group of interested people got their heads together and decided to do something constructive about the situation.

Some of them had been bowlers, but with that sport no longer available in our town they decided to take up curling. The organization they formed was unique, in that the games played did not result in any "winners," instead, everyone was a winner. They played for the pure fun of participation.

Some of the people involved were instrumental in the formation, a couple of years back, of their summer equivalent of fun curling — a slow-pitch ball league, in which some of the most zany happenings ever perpetrated on a diamond were seen.

Anyway, this winter, a lot of these same people got a mixed curling league going that culminated in a one-day spiel that was something to brag about. Mind, you, the calibre of the curling could not quite equal that which we watched on the tube between games, but somehow, I don't really think anyone at our 'spiel had any notions of emulating either of the teams in the Brier final.

I really don't know all of the people responsible for the organizing that went into this effort but I will saw one thing for them, they did a hell of a job, Donna Price, Jon Holm, Gail McGonigal, Jack and Eileen MacDonald, Jim and Cindy Bateman, Ray and Norma Dominici, Jim Markle and Arnie Sherwood along with Angus Popplewell had a hand in it.

All this just goes to prove that there are things that one can do with oneself that don't cost an arm and a leg. We had fun on Sunday and it was doing something we enjoyed along with people whose company we enjoy at any time.

When they came up to the presentation of prizes, mostly there is only one winner in each division, but in this one they gave prizes to the winners and the losers. Arnie Sherwood won the "A" on a draw to the button with Bob Marshall. Dick Cotton emerged victorious in a similar draw with Jim Schuck for the "B". The fellows on the bottom end of the totem pole were your truly and Frank Harris, we drew to the button too, but my rock lodged in the hack and Frank's was a little closer to the rings. I won because we were seeing who could be farthest away from the button.

And we got the same prizes as the guys who really took the job seriously.

Still with curling, a call from Carol Albo tells the following: The Monday Night Ladies' Curling Club completed their last competition with the following results, winning rink was Vi Krest's, Vi had Carol Albo, third, Marg Davidson second and Esther L'Ecluse in the lead spot.

Donna Price, who always has difficulty winning, was again a bridesmaid, Donna had Dolly Riley at third, Flo Valentine second and Ursula Stephens lead. The girls will

hold a fun night Monday and their wind-up banquet will be held at the Red Mountain Motel Restaurant at 7 p.m. March 29.

A subject on which I have very little in the way of expertise is next on the list. It concerns people who, despite awful handicaps, perform miracles on the slopes all over the world. The handicapped Winter Olympics took place in Switzerland this week. Rossland's Butch Boutry is a coach for these people and in conversation with him I learned he has a lot of deep admiration for these original true-blue athletes.

One must have to be close to these people to understand how they manage to perform the way they do. Butch has been at it for a while and I believe him when he says, even he has trouble believing what he sees what these athletes do.

I really feel very humble when I offer my congratulations to these people, especially those from our own town and district, who perform so magnificently in their chosen sport.

P.S.: I would never live it down if I neglected to name the members of my rink on Sunday, Mary Bruce did a hell of a job as my third, Steve Kurocz was my second and it sure wasn't his fault we lost three games. Certainly not least, was Cindy. I think she really tried to play for two.