

PEPP-TALK

with
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As is natural at this time of the year there is a lot of curling news. Clubs are winding down their seasons. But this week we have a few other subjects to help make a better mix for a column such as this.

One of these concerns a bunch of hockey players who, despite the fact they are no longer young, eager kids, enjoy the game so much they got their act together to spend a lot of money and use up a long weekend to go to a tournament in Vernon. They played against teams from Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, Kimberley, Penticton and Vernon.

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and then tell you he had fun.

Anyway, the intrepid travellers who went along were Bill Margoreeth and Bill Freno, the goalies, others included "Tongo" Taylor, Dave Stewart, Lyle McNeil, Larry McLaren, Bob Durkin, Ken Fisher, Gerry Godfrey, Fred Heslop, Glen Harper, Frank Turik, Leo Luchini and Mel Simister. Incidentally, the host club won the "B" event of the tourney.

Another happening of the past weekend saw the Orwell Derby club wind up another good season with their annual meeting and presentation of awards plus the election of a new executive board. Elected were Gordon Tittsworth, past president, Dan Tweed, Paddy Orr, John Rock, Lindsay Ball, Eric Hoglund, George Eastcott, Wayne Wallace, Chris Haynes, Bob Glover and Wayne Shubert.

Heading up the awards list was Whiz Topliff, who took two awards, one was first place with a four lb. 14 oz. Eastern Brook Trout. This catch also won Whiz the top prize for a retiree.

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the top Rainbow, an 18 lb. 4 oz. beauty. A 12 lb. 8 oz. Dolly Varden won top prize in this category for Pat Murray to complete the fishing awards.

The Buck Jones award, named for a well-respected Rossland sportsman who passed away in Kaslo a while back, was presented to Len Scott by Alfie Albo Sr. In the hunting section, Rob Simm won the top prize for typical mule deer, Eric Hoglund had the best non-typical and the best typical whitetail was bagged by Gary Nutini.

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The ladies' afternoon club wound up their final competition for the Smart Trophy. It was won by Dorothy Fines who played with an understaffed rink, Beryl Davis and Mary Vickers were her only help but apparently they were adequate. Second place went to Edie Harasin who had Irene Dunlop at third, Dorothy Lilburn, second and Viv Thompson, lead.

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Last Sunday, the Legion held its one-day 'spiel, an annual event which has always been a great favorite with Legion members around the area. Fourteen rinks competed in the two-event competition, each team played three games in "A" or "B".

When it was all over the Jim Bateman rink won the "A" by a narrow margin over Angus Popplewell and Ivan Bell had a one-point victory over Jim Albo's rink in the "B". Our rink was another point back, one ahead of Phil Bateman's foursome.

Following the curling we all went down to the Legion club and had one of those gorgeous stews that our Legion ladies are so famous for.

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One cannot help but feel the Junior Smokies deserved a better shake in the KIJHL finals. They had an excellent season but in the finals they ran into a team that had been building up all season for a terrific run to the wire and they were not about to be stopped by anyone.

Trail had struggled in their division playoffs, having trouble with both Beaver Valley and Nelson, but to Dave Limacher and his boys we raise our hats for a good try and to the Colts and Colin Patterson, well done and good luck.

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Fanny Albo, who has done a first-class job of public relations for these girls, tells me that Dorothy Fines and Helen Ling were both in the prizes at the recent Nifty Fifties 'spiel in Trail. This ladies' event, a popular annual, was run with a Johnson draw. Apparently total points, ends won and wins all are awarded points in each contest.

Anyway, Fanny said the totals turned out to look like a basketball score.

While the ladies club was small this year, they hope for better things in the future and may try some innovations in next year's competitions. The retirees tried a number this year and found them to boost the interest among members.

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Retirees are winding down their season and next Tuesday will see us ring down the curtain with a bean-feed in the rink's north end lounge. Ten full rinks curled this year and prospects for a bigger and better club next year. The enthusiasm among members this year was fantastic, new ideas were tried and found to be stimulating, more will probably be on the way next time around.

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Gyro Pucksters Take Electricians Into Camp 7-5

Fast Puck Sometimes Too Fast For Players Molyneux Is Feature POWER CREW LEAD AT START

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Ice conditions were good and the puck was fast, so fast that the players were unable to keep up with it and at times it would get so far away as to be temporarily lost. A feature of the game was the goal tending of Eagle-Eye Molyneux who had charge of the West Kootenay net. When the play was at the opposite end "Eagle-Eye" appeared to be a normal keeper standing erect, with one hand on the frame of the goal and his stick in conventional position. However, when the rubber came inside the W. K. blue line the unusual abilities of this custodian became apparent. Casting aside his stick, he would drop to his knees on the ice and if a shot came within six feet of the net Eagle-Eye would start out on his "tummy" to meet it. High shots were handled football style with both hands held above the head of the prostrate figure.

Powerites jumped into the lead early in the primary canto when "Cyclone" Burnson burned up the ice and beat 'shutout' Williams with a red hot shot from the blue line. "Hot Shot" Owen lived up to that name a few moments later and knotted the count. West Kootenay defence men were handing out stiff body checks that seldom failed to bring five or six men to the ice though there were often far from the puck when the check occurred. "Big League" Nesbitt next came into the picture and chalked up two for Gyros in rapid succession. "Lola" Couture and "Sparky" Davidson came back to tie the score once more but the revolving crew was pressing and only the incomparable antics of "Eagle-Eye" Molyneux kept the tallies down.

With the second period 5 minutes old Nesbitt again put Gyros in the lead and then Power company fans got a real thrill as "Butch" Macdonald, lanky West Kootenay defence man, grabbed a loose puck and broke from a melee in front of his own goal. Flashing up the ice "Butch" skillfully stick handled past the sole Gyro guard who pushed out from the boards to check him. He drew the goalie with a carefully faked shot and then, as the fans gathered themselves for a mighty cheer, he faltered at the moment of shooting and the puck misaced the net by less than three feet.

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An interlude occurred when an injured player required the assistance of a doctor, his assistant and a large stomach pump before he snapped back into vitality.

Nesbitt came through to register for Gyros once again and as this put the clubman in the lead their supporters promptly rang the final going but referee Wheatley disallowed this play and in the few minutes that were left "Trapper" Wilson bulged the net for the final tally giving the Gyros a 7-5 advan-