

PEPP-TALK

with
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Recently we saw the windup of all winter activities in Rossland except for two. They are, in order of popularity, skiing and snowshovelling.

When we held our Retirees curling windup there were those who were contemplating a visit to the golf course on the following day, however the weatherman had other ideas and he has seen fit to put a considerable damper on our thoughts along those lines.

I had a chat with Bob Ir-

vine recently and he told me the fairways are in reasonably good shape but the greens are beautiful. Sounds good. Hope we get out there this week.

I asked Bob how soon he thought the Upper Course would be ready. As he left he said over his shoulder, "In about a month."

On March 31 I was invited to the Minor Hockey windup supper and presentation of awards. President Gary Holm told of an excellent season. After a very nice

meal served by the minor hockey ladies the presentation of awards was conducted.

In the Pee Wee division there were two sets of awards. In one section, Craig Holm won the most sportsmanlike trophy and Craig Sinclair was judged the most improved. In the other, Mark McAuley was the most sportsmanlike and Jim Drake the most improved.

In the Bantam section, Rich Chobanuk's fine young group of kids, who went to the provincials in Enderby this season, was awarded both trophies and medallions for a great effort. This writer would like to add his appreciation to all the people who were instrumental in helping develop this fine group of youngsters.

The Krest Memorial Trophy, emblematic of the most sportsmanlike player in the Midget division was won this year by Kenny Drake. David Fisher received the most improved award in this section.

The Juveniles give only one trophy, to the player adjudged the most sportsmanlike and this season it was won by Mark Haynes.

The Minor Hockey program in Rossland is very much alive. The people who support it are very dedicated and have been into it for some time. The program will never be a big one since we do not have a large population and the other programs are also attractive to you youngsters.

Gary Holm heads up a hard-working bunch of people; Chris Ling is secretary, Maurice

MacArthur treasurer, Gordon Turnbull is vice-president and Jim Schuck is referee-in-chief.

The coaching jobs are being adequately handled by people like Joe Zanussi of the Novices, Geoff Chambers and Ron Paolini with the Atoms, the Pee Wees' Lou DeRosa and Brett Drake, Rod Zavaduk assisting Rich Chobanuk with the Bantams and Gary Bartsch and Brett Drake look after the fortunes of the combined Midget and Juveniles section.

Turning once more to thoughts of summer, John Habicht has passed along the following. Rossland's Slow-Pitch Ball League will hold its annual general meeting on Monday in the Curling Lounge at 7:30 p.m. Any new players wishing to sign up for the upcoming season are asked to contact Jim Ling at 362-5003, the season is expected to get started in early

May.

The first thing we know we shall be into the baseball season, soccer, swimming, etc. Of course, we still have hockey playoffs in the NHL and some minor champs to be declared. On the agenda for at least another month, people all over are starting to make their fearless predictions on the Stanley Cup.

The Rossland Labatts are going to go all out this season to see if they can come up with a winner. I see a number of prospective players working out by running and the team will encourage a youth movement. This method seemed to do the job for the Trail boys and no doubt the Labatts are thinking along those lines too, if you should wish to give it a try why not contact Armino DeMedeiros at 364-1473 or Joe Hughes at 362-5118.