

# PEPP-TALK

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Last week the Rossland Warriors held a meeting to welcome their new manager, Doug Buhr, and discuss ways to help put the team in the best shape possible, financially as well as athletically.

It was suggested the club generate some scheme to raise money in conjunction with Golden City Days. When the season begins in October, if anyone has any bright ideas the executive will be more than willing to listen.

Some concrete steps to ice a good team this fall are already in the works. Dryland training starts in June and continues throughout the summer with the present players and any more who can be attracted to Rossland to try out for the team.

This may be a very difficult season for the league, with the economy in the doldrums and layoffs starting in late June at our major industrial plant. Let's hope this dark cloud breaks up and by fall we see a small ray of light break through.

One thing we know for sure is we have the people willing to battle to help the team survive.

The Slow-Pitch Little League season is now about three weeks old. Things are

beginning to look like a competitive league will develop. The kids play on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are eight teams, four are in the lower age bracket and four in the older kids division. The young 'uns play in Cook Avenue Park while their older brothers and sisters play at Centennial Park out at Black Bear. Two games are played each Tuesday and Thursday at each park, so everyone gets to play once a week.

Jim Ling is one of the masterminds behind this scheme and he hopes to hold a windup when the kids get

out of school. Further attention to the possibility of more play in the fall is being given some thought but no decision on this aspect yet.

Nothing has come in from Minor League Soccer yet but we expect to have some news from them at any time now.

The Labatts will travel to the East Kootenay this weekend to play Fernie, the team that beat them in their last game at home.

The following week the boys will be back in the East again for a double-header against Cranbrook and Kimberley. The EK teams are always tough.

Now to my favorite summer pastime. It won't be long now before I can get back and swing the club without problems. Rick Watkinson has passed along the results of this weeks Retirees action at the Upper Course.

Ab Nichol and Cleve Cowland took hidden hole honors while Lou Crowe sank a long one on No. 9 to win that category. Arch McCannell and Gil Page shared the low gross honor while the low net winners were Phil Bateman with a 31 and Sammy Martin with a 34.

I don't have any details on next week's competition but I have a funny feeling I'm going to be there to find out all about it, first hand.

The Rossland Lions club did quite a job with the beer garden at Trail's Silver City Days celebration, now comes their own celebration, tonight, at our Old Glory Night at the high school in Rossland.

I hope you all have tickets so that you may come and partake of our fine Boston baked beans and our sourdough bread and dance up a storm.