

PEPP-TALK

with
Harry
Pepper

Well, it was sure good to get out on the golf course again. The back trouble started to catch up with me on the sixth hole at the upper course Tuesday morning, so I sat out numbers seven and eight and waited for my partners at number nine, by then I was rested enough to go in with them and haven't felt any ill effects since.

It was a good day for the retirees on Tuesday, Ron Gardiner and Gerry Thompson masterminded the event and we had 49 golfers present, three of them from Colville.

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Glory night, held last Friday night at the Rossland High School, was a big success. The general consensus of opinion I got was the music was a little on the noisy side, but as the party heated up people seemed to forget that and enjoyed themselves anyway.

The gambling games were crowded from the time they opened for business until they were closed at 11:30, while the bar kept a full staff busy most of the night. The money earned from this effort will help to forward the word out at the Lions' campground along with other worthy causes the club sponsors.

I'm told by Wayne Ashley, parks chairman, that power and water are slated to be run to the individual campsites, probably this summer. A lot depends on the government grant coming through for the upgrading of facilities.

One job that has been done has been the moving of the shelter from Jubilee Park to the barbecue platform in the campground. This will be an improvement out there and its removal from Jubilee may allow for the construction of a small soccer pitch for the little guys to play on.

Preparations are under way for Golden City Days and Fall Fair. I had a chat with Mim Castle recently and she told me they have had two meetings. The first one was purposely kept to the core members. Three reps from the five organizations showed up. The core group for those interested are, the Warriors, art club, minor hockey, figure skating and the retirees, along with these the Recreation Society operates as an overseer group, responsible for selling and allotting space for the commercial people. At the second meeting, a more or less general effort, only one

of the core group showed up. Mim assured me, however, that things are beginning to take shape. She told me the main effort thus far has been that on the part of the rec group which has moved right along with space allotment.

So it would appear the annual show is in good hands but Mim stressed that the people who have performed such big jobs on behalf of the fair in past years, hopefully will be much in evidence as the time for preparations diminishes. Without these people, she says, there would be no Golden City Days and Fall Fair.

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Just getting back on the upper course brings back a lot of fond memories and one I won't ever forget is how it is to be going round without little Jack. I guess it's hard to imagine how a person can make such an impression, but it's there all the time. His caustic comments when one missed a shot and the explanation why you did, were forever forthcoming. Jack knew every shot and made most of them without a flaw, but he was always ready to help those who needed it, maybe he's up there now, watching and criticizing.

The Legion golf tournament, held every year in the Kootenay zones will be held at the Winlaw course this time around. I've driven by this course in the Slocan Valley but never played it. Last year's tournament, held at the Creston course, was also a first.

It was originally scheduled for this weekend but the date has been set back to some time in July.

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