

PEPP-TALK

with
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This week's showing at Retirees' Day at the upper course was impressive from a point of turnout and also

from the weather angle. It was a beautiful day and we had 48 in attendance, just one short of last week's

showing.

There were some good scores and the special events made it a little more interesting. Rich Watkinson and I took on the job of running things this week and Herbie St. Jean will find a partner to assist him at next week's bash. Herbie came in with a low gross 40 and wanted to know if getting to run things next week was supposed to be a reward or a penalty for his good showing this week.

Besides Herbie, the winners were Gord McLaren for the long putt on number nine, Gord's stroke was from about 16 feet. Ab Nichol won a ball as the most honest golfer. On the hidden holes, number eight was for the high on that hole and was won by Chuck Sankey. Number nine was for the low score on that one and was shared by four or five golfers. Jack Buchanan and Jim Scott came out on top in a draw for the balls. In the least putts category Duke Scodellaro and Bud Comba shared the honors with just 13 putts each.

Morris Sawyer introduced a gentleman from down under, his name is Jim Howell and he calls Sydney, Australia home. Jim came in with 52 and 16 putts, pretty good for a first-timer on the always tough nine of the Rossland layout.

Three gents from the Christina Lake Club dropped in on us on Tuesday. Oscar Tedesco, George Tambellini and Al Defoe were over to visit a friend in hospital and dropped by to see what was

going on and they made up the last threesome of the day. Our members are always welcome over at the lake course and it's good to see them out with us occasionally.

One of the high spots of Tuesday's round was a near-eagle by veteran golfer Jim Doig on number eight. Jim pitched his second shot onto the green about seven inches from the pin. He was playing with Jim Scott, Bernie Ferrey and Rich Watkinson.

While on the subject of golf, coming event include a Sunday afternoon round plus eats on the afternoon of June 20, definitely a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon and evening.

I'd like to offer congratulations to Don Szilagyi, Art Mercer and company for their feat of taking both ends of a weekend doubleheader at Enderby. The Orioles look to be getting better every time out, they have a strong lineup and should do the expected and win the championship again this year.

While on the subject of baseball, both our Canadian teams are showing pretty well of late. The Expos are holding their own and the Blue Jays, who have been a league doormat since they came into the league, are making a lot of the right moves. When do we start thinking of an All-Canadian World Series?

Turning to soccer for a moment the Labatts have been finding the going tough of late; a loss to Fernie two

weeks ago in the East Kootenay and a double loss last weekend to Cranbrook and Kimberley, 3-0 and 3-1 respectively. This weekend sees them back there again as the Summer Games trials take place at Cranbrook. Looking ahead we see the Labatts resume regular league play on the Wednesday when they journey to Nelson, then on the weekend Kimberley and Cranbrook visit Rossland. They round out the month's schedule with two more home games against Trail Spurs June 23 and Castlegar Vikings on June 30.

This past week saw two retirement parties for good friends. Last Friday a good crowd out to the Guide Hall to honor Army Hartley who called it a day on May 31. It gave us a chance to see my daughter Carol and her husband Bud, who were in attendance. Bud is Army's son and has recently moved from Calgary to the coast where he has his own business.

The other event was the retirement, among others, of Bert Morrow and Joe Volpatti, two gents whom I have long numbered among my friends. Bert is a fellow Legionnaire and probably one of the most ardent sportsmen in our town. Joe was a workmate of mine on the zinc yards and has had some health problems of late. The party and the steaks were just great and we wish all three of these gents a long and happy leisure time ahead.