

PEPP-TALK

with
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Now, to those two golf sessions. On June 29 about 30 members braved sullen skies and damp walking to go their regular nine holes. Frank Blackwell came through with a neat round of 42 to win low gross and a ball for the second week in a row. Percy Hamilton and Bill Limacher were co-winners of the low net competition with identical 34's, Bernie Ferrey had the longest putt on number nine and Harry Simpkinson won the hidden hole.

Regarding our round on July 6, Archie McCannel and Eddie Nofield were in charge and the competition was low net and hidden partners. There was a slightly larger attendance than the previous week despite continued damp conditions. Rich Watkinson and Russ Broughton won the competition. Rich with a net 33 and Russ with 35 for a combined total of 68, Ken Davies and Sam Martin were next in line with 36 and 38 respectively for a 74 total and right behind were Percy Hamilton and yours truly with 36 and 39 for 75. This has to be truly a red-letter day in my golfing career, it's my first time ever for a ball for a low score and I have Percy to thank for it. Thank you Percy!

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sports circles. Bill was the golfer and besides that he played a lot of softball and hockey in his younger days while Ugo was more the organizational type, a city alderman for years he was also team manager of the '61 Smoke Eaters on their successful trip to Europe and subsequent win in the Allan Cup. Both these gentlemen were fine examples of the sort of people who make sports the big attraction they are today.

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Parks will be free for any tourneys that may be staged. So far plans in this direction seem tentative. I talked to the Slo-Pitch tourney organizers whose tournament is not going forward this year. They are willing to help with anything that is organized so maybe there will be efforts along this line for the kids, if not for the adults.

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While talking about golf, I see by this Tuesday's paper that Trail has lost a couple of pretty solid citizens recently. Bill Waddell and Ugo DeBiasio were very well-known around Trail's

sports circles. Bill was the golfer and besides that he played a lot of softball and hockey in his younger days while Ugo was more the organizational type, a city alderman for years he was also team manager of the '61 Smoke Eaters on their successful trip to Europe and subsequent win in the Allan Cup. Both these gentlemen were fine examples of the sort of people who make sports the big attraction they are today.

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