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After a forbidding-looking early morning of heavy fog blotting out everything but the tips of the surrounding mountains, this past Tuesday turned out to be an ideal day for golf in Rossland, not too hot and certainly not too cold.

Forty retirees, some of whom must have teed off into a sea of fog at 8 a.m., had a pretty good day after the sun broke through. By the time our foursome, which turned out to be a fivesome, teed off shortly after 9:15, Rich Watkinson, Cleve Cowland, Carl Osing and myself were all ready to go when Tim Jenkin turned up. There were no more retirees in sight so Tim came along with us.

Jim Scott and Romeo DeBiasio handled the day's offering and we played hidden hole, low and high and the longest putt on No. 9, the hidden hole, high was No. 6 and the honors were shared by four golfers who came in with eights. They were: Guy Morey of the Times' "On the Tee" column, Cleve Cowland, Dan Williamson and Norm Garrison. I also had an eight on six when my No. 3 wood went sour on me, but since I qualified for a ball in another category I didn't rate one there.

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and I sank my first good putt of the day for the par to tie with Lou "Gretzky" Crowe for a ball in this category.

Bud Comba was top man in the long putt category, holing out from 11 feet eight inches to win his ball while Joe O'Connor was next to Bud with one of 11 feet even.

While on the subject of golf and retirees, there is a trip to Christina Lake on tap for September 16 and a list is on the board for those wishing to travel over to play one of our area's better courses, the cost is \$8.50 a head and you are asked to be on hand at 8:30 for a 9 a.m. shotgun start. I think there were about ten names on the board after Tuesday's round and the rule is the more the merrier. Sept. 10 is the deadline for entries.

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With the Montreal Expos stumbling along in third place in the National League East, seemingly unable to gain much ground on either St. Louis or the Phillies and closely followed by the Pirates, I'm wondering if Jim Fanning can hang on to the managing job in the Big O with all the talk we hear about his inability to motivate his charges. It seems that a solid team effort is needed to get the Expos the chance at the

World Series they would so dearly love in Montreal. A few players are really making the big plays, but the team seems to have periods of let down when they give away runs much faster than they can put them on the board themselves.

This situation usually results in changes in management — whether that is the cause or not — but despite rumors that something is going to happen, Jim Fanning doesn't seem to let it bother him, but pennants are not won too often by teams below the .500 mark. I think the Expos can do it but September is here now and they are having trouble staying five games off the pace.

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Since the news came out that Seth Martin has been chosen to handle the coaching chores for the 1982-83 edition of the Senior Smoke Eaters, I have heard quite a lot of talk pro and con in regard to Seth's appointment.

One was, why would Seth want to take on the job? Coaching, it was said, is a go-nowhere position in senior hockey today. There is certainly some truth in this statement but I wonder if the people who think along these lines ever wondered if perhaps Seth might have gotten an idea that he would like to put into practice some ideas he could have that might be of some benefit to the fans who still support senior hockey hereabouts.

With the six-team league in the offing, this, the oldest senior league in Canada, can still provide the fans with a pretty fair brand of hockey. You have to say though, that it is a pretty gutsy move on Seth's part to take on a job like this at a time like this. There doesn't seem to be much promise of help from the usual sources in getting jobs for prospective players, maybe scholarships and such will keep Trail's usual crop of good juniors around to make this team a more Trail-oriented effort. Good luck, Seth!