

RECREATION

PEPP-TALK

with
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Seems most clubs are now gearing up for the winter season.

I got word from Jack Malchow last week that the main club, men's curling, will hold registration on Oct. 26-28 at the Curling Lounge. The Retirees' Club is holding its organizational meeting in the main lounge on Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Both clubs are looking for new faces. In this respect the Retirees have a leg up on the main club since when a guy goes into retirement he naturally looks for something to fill his idle hours and is a prime target for the propaganda drive put on by those who have been at

the game for some time. Besides our age-limit is non-existent.

On Tuesday morning I joined with a couple of people to arrange for a testimonial dinner and dance in honor of one of our senior citizens who has done a tremendous amount of work in many areas of our city's recreation field. The name is Dyson, as in "Let George do it."

During the days when the RCAA ran most of the city recreation facilities (the rink, parks, pool and the rest), George joined guys like Tom Yolland, Jack Cox and a host of other hard-working guys to help make

that organization carry on until the work-load, plus other restricting facets of the job, became just too onerous to handle. The city took over at that point and formed a full-time recreation commission to do what those guys had been trying to do — succeeding pretty well too, in their after the hours of work spare time.

Today's edition of the commission has full time members, a permanent office and the facilities to handle most everything that comes along.

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was into it with both feet too. Also a member of that committee since it merged with Golden City Days is Mim Castle who holds George in the highest esteem for his many brain-bending and back-breaking hours of work on behalf of this project.

When the Retirees Curling Club was formed in Rossland, George took an active part in its organization. Today this is a thriving club and getting stronger all the time, thanks to a real camaraderie among its members and especially the members of its executive, Cleve Cowland as president, Rich Watkinson, Angus Popplewell and a number of others.

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Turning to another page in George's story, his work on behalf of the Legion in the building and entertainment

and dance is being held in the Legion Friday, Oct. 22. The Ladies' Auxiliary will put on the supper, seating approximately 120 and there will be live music to dance to afterwards.

Various members of the organizations for which George has toiled will be there to tell it their way and wish him long life and success in his future endeavors wherever these may take him. We don't mind him leaving us for a short while, a change is always good for you, but we join our voices unanimously in saying, "Come back again, George."

Tickets for this do will go on sale right away, so drop in and get yours before they are all gone.

The past weekend was just super as the guys and dolls flocked to the upper course to take advantage of the glorious sunshine and a course that is in the best shape its been all summer. Despite the lowering of the fees, there are still some sneaky people who drive their cars down, park on the side roads and poach on No. 2 through No. 8 to avoid the charge. I guess it was over

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Turning to another page in George's story, his work on behalf of the Legion in the building and entertainment committees has been, at times, nerve-racking and burdensome. There must have been times when he was at his wits end as to which way to turn.

Having served alongside him on various occasions I must say that there have been times when I wondered how he did it. Today the fruits of his honest toil are there for everyone, Legion Members and all, to see. The building of the extension is moving right along and his entertainment projects are many and varied.

Orchestras are hired for every celebration until after New Years and various other projects to make the Legion a better place to spend one's leisure hours are all the result of George's initiative.

So, in our only way to thank him for all these efforts, a testimonial dinner

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The Retirees' curling club members are really backing this effort with a real showing of comradeship in a cause. I always knew they would. Anyway we have to thank Rich Watkinson for his leadership in this project and everyone who has put in the hours down at the little house on No. 1 tee.