

## PEPP-TALK

with  
Harry  
Pepper

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If this was his only concern, it was laudable but I think one other angle was bothering him too. I believe the withdrawal of his team from the Spokane ice was Seth's way of registering a protest against something that has bothered him and a number of other people in

local hockey circles for quite some time. That is the policy of using Spokane referees for Spokane home games.

Why is this being done? I fail to see why a neutral arbiter cannot be sent by league headquarters to handle all contests played in Spokane.

I'm writing this on Wednesday morning so I have no way of knowing how the league ruled at Creston. It would appear that if they come down hard on the Smoke Eaters there could be some fateful decisions facing club management. The Smokies have gotten off to a good start this season and a suspension of activities at this time would be disastrous.

Rossland retirees' curling is off to a good start with 11 rinks operating and a five-man spare board, the format is four games at 10 a.m. with refreshments in the main lounge afterwards. The other two rinks play at 1-1:30 p.m., using the spare sheet unused by the ladies' afternoon club, while one rink draws a bye.

Gil Besso's rink with Jack Hood at third, Bert Morrow, second and Cliff Davison lead, are undefeated after three contests, while Angus Popplewell and Bernie Ferrey each have won two games. Popplewell has Cleve Cowland at third, Jim Thompson, second and Carl Osing, lead, while Ferrey has Dave Shaw at third,

Clyde Nyman, second and Ted Holloway throwing lead rocks.

Russ Broughton and Norm Harry are the other rinks with winning records. Each has won two and lost one. Broughton has Joe Rosse, third, Ernie Brown, second and is using a spare at lead. Harry has Jim Scott, third, Wes Graham, second and Herb Castle as lead.

There are four rinks with one win each and two who have yet to chalk up a victory. There were three rinks picked to go to visit Nelson on Wednesday. Each has five members.

The policy to be followed this year will be for those players taking part to be on the bottom of the list when rinks are chosen next time we go on a trip. Thus all curlers in the club will have

an equal chance to go along.

The Mixed Curling club has announced a one-day fun spiel to be held on Nov. 28 with 16 rinks to be drawn. There will be prizes, refreshments will be available and the entry fee is \$12 per person, includes dinner.

This is a strong club this season with their 14 rinks, plus a number of spares. Mixed curling is alive and well once more in Rossland.

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