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but fell a little short.

Branch No. 14 held elections for a new slate of officers on Tuesday and there was a fine turnout of voters. Close to 40 per, cent of those eligible showed up at the polling station in the Legion club room. Considering the amount of snow that they had to negotiate to get there it was a pretty good show.

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When the ballots were all tallied up the results were very interesting. Bernie Fourt was elected president while getting an excellent challenge from the other aspirant, Jim Schuck. The same applied in the race for vice-president where Bob Letoria stood off a strong bid by past-president Carl Osing to emerge the winner.

The eight executive posts were filled by Rich Watkinson, Lil Watkinson, Dave Irvine, Allan Stinson, Mike Kraftchick, Harry Cardwell, Carl Seefeldt and Toby Edworthy. The remaining candiates, all in the race for the first time, were Roberta Delich, Gary Cowan and John Campbell, polled a good tally of votes Now the hard work starts for everyone on the board. We can only hope that it will be a good year ahead for everyone. A good executive means a promise of good things for all members of the club, we certainly hope it will work out that way.

After the item I had in last week's column re the election of officers to the Rossland-Trail Golf club I had a chance to talk to one of the three-year men on the new board, Arnie Sherwood.

He is an ardent Rossland golfer and feels that he has a good chance of becoming the new president. If he does, he has several projects in mind that he feels are of top priority. First comes promotional activities followed by drainage and irrigation and work on the fairways. The general upgrading of both courses will follow, during the last season there were some rumors going round that the Rossland course was going to be closed down. I asked Arnie what his thoughts

were about this subject and he was very emphatic that as far as he is concerned the grand old property southeast of Rossland will be maintained and improved in any way possible.

· On the curling fronts, this week sees the combined Retirees and Ladies afternoon clubs get together for their annual Christms party as their first competitions of the season come to an end. Taking a look at the Ladies club, their first competition, the Cominco Cup, was won by Fanny Albo's rink, Dorothy Albo was Fanny's third, Mary Vickers second and Laura Thompson lead. Taking second spot was the Dorothy Fines rink with Corrie Bateman third, Dorothy Lilburn second and Marg Davidson lead.

The ladies will start their second competition Jan. 4 for the Seccombe Trophy. It is sorely in need of more curlers. Fanny asked that any girls interested should phone 9967 or 5207 before Dec. 31 so they can be placed on a rink for that Jan. 4 opener. The retirees are now in their second competition. It began with newly drawn rinks on Tuesday, continued on Thursday and the third games will be Tuesday prior to our break for the holiday season, restarting on Jan. 4.

In the first competition it was the Russ Broughton rink with 16 of a possible 20 points taking top spot followed by the Norm Harry rink with 14. Bud Hachey's foursome were right behind with 13 and Angus Popplewell and Gil Besso placed fourth with 12.

Arnold Vanness' rink followed with 10 while Dick Cotton and Bernie Ferrey fell below the .500 mark with nine apiece. Bob Stevenson, Phil Bateman and Dan Burnett's rinks followed in that order.

Dick Cotton and Gil Besso have turned in their skip brooms in favor of other positions on the rinks and their places have been taken over by Lou Crowe and Jack Mitchell.

The Warriors have three games in five days before they pack it up for the holidays. They visit Grand Forks tonight, play host to Nelson on Saturday and then take on Castlegar at home on Tuesday. The schedule picks up again on Jan. 4 when they visit Nelson. They play Trail on the seventh prior to the All-Star game and then play at Castlegar before their next home game against Beaver Valley on Jan. 14.

The win over Kimberley was a very welcome break and the team was at its best during the third period which has been a disaster area in most of their games to date. Looking over the remaining schedule we see that the team has 10 home games and seven games away, four of the home fixtures are against East Division teams and they travel to the East Kootenay for their last game away of the regular schedule, it is against the Kimberlev Knights.

I haven't the complete scoring stats for the local team but I'm thinking that wee Gordie Stanton must be awful close to having at least a point a game in most of the 24 games played so far. His winner on Saturday night was a dandy.

See you next week!