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PEPP-ALK

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The five teams representing the Rossland Legion at the West Kootenay Zone Bonspiel held in Nakusp over the weekend made a creditable showing but only one, the Angus Popplewell rink, made a first-place finish against some pretty good competition.

Twenty-three rinks were entered and play began at 6 p.m. on Friday and wound up with 3 p.m. games on Sunday. Angus' rink won the "C" event in seniors competition against the Rourke rink from Castlegar. Angus had Russ Broughton as third, Gil Besso and Cleve Cowland on the front end and in the only game I saw them play they looked to be full value for their victory.

Gil Lemoel's rink from the Trail club won the seniors championship game and along with the Ferguson rink from the host club, which won the regulars top spot,

will go on to contest for provincial laurels.

Bill Leaman's foursome went to the fours of the seniors "C" before losing to Popplewell. The George Beaudry foursome was taken out in the semis of the championship round, losing to the John Bowles rink from Nelson and the Jim Schuck rink which played in the regular's competition failed to make it after a spirited bid.

Our rink was eliminated after games against the Alec Turner rink from the Salmo-Fruitvale area, Tim Timbrell's foursome from Trail and the Leaman crew.

Before leaving this particular topic I must say how much we all appreciated the way we were made to feel welcome up at Nakusp. After having been there on several previous occasions we have come to look for their particular brand of hospitality and we were certainly not be

be disappointed. Earle Moffat, Lois Norman and all the good people of the lakeshore town pulled out all the stops, free treats, a wonderful banquet and Dick Wayling's music made our off-ice time a real pleasure.

I would like to add a word here to thank the boys who must have been up pretty early to ready the pancake breakfast; convener Bert Steenhoff and his merry group, Bert Gardiner, Larry Dupuis and Harry Mayson. It was really great, you guys! Thanks again, to all of you people!

While on curling, Fanny Albo called to tell me about the dates for the ladies' annual Winter Wonderland 'Spiel which will take place Feb. 4-6 at the Arena. Deadline for entries is Feb. 1 and for more info phone Ruth Dugan at 362-5541.

The girls completed a mini-draw last week and will start their second com-

petition, the Seccombe Trophy, this week. Dorothy Fines took top prize in the Mini with Fanny Albo in second place. With Dorothy were Beryl Davis, third, Ruth Dugan, second and Jan Westbury lead, Fanny had Corrie Bateman, third, Dorothy Lilburn, second and Sis Churchill, lead.

Retirees will finish their second competition this week and another will start out next week. Four rinks paid a visit to Grand Forks on Wednesday and as always reported a good time.

Brian Pipes phoned me on Monday evening to get some publicity for a proposed Babe Ruth 13-year-old prep league which he hopes will get rolling this coming spring. From what Brian says it has been under consideration for some time and he hopes there will be teams of 13-year-olds from Rossland, Trail and Beaver Valley participate. He tells me that Barry Seal, a well-known ball player from Rossland, has expressed interest in the idea. Brian would like any Rossland 13-year-olds to contact Barry and let him know if you would like to take part. Talk to him by phoning 362-7637 and let's see a team entered from our town.

The date is now set for the annual Rossland Play-for-Fun hockey tournament. Marc Bertoia of the Skidders

phoned the other night to say that the popular week-end event will take place Feb. 19-20.

Still on hockey, I'm really sorry I had to be away for the Minor Hockey weekend, it's something I have always looked forward to. But the Zone 'spiel deprived me of the chance of seeing our kids work out the way they always do. The weekend was not a total loss however as I got a chance to look in on the Nakusp kids a couple times on Saturday and Sunday.

Well, the Warriors came from behind to win Friday's game over the Bruins and then did a turn-around on Saturday against Nelson. Remaining games in the schedule see them play three games against East Division teams at home and one away.

Remaining games against West teams are against Trail at home and Beaver Valley and Grand Forks away. To make the playoffs they cannot afford to let up at all. They've proved they can win some tough ones so it's going to be a busy couple of weeks going down to the wire.

And in closing, the Orwell Derby Club will hold their annual banquet and dance. Tickets are now available from the executive members. With your support, this annual shindig will be held Feb. 18.