

PEPP-TALK

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During the past weekend two events took place in Rossland that were interesting.

One was the Tier 2 Bantam tournament in the arena involving a total of seven teams from the Kootenays and Okanagan. The other was the Ladies' Curling Club Winter Wonderland 'spiel involving 20 rinks from Rossland, Trail, Castlegar and Beaver Valley.

The hockey tournament started Friday with two games. One featuring the host team versus Castlegar and the other between teams who had travelled from the farthest distance away — Kimberley against Penticton.

By the time this was over four teams contested for the championship. Beaver Valley went down to Rossland in the first game while Grand Forks scored their goals in bunches to beat Oliver 12-4.

The final game saw Rossland completely dominate the final to beat Grand Forks 7-2 as Ken MacArthur had a field day scoring four of Rossland's goals.

After each game of the semis and finals, the teams were lined up and each player received a medal while coaches and managers were given testimonials. It was a very well-run tournament throughout and a lot

of the credit must go to the arena staff of Desi and Nancy for their prompt care of ice during and between games.

Starting with Clyde Moore as tournament chairman down through a multitude of willing helpers, referees and linesmen, scorekeepers and announcers, goal judges, Greta and her ticket help to association president Gordon Turnbull, the handling of the various jobs was a credit to everyone concerned.

Rossland's entry in the tournament, coached by Rich Chobanuk and managed by Dan Castle, were definitely the class of the tournament. This team put together a number of years ago by Maurice MacArthur and a bunch of interested people when the kids were of the Atom group age, have been the scourge of every division they have participated in since that time.

Known affectionately in Rossland as the "Green Machine" in their early days, these kids show the advantage of playing together over the years and particularly of late, the advantages of excellent coaching. It is very seldom that one sees these kids caught off balance or out of position.

Before I go into the details of the Ladies' 'spiel, I would

like to correct a statement made in this column one week ago to the effect that ladies would be allowed into the Legion one-day spiel March 27. This, I have been informed is not so.

The rules of this annual affair have not been changed and will continue to be open to male members of the organization only. The suggestion it is open to women was made because it was thought there might not be enough men to make the effort worthwhile. The idea has since changed. We feel we have all the men needed to make the popular annual affair a success.

Now, to the Ladies' 'spiel. The entry of 20 rinks was quite good and the 'spiel was divided into four competitions and there were four prizes in each. I just watched the Sunday play which was pretty good.

Three raffles were held and food and refreshments were available at all times. The lounge, dressing rooms and curling rink were all decorated in the ladies' inimitable fashion and the hospitality was of the highest calibre.

The host club placed seven winners out of the 16. Seven more were Trail rinks and one each came from Beaver Valley and Castlegar. One of the Trail rinks had a skip from Kaslo and one

Rossland rink had a couple of Trail players on it.

The Joyce Mackie rink had the Kaslo skip and along with Elsie Shorthouse, Sharon Young and Karen LeMoel won the "A" event by defeating Vi Krest of Rossland. Vi had Lil Molnar, Donna Price and Grace Reese. The Fletcher rink of Trail had Laureen Lloyd, Leanne Paul and Dorothy Merkley and came third while Fanny Albo of Rossland had Ruth Dougan, Fran Zanussi and Laura Thompson took fourth.

In the "B" it was Linda Acton, Gail Schmidt, Fern Acton and Marjory Culley of Trail of Trail in first place, Doreen Burnham of the Trail Club with Lena Arcuri, Darlene Soligo and Jan Baldassi, second, Michelle Roberts of Castlegar, Ann Stasila, Pat Verzuh and Verna Dawson in third spot while Enza Boutry of Rossland landed in fourth. She had Dianna Jones, Karen Tyler and Jan Ball.

The "C" event was a victory for Barb Wilcox of the Beaver Valley club who had Ann McLean, Mary Sorenson and Sarah Wilcox as backup. Then came three Rossland rinks in this order of second, third and fourth. Ollie Schulz, Gert Sandulescu, Dorothy Lilburn and Jan Westbury followed by Dorothy Fines, Eileen

Macdonald, Carol Jackson and Helen Blackie, then came Irene Dunlop, Lucille Lepine, Arlene DiPasquale and Ev Ellis.

In "D" it was Grace Merlo's Trail foursome of Eileen Holm, Colleen Sanders and Laurie McLeod, first. Dorothy Muir of Trail second. She had Lydia Vellutini, Claire McAulay and Val Farnsworth with her. Dorothy Albo of Rossland took third along with Beryl Davis, Bev Vanderzalm and Tina Drake. In fourth spot was another Trail rink, Joyce Schroeder. With her were Ann Stefani, Terry Sokolic and Sharon Parisotto.

Vi Krest's rink was four down coming home in their semi-final game in the "A" event. Undaunted, Vi went on to take four points for a tie and then outdrew her opponent in the tie-breaker to go on to the final where she made another comeback before being edged by the Mackie rink.

On behalf of the Orwell Derby Club executive, I would like to remind anyone wishing to take in the banquet and dance that Sunday is the deadline for tickets. By the talk around town, it should be well attended. Bob Glover advised me that there are some tickets still available and can be purchased by phoning him.