

First on the agenda this week comes from my old pal in Penticton, Chow Sdao. Chow sends along a clipping from a Winnipeg paper of an obituary column on the passing of a former Rossland and Trail athlete. He says that the name will mean a lot to most older people in our cities as Ross Forrest was quite an athlete. Forrest played quite a number of sports and excelled in most of them.

Sdao also mentioned that he was with Ross when they were stationed in the Beaumont barracks in Aldershot and they played softball with some other Rossland men at that time with a team known as McTeer's Sports. Among the Rosslanders mentioned were Clyde Nyman, who can be found any day now burning up the Birchbank course with his trusty golf clubs, John Gydinski and Frank Thorpe. The team's coach was Alec Pollock.

I ran into Dave Lawrence in the Uplander the other day and he tells me that he is helping organize an Old-timers' soccer team in Rossland to take part in a league encompassing most of the West Kootenay. Dave

mentioned teams from Trail, Castlegar, Grand Forks, Fruitvale, Nelson and Kaslo along with Rossland. They aim for membership to be restricted to the 30-and-over group and practice every Thursday in Sunningdale. The regular league play is expected to start this weekend.

Another clipping handed to me in Trail recently is from the Vancouver Sun sports reporter, Mike Mooney, and it deals with the exploits of one of Trail's favorite sons. Mike Buckna is a household word in the Kootenays as well as being hailed as the "father of Czech hockey" in the clipping. My best memories of Mike are of him playing alongside Ab Cronie for the Smoke Eaters, coaching the Rossland Warriors and being a genial host at his hotel in the Gulch during my early years in Trail. His ability to organize certainly paid handsome dividends for the Czech hockey cause.

I wish to thank Fanny Albo for the following report on women's curling. This deals with the women who curl during the afternoon as compared to the evening

club, which I understand has a larger membership.

Both of these clubs are endeavoring to promote the cause of women's curling and this column wishes both nothing but success in their efforts.

The afternoon club held its windup banquet at the Uplander recently with 21 members present. Also on hand were three guests, all former members, Marg Burnett, Peggy Smith, and Laura Vanness. After the banquet a short business meeting was held and a slate of officers for 1983-84 was announced by Dorothy Albo.

The new slate consisted of president-elect Vivian Thompson, vice-president Irene Brennan, secretary Irene Dunlop, treasurer Ruth Dougan, bonspiel chairman Jan Westbury, social director Jessie Skinner, press representative Beryl Davies and zone chairman Marg Rosse.

Winners of the four competitions undertaken by the club this winter for the Cominco shield were Fanny Albo with Dorothy Fines the runner up. In the mini-draw, those two rinks reversed their positions with Dorothy winning and Fanny taking

second place. In the Secombe Cup, Irene Brennan emerged victorious with Dorothy Albo second and in the Haden-Capalbo trophy it was Dorothy Albo on top with Edie Harasin next.

The rinks in the Haden-Capalbo were, with Dorothy, Gert Sandulescu, third, Mary Bruce, second and Fran Hootz, lead. With Eddie were Ruth Dougan, third, Dorothy Lilburn, second and they picked a lead for each game.

While on curling, a retiree club member, one who takes part in the club's summer activities, pool and shuffleboard in the lounge at the arena, "Doc" Holladay, wondered aloud at our last meeting, whether any of the women who liked to play shuffleboard, darts, pool, etc. would like to join in the Tuesday and Friday afternoon sessions. They'd be welcome and things start around 2 p.m. until 4 or 5 p.m.

We all lost a good friend and a grand old gent in the persons of "Pop" Scott, better known as Bill by some. Pop was going on 95 at his passing. We wish to extend our deepest sym-

pathy to his family who numbered among them some of Rossland's finest athletes. Jim, in lacrosse, Ray in lacrosse and diving, Will, in ball and Archie, in hockey.

I ran across something the other day which gave me a couple of moments of fun and relaxation. It was the following and was passed along by my long-time friend, Bill Harkness. Bill was the first guy I drank a beer with on arriving in Trail in '46. You guessed it, the Montana. Anyway, here goes. Where can you find a cap for your knee or a key for a lock of your hair? Can your eyes be called an academy because there are pupils there? On the crown of your head what gems can be found? Who travels the bridge of your nose, can the calf of your leg eat the corn on your toe? If so why not grow corn in your ear?

P.S.: Rossland Slo-Pitch ball will hold a general meeting in the Curling Club lounge on Monday, April 18 at 7 p.m. or after hockey, if a game is scheduled. Call Jim Ling for any further information at 362-5003.

That's it for now.