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PEPPER-TALK

with
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The other day I got news of the change in the staff of the 1983-84 Rossland Warriors. Doug Buhr, the team's manager told me Lloyd McLellan has passed the mantle to Rick Chobanuk.

Lloyd has been with the Warriors almost since the start of the KIJHL and has coached some mighty impressive teams in those years. During that time he has, as every coach, has detractors, but some very fine hockey players have played under his watchful eye and a number of them left quite a mark in the record books.

Rossland's hockey fans will no doubt wish Lloyd well in the future. He has served our young people during the cheers and jeers.

He has done his job and now as he seeks to spend more time with his young family. This corner would like to add our word to him on leaving. Enjoy the extra leisure, Lloyd, you've earned it.

Coming to the Warriors to take Lloyd's place is a young man who has been extremely successful in the handling of young hockey players in our town. For the last few years, Rick Chobanuk has done an exceptional job with a young bantam team Rossland fans really enjoy and appreciate. Every one of these kids is a native Rosslander and there is not much doubt that some, if not all, of them will find themselves playing for their former coach as members of his new team.

At this time I cannot give you much of Rick's hockey background, but in a job in which performance is constantly in the spotlight, he has been particularly successful. I think he will continue to be just that at the helm of the Warriors.

Over the weekend four of us Legion members trekked up to Kaslo to take part in the annual zone golf tour-

namment. Carl Osing, Bart Dudley, Angus Popplewell and myself had a great time up in the picturesque little town. Kaslo is one of the friendliest places I have visited.

Leaving Rossland on Saturday morning at 7 a.m. we registered and started play on the tight little tree-lined course shortly after 9:30. Rain threatened a few times but we escaped most of the heavy stuff and finished at 3 p.m. having completed 18 holes with a short break after nine holes for a sandwich and suds.

We then drove downtown to the Legion club rooms and got a line on where we would stay overnight. We were booked at the Kaslo Motel right downtown and we went there, checked in, had a wash and a change of clothes and at 5 p.m. we went to the supper held in connection with the tourney. It was really a marvellous meal prepared by the Kaslo L.A.

Afterward there was a presentation of prizes. We did not bring home any silverware. It went mostly to Nelson, whose Bob Thommson and John Bowles won the low gross and low net respectively.

The low net trophy was donated to the zone by the Rossland branch some years ago in memory of one of its members who loved the game of golf but was tragically drowned some years back, Johnny Dellow.

Still on the subject of golf, this week's retirees bash at the upper course saw 47 players out on a sometimes threatening day. Bingo, bango, bongo and the longest putt on No. 9 were the order of the day and the winners were Rich Watkinson with 13 points, Harry Hanson 11, and George Pearson 10. Nine others were tied with nine and in a draw the two lucky ones were Sam Mabier and Jimmy Morris. Jack Barnes had the longest putt on No. 9, a 17'2" shot.

Harry Hanson has volunteered to help run next week's goings-on but he needs a helper. Call me at home or leave word for me if you would care to help Harry. He hasn't done this job before. We would like to thank Jim and Ernie for a real good job.

Once again I urge you, please pick up the balls you have coming to you. We can only hold them for you for so long. Munro or his wife will be glad to dish them out if your name is on their list.

And to finish here's an Edworthy dandy. A fan attending the opening of B.C. Place felt the pangs of hunger and went along to get a hot dog. The goodies were piled in a big glass warmer and the fan selected one right on the bottom. When asked why he wanted that particular one, his answer was "Oh, I'm always for the underdog."

Thanks Toby.