

PEPP-TALK

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Last weekend in Rossland the annual Slow-Pitch tournament was held under conditions that were definitely not ideal. But 31 games were played to a conclusion anyway.

Jubilee Park, where two diamonds were located, was something like a wading pool by Saturday morning. Cook Avenue Park wasn't all that much better. Centennial was probably the best of a bad lot.

Dan McFarland was umpire-in-chief and when he came into the arena, where the beer-garden was located at 10 o'clock, after the first games were played, his jacket was all a grown man would want to carry around. The 75-cup coffee urn took quite a beating during the early going but after a while the rain eased off and the guys and their gals started to develop a thirst for something other than coffee and the bar help got a real good workout.

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terrific job of serving the large crowd that showed up for the Friday evening bash. I'm told they served everyone that attended in a matter of 15 minutes.

Mentioning the people responsible for putting on this tourney is a pleasant task. Ken Dixon and Cam Jensen have put in a lot of hours and expended a lot of their own money to put this show on the road and deserve a lot of thanks from everyone in Rossland for a terrific effort and a job well

done. Their various committees also can take pride in a job well done.

Turning from ball to another subject for a while, I had word from Viv Thompson, president of the Ladies' Afternoon Curling Club, that she has had a letter from the chairman of the Regional District's Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee, asking her organization to submit a brief to his committee on the subject of improvements to recreational facilities in this

area. The ladies' club is interested in this subject and they plan to prepare a submission.

I think it is quite possible the Retirees' Curling Club might wish to assist the ladies in this endeavor.

And now to golf. This week's competition saw 39 out on a nice day at the upper course. Ron Gardner and Matt Mattson ran the show this week and it was least putts and low net. In the putting it was Herve St. Jean with 14 putts while Mort

Johnson, Morris Sawyer, Lou Crowe and Ron Gardner tied at 15. Four balls were given out and Ronnie was unlucky in a draw. In the net, it was Chief Buna with a sparkling 30 while Jack Barnes, Percy Hamilton and Lou Freeman tied to win a ball each while Bob Walley, also at 33, was the unlucky one in the ensuring draw. Next week, Percy Cutler and I will handle things and we'll have to come up with something different, I guess!

That's it for this week!

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Both these teams became favorites of the crowds during the two-day tourney and we shall be looking forward to seeing them and all the others at next year's shindig. The total of 16 teams had Vernon, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Enderby, Sparwood and Vancouver, plus a Calgary team on hand for the tournament as well as several from Rossland and despite the rude reception they got from the weatherman, they will all be on hand in 1984.

Fred and Viv Thompson were in charge of the supper at the High School and did a