

PEPP-ALK

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On Saturday afternoon around 3 o'clock, Arnie Sherwood, Larry Lavigne, his son Rob and myself teed off at the upper course for nine holes. It was the start of an occasion marking Larry's departure for his new home in Summerland and was in the nature of a surprise party for him and his family as they prepare to leave Rossland for the Okanagan.

Also, along on the golf date was Rob Lavigne who acted as caddie and scorekeeper. Upon completion of our round we joined the ladies in the clubhouse for a round of drinks and supper and later Larry and his wife were presented with gifts from their family.

Larry's gift was a weird and wonderful combination golf club for playing long and short shots and also to play shots when darkness closes in before your round is finished. It had two handles and a flashlight built right into where the shafts met. It was really something. I don't know who dreamed it up but I would suspect Rob and Ron had something to do with it. Larry's wife got a pair of high cut rubber boots for working the large garden they expect to have over in Summerland.

Joining us for the supper and our subsequent trip to the Rossland Legion were Joe and Dorothy Gyte, Rollie and Ev Ellis and Army and Hazel Hartley, plus all the children of the Lavigne family and their families. It turned out to be quite a get-together. Oh, and by the way, Bill Hooch-Antink and his wife were also present along with Arnie's wife, Phyllis and my wife, Jean.

I got talking to Pat Lavigne at the party. He tells me he has been invited back to Nelson by the senior Maple Leafs this winter. He played some games for them last year and I guess he did pretty well. Anyway, he'll be going back.

Well, we will miss Larry.

He was always pretty good company and he has left a standing invitation for any of his friends who might be visiting the Okanagan to be sure to drop around for a visit with him.

I had the chance to chat with Richie Chobanuk at the golf course last week and he introduced me to Tom Rennie. Tom will be assisting Rick with the Warriors this coming season. He comes from Cranbrook and played his early hockey there before moving on to the Okanagan to play in the B.C. League. From there he went on to play college hockey in the States. He tells me he is looking forward to working with our Rossland team and hopes he can help them give some opposition to his friend, Terry Minnis, who coaches Cranbrook Colts.

One of these days, soon, I hope to sit down and have a little session with Rick and get an idea of what we can expect from the Warriors this coming season. The rest of the teams in the league don't figure to be much weaker than last year, so it looks like it's going to be quite a challenge for Rick in his first season.

I understand a couple of Rossland's Bantam players are going to the camp of the Prince Albert Raiders for tryouts shortly. The two are Tom Feeney and Pat Corrado and I will have more data on their trip when I get a chance to have a chat with them and Roy Grant, who gave me this information. Either of these youngsters could easily catch on with the northern Saskatchewan team, a member of the Western Hockey League.

Speaking of people going places reminds me I heard Peter Corrado is serious about making a return trip to Australia. He did pretty well down there last time.

I would like to extend my sympathy to the family of J.

B. Caron, who passed away last week. John was a Legion member and the branch put on a good representation at his funeral. His son, John was a Warrior player as was another son, Joe, sometime back. John has a knee injury from soccer and was on crutches at the funeral. Joe is now working on the Island and looking pretty good.

I watched the old-timers' baseball game on TV for a while Monday night. Some of those old boys can still hit the ball pretty well but their trips around the bases have slowed down somewhat. It was good to see them cavorting out there. Bob Feller, pitching to guys like Monte Irvine, Ralph Kiner, Henry Aaron and the others. I hear the oldies are bringing their act to Vancouver in the near future. That should draw a capacity crowd to the B.C. Place stadium.

Before winding this down I would like to say the four guys who ran the bar for the Rossland Slow-Pitch tourney were very happy with the offering we got from Cam on behalf of the club for our efforts.

This week, Retirees' day at the upper course had around 30 members out on a rather foggy morning. Later, the sun smiled on us and the guys who teed off late had a nice round. The competition, run by "Red" Ius and Herb Martin was hidden hole, low and high, long putt on No. 9 and low net and low gross.

Percy Hamilton won the long putt on No. 9 with a 20-footer, hidden hole low was won by Bill Limacher and Jack Barnes. Hidden hole high was taken by Carl Osing and Harry Simpkinson. Jim Scott took low gross and low net was taken by Bill Chartres and Lou Crowe.

Rich Watkinson and I will run next week's show and the following week it will be Carl Osing and Joe Bielli. See you there, for a lot of fun!