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PEPP-TALK

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On Saturday Arnie Sherwood, Herb Castle and I went on a trip to Creston to participate in the Legion East-West golf tournament.

Around 20 foursomes teed off, maybe there were more East zones representatives than West but it wasn't too one-sided. In drawing up the foursomes the organizers tried to put two of each in a group of four, according to what I could figure out they were pretty evenly divided.

Herbie and I played with two boys from Cranbrook, Paddy Etmanski and Roger Savarie. Roger hadn't had a club in his hands for about 10 years, but when you've learned to play golf it's just like riding a bicycle, you never forget it. Roger didn't take long to get his swing back and when he did he gave us a real lesson. Paddy, well-known by a number of people in our area, is more of a social type but not that bad a golfer. Herbie and I thoroughly enjoyed our day.

Arnie would have liked to play with us but he got with a good group of guys and had a good time. One of the guys in his foursome was "Big Ed" Loutit from Kimberley. Ed used to live in Rossland and was a good friend of Charlie

Cholak who has left our town to live in Edmonton.

While on the subject of golf, this week's retirees day saw 37 guys out on the upper course. The competition was Bingo, Bango Bongo, low gross and low net and the flies weren't quite as bad as they were last week. This week's show was run by Sammy Martin with an assist from Jack Bailey and Joe Bielli.

Duke Scodellaro took low gross with a 39 and was followed by Tim Jenkin with a 42 and Matt Mattson at 43. Bob Walley took low net with a 30, with Phil Leduc, 33 and Reg White, 23 in hot pursuit. In Bingo, Bango, Bongo, Rich Watkinson headed the field with 15 points, "Wee Eddie" Nofield was next with 13, followed by "Chief" Buna with 12.

Next week's competition will be irons only and will be administered by Jimmy Scott and a partner. See you all there, maybe the flies will have gone south by then!

I got together with Roy Grant this week and we talked about hockey and his job as Prince Albert Raiders official scout for B.C. and the Northwest Territories. He has just completed a year

with the Seattle hockey organization.

He told me the P.A. organization has expressed a great deal of interest in both Tommy Feeney and Patrick Corrado. These two Rossland boys are still too young and physically not yet ready for Tier I junior hockey, but both are so highly regarded by Terry Simpson, Prince Albert's coach and general manager, that they will both be offered a spot in Tier II or Midget in that organization.

Regarding Patrick, he has not made a serious mistake on defence in a long time. He can advance the puck better than most and can also get quite physical when the going demands it.

Regarding Tommy, Simpson has stated he is not only one of the best skaters he has seen in a number of years, but also the most aggressive and determined youngster to try out in the organization in a long time, a definite Tier I prospect.

During the summer, both boys have been pushing themselves real hard to build up their strength and stamina.

Tommy, for instance, has

been riding down to work with his dad, who works at Tadanac for Cominco, then turning around and making the long uphill grind back to Rossland — quite a workout!

Patrick, meanwhile, has been working out in a like manner and both of them are now ready for their upcoming test.

Two boys from Beaver Valley will be joining Tom and Pat on the trip to P.A. Mike Marshall, fresh out of Bantam is a very high prospect. He was ranked along with Feeney in the top ten Bantams at P.A.'s Drayton Valley camp of some 92 prospects.

Wayne Minkus, a midget-aged prospect who has outstanding speed, size and stick-handling abilities, is one boy who will in all probability stay in Saskatchewan, subject to be called up to the parent club at any time.

Roy says he spent six weeks at Haney, looked at some 100 prospects and invited one to the camp at P.A. It would appear local boys must be pretty outstanding prospects.

All our best wishes go along with them.