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One of Rossland's senior citizens came home a short while back from what must have been one of the most noteworthy treks in our times. Jack Hook made the recently completed Seniors bike ride across Canada from Vancouver Island to Newfoundland and came home looking like he had just finished his morning practice run.

Since his story has already been told elsewhere, I thought I would just pass along my own impressions of what Jack and his fellow riders must have gone through in making this epic journey. I know from my bike-riding days back in the Old Country it's an activity that can be pretty demanding. These people have already logged their three score years and ten, so it's definitely a mammoth accomplishment.

I could just imagine Russ Broughton driving along in his comfortable van, beginning to feel for someone who might be struggling a little and offering to take over and ride a few miles to spell him off. That's the kind of guy he is. An excellent golfer and curler, Russ, like a lot more of us, is enjoying his retirement. I hope he has a lot more ahead for him.

Jack and his partner from

Trail, Gino Pagnan, have both competed in various sports since I have known them and were naturals to take up the challenge on something like this.

I know, from what I have heard from Jack, that this was a very worthwhile venture and they both will be chomping at the bit to take up where they left off.

I think it's quite safe to say people all over the West Kootenay country and beyond admire these chaps.

The lady with the poetic pen from Black Bear has done it again. The poem "Black Bear Blues" is typical of Teena Bell, who always writes succinct and precis lines. Anyone who reads it gets the point. It could turn out to be rewarding if our city fathers are listening.

I was told the other day the Retirees Curling Club in Rossland has been offered the chance to take over running the Upper Course, as they did last year after it was officially closed. The course remains open for those who wish to take advantage of it and the retirees get a chance to pick up some change for their troubles. Last year, we were down there for two or three weeks and it's not a problem, as most of us have the time on our hands, anyhow.

Desi Monaghan tells me the ice in the Arena will be ready for Saturday's exhibition game vs. Trail. A number of us are waiting to see what this year's edition of the Warriors are going to look like. We do know that our two Moose Jaw recruits from last season are back. I talked to Rod Diebert and Bert Brooker during Golden City Days and both told me they are happy to be here for another year.

I also heard our new coach is not ready to do too much talking about his charges and the upcoming season. That is usually a pretty good policy. The people in the front office can usually be depended upon to do the talking, if there is something to be said. The answers to anyone's queries can usually be seen on the ice.

I talked with Roy Grant at length the other day and he passed along word the trip to P.A. with Tommy Feeney and Paddy Corrado was well worth it. Tommy, especially, made quite an impression. Roy said he thought Paddy may have been a bit tired. Both boys will definitely be going to the Drayton Valley spring camp of the Raiders and in the meantime, the people at P.A. have definite plans for both boys. I understand they will be placed on teams where they will get

a chance at top-rated midget competition.

With the advent of ice in the Arena it follows that we can expect ice to go into the curling rink in the near future and a start of Retirees curling. It looks as though our club may get quite a boost in membership in the coming season. Former members of the Shift and Main clubs, now retired, Jim Flanders and Jack Cox, to name just a couple, are rarin' to get out on the ice and show their prowess.

At the Upper Course on Tuesday, the Retirees decided to postpone their usual Tuesday morning tee off until 1 p.m. next week. So next week, you gents who usually get out there in the early morning will wait until 1 p.m. before teeing up. It just could be that we may be just about to call off our regular weekly bash.

This week it was match par with your own handicap and "Red" Ius and Jim Scott were successful, Cleve Cowland won the high hidden hole which was No. 1, on No. 8, the low hidden hole was won by Tim Jenkins and Clyde Nyman with economical 4's.

Lew Freeman had a 16 ft, 6 inch putt on No. 9 for the long putt to take that category.

'Til next week, then!