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PEPP-TALK

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I got word from the Ladies' Afternoon Curling club in Rossland recently regarding their progress thus far in the current season. It came from Beryl Davis, publicity director for the club. The club, not as big now as it has been in past years, is nevertheless still very active and always on the lookout for new members.

They have just completed their Cominco Cup competition and are starting out in the Seccombe Cup now. In the Cominco round, the winner was the Marg Rosse rink. Marg had Dotty Albo at third, Laura Thompson second and Viv Thompson lead. The runner-up in this competition was Edie Harasin's foursome with Ruth Dougan playing third, Mary Vickers second and Terry Marchi lead.

Plans for their annual Winter Wonderland 'spiel are in full swing now and entries are being looked for in all parts of the Kootenays. This event, which is

scheduled for February 10-12, is one of the highlights of the Rossland curling season and there are always lots of spectators behind the glass in the lounge which is always tastefully decorated by this active club.

In closing her report Beryl said the ladies wished to pass along their best wishes to Irene Brennan and Viv Thompson, both of whom had recent surgery.

Still on curling, we go now to the Retirees and a recent invitational to Nelson which some 30 members took advantage of and travelled in style, riding Neil Murdoch's bus there and back. A little better than an hour on the road each way is a lot easier than driving yourself and at considerably less cost.

It was a three-way meet with the Grand Forks club also taking a bus. Six games in the morning and six in the afternoon with Nelson rinks playing in all 12 and Rossland and Grand Forks making up the opposition.

Rossland had three wins, one in the morning draw and two in the afternoon while Grand Forks was successful in four games and Nelson had five winners.

Jim Granville of the 'Forks was a winner over a Nelson rink skipped by George Beaudry. Angus Popplewell led his rink to a wipe-out victory over Nelson veteran Lefty White in a game in which Lefty and one of his original rink had to attend a funeral which kept them away for four ends of the game.

An annual event which I have attended for the past five or six years was held Sunday at Nancy Greene Lake, the Lions club's Snowarama. This year's event attracted some 20 plus vehicles and earned \$3,200 for the Lions Crippled Children Fund. The last of the riders crossed the highway to the N.G. parking area around 3 p.m. after completing their allotted mileage. Taking part in the

organization were the Selkirk Lions from Castlegar, Beaver Valley Lions and our own Golden City Lions and the event was superbly run off without a hitch.

Installation ceremonies at the Rossland Legion kept me from attending the Warriors vs. Flames game on Saturday evening. I'm told Rossland put on a spirited drive in the last half of the third period but lost 5-3. Should the standings remain as they are, it means they will be drawn against the Flames in round one of the playoffs. But they have a chance to get past the Rebels into third, in which case they would have home-ice advantage and play Nelson in round one.

To do this they must win at least three of their four remaining games, two at home against Beaver Valley and Trail and two away against Grand Forks and the Flames. It's possible but a pretty tough task.