

Well, in this week's column, there's going to be a lot of talk about the ladies. The premier event of Rossland's winter curling season, the Winter Wonderland bonspiel, took place this past weekend. The only men that work on this one are those who help operate the bar, or refreshment stand or whatever.

Sure there were a lot of guys up there over the weekend but what red-blooded man doesn't spend a lot of time watching the ladies, especially when you can learn from them. There were some pretty good curlers up there over the weekend. Even if some of them are new to the game, they put in a lot of effort.

Anyway, there were 20 rinks entered and 17 of them got prizes. There were four events, with four prizes in each and another for the first rink out of the 'spiel, plus the Stephens trophy for the winner of "A" Event.

The winner of the "A" was the Linda Acton rink from Trail followed by the Elsie Shorthouse rink of the same club. Rita Dahlin's rink from Fruitvale was third and Lucille Lepine's foursome, also from Trail, got fourth spot.

In the "B" it was also a Trail rink in the top spot. This was the Doreen Burnham rink. Rossland's Gert Sandulescu came in

second and two Salmo rinks came third and fourth. Doreen Fleming took third and Phyllis Miller fourth.

In the "C" Beth Comp-ton's foursome from Beaver Valley took first. Trail's Lydia Vellutini skipped her group to second spot. Sherry Lyons of Castlegar got third and Barb Wilcox, also from the Valley got fourth.

"D" event was an all-Rossland affair with Marg Rosse's rink taking first, Ede Harasin was next and then two Albo rinks followed. Fanny, a long-time member of the afternoon club was third and daughter-in-law, Dottie, took the fourth and last spot in the prize list.

Jan Westbury, who volunteered the above info, didn't give me the name of the first-out rink and even if she had it would not appear in this write-up. Thank you, ladies.

Turning to another couple of items of interest, a note from Eileen McDonald of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary, tells us that they will be holding cribbage tournaments in February, March and April. To get an idea of how they appeal to the public, posters are up around town and the first tourney will take place in the Lower Legion Hall Wednesday, Feb. 29 at 8 p.m. The ladies are hoping for a good turnout for this effort. Everyone is welcome and

refreshments will be served.

And from Dorothy Gyte, of the newly-formed Rossland chapter of the Heart Association, their group will be having a bingo in the Lower Legion Hall on Sunday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m. All you bingo addicts, show up and support a good cause. Dorothy reminds us they are in the midst of their canvass, which started on Feb. 12 and will continue until Feb. 26.

"Give till it hurts" to this cause, whose motto is "someday, you may need us as bad as we need you, now."

Moving back to curling for a moment, the Retirees' draw for our final competition is all ready to go and will start Feb. 21 with the final games scheduled for March 27, two days before the ice comes out, so we are informed. Between now and then, we have several visits scheduled. We go to Grand Forks Feb. 22 and have them back, plus a Nelson return visit. Then, it will be "Here I come, No. 1 Tee!"

Our congratulations to Bert Brooker, of the Warriors, for being chosen best goalie in the West this season. I saw the awards at the arena on Friday night, but didn't catch all the names. I think, however, Bert got another award there. When I get the

others, I'll pass them along.

This past weekend saw a pretty good Midget tournament out in Castlegar. Competing were Fernie, Nelson, Spokane, Castlegar and Trail, with the latter coming away with the honors.

You could call this a prelude to the playoffs.

Trail has seven Rossland players on the team by virtue of the Rossland Hockey Association not having enough players this year to keep a Midget team going. These kids came from what we used to describe as the "green machine."

Trail went through the tournament undefeated. Their first game against Nelson ended 9-4. Then they blew away Spokane 12-2 only to be seen against a stubborn Fernie team who would only allow a tie, 3-3. In the Spokane game, Ken MacArthur tallied five goals and Greg Schuck netted the tying goal against Fernie. In the final game of this round robin event, Trail beat Castlegar 10-3 with Chris Minton netting a hat trick. Trail now waits for the winners between Castlegar-Nelson series to see who is the W.K. Zone representative in the B.C. Championship playoffs which are in Prince George later in March.

Till next week, then!