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Saturday night, the Rossland Warriors held their annual windup party at the parish hall. Players, coaches and top management were all present along with assorted guests and parents of the players. After some informal mixing and a delightful meal supplied by the players' parents and the Warrior ladies' executive, the business of giving out the awards and presentations to deserving assistants of the clubs' executive and individual players was masterminded by manager Doug Buhr.

During his talk to the gathering, Doug expressed his thanks to the players and coaches for the best showing by the team in a number of years and looked forward to the return of all of them to the fold. He especially picked out the young players for the way they have developed under the watchful eye of coach Rich Chobanuk and his assistants Tom Renney and Bob Zanussi.

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to have Bert on their roster next season. Only time will tell what Bert will decide.

One thing that stood out in this year's edition of the Warriors was the fact that boys from so many different places played with the team and it must be said that these youngsters acted like there was a real bond between them. Every award and presentation was greeted with the greatest enthusiasm by every one of them. Let's see, on the team that finished the season, there were two boys from Moose Jaw, one each from Osoyoos and Prince George, a couple from Beaver Valley, four from Trail and nine from Rossland.

I think I may be repeating myself to a certain extent but I certainly am not ashamed. I wish every one of these youngsters all the good things that can happen to them as they continue in hockey, here or elsewhere. To every one of them, I'll say it's been a real pleasure to know you all. As you carry on with your lives, may you continue on in the same manner as you have conducted yourselves while playing with the Warriors.

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cessful season, thanks for the invitation to be a part of it all. It's a tribute to you all that a town the size of Rossland can manage to run a hockey team so successfully from any way one want to look at it.

The curling season for our retirees club is rapidly drawing to a close. As we wind down our schedule plus a couple of visits from Grand Forks and Nelson we can look back on a very successful season that has moved steadily along with a minimum of trouble. It would be fitting here, I think, to pay tribute to all those people who have added that little extra something to the job of running the club in such a workman-like manner.

For instance, there is our head man, president Angus Popplewell, who keeps his finger on the pulse, makes arrangements for the extras that we all enjoy, like get-togethers. People like Cleve Cowland, Fred Thompson, "Doc" Halladay and Lou Crowe are wonderful too. Cleve and Lou for their help in getting out the copies of our schedule, Fred for his culinary and catering talents and "Doc" for his running of our coffee and beer emporium so successfully.

One of my helpers with our scheduling is Rich Watkinson. He and our

brother, no longer with us, Jack Cox, were great in that department. When it comes to the holding the purse strings, we have a gent without peer in the finance department, Dick Cotton. Every one of these guys has really dug in and helped to make our club the success story it is.

Most of the wind-up 'spiels, one-days and the like will be over as this month comes to a close. The Legion, the Eagles and the Mixed Club all have scheduled Sunday dates for theirs. Looks like I'm booked for all three. What, with the Brier on TV and the world championships, also on the tube in March and April, we will have lots of curling to fill out our leisure hours until Old Sol does a job of getting the golf courses ready.

One other Legion event to take place for the first time is the zone darts tourney at Castlegar this weekend. Dennis Herron, our club darts boss, tells me that they are a little worried about the number of entries. At the last reading, he says only about 40 were entered from four or five branches. Rossland has 14 of these. This tourney leads to a provincial playoff later this month. Squamish is the site. Then it's on to Lethbridge, Alta., for the nationals.

Till next time, then!

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by BABS BOURCHIER



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We're losing one of our aerobic fitness instructors, Lynn Ellis. Lynn has decided to search for greener pastures and more training in the fitness field. We wish her the best of luck and assure her if she decides to come back, those who have attended her classes and the staff at the Recreation office will

7328 to register and for more information.

Treat yourself to the entertainment night at RSS at 7:30 on Tuesday. The Nearly Players will produce three short plays and the Stage Band will also be featured. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and pensioners. There are some fine, imaginative young actors

Spokane and Kelly Ingram and Rob Marshall of the Nelson Club.

We have ice time available from now to the end of the month, so give us a call if you'd like to book a fun skate or hockey game.

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At the moment, we don't plan to replace her and hope her people will switch to either Resa or Meg's class. However, we do have a few feelers out for possible replacement programs of a slightly different nature. Keep an eye on this column and we'll keep you informed.

Don't forget our creative dance classes starting right after spring break. There will be three separate weekly classes — for 6-8, 9-11 and 12-14 year olds. Please call us at 362-

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While on the subject of entertainment, you will be given two opportunities to see our Rossland Figure Skating club in action on Sunday at a matinee at 2 and at 7 in the evening. There is nothing more graceful and beautiful than figure-skating and nothing more delightful than the tinies — one hand firmly anchoring a skirt while the other waves at Granny in the third row. Two of the program highlights will be Scott Wendland from

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Apparently some London papers, in an effort to increase circulation, are featuring poetry. Here is our effort, dedicated to one of our retirees who had an unfortunate incident last week:

Our Harry who perched on a stool

Would tip his chair back as a rule.

But the chair broke its leg,

The glass cracked like an egg,

And the Warrior Lounge grew quite cool.