

PEPPER-TALK

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Well, I got in my first round on Friday of last week. Bart Dudley, Carl Osing and myself went out to Birchbank, where the course was in excellent condition for so early in the season and it was reasonably crowded. Gordie Fergusson was busy taking memberships and announcing the order on the first tee, selling buckets of balls for guys who wished to practice hitting before venturing on to the course.

On number one we were joined by Bill Chartres of Trail, who was also making his first start and our scores, when we completed nine, were not that good but not that bad for a bunch of so-called sand-baggers. Bill had 49, Bart a 52, I a 53 and Carl 56. Triple bogies on one hole or another hurt all of us.

It will be a while before our Upper layout gets out of the grips of winter. Maybe later this month!

Thursday night of last week, we held our retirees' wind-up curling party at the Legion and it went off quite well. A great roast beef supper was served, with all the trimmings, by the Legion ladies and we got down to the presentation of awards to the rinks who won the three events we held this past season.

The Arnold Vanness rink, with Gil Besso third, Dick Vermiere second and newcomer Lou Freeman lead, took the trophy for the first competition, the Scott-Molyneux award.

The Legion trophy went to the Angus Popplewell

rink, with Jack Hook in third spot, Dick Vermiere second and Leo Lawlis lead. This was for first place in our second competition.

And in the third competition the club trophy went to the Bob Stevenson rink. Bob had Cleve Cowland at third, Larry Prough second and Chuck Harkness lead. After the presentation, Chuck was said to have remarked to someone, "Now, perhaps they will believe I'm a curler. That's two trophies this season I have my name on."

The club recognized the rink that represented the club in the over-60 playdowns in Trail earlier in the season. Angus Popplewell, Russ Broughton, Cleve Cowland and Gil Besso were members of that foursome.

The evening continued in a light vein with Jock Irvin and Clyde Nyman leading the way in the joke-telling department. Some 60 curlers were present for the festive event.

While still on the subject, the Eagles held their Annual Northwest Bonspiel in Nelson March 24-25, with Aeries from Nelson, Trail, Kamloops, Calgary and Rossland taking part. Number 10 Aerie from Rossland was represented by the Jon Holm rink with wife Gail, third and Dave and Frances Smith second and lead. This rink palced third in "B". Also along to represent number 10 was the Jack MacDonald rink. Eileen MacDonald was third. Tyrone and Mickie

Slubowski played second and lead. This rink did not place.

Turning to hockey, Rossland Minor Hockey Association held their wind-up banquet March 28, at the high school. It was a happy, if noisy, affair. A supper of spaghetti and meat balls was served by the team mothers assisted by Don Lenarduzzi. These kids, young and full of vim and what-have-you, really approved of this and made their thanks known to all.

President Gordon Turnbull welcomed everyone. Included among them was Mayor Jenks, who said he was honored to be among Rossland's young ambassadors and wished them well.

President Turnbull also presented a medallion to Greta Cox. Greta was named a most valuable person in honor of her many years of service to the youngsters of Rossland in her position in the box-office and on the mike to monitor skating sessions.

Referee-in-chief Bob Sherwood thanked all his assistants and said it had been an excellent season.

On to the presentations. The novice group, youngest and largest group, 32 in number, were all presented with a RMH T-shirt. Coach Joe Zanussi thanked his brother Bob and John Stanton, along with several Junior Warriors who had assisted him during the season. Medallions of achievement were earned by Warren Rosse, Michael Williams, Jason Zanussi, Bill Profili, Logan

Laybourne and Gerard Stanton.

In the Atom division, where Lou DeRosa and Doug Hickey were the coaches, Gary Westbury was thanked for his help during the season. Members of the White Knight team earning most improved and most sportsman-like citations were Michael McQueen and Noel Salsiccioli respectively. On the Redwing team, Aaron McFarland was most improved and Brett Johnson most sportsmanlike. Over-all, trophies in the Atoms were won by Chad Brandt, most improved and Aaron McQueen, most sportsmanlike.

In the Pee Wee division, coach Geoff Chambers presented medallions to Alan Shook as most sportsmanlike, Gary Johnson and Billy Moyle as most improved. In this division, trophies are given to the most sportsmanlike and most valuable and Michael McNeil took the MS and Chris DeRosa the MV.

The most improved was not presented this year as there was no midget team but best over-all was Michael Sipes.

In the Bantam division, coaches Gary Holmes and Blaine McCuaig presented five medallions to Mark McAuley and Craig Holm, MIP's Greg Holmes and Gary Eaton MS's and Greg Paolini as most valuable.

And another successful season has gone into the books. All we can say is, "Well done, all of you!"

And, till next week, then!