

PEPPER-TALK

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Maybe talking about summer sports in my recent columns has put a hex on the local weather picture. I don't know, but brother, it has been the worst early April that I remember for years. Maybe, again, my memory is not as good as it once was, but there's four inches of new snow on my front lawn!

Then, again, maybe it's because Ritchie came along yesterday with a half-dozen nice little tomato plants for me. Perhaps, the man upstairs doesn't like us rushing the season. Anyways, here we are faced with another month of hockey on the tube and we are bravely starting to think summer.

Anyways, be that as it may, I called Jim Ling recently regarding the local slow-pitch. A meeting of the organization has been set up for April 19 at 7 p.m. in the Rossland Curling Lounge. A starting date for league play is tentatively set for Monday, May 7. This is a great form of sport, both for playing and for watching, so if you can't do one, I'm sure you would enjoy the other.

While on the subject of ball, I was a bit surprised and somewhat pleased at a

statement I saw in a recent copy of The Times to the effect that the Trail minor ball powers that be, have seen fit to extend their boundary to include Rossland. This is a move that cannot hurt the Trail kids and it could turn out to be a boon for the Rossland youngsters, many of whom would love to play ball again.

There was a time when Rossland had a pretty fair Little League organization but it died from lack of support, so it's good to see the Trail people extending to our kids the chance to play again.

At the present time, Rossland has a pretty adequate organization in place to handle the kids who wish to play soccer and the sport is booming in the Kootenays. Their games are always a pleasure to watch and it seems they have enough people to handle the teams and the games. However, if you have time to spare to give these kids a hand, I'm sure you would be more than welcome.