

I promised last week that as soon as I saw the members of our Legion darts team back from their trip to Squamish I would give a full report on the tournament. Now, thanks to one of the women who went along with the team, I am able to do just that.

Three events were held at the tourney: singles, doubles and teams, and there were 26 area representatives taking part. Teams were from Masset, Fernie, Nanaimo, Elkford, Kelowna, Kitimat, Kamloops, East Vancouver, Abbotsford, Aldergrove, Powell River, Prince George, Texada Island, White Rock, Vedder, Golden, Campbell River, Rossland, Cranbrook, Penticton, Blue River, Port Moody, West Vancouver, New Westminster, Mount Arrowsmith and North Thompson Valley.

All the events were round robin. The singles division had 17 players and the winner was Ken Walker of East Vancouver Br. #48. Second place was taken by Paul Harmsworth of White Rock.

The doubles event saw 16 teams compete and the winners were Alex Reid and Chris Simmons from Port Moody Br. #6. Second place went to Graham Seiger and Max Butt of Kamloops Br. #5.

In the teams event there were 17 entries with top money going to the White Rock team composed of Paul Harmsworth, Bob Cole, Bob Green and Mike Gilbertson. Campbell River took second with a team composed of Ralph Craft, Gordy Cronin, Leonard Ludwikowski and Jim Hilchey.

All in all, it was a remarkable tournament and a tribute to the

organizers from the Squamish branch, with generous hospitality, friendly atmosphere and the chance to make new friends.

Our team from Rossland had a highly enjoyable weekend and good competition throughout the tourney. The Rossland team wishes to pass along their best wishes to all the winners in their quest for national recognition at Lethbridge and to thank the Squamish Legion as a really benevolent and gracious host.

On behalf of the local branch #14 I would like to add that we feel we have been well represented and to say that we hope the darts club of Rossland will prosper and go on to many more such events as the one just concluded.

The Rossland Slow Pitch schedule is out and it shows

that six teams, Rossland Motel, Spartans, Scrap, Payless, Orwell Hotel and Royal will battle it out over a three-month, sixty-game schedule starting Monday and finishing on July 30.

Games are to be played at two parks, Centennial and Cook Avenue. The only break comes on the July 1 holiday when they miss a Monday game; otherwise, games are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday throughout the three-month stretch.

The league will also sponsor a golf and steak stag at a date to be announced later and teams are reminded that all team monies due the league shall be paid on or before May 24.

The local Legion sent a large delegation to a Veterans of Foreign Wars celebration in Spokane over the weekend along with like numbers from Trail, Salmo and Beaver Valley, Castlegar and Grand Forks. Everyone I've talked to reports a fine welcome and wonderful time. Thirty-eight members of Rossland Branch #14 hired Neil Murdoch to drive them there and back and reports say that this is the only way to go.

No report is in yet regarding the Minor Soccer League, how many registered or how they are divided up. However, it is still early as some of our parks are still in rough shape. Perhaps next week we'll have some more data on this subject.

It looks like the Labatts team has folded. It's a shame, but I guess they couldn't round up enough guys with the wish to play, so a team that had a good record over the past few years, has faded from the soccer scene.

While on the subject, I watched some of the Whitecaps-Cosmo game the other night and it seems the 'Caps are ready for a good season with a convincing 4-1 win over the perennial NASL champs.

Till next week, then!