

Before I forget, I would like to correct an erroneous statement in my last column, regarding the RMHA rep on the Warriors present setup; his name is Doug Hickey, not Hinton.

The reason for the mistake was I happened to be looking at the latter guy when Doug Buhr made the announcement and I was sure I saw him nod his head in acknowledgement and just went from there. However, I don't think any permanent damage was done so I hope this correction will suffice.

Before leaving this subject, I would like to go on record as saying from what I have learned from talks to several people who were connected with the Warriors during Rick Chobanuk's short tenure as coach, I have yet to find anyone that agrees with the decision of the management to relieve Rick of his duties. Rick was quite open on the subject when I talked to him, as were several others. It would appear differences of opinion were present at the top on some subjects and top management had the last word, as they usually do in situations of this kind. Unless anyone wishes to question this, it will be my last word on what I consider an unfortunate incident.

Over to a subject that I, along with a number of others, enjoy: local golf. Out at Salmo on Saturday the Legion zone tournament was held on a pleasant day and in sociable company at the golfport.

Salmo, of course is the last place of any substance that one sees before going over the summit to Creston.

It was open to all Legion

regular and associate members. That included the women who fall into either of those categories. Two trophies, the Labatts low net and John Dellow low gross, named in memory of a former Rossland Legionnaire who really enjoyed his game of golf, were up for the main competitions.

Winners in these two categories were, for the low net, Fred Adey of Beaver Valley, with Brian Becker of the same club as runner-up and in low gross, T. French of Nakusp with an 87 on top with Salmo's K. Dennis next with 88.

In ladies' low net it was V. Turner of Salmo with a 68 followed in the low gross by L. Deadmarsh, also of Salmo with 125. The winners in the three low net flights were Percy Cutler of Rossland with a 68 in number one. In the second it was Howard Woodburn of Trail, also with a 68 and in the third it was E. Desrochers of Nakusp, again at 68.

Closest to the pin on number two was Rick Wilmott of Nelson, just 19 feet from the pin and at number seven one of my playing partners for the tourney and a long-time friendly enemy, Wilf Deadmarsh of Salmo made it look easy as he plunked his drive down just 10 ft. 4 in. from the pin.

In the longest drive section they had four categories in the under 50 group. It was Sam Brown of Castlegar coming out on top. In the 50-60 class it was John Landi, also from Castlegar, taking the honors. Alex Ferworz, again, playing out of Castlegar, was winner in the 60-70 group and in the over 70's, Charlie Bloomfield of Trail was the winner. I heard later his winner edged me out by something less than a foot.

Hidden holes, the high category went to N. McNeil of Salmo and Clem Grodkowski, also from the host club, won in the low group. Then there was the less than auspicious category. For want of a better word they call it the most honest golfer and it's always saved until last.

This time it went to Castlegar's president, Jim Moore. I'm not going to tell you his score because I visit Castlegar once in a while and don't want to spoil that relationship.

A very nice social hour and banquet was held for all participants in the Salmo Legion afterwards and was really enjoyed by everyone in attendance. I would like to express my thanks to the draw committee for putting me with some really nice guys. Thanks! Wilf, Clem and Howard, you all came up winners and I was close so it was a pleasant day all round. To our hosts, Alex and Vi Turner, we say, "Thanks a million." 'Nuf said!

News of another kind comes to us on the news this morning. The senior Smoke Eaters have walked away from the WIHL meeting because of differences of opinion. From what I hear, they have left the door open but the rest of us will have to do some thinking on the subjects which caused the rift. We would like to say that we hope something can be done to save the oldest senior amateur club in Canada from disappearing from the hockey scene.

A few weeks back I mentioned rugby. At that time I didn't realize there was rugby as a sport in the schools. I have since learned that there is such a program and it is flourishing. Their short season started in early April and lasted until May, about five to six weeks. The

Rossland boys had a 4-4 season under the coaching of Don Hooper with an assist from Rick Chobanuk with Paul Broyd as the school rep. Among youngsters showing promise in the game on the Rossland team were Dave DeRosa, Larry Karenko and John Howes.

Present plans are aimed at getting a team of locals from Trail, Rossland and Castlegar to play in the B.C. Summer Games later this year.

Retirees Day at the upper course on Tuesday, June 5 was held under cloudy skies but we didn't get any rain during play. With Joe Bielli and Dave Nicol in charge we played white tees, low gross, low net, hidden holes low and high. Zeke Clements came in with a 44 to take low gross and Emil Kwasney won low net with a 33. Lou Freeman and Gil Besso both carded 36's to take second place, number six was the hidden high and was won by Bill Limacher with an eight. Number eight was the low and was won by Jim Scott with a sparkling four. Next week, Bob Walley and Harry Hanson will be in charge and then the following week Munro has promised us a real treat. He and Debbie are serving a top-notch breakfast for retirees for \$2 and it will be possible to eat first and play after or, for those late eaters, you may eat following your round. There were 31 out Tuesday, let's double that number for the 19th.

Till next week, then!