

PEPP-JALK

with
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Retirees Day at the upper course on Tuesday was the best we have had all season from the standpoint of players and overall weather. It was a real nice day and there were 57 elderly gentlemen out on the course, 15 foursomes, some threesomes and there were some holdups. But generally everything rolled along quite smoothly.

Some guys had their short pants on, possible for the first time this summer. I noticed Bud Hachey had pretty good-looking legs and told him so and he doffed his cap in thanks. Actually taking them all round the old boys legs are usually pretty sound and the times they walk around the Rossland layout doesn't hurt them.

Bob Walley and Harry Hanson were on the job. It was honey-pot points and least putts. In the first

category, Jim Scott and Wes Tanner had 23 points apiece, playing second fiddle to Ernie Primeau and Bud Hackey who each amassed 24. In the least putts department it was Emil Kwasney and Morris Sawyer with 13 each and then came Dave Nicol with 15. A member of our foursome was a gent named Ernie Dafoe, who is retired from the Vancouver Fire Department. He has a son in Montrose. Our visitor plays a good game and although he wasn't entered in the contest had a neat gross 40 with just 14 putts. It's nice to play the game with a guy like Ernie, he does his job and is a pretty pleasant guy to go around with.

Next week Morris Sawyer will be masterminding things along with some help he'll recruit, so we can look forward to all

sorts of surprises. Thursday we shall travel out to Castlegar to have a visit with the retirees out there and see what we can do with their neat 18 holes. Nelson and Christina Lake Clubs will also be represented. It should make for a very pleasant day.

Before I drop the subject, don't forget that special retirees breakfast at the upper course next Tuesday. Munro and Debbie are all set to make it a very memorable day for all of us.

Talking to Zeke Clements a couple of times lately reminded me of another hockey player of Zeke's era who recently passed away in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Bud Andrews, like Zeke, was a guy whose contribution to area hockey circles will be long remembered by the die-

hard local fans. Bud played for some time in Trail and then came to Rossland where he was an instant favorite.

When Bud cut in from his wing position and fired one of his patented wicked drives from the faceoff circle there wasn't a goaltender in the league that could do much about it. His passing will be mourned by quite a number of good Trail and Rossland hockey fans. I know this recognition is a mite tardy, but its message remains the same.

I may be accused of straying from my usual format but the situation at the Rossland Legion has quite an effect on me as I imagine it does on quite a few others. The idea of a couple of reasonably well paid bar help holding a couple of hundred regular patrons of the branch to ransom is pretty hard to

believe, in a union town like Rossland. It's pretty hard to go against the union edict, but I am firmly convinced that a bunch of former unionists from the ranks of Corninco and war veterans to boot, will soon make their feelings for this kind of brigandry known by ignoring the picket line that these people have seen fit to indulge in. That their club means a little more to them than just straight dollars and cents.

Maybe everything doesn't always fit everyone's idea of the way a club should be run but we can't argue with the ultimate decision made. This is one where these people are asking for something which our branch simply can't afford and they know it. This is not unionism, it's a plain holdup.

Till next week, then!