

Well, my first effort at this week's column was a bit of a washout, so here goes with the second try.

I guess I'm beginning to let this strike situation get to me.

On three occasions when reports have appeared in the paper it has been stated that there are three people on strike at the Rossland Legion. To the best of my knowledge there are only two people concerned; the third member of the staff refused to be a part of the proceedings by refusing to join the union and has never taken any part in the strike.

So, we'll let that subject rest there and get on to something more enlightening, coming up on the end of the month in Rossland is the annual slow-pitch tourney. The dates are June 30-July 1 and there will be 12 entries coming from far and wide as usual.

I'll probably be able to name the teams and where they come from next week. In the past they have come from Vernon, Kamloops, Calgary and the coast, but this year with the entries cut to 12 from the usual 16-18, it's not clear yet which teams will be missing.

This is a pretty well-run tournament. One must be 25 years or over to take part. The games are all played on time regardless of weather conditions and we have seen some pretty

terrible weather conditions. There was one year when the Cook Avenue park was near knee-deep in sawdust before it was all over, that made for some comical situations.

There will be the usual area for relaxing between games, in the curling rink, and Cam Jensen tells me that the RCMP office has been very strict on laying out the ground rules as to how this area is to be run. We'll have security on the door besides the help at the bar and nothing will be allowed to be taken off the premises.

I had a letter from an old friend in Alberta the other day. Charlie Cholak is now a resident in a senior citizens manor at Andrew, Alta. and tells me that he is coming back to visit in Rossland at the time of our Golden City Days celebration.

Charlie says he is walking and jogging up to five miles a day now, he adds that he usually times these expeditions so that he can relax at the nearby pub and have a few to keep his spirits up after his exertions.

Charlie wishes to be remembered to all his friends in the area and expects to be here around the end of August and stay until the celebration is over. He tells me he had quite a bit of money to be wagered on the Islanders but he only got \$25 of it

covered. That should be a little heartening after what the Oilers did to them. He said he is now a 100 per cent Oiler fan.

At Retirees Day at the upper course this week we had 56 players out on a real nice day. The breakfast special served by Debbie and Munro was excellent and much appreciated by 42 of our members. I'm told we shall be getting more of the same at some future date, it can't be too soon for me.

Morris Sayer handled this week's show and did a real fine job. His program was, pick your own handicap and match par, pick your own tee color and play it all the way round. Successful gents were Bob Evans, Bart Dudley, Clyde Nyman and Bud Hachey with 36s. Four others picked by lottery were Bob Walley and Sam Martin with 35s and Jack Bailey and Emil Kwasney with 37s. Sammy Martin will handle next week's do and pick someone to assist him.

I enjoyed our visit to Castlegar for their invitational last Thursday. They did a fine job, including the ladies who served a fine meal. Thank you ladies and gentlemen. Now we can look forward to similar outings to Christina Lake and Nelson. Maybe one of these days we can reciprocate at the upper course. Till next week, then!