

PEPPER-TALK

with
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Another grand day greeted the retirees at the upper course on Tuesday. Chris Christianson was in charge of another first for the season; a flip for partners after the four-somes were formed. They didn't give any prizes for these partnerships but it made it more interesting.

For instance, I was with Noland Garrison against Sammy Martin and Al Turner, what do y'know, when it was all totalled up, we won by a stroke, some luck had something to do with it too, I guess.

When it came down to the nitty-gritty, the prize winners were, low gross Joe Bielli with a 44, low net, it was Emil Kwasney with a 34. On the hidden holes for low it was number six with Bob Whalley and Peter Huse tied with fives and for the hidden hole high it was number eight and the winners with eights were Bart Dudley and Bob Evans.

There were 50 participants out this week and the last three weeks have put our average attendance at right around 40 since we started proceedings at the upper course. It would appear to be getting better all the time. Now if we could just get that rope tow in operation it would improve things even more.

By the way, a pair of glasses was found and turned in to the clubroom on Monday or early Tuesday. If anyone has had that misfortune pick them up from Munro or Debbie. Also in the same area, I picked up a nine iron, trade name, "Pinseeker," with a red and black grip. I picked it up on Monday and anyone who lost it can contact me at 362-5205.

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Some I'll never forget,

Rick Watkinson was a guy I learned a lot from. He must have been one patient guy 'cause I was still learning then, just shows how hard it can be to teach some people. I still am in the learning stage.

Doug Johnson and I hit it off because we both enjoy the exercise and the company it affords and we both are particularly fond of the 19th hole.

A guy I've gone out with a lot of times lately is Bart Dudley. Bart is a very quiet fellow and as they say, opposites attract, it must apply here because I can

get pretty garroulous, or whatever, at time.

John McFarland and Herbie Castle fall into one category, they too played a lot with Lil' Jack. Herbie liked to keep score and it was general knowledge among our foursome that Herb played a lot of good golf with his pencil. I'll always remember John saying to me after I got the hole-in-one on number five, "It would have been a helluva job for Herbie to top that one!"

Noland Garrison fills a special spot in my golfing. The 80-plus gent, that's his

age, not his golf score, is one guy I've always admired. I like his style and just hope I can swing a club like him when I get into my 80's.

Rossland's Slow-Pitch League will hold its league finals Friday evening and Saturday all day at the Centennial park in Black Bear. Howie Karn suggests you come out in hordes to watch. I will be in Deer Park, Wash., on a flag exchange ceremony for Branch 14 so will not be able to catch this one.

And with that I'll say "Till next week, then!"

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Some I'll never forget, like little Jack Molyneux, Rich Watkinson, Doug Johnson, Bart Dudley, John McFarland sr., Herbie Castle and my partner of yesterday Noland Garrison. There are more but these guys come to mind right away because I guess they had special qualities.

With Jack it was never being at a loss for some caustic comment. One I'll always remember was, "Hey, Pepper, did you ever milk a cow, you know, when you had to squat down when you go to work, well the same thing applies here. Bend your damn knees."