

# PEPP-JALK

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Fifty-one retirees enjoyed another weekly outing at the upper course on Tuesday on another fantastic day as far as the weather was concerned. Now it would appear that we could all use a good soaking rainstorm as I hear that the water supply at the course is running low and the surrounding forests present quite a hazard.

Jim Scott and I handled things this week and had the boys try to pick a handicap and match par. We also had hidden holes for high and low and the longest putt on number nine.

As it turned out seven of the group picked the right handicap and came in with 36's. Winning balls in this category were Red Ius, Bernie Ferrey, Gil Page and Carl Seefeldt. The luck of the draw prevented Jimmy Cornfield, Barney Boyczuk and Al Turner

from capitalizing on their efforts.

Bart Dudley had a nine on number seven which won him a ball while the other two categories were won by Jack Buchanan. Jack had a four for the low on number two, he also had a beautiful 33 foot putt on number nine for which he got his ball.

Next week Joe Bielli and Dave Nicol will be in charge and they have given advanced notice that they will have us playing the blue tees, low net and low gross, closest to the pin on numbers three and five and again the ever-popular long putt on number nine. See you all on the first tee!

The retirees really get an early start with the first foursome teeing off around 7:15, so don't be afraid to get out there early. All 12-plus foursomes were into the clubhouse before 11:30. This week and that allows

others to get on the course.

I talked to Terry Proulx down at the course on Tuesday and naturally hockey was mentioned. Terry had a lot of good games with the juniors and last year played with the Senior Smokies. I thought maybe he sounded a little sad when he said, "This year we won't have a team!"

Anyway, it started me thinking about the fate of the Smokies. It does seem a little sad that one of the oldest senior hockey teams in the country has to fold because of lack of support at the gate. I wonder, would it be possible to rekindle the interest if the team were to move the senior action around. We have three good arenas in the immediate area, all of which are homes to junior teams which play an entertaining brand of hockey. Does anyone think that by

rotating their schedule in all four arenas the seniors could maybe build up their sagging fortunes? Is this a little far-fetched given the strong rivalry that has always existed between Trail and the surrounding area? I do know there are fans in all the surrounding areas who do travel to Trail for senior games and given the chance to watch them at home in their own arenas might give the Smokie fortunes quite a lift.

This may be a little out of line but if such an arrangement could be made, the Smokies could continue to operate and maybe save themselves from going down and out.

Well, the Olympics are over and the final hoorah was certainly different from any wind-up we've ever seen at the games previously. The men's marathon was certainly a

good event on which to end things and as it turned out with Portugal, Ireland and England taking the top sports it was something of a triumph since they are not the sort of countries that regularly experience the sort of weather conditions this marathon was run under.

Canada came up with a fine showing overall. In the water, on the track, shooting, gymnastics and in the ring, all saw our athletes perform real well. We certainly don't need to be reminded that had Russia and its statellites been present we wouldn't have done so well.

Politics have raised hell with about everything they are in contact with and this time around it was no different.

So, until next time, bye for now!