

PEPPER-TALK

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Well, I guess you could say some people are lucky. Our friends in Trail can go from swinging on the golf course to sweeping on the ice lanes while we in Rossland are just getting started with a couple of days of Open House at the rink. As I mentioned last week we have gone over to a different format and we hope this will make things a little better for all concerned.

I didn't mention names in the column last week with regard to the people who have been elected to chair positions in the new organization. I'm told our fearless leader will be chairman Jack Malchow and he will be ably assisted in his work by his secretary-treasurer Dorothy Fines and a board composed of two members from each of the five clubs in Rossland and a person to be responsible for ice conditions in the curling rink this winter. This position has been filled and the lucky (?) man is going to be Mike Kraftchick. He admits he hasn't done this sort of work before but he's willing to learn and give it his best shot. This means he'll go all out.

We in the Retirees Club are pointing for another good season with a lot of enthusiasm and bunch of new prospects willing to dig in and learn the game. There are also former players coming back to the fold. By this time next week it should be all systems go! Yeah!

The Warriors are doing well but sometimes one wonders why the people of Rossland don't support this team. Almost half are native sons and most of the others have been with the team for a couple of

Deibert is from Moose Jaw, Sask., and has been with us for three seasons now. He is a rock-hard defenceman and a real opportunist who can handle the puck with the best of them and finish 'em off, too.

The three Trail boys and the two from the Valley are almost like Rossland natives now. Most of their folks are at the games and even take part in helping with the draws at every game. We in Rossland should feel pretty happy these fine young men have seen fit to join our hockey club and give us a lot of added expertise out there on the ice.

The newcomers from out of the area who have been added to the team this year are fitting in pretty well too, Jay St. Germain, Damon Racicot and the two goalies, Warren Ferguson and Steve McIntyre are all very visible. St. Germain is probably the biggest guy the team has had around for years and Racicot is

probably one of the smallest but they are both proving their worth to the club.

So, the next time you have a choice to make on whether to go pub-crawling or go to the hockey game, opt for the arena. You can get your thrills there and pound down a few browns too.

At the Spokane game I sat beside the father of Scooter Brown, one of the Spokane players. He was naturally a Flames fan but he wasn't one of the wild-eyed type and I enjoyed the

visit very much. I hope he did, too. The aftermath of the game was rather a shame but I guess that hot-blooded youngsters have to find a way to vent their emotions and it wasn't that bad. Some of the guys stayed on the ice to discuss things after things had settled down but the traditional handshake was missing. Sometimes, I wonder about that.

Well, the banquet season is under way, the Lions entertained the Ladies Wednesday evening and the Vets banquet at the

Legion will be held Nov. 3 with a dance to be held afterwards. Then on Saturday, Nov. 10 there will be another dance at the club and of course the next day is our big one at the Legion, Nov. 11. We parade to the Cenotaph and get together afterwards to visit with friends. I'm told that Dick Wayling will attend and give us the benefit of his fine musical talents once more. Dick has been our guest for some years now and gets better and better every year.

Till next week, then!