

PEPP-TALK

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The Union Hotel meeting room was crowded last Sunday as the Rossland-Trail Golf and Country Club held its annual meeting. It bodes well for the organization that so many people are concerned enough to attend a winter meeting concerned with a summer pastime.

The discussion was open

and points raised were sometimes contentious, but all were directed at making the club more productive, while making a reasonable profit.

One point raised which did not receive much support was directed at the idea of raising retirees' fees to bring them into line with the regular fees. This

met with a lot of arguments. Another suggestion that fared better was to create a clubhouse fee. This will be a blanket charge to every user of the courses, except visitors. It will help to make the two clubhouses more profitable and will be spread around so that it will be no burden to

anyone.

I brought out something that I noticed last year and felt was a waste of time and money.

On numerous occasions we saw mowers running on perfectly smooth fairways while the debris around the ditching done in the spring lay there making a horrible eyesore for everyone.

Another sore point was the idle ropetow for most of the season. I feel, and I got a lot of positive backing, that something is lacking in the management of the work force at the club when these sorts of things happens.

One facet of the meeting I really enjoyed was the teamwork shown between the finance chairman, Jim Markle, and the auditor representative, Leo Soligo. It's good to see these important jobs being done with the dispatch shown by these two gents.

During the weekend the Rossland Mixed Curling Club held a mini-bonspiel. From what I saw it went off with a minimum of fuss and a maximum of fun. I always feel that this is the way to enjoy your curling. When you get along in years I guess you get that way, but serious curling was never really my bag. I like the fun one gets out of the game and I don't think I'm alone on that score.

When it was all over after three eight-end games for each team, the scores looked something like this: Arnie Sherwood led the way with 19 points; Jim Albo, Russ Broughton and Tim Steinke were hot on his heels with 18 each; Bob Stevenson was next with 17; then Roy Fines with 15; Jim Bateman and Bill Vickers tied at 14; Jack Malchow and Dick Cotton

at 13; and bringing up the rear were Ivan Bell with 11 and Angus Popplewell at 9.

Personnel of the winning rink were: Arnie Sherwood, skip; Dottie Albo, third; Chris Haines, second; and Bev Bell, lead. We dropped in near the close of play and things were going along famously.

Legion members met 79 strong on Tuesday evening and ratified the agreement arranged by their bargaining committee over the past few weeks of meetings.

They gave the committee strong support for the package presented and things at the branch will now get back to normal. All members of the bargaining group thanked the members of the branch who held on when things were darkest and pitched in to help out in the many ways they could. They are too numerous to name here, but this writer would like to single out Chuck Harkness and Harvey McKay for the fantastic job they did of keeping the supplies up to snuff so that we could continue to serve our members on a daily basis.

On the social side, the branch will now go full steam ahead on the New Year's party on the eve with the Rythmaires (the Crockett family) supplying the music. At \$25 a couple it's a must for anyone who likes to dance and generally enjoy this annual wing-ding.

The same musicians will be on hand to tickle your musical fantasy on Saturday evening when the men host the ladies in another annual event, always enjoyed by all, in this one, the men do the cooking.

So, "till next time"!