

# PEPP-ALK

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The past weekend we spent most of our time in or around the Castlegar Curling Club taking part in the Legion Zone Bonspiel. Members of the Castlegar Branch 170 went out of their way to make us feel welcome, opening their branch clubrooms to the curlers for a bull session on Saturday afternoon and for a really excellent banquet on the same evening.

Comrade Harry Bate did a lot of work to get things ship-shape as far as the draw was concerned, but he had his detractors! I understand as a result of this a recommendation will be made to the next zone meeting to select a committee composed of members of all concerned branches. In that way the responsibility for the draws does not rest on the shoulders of the host branch. This 'spiel leads down the road to a Dominion championship and we should treat all 'spiels leading up to this as really big-time stuff!

Our next meeting of the zone will be held Sunday, Jan. 27 at Slocan City. Doug McIsaac, Trail, zone sports chairman, wished to remind all concerned parties of this date.

The 'spiel saw some excellent curling on some very good ice and the results were excellent too. Top prize in the championship round went to the Gil LeMoel rink of Trail with Al McAulay, Al Faunt and Bill Leaman.

He defeated the Bill Holland rink of Nelson who had George Barefoot as skip, himself third, Dick Rowe second and Bob Thommasen lead. This Nelson rink knocked our Rossland rink of Phil Bateman, Bert Morrow, Jack Hook and yours truly, out of competition in the fours of the championship round.

In the "C" event the Bill Vickers rink of Rossland won out over the Carl Henne rink of Castlegar. Bill had Tommy Clark third, Carl Seefeldt second and Freddie Munroe lead, while Carl had Bill Brady third, Ab Culley second and Nick Burak lead.

fellow's name and he went undefeated. Assisting Wes were Dennis Greep, Les Allen and Gordie Grieves in that order. Primo Secco had brother Ernie, Doug Bagshaw and Bert Stanley on his Trail rink and Jim Schuck had Ivan Bell, Jimmy Bateman and Mike Kraftchick. It was rather disappointing for Schuck, he has now wound up in the runner-up spot two years in a row.

Anyway, the Rossland curlers all wound up in the money and we had a great time doing it. There were two Dominion champs out there and that's really something for a small Legion 'spiel. Gil LeMoel won the Legion national title a few years back in Prince George and George Beaudry, formerly of Rossland, now in Nelson, won a seniors' national championship shortly

afterwards.

To hockey for a moment. I watched the Warriors against Beaver Valley on Tuesday night and thought that they showed some of the spark they are going to need to make those playoffs and just maybe bring home a title. I know, you are going to say "baloney!" but the way they went that night they could make it tough for any team in this league.

Back to curling, our Retirees host Grand Forks today and we have made a good start in our third competition, we played our third game in this one and have yet to taste defeat, Carl Seefeldt, Fred Thompson, Bill Ling and Harry Gregory and my partners in this competition and one couldn't ask for a better crew.

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In the competition for those in the younger age group, called regulars as opposed to seniors, it was a Castlegar group upholding the honor of their home branch with a win in the final against the Jim Schuck rink of Rossland.

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