

The Rossland curling rink was the scene of considerable activity over the past weekend as the Ladies Curling Club had their annual Winter Wonderland Bonspiel!

Always a hive of action, this year's spiel was no different, as 24 rinks, mostly from Trail and Rossland with the odd one from Beaver Valley and Castlegar, were on the ice from early morning until late in the evening.

Some very good curling was watched by a good number of fans. The ice was excellent! There were facilities for refreshment and food in the lounge, while behind the counters the members of the Ladies' club and the Men's and Retirees' clubs all pitched in to help.

On Saturday a couple of hours were taken off from the curling while the participants had a fine supper served by the Ladies' club. After their meal had settled, the members of the Retirees' club put on their little skit which was very well received by the visitors.

I'm not saying this to boost anyone's ego, but when you can find a bunch of guys in their 60's and 70's who will put so much into a little show like this you've gotta know that there's high energy left in the old folks yet! Of course, without the Ladies' club members to dream this up, it wouldn't have happened.

Now to get down to the nitty-gritty. All the finals were played at one time on Sunday afternoon. In the "A" final it was the April Biscaro rink from Trail defeating the Marion Klit rink from the Valley. Winning foursome along with April were Ann Stefani third, Laurel Babcock second, and Margie Rowe lead. Marion was assisted by Lois Debrun third, Marg Wilson second, and Isabel Weins lead.

In the "B" final it was the Jean Olmstead rink of Trail over the Vi Krest rink of Rossland. On the Olmstead rink were Patti Pruden third, Sandra Stadjuhar second and Therese Rosner lead. Assisting Vi were Lorraine Hill third, Loretta Thorpe second and Sherry Molnar lead.

In the final of the "C" event it was the Acton rink of Trail who won out over the Dalton rink of Warfield. On the winning rink were Linda Acton skip, Gail Schmidt third, Fern Acton second and Marg Culley lead. The losing rink had Debbie Dalton skip, Carolyn Fines third, Joyce Bjoren second and Colene Vilene lead.

And in the "D" final it was the Lyons rink of Castlegar over Trail's Betty Marbach. On the winning foursome were Cheri Lyons skip, Helen Clay third, Nadine Elaso second and Muriel Wilson lead. On the losing side it

was Betty Marbach skip, Barb Swift third, Dina Hall second and Pat Verzuh lead.

Of the Rossland rinks, the Marg Rosse foursome finished third in the "A". Marg had Phyllis Woodward third, Eileen McDonald second and Hazel Thalman lead. Several other Rossland rinks finished in the fours of the various events, notably the Corrie Bateman and Dorothy Fines foursomes and the Edie Harasin rink which had to have a shootout to decide its match against Elsie Shorthouse's rink from Trail.

With the Warriors eliminated from the playoffs this spring, we are having a lot of hockey going on at the arena from other groups in the city. This coming weekend will see the annual Play-For-Fun tourney with 12 teams taking part. One is coming from Victoria and the other team from Campbell River. Many former Rossland boys will be returning. Locally I think four teams are from Rossland.

This is always an exciting event and always well conducted. Look for it to be the same this time and be sure to get out and see some of the games and other attractions that go along with the event. You won't regret it! Why, hey, heck, you'll love it!

And with that we'll say. Till next time, then!