

Two events have occupied my attention over the past week. On Tuesday morning last week our rink, composed of Bert Morrow, Bart Dudley, John Bruce and myself went over to Nelson where we spent three days curling in the Over-60 bonspiel. We won only one out of six games played, but we had a really good time doing it! The accommodation at the Lord Nelson was excellent as was the ice at the Nelson Arena. Our off-ice time was used to the utmost and the banquet on Wednesday night was out of this world!

As was expected, the Stone and McAulay rinks from Trail were the only two to go through the 'spiel with unbeaten records. They will have to meet sometime to establish a rep to go to North Vancouver for the B.C. playoffs. On the Stone rink it was Roy skip, John Cameron third, Reg Stone second, and Bill Forrest lead. While McAulay had John Jarret playing third, Bill Kassian second, and George Shaw throwing the lead rocks. The Stone rink got quite a shock in their last game when the Frank Hill rink of Nelson took them right to the last rock before losing. Meanwhile, the McAulay rink had to stand off a challenge from the Tim Timbrell rink of Trail.

One other rink from Rossland went over, Angus Popplewell had Russ Broughton, Gil Besso and Cleve Cowland and won four out of six games, losing only to the Stone rink and the George Beaudry rink of Nelson.

My connection with this tourney dates back to its

inception. I work with the scorekeeping crew and love every minute of it. This tourney is unique in the way it is run. Starting at 8 p.m. Friday night there are three games of straight-time hockey with no rest periods between the stanzas.

The other event which took up a good part of the past weekend was the Labatts ninth annual Play-For-Fun hockey tournament held in the Rossland arena. This event saw teams from Trail, Castlegar, Creston, Beaver Valley, Kaslo, Spokane, Campbell River and Rossland take part in a 21-game tourney. It was one of the high spots in Rossland's sports calendar.

In this year's tourney there were only four games that you could call one-sided, and the Campbell River team, with four or five Rossland grads on it, was in three of them. These boys also took the "A" final over the Rossland Skidders 6-2. In the "B" final it was the Kaslo Burners edging out the Trail Hawks 5-4. The "C" final went to a shoot-out before the Rex Hotel took out the Beaver Valley Blades 7-6.

One feature of the tourney this year which was new, and met with a lot of approving comment, was the establishment of a most sportsmanlike player award — in memory of Mark McCormack who passed away this past year and had previously played in this tourney. The first winner, and very deservedly so, was a former teammate of Mark's, one of the fine young men who represented Rossland in

this tourney, Fred Jenner. Fred and his brother Ken have played hockey since they were big enough to stand up. Just this past weekend they were terribly saddened by the loss of their father, a long-time friend of mine and many other Rosslanders, Art Jenner. In respect for Art's memory a short silence was held before the "A" championship game.

I would like to go on record as saying that a lot of credit is coming to Joe McLean and his group for putting together a really fine tournament. "Thanks fellas!"

Coming up at the curling rink in Rossland is the mixed curling club's one-day 'spiel on March 10. You may sign up at the rink for this event or call Jim Bateman at 362-5983 by March 6. Three six-end games will be played and the fee is \$10 per person.

During the past weekend a darts tournament was held at the Legion Branch No. 14 clubrooms with 40 people in attendance from Trail, Castlegar, Thrums and Rossland. Competition was triple knockout and first place went to Frank Wieler and Neil Denisoff of Thrums, second place went to Dennis Hiron and Iris Moore and third place went to Wes Nadiger and Kim Gilles, all of Rossland. High men's score went to Wayne Delio and high ladies' score went to Mickey Morrow with 133 and 115 respectively.

And in closing, don't forget the big garage sale being held by the Branch No. 14 ladies in the Lower Legion Hall this Saturday.

And with that I'll say, till next time then!