

Over the past weekend a mixed bonspiel was held at the Rossland Curling Club. It was sponsored by the Rossland Curling Club and had 22 rinks from Trail, Nelson and Rossland taking part. A lot of good curling on real good ice was the order of the day and there was time between games to enjoy the liquid amenities that go along with most bonspiels today.

The Rossland Mixed club is one of the larger organizations in town and the spiel was very well administered and the prizes were split almost exactly between the local rinks and the visitors.

In the "A" final it was the Kevin Oliver rink of Trail over the Jim Albo foursome of the host club. Kevin, whom I remember more for his baseball prowess than his curling, had Susie Granstrom as his third, Terry Bublitz second, and Janis Tarbett lead. Jim had his mother Fanny as third, Bob Sherwood second, and Carol Albo as lead.

The "B" final was a family affair with the youngsters coming out on top. The Ken Fines rink of Trail winning out over dad, Roy of the Rossland club who had his wife Dorothy third, Joe Rosse second and Marg Rosse lead. Ken played second and Carolyn Fines was lead, Grant

Fines played as skip and Gail Fines was third.

In the "C" final it was David Jones of the host club over the Red Koehle rink from Nelson. Red had last rock in a close game but his short picked up something and detoured enough to give Dave the victory. David had wife Dianna at third, Pat LaFreniere and wife Patti were at second and lead respectively. Red had Marg Salekin third, son Derek second and definitely the youngest player in the tourney, and daughter Joy Romeo lead.

In the "D" final the Arnie Sherwood rink of Rossland triumphed over the Bob McLachlan rink of Trail. Arnie had Enza Boutry third, Terry Vickers as second, and Phyllis Sherwood lead. A spare, Sandy Otting played lead in the final game. The McLachlan rink had Gary Bjorgen as skip and Joyce Bjorgen third. Bob played second and his wife Faye lead. This game was quite an easy win for the Rossland rink.

As we go down through this curling season, it is becoming more apparent that these hair brooms in use today leave something to be desired. With the older, straw brooms at least you could see anything that was left on the ice. With these hair brooms, the particles are pretty small, but what they can do to a medium weight delivery can be earth-shattering. The brooms I've seen with a carpet covering seem to be the answer. But, I guess, if your sweepers stay with the rock when it is delivered as the Brier curlers do, one shouldn't have that trouble. Anyway, I'm still in favor of the old

style straw, if anyone cares.

Well, Tuesday and Thursday of this week saw the end of our Retirees curling for this season. Thursday we shall have our windup lunch and meeting and all that will be left will be the Legion's one-day annual, for men only. At last reading we had 53 names on the board and we would like to have 64. We shall leave it open until the last possible moment to take in more names. So if something happens give me a call at 362-5205, or Angus Popplewell at 362-5535, or, you can even call the Legion at 362-5535 on Saturday. It's possible we can fit you in if you are a Legion member from anywhere in the zone.

All right, all right, let's get away from curling for a while. I got some interesting newspaper clippings handed to me the other day by Cleve Cowland. Cleve is an old-time hockey player from way, way back and he is one guy who doesn't hang his head when he tells you he came from the Prairies. He still get copies of the Regina Leader-Post sent to him and if he gets something in them he likes he passes it along. His favorite sportswriter and analyst is Bob Hughes of that paper and the articles Cleve gave me are all very typical of his style. They were on subjects like Wayne Gretzky, Guy LaFleur's retirement and the coming season of the Blue Jays. If there is anyone who would like to read them, let me know and I'll pass 'em on. They're really good reading!

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