

# PEPP-JALK

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Last Thursday night I went up and watched the Minor Soccer League Mosquitos play at Jubilee Park. The action was fast and furious. Just because it wasn't always going in the right direction doesn't really mean that much to these youngsters, as they are in the process of learning what it's all about.

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Next time I go over there I shall take a lawn chair since the old legs get a little tired after nine holes on the upper course, and a couple of hours digging and planting spuds and carrots in the garden, down to the Super Valu and a short stop in the Legion afterwards and then stand up to watch a couple of hours of soccer.

The people who are doing the job of educating these kids in the game are doing a real fine job for the community and it seems most of the kids are giving it their all. Reminds me of the days when I was learning to play the game on the LeaBridge Marshes in East London. We kids had patient and willing coaches in those days too.

Thinking about something Don Brandt said when we were talking about the possibility of getting baseball started in Rossland again. He said, "Harry, even if we could entice them to play slow-pitch for starters, then their coaches could get an idea of the kids' ability to throw, hit, and catch." I see where there was a note in Babs Bouchier's Rossland Rec notes last week saying that kids who wished to try out for slow-pitch in Rossland still had the chance. Mike Conci is in charge of this endeavor this season. So, kids, it's just up to you!

Now, to something on behalf of the older citizens of our communities. Yesterday was a bad day to try to talk to people on the phone, it was Monday, a beautiful day, and a holiday to boot; most everyone was out on the golf course or the surrounding lakes enjoying themselves. However, I did get to talk to Ken Davies in Trail, and Joe Bielli in Rossland regarding the non-operating rope-tow at the upper course. Ken tells me that a lot of talking has gone into the effort to get something done to get the assisting facility on No. 5 operating. For instance, John Rice volunteered his time last week to do the splicing on the new rope and put it in place. Ken mentioned that the power company has had the club management get new plans drawn for the electrical part of the facility, they also requested all new switches be put in place before it could be passed for safety. The rope-tow has been in place now for years and so far as I can remember, there has never been an accident or any major problem with it until last fall when it broke down for some reason or other and some unthinking person smashed the switch on the lower post with a golf club.

Anyway, the switches required are being picked up by Joe Bielli I'm told and everything is supposed to be aiming for a completed job on the tow by this weekend. For some it will be a godsend and for those who don't need to use it, it affords no hazard to their game. I'll just be glad to see the politicking over with and peace in the valley again. In the past two seasons of play at the upper course, the tow has been in operation for a little over one month.

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My congratulations to the Prince Albert Raiders on their Memorial Cup victory, they are a pretty fine young team. How, all we need is an Edmonton victory in the Stanley Cup and we in the West will all be happy!

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