

PEPP-ALK

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with
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Last night I watched horror movies, not the kind which star Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi. These were, however, true horror movies and the actors were everyday people just like you and me, people who love the outdoors for what it gives us. If you're a hunter or a fisherman, you know what I mean. If you are a person to whom a walk in our beautiful country is a boost to your pleasure, you also know what I'm driving at.

I've worked for short periods of time during the early, or "dirty" if you prefer it that way, thirties in practically every province of this great country. What I saw and heard last night makes me wonder what our country will be like by 2030. The lakes and rivers in Eastern Canada would appear to be so clogged with toxic chemicals that any aware person would certainly hesitate to eat any fish caught in that area.

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I haven't got out to watch the Schooners in action yet, but with the Lions meetings finished for the summer, I'll have a chance to see them now, maybe next week.

The end of this month will see the Rossland Slow-pitch Tournament swing into action. The 29 and 30 are the dates. Sure hope the weather treats these guys a little better than it has in the recent past.

This week will also see Legion Bocce swing into action, some games were played Thursday last, so all teams will have seen action after tonight's contests.

Back to golf, or should I say the upper course, for a word or two. One day last week there was a man working at the tow. Looked like he was doing some work on switches. Wonder if this means the tow will be working in the very near future!

And so, I'll say, till next time, then!