

PEPP-JALK

with
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After a week or more of absolutely rotten weather, last Saturday dawned bright and sunny. With a promise of a lovely day, Carl Osing, Bart Dudley and myself headed for Christina Lake around 7 a.m. to take part in this year's Legion West Kootenay Zone Golf Tournament. Every year around this time this event is held at one of the W.K. zone branches. Then later in the summer the East-West zone tournament is held at the Creston course. Last Saturday's event was hosted by the Grand Forks branch and it turned out to be a real success story for the members of Branch #14.

Arnie Sherwood won the John Dellow Memorial Trophy for the best low gross score. Behind him came Roger McKeown in second place and Jim Markle in third. In the low net department, it was Jim Schuck first, for the Interior Breweries Trophy. Ernie Secco had the second spot followed by Bart Dudley in third.

In the longest drive section, it was Robbie Harasin with a 305-yard shot to take tops in the 0-18 handicap department and for a drive of 285 yards it was Bill McMullen of Nakusp in the 19-36 handicap division.

In the ladies' section, Vi Turner of Salmo came in first followed by Jeri McKeown. It seemed to me that Mrs. McKeown went up to pick up two prizes but I have canvassed most of the guys around and no one seems to be sure what the second time was for, could have been for ladies' long drive.

Anyway, it was a swell day. I got lucky, I was in a foursome with two carts and since one member of our group didn't show up I had a choice of riding in either one; I elected to ride with a Mr. Anderson from Salmo, I think Reg Robinson called him "Skinny"; he knew him from when they both worked for W.K.P. Talking to him during our round I found out that he and I were born only a month apart in 1912. The other member of our group was from the host club and his name was Mr. Peterson, both great guys to play a round with.

Talking to Arnie Sherwood this morning, he was really impressed with the way the tournament was handled. Arnie has been in a few of these things and should know what he's talking about. To this I'll add my words of praise to George Swanson and Mel Ringheim for an excellent job. I'll let them pass it along to their help; the start was on time and the flow was maintained throughout. A really great job! Good show, Branch #59!

Back home at the upper course, yesterday we found that drainage has been dug across #6 and #7. It was a job that was needed, alright, but I heard some complaints that no bridging has been provided for people with carts. I carry my bags but a lot of people use pull-carts and it's quite a job to negotiate the ditches without some help. A couple of sheets of plywood would be quite an assist.

Now that the weather seems to have taken a turn for the better, perhaps we can get our Retirees program

started at the upper course. I heard that there was a move made to start it up last Tuesday but it was not too clear how it worked out, maybe we shall hear more about it next week. Last year it went over pretty well and we never had any trouble rounding up people to run those sessions. I'm told that Wednesday night will be reserved for Men's Night. Just when this will start doesn't seem to be clear as I had heard that the Wednesday nights had been booked throughout June by various social clubs. I think it was Gordie Phillips who told me on Saturday, we had gotten Wednesday back for Men's Night at the upper course.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the Trail Spurs for their Kootenay Cup victory, it's good to have a West Kootenay rep in the B.C. Games in soccer. The youth program in this sport is really flourishing in this area and it could be that with these youngsters coming on like they are, the West could hang on to top spot for a long time to come. Especially with the sort of specialized coaching they will be afforded by the guys now playing on teams like the Spurs.

I had a chat with Tom Feeney yesterday. He was telling me that young Tom, who played in Trail last season, has been invited back to Prince Albert to work out with the Raiders. Young Tom likes the idea of getting a chance to play for the best junior team in Canada. From what I've seen of his ability in the few chances I've had to watch him perform, I'd be inclined to say it couldn't happen to a better guy. Go for it, Tom! Rossland will be proud of you.

Back to the Legion for some remarks. From what I hear, Bert Pengally is doing a pretty good job of coordinating our Legion Pool Tournaments. Northport visited us last Wednesday evening and from all reports the result was a resounding success despite the fact that Northport won the tourney by a narrow 7-6 margin. I hear some talk around the branch that this program could be expanded to visits from other Legion branches and returns from Rossland. What do you think of that, Bert?

I saw John Audia and a friend up in the branch the other day trying our table out, so maybe something like that is on the books for the future.

And to close out this week's column, a little anecdote related to me by Corrie Bateman, it seems son Jim was learning the art of crib playing as a youngster, Mom said, "I'll show you" and promptly dealt Phil a 29 hand, when it came Jim's turn to deal, he came up with a pretty good job as he dealt Mom a 29 hand. Doesn't happen to often!

Next time I'll have some details on the upcoming Rossland Slow-Pitch Tourney slated for June 29-30.

Til next time, then!