

Well, first things first, so we'll go right into those Retirees golf scores for both weeks at the upper course, not so much on the scores but the results are the thing we shall deal with here. On July 23, Bill Leaman and Eric Kohlman were in charge and they had a varied program and those lucky guys who collected balls for their efforts were Don Krug with a 44, just one less than Jim Scott who had 45 in the low gross category, in the least putts section it was Pie LaFace edging Al Turner in the draw, both had 13s, Carl Seefeldt was closest to the pin on number five as he put his tee shot just 10 feet from the pin. There were 46 present.

This week Bart and I were responsible and we had low net, won by Sam Martin with a 32 and low gross, which Don Krug won with a really sparkling 39. It took three draws to determine the winners in the remaining categories, least putts was won by Ken Davies in a tie with Roger McKeown, both had 13, in the low hidden hold, both Jim Scott and Bill Chartres had fours on number seven. Bill won in a draw from the hat. In the high hidden hole Bart Dudley and John Piva both had eights on number three and Bart had the luck of the draw. A total of 46 was in attendance. Next week Bill Chartres and Archie McCannell will conduct festivities with low net and pick your own handicap the order of the day.

Still on golf, you will have noted that a number of R-T members visited the Nelson course last week. Bart Dudley, Carl Osing and I were among those attending and had a good day. Bill Vickers, our retired city manager, was the only other Rosslander present. Bill is a former Maple Leaf hockey stalwart and is now enjoying his retirement. That's a nice little course, especially when you win a ball. Our foursome, composed of Ken Davies of R-T, myself and Bert Sutherland and Roy Waddell of Nelson compiled a very respectable 132 to take third spot in the over-all team totals for low net.

On the way home we visited friends in the Nelson Legion and the Castlegar branch and wound up a very successful day at Branch No. 14 in Rossland.

I had a call from Larry Lavigne, former resident of Rossland, now living in Summerland, to join him for a few rounds on the Summerland course. He tells me his game has really picked up since he went to the Okanagan.

While on golf, I haven't seen too many names on the list for the annual Legion East-West Kootenay golf tourney which is held each year at the Creston course. This year the date is August 10, just a little over a week away. If you haven't seen a list, send your names along to me and I'll pass 'em on, phone 362-5205 or write Box 983, Rossland. Maybe we can just bring back that East-West title. The \$25 entry fee pays your green fees plus a pretty fine banquet. The course is a very tricky one in case this may be your first trip over there.

One Rosslander resented me calling the winner of the British Open a Britisher. He said, "Why not call him a Scot, that's what he is." It's the first time I've ever heard of a guy with a name like Sandy Lyle being mistaken for anything but a Scot.

On Friday of last week we travelled to Deer Park, Wash., for their regular Tri-Counties Settler's Day celebration. It has always been one of my favorite trips. The members of our sister branch in the V.F.W. branch in Deer Park always supply our Legion members with very adequate billeting, either in private homes or by parking their mobile homes conveniently for our use close by the V.F.W. branch in downtown Deer Park.

This year we stayed with Jim and Annie Nesdahl at their lovely home about four or five miles outside town. Jim supplied the motor home we stayed in last year. When this year's invitation came it was too good to turn down, we had a ball.

The parade on Saturday morning is one of the highlights of the celebration, about 2½ to three miles of marching on pavement in a hot sun can tame the roughest of them. It was sure good to break off near the City Park and return to the cool confines of the local Post clubrooms for some very welcome refreshment.

We would like to say to the Nesdahls and the other people who proved such great hosts. A great big thank you!

On Saturday night I had the pleasure of meeting a lovely little old lady who told me she was the mother-in-law of "Blinky" Boyce, a former Spokane hockey player. When I came home I contacted several people from those days in hockey in Trail and Rossland. George Ferguson of Rossland still keeps in touch with Blinky as does Howie Palmer and several others. Blinky still lives in Spokane and still retains his Canadian citizenship.

George was telling me several stories about Blinky, one was that owing to his short stocky build he earned the nickname of the "Fireplug." During the Warrior tenure in the seniors, besides George, we had guys like Don Fletcher, Vic Lofvendahl, Yogi Kraiger, Frank Turik, Hal Jones, Pinoke McIntyre, Bud Andrews and names like that, while along with Blinky on Spokane were guys like Roy McBride, Lorne Nadeau, Carl Cirullo and John Sofiak.

While having lunch on Sunday prior to leaving for home, I ran into another Spokane stalwart of another era. Larry Palanio came along a little later and generally made life miserable for a lot of guys who played in the WIHL. He was a very robust player, some had another word for it but we won't mention that here.

Larry looks as though he could still go a full game. Maybe we'll see him in action in the fun tourney we hold in Rossland one of these days, a Spokane team always comes up.

I think we are going to be visited by quite a bunch of Deer Park people during Golden City Days. We were asked a lot of questions and I'm sending down some copies of our program. I think you'll like them!

Till next time then!