

# PEPP-TALK

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The upper course looked a lot better after Sunday's rain. Tuesday 34 golfers were out to play name your own handicap and four of them hit the magic number which was 36, Bill Woodburn, Lew Freeman, Russ Broughton and Marcel Proulx.

This week's competition was run by Bill Chartres and Archie McCannell and next week it will be handled by Russ Broughton and Tim Jenkin, who will name their game next Tuesday.

I got lucky again yesterday. I was drawn in the same foursome as Al Turner, who has a cart, so being as I was the only one without wheels I was elected to ride with Al. Carl Osing and Dave Nicol were our partners. Al had a 39, Dave 35, while Carl and I both had 37s.

This past weekend saw the passing of a very good friend of mine. Jim Flanders died suddenly on Sunday afternoon. Jim and I go back a long way to 1951 when I moved to Rossland. He and Bob McCuaig used to help Dick Udick with his roofing business and I was recruited to help on occasions. We became very close friends in those years and when Dick passed on he left the tar pot to Jim and Bob. A few years later Bob passed away and Jim and I kind of dropped out of the business. I helped Jim Swanson with his business until 1974 when I purchased a pot of my own and Jim and the boys helped me until I retired from Cominco when I sold the pot and quit the business.

Jim was a Legion buddy and also a charter member of the Golden City Lions club, a willing gardener and an expert horseshoe player. One of his favorite pastimes was to get out and dig up horseradish which he could turn into a very tasty sauce. We shall miss Jim coming into the branch wiping the imaginary sweat from his brow and when asked how his day had been, he'd say, "tough, tough, tough."

There has still been nothing official announced with regard to the Warrior hockey situation. The last I heard of it was when I attended a meeting a month ago, they were searching for a manager at that time and the talk was going around that if they didn't get one the team would have to fold.

Such a happening would be quite a calamity as far as Rossland is concerned since we have no other indoor winter sport, except curling. As there is a very good minor

hockey association bringing some very good youngsters into the hockey stream, the folding of our junior club would be quite a blow to the future of these coming stars. We are now into August and the young Warriors usually get into training shortly after Golden City Days are over, around the middle of September, preparatory to the league's start early in October. I for one, will sure miss the games and I can name quite a bunch of others. Let's hope something can be done to prevent this happening. Maybe we shall hear something in the next few weeks.

Talking to Joe Riley on the course yesterday he tells me he is going to take in the World Cup of soccer in Mexico next year. Joe was a very good soccer player in his day, playing for the Colombos and then later for the Eagles in the Trail league.

Work on our main street is progressing quite well. The excavating is now almost completed and the fill is all in except for one block, with the just blacktop to go it would appear that all should be in readiness for Golden City Days, Sept. 5-6-7-8.

Another item of note scheduled for Rossland is the reunion of the classes of the '30's and '40's of the high school. The high school in those years was at the Cook Avenue School and I'm told by one of the organizers that we can expect numbers approaching 500 to be in town for that weekend of August 16, 17, 18.

As I write this we don't know yet if a baseball strike can be averted or not. If it happens and continues for any length of time it will sure give the sport a very bad image in the U.S. for a long time to come.

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