

PEPP-JALK

with
Harry
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This week's outing at the upper course was played on what one might call a typical fall day, cloudy and cool, but, thank goodness, not as damp as a week ago. Joe Bielli and Dave Nicol were in charge as the two gents I mentioned as being in charge were otherwise occupied. Competition was low gross, low net and count your putts.

Least putts was won by Jack Buchanan with 11. Jack also won the low gross with a 41 but since we only give one ball to a customer, he relinquished that honor to Jim Scott who had a 42. In the most putts two were tied at 22 apiece with Bill Duffus taking the ball in a toss-up with Harry Hansen. In the low net division it was a three-way tie for West Tanner, Ron Rinaldi and Sam Martin, all who had 30s.

Next week, I will get a partner and we'll try to have a program ready for you on Tuesday morning. I will have it posted on the board. While on the subject of golf, the Christina Lake Invitational takes place on Sept. 12, which falls on a Thursday. I will put up a sheet in the clubhouse and Jack said he will see that one goes up at Birchbank. If you intend to go, just put your name on the sheet.

There is a young man in Rossland that I know who likes driving fast cars and has done for years. His name is Allan Ackerman and he has raced cars at the Spokane Raceway for three years. This past weekend he drove his '81 Camaro to victory for the first time in the American Drag Racing Association World Final and got a really beautiful plaque for his effort. As he said, it's his first win and he will really cherish his memento of it.

The other evening I ran into a gent by the name of Austin Bathie and we swapped a few stories. Austin worked for the old Rossland Miner during the '35-'40 era. That was some time before I came on the Rossland scene. My first try at the newspaper business was when Gerry Long gave up his "Sportlite" column when he retired from Cominco. He asked me if I'd like to try my hand at doing something like that and I thought I'd like to try it. When I spoke to Fred White about it he told me to go ahead and write something and he would see what it was like. I remembered now, I did one on the career of Joe Haley and another on Ken Stanton, and when I turned them in, Fred said, "O.K., keep 'em coming" and I've been at it ever since, staying with the Miner until it folded and then getting the chance with The Times under Jack Fisher.

My daughter Carol told me the other day that she has all my stuff from the Miner and is going to make it up into an album for me to keep. That will be nice.

This past weekend Rossland played host of 452 former Rossland High School graduates and the old timers really enjoyed themselves at the wine and cheese party on Friday evening, supper and dance on Saturday and a farewaell breakfast on Sunday morning at the Uplander Hotel. In between they got around town and met people they hadn't seen for years. The Legion was the scene of many of these meetings and the stories being swapped to the accompaniment of a few beers, were always a source of merriment.

Our next big bash come on the weekend of Sept. 5-9 when we shall again play host to many visitors for Golden City Days.

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