

# PEPP-TALK

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with  
Harry  
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After I get through reporting the Retirees golf, I have two subjects to address before I go on to more and lighter subjects. This week, being the last one in August, we have to save all our energies in Rossland for Golden City Days which we know is going to be a big success this time around. The amount of people working on it is fantastic and we'll just hope that their efforts will be fruitful.

Anyway, this week's golf was again played under the sort of conditions that golfers wish would prevail at all times. There was a light dew which soon dissipated and then light cloud which stopped the sun from hitting us full force. The first crew, which consisted of Jim Scott, my assistant this week, Ernie Primeau, Bob Evans and Jim Cornfield were off and running before 7:45 a.m.

We played low net, low gross, hidden holes, low number four and high number eight, plus the longest putt on number seven. Low net was won by "Chief" Buna, playing to a 10 handicap. Chief came in with a 43, good for a net 33. Jim Scott had a 41 gross to take that spot and in the longest putt on number seven, Al Turner dropped one from 13-plus feet.

In hidden hole play, Wes Tanner won the low on number four in competition with four others by virtue of winning a draw. In the high, Bill Chartres had an eight on number eight to take that section. Next week Chief Buna will pick a partner and let me know what we'll play, I'll have it on the board in time for Tuesday, 7 a.m.

While on the subject of Retirees, we have to thank Chris for making preparations for our day, when we get there everything is ready to go. Sure makes our job easy!

Now, to get down to the nitty-gritty. Vandalism in any shape or form is one of the curses of modern society. We see results of it all over the country. Sometimes it takes the form of exuberant teenage pranks, while in others it is a calculated move to damage something which, while not really valuable to the ones committing the act, to some, it is the honest attempt to make the scene a little better for those who appreciate it. To my mind, the person committing an act of vandalism is probably acting on the spur of the moment. However, for someone to perform an act like this in a private club to which he or she has been granted membership is an outrage.

If someone wonders why I'm bringing this subject up, the Rossland Legion has gone to a lot of work and cost to make their premises not only come up to government standards, but have gone even further, to make the atmosphere more home-like for its members. Our building committee has done a fantastic job of work to this end.

And now to my point. Anyone who accepts the hospitality of an organization like this and deliberately sets out to do damaging acts isn't a youthful prankster. They are definitely queer in the head, haven't got all their marbles, or whatever.

Now we'll go on to a subject more in keeping with the usual tone of this column. Last week we were golfing with Lou Crowe and the little gent from Warfield who spent most of his youth in Rossland, came up with a gem of an idea, one I had in the back of my mind for years as Lou apparently has. I wrote a column on this subject some years ago when the CPR decided to abandon its Rossland runs, it got some comment and possibly some support but nothing ever came of it.

Lou's idea is to get the old CPR railroad bed turned into a cycle track for people who pedal their cycles, not the ones with power which can scare some people half to death. The CPR never had a real sharp grade on their tracks and the bed between Trail and Rossland has grades that would be easily negotiable by cyclists. Grade it down and gravel it, maybe a coat of blacktop and you have the most beautiful evening ride for people of all ages. Lou says he and his wife would buy bikes tomorrow and the same goes for me too.

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One thing for sure though, the motor-bike crowd would have to stay off it during hours that it would be used by the cyclists. That might take some doing but that's what we have police patrols for. Isn't it?

Now, to a subject I'm trying to keep abreast of. What's going to happen to the Warriors? I got in touch with Barb Armour and she told me that she's been in touch with Terry Skarbo, KIJHL prexy. It's going to be a prime subject at next week's league meeting in Creston. I'll try and have more for you on this next week.

So, til then!