

PEPPER-TALK

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Our Retirees Curlers sent one rink to the Seniors Bonspiel in Grand Forks over the weekend. While all reported a good time, they didn't wind up in the money. Augus Popplewell told me that there were quite a number of pretty hot curlers from all over the Kootenays and the Okanagan. He didn't give me overall winners but he said the ice was quite swingy and their game suffered consequently. Dan Burnett, Russ Broughton and John Bruce made up the rest of the rink.

Back home in Rossland, we of the Retirees who wanted to curl on Sunday, joined forces with the members of the Mixed Club and really had a fun day. Three six-end games each and a chicken, jojo's, and salad supper, all for \$10, with refreshments and snacks available all day courtesy of the Ladies curlers and the Retirees who handled the bar facilities.

There were two sets of six rinks each, one set played at 9 a.m., the second at 10:30 and so on, 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. and 4:30. At 6:15 we sat down to supper.

The Tim Steinke rink with Sandy Otting third, Jack Hook second and Sue Hoglund lead, topped all the 12 rinks with 19 points while Ivan Bell's foursome composed of Irene Dunlop third, Lou Fyfe second, and Keith Woods lead, collected 15 points in taking the second section followed by the Topolinski rink with 14, Roy Fines with 13, Arnie Vanness 12, Phil Bateman also 12, and Dave Smith bringing up the rear with six.

Following Steinke in the first section were Mike Frafftchick's foursome with 15 points, Alfie Albo with 12, Bert Morrow with 11, Arnie Sherwood with nine and Dick Cotton with five.

A lot of good natured kidding prevailed at the distribution of prizes, masterminded by Dave Smith, whom Frank Harris has nicknamed the "delayed pioneer with the Scotch accent." The recipient of most of Dave's barbs was Arnie Sherwood who is used to it and takes it all with a bit smile and shrug of the shoulders. Arnie was presented with a prize, but I doubt if he'll ever be able to make the full use of it.

No story on curling would be complete if I didn't tell you the sad tale of my last game in the Retirees draw, a 17-2 loss to Dan Burnett's rink. I think I'm still in shock from the effects of that one.

Now to hockey for a bit. The Warriors, after suffering two defeats at the hands of Castlegar, 12-6 and Grand Forks 8-6, snapped back with a hard-earned 4-3 win over the Nelson Junior Maple Leafs on Saturday night at the arena. These were the same Leafs who had taken Trail into overtime before losing 5-4 the previous night in Nelson. Hugh Hooker has really got his kids moving now, it's an entirely different aggregation than that which started the season with an unenviable record of straight losses.

But Saturday night they ran into a goalie who was really up for the game. Darryl Lindgren, after stopping 24 shots in the first period, looked at 34 more in the second and third sessions and let only three of them get by him. It was a penalty-filled game with Rossland taking the lions share. Many times the Warriors were two men short for protracted periods. Nelson tried to take advantage of some of these and Lindgren really got a workout. Sometimes during the second when I sat right behind the goal, up in the lounge where it's nice and warm, I couldn't believe my eyes as he kicked away, smothered, or grabbed 5-6 shots one after another. It was quite a show by a kid who has played all his hockey in our town. That really was some show, Darryl!

The new boys on the Warriors this year are starting to fit into the picture as time goes by. Mayabe we shall give the league a few surprises as the season rolls on. Getting Garnet Compton back has helped and some others, notably Kevin Zakall and Bob Boyd have also shown a good attitude and Tom Feeney, Patrick Corrado, Dallas Drake and Damon Racicot are always able to move the puck and Troy Dejong and Terry Ferguson will battle for a shot at any time. The Warriors could do it yet.

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