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# PEPPER-TALK

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As everyone who has had anything to do with heading up a committee to run a classification and draw committee for a curling club knows quite well, you will never make everyone happy. Once in a while you do something right and while you don't expect a commendation for those occasions, the times that you make a mistake is the time you have to accept the things that go with the job and just try not to repeat the mistake you just made the next time you happen to be in that position.

We of the Retirees Curling Club in Rossland have just finished one competition and in making the draw for number two we had a couple of guys come in who had not been able to curl in the first competition. Then the fun started, this party was put in as lead but felt he was taking an unfair demotion, it boiled down to making changes, which we did to the satisfaction of everyone concerned.

It always seems a pity to me that someone has to take the attitude that its demeaning to play in the lead position, from the time I started to curl I have been told that the lead is the one guy on the rink who can make an end by his delivery of the rocks to a spot where the skip wants.

Anyway, I guess it goes with the job, when you take on this job you have to be prepared for these sort of things. I can never understand anyone unwilling to accept any spot on a curling rink. I'm only too happy to play any place, the skip of a rink has a tough job if his rink does not give him the rocks he needs, so I would be inclined to think its a job the holder of which is not to be envied. You get the rocks where they are needed and provided you get the help you need, a skip's job can be a real treat, but it all depends on the co-operation of all members to make things click.

Now, to something else. We journeyed out to Birchbank for the meeting of the golf club and we

didn't win too much, the vote to cancel the house fee of \$60 passed on the vote. Other than that we spent a lot of time listening to people talking and sitting with the waning sun causing us to shade our eyes for a good part of the afternoon. Four new members were elected to the board of directors and two of them, Bob Kirby and Bill Vickers, are retired and so we in that group will now have some extra reps on the board.

To the Warriors, the management has asked me to try and write a history of the club's success or otherwise since they became one of the original members of the KIJHL back in 1968-69. I remember well the first meeting I attended when the league's Western division consisted of Trail, Rossland, Grand Forks, Nelson and the Castlegar Apollos. I have been getting lots of help in this effort from guys like John McFarland Jr. and Ron Cox, for which I am very grateful.

Saturday night's game against the Kimberley Knights resulted in a win for the Warriors by a good margin and the penalties were not as frequent as we have seen in some games. The Kimberley club has a number of good boys on their team but they really didn't click on the night. The Warriors skated well and got a few breaks, while the officials seemed to be willing to keep the penalties to a minimum. Darryl Lindgren, in his second game in two nights was once again a real standout.

After the first draw of the Retirees, Jake Lilburn came out with an unblemished record 9-0, Carl Seefeldt came next with 11 points while Fred Munro followed with 10, Bob Stevenson, Phil Bateman and Dan Burnett tied with nine each, Pepper and Popplewell tied at seven, Arnold Vanness six and Russ Broughton with four followed to wind things up.

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