

Recreation

This week, although it is now an old story, I thought I should catch up on some news which has been on my shelf for the past week or so. Naturally, you say, "I'll bet it's curling news," and you are absolutely right, in fact, along with catching up on the curling news, spiels and such, I want to touch on some other items which I got first hand, having attended those functions when the news was made.

First I'll go to the functions, the Minor Hockey Banquet and the Kokanee Derby Club annual meeting. Both were held in the Uplander Hotel ballroom and both were well conducted although I along with a number of others would have liked to have seen more people out at the latter meeting. This is a very worthy project which I have supported for quite a long time and although it does not have the members it once had I believe it can be brought back to its former role on the Rossland scene if given the chance.

The executive, mostly young people who are feeling their way at present, would appreciate more people to inspire them to do things they have been thinking about but have not tried yet. These young people deserve a break and a good shot of publicity would certainly do them no harm. The meeting was well run and the entertainment and food was good too, especially the wildlife movies which were excellent.

The Minor Hockey Banquet and the organization which runs it certainly needs no introduction to the people of this town. They are a large group of young men who put in many hours of really great effort to make it what it is today. I was invited to sit at the head table for this function and felt very honored to be there with some of the elite of Rossland hockey and be able to look out on the faces of the youngsters and their mentors and to see the looks on the faces of the very young as they were called on to get their various awards. The people who run this organization are numerous and if I mentioned one or two and didn't remember others by name I would be doing all a disservice so I'm just going to deal with generalities and let it go at that.

The Rossland Mixed Curling Club spiel was held on March 21-22-23 at the curling rink, with a large bunch of rinks taking part. Four competitions were decided, A, B, C, and D with a total of 14 main awards handed out. You will notice that I will name them in the categories they won prizes in, as some are well known to me, others not so well, initials will have to suffice.

In "A" Alfie Albo took first, wife Dottie, Tony Topolinsky and his wife assisting, runner-up was the

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L. Lloyd rink of Trail with H. Davidson, S. Clements and J. Szigety helping out. Third went to G. Davidson of Nelson with M. Davidson and John and Karen Hembling filling out the rink. Grant Fines took the fourth spot with help from Dorothy Lilburn, K. Lund and Mary Bruce.

In the "B" event it was Jim Schuck taking first with B. James, John and Gail Holm assisting, second spot went to D. Albo who had help from M. Soligo, Bob Sherwood and C. Pastro, and in third spot was Jim Driscoll with Donna Price, C. Haines and S. Hoglund helping. Jim Albo took fourth with Carl Albo, C. Williams and B. Holm giving a hand.

In "C" it was Roy and Dorothy Fines assisted by Marg and Joe Rosse, second spot went to Arnie Sherwood with help from L. Paul, D. Huska and C. Hanson, G. Granstrom took third with assists going to N. Granstrom, D. Thompson and T. Kushner. Tim Steinke had help from Irene Dunlop, Ron Wisted and D. Steinke in taking fourth spot.

In the "D" D. Davidson won assisted by Beryl Davis, M. Martin and L. Thompson and the runner-up spot was taken by Jack Malchow, Eileen McDonald, Dick Cotton and Bev Bell.

The Ladies club played its final competition and it was won by Dorothy Fines rink with Dottie Albo, third, Jessie Skinner second and Janet Hamilton lead, second place went to Fanny Albo's rink with Ruth Dougan, third, Mary Bruce second and Irene McCormack lead.

In a Mini-Spiel at the windup, Dorothy Fines was the winner with Bernie Brandt, Mary Bruce and Viv Thompson assisting.

And finally the Retirees Club. Four competitions were played, in the Scott-Molyneux it was Jake Lilburn with Rich Watkinson, Elmer Thompson, Lou Freeman and Willie Dorey taking top spot. Phil Bateman took the Legion, with Clyde Nyman, Gord Brennan, John Irvin and Harold Anderson. Fred Munro took the club with Dick Vermiere, Jack Hook, Harry Douglas and again Harold Anderson. The Bank of Montreal was won by repeating Phil Bateman, Dick Vermiere, Ken Stanton, Jim Thompson and Will Dorey. At the windup, Fred Munro took the rotation prize with Bart Dudley, Gordon Seafoot and Lou Crowe assisting.

And that's where I'll say 'Til next time, then!
Let's play golf 'til October.