

PEPPER-TALK

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with
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Representing Branch No. 14 were president Bernie Fourt, 1st vice-president Harry Pepper and service officer Carl Osing, representing the library was Mrs. Rensing and a number of her assistants.

Now to pass along to another subject which has to do with past events but which I imagine is not yet resolved, this has to do with the management of the Warriors hockey club. I talked to Gerry Racicot on this subject the other day and he told me he did not feel he could carry on in his position of manager because he was not being given a free hand to do what he felt was for the good of the organization. I have not dug any deeper into this development but I do know that at least one other officer has also declined to continue so it would appear there will be some kind of a showdown to iron out all the wrinkles before another season rolls around. We shall try to keep up with what develops.

Well, we finally got our Retirees Day rolling but not before we Rosslanders on the group got our usual roasting from our Trail friends. It looked like a beautiful morning around 7 a.m. but by 8:30 when the boys started out they were greeted with a fine sprinkle of snow which turned into quite a fall before it finally gave up about half an hour later. The sun came out again and we were in business, not before some of the Trail contingent got worried that they might need snow tires before they got back down the hill.

However, as I said it turned out real well and we got 50 out to play which made it almost a gala occasion. This year we upped the ante to 50 cents per head to get us off the ground. We never have any money left over at the season's end so maybe if all the guys go along with our effort maybe this year we can do a little something extra with the money we'll have accumulated by the end of this season.

The winners of yesterday's effort will have to pick up their trophies next week as most of them had left by the time we had tallied up the scores. We played most honest, long putt on no. 7, least putts, low net and low gross and the winners were: most honest, Gil Paolini, whom I don't think would want his score mentioned, suffice to say, Gil was very, very honest; the long putt on no. 7 was won by Bob Walley; least putts by Stan Fisher, in a draw for a tie with Sam Anselmo, each had 12 putts; Al McAuley also had to win a draw as he was in a tie with Jim Scott, both had 41s in the low gross category; in low net it was a high handicapper and new golfer in our club, Gil Laycock, who won with a 32. Gil was going out again with Bruce McNicol so we were able to give him his ball, everyone else can pick 'em up next week when Joe Bielli and a partner yet to be named will be in charge. We would like very much to see you all back next week to enjoy with us.

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Another note on the upper course, this Friday, a bunch of retirees will be out to assist the crew in the mixing of the soil, sand and peat moss for no. 9 green topping and hopefully we will soon have that green in good shape, the rest of them are really good this spring.

Now, with that, I think I'll say 'til next time, then!