

PEPP-TALK

with
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Now to golf for a while. This week arrangements were made to utilize the upper course for extra activity. The B.C. Seniors championships being held this week at Birchbank and Castlegar which prevented scheduling the ladies and the retirees from their regular day's activity at the lower course. Consequently they were routed to the upper course. A unique arrangement was worked out by the retirees who play the upper course on Tuesday, which saw them start out at 7 a.m. and the ladies came on at 8 a.m., until they were satisfied around 9:30 when the balance of the retirees could start.

All went along well and we were all home for lunch by 1 p.m. On Thursday of this week the Birchbank retirees, who will lose their tee times at their usual spot, will join us at the upper course and our bunch will get an extra day of competition. I won't go beyond that because I'm not sure of the arrangement, but Joe Bielli and Matt Mattson will be in charge.

The winners this week, which saw 42 golfers out on a really great day were, Bill Vickers in low gross with a 43, Bill Woodburn took low net with 33 and Ernie Primeau took the long drive on no. 1. In bingo, bango, bongo it was Bill Dobbs, John Piva and Jim Scott who came out on top. We also had some fine scores from a couple of threesomes who did not qualify in bingo, bango, bongo competition.

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So, 'til next time, then!