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PEPPER-TALK with Harry Pepper

On a morning that looked like it could go either way, weatherwise, it turned out to be a very nice day to be on the golf course. Forty-nine were out for the weekly outing at the upper course and we played low gross, low net, count your putts, long putt on number nine and closest to the pin on number five. I heard someone mention that Emil Kwasney really deserved some kind of a prize as he deposited five perfectly good balls where only time, pure luck or maybe a hungry rodent will ever find them. Somewhere between the number two tee and the highway to Trail.

The winners on this fine day's outing were low gross Ken Davies with a neat 42, several players were in a group at the top for low net and Vic Bordin took it with a 30, Percy Hamilton voluntarily lowered his handicap and took second with a 31. In the least putts department it was Willie Scott and Jimmy McDicken with 12 each who captured the honors. "Chief" Buna was the closest to the pin on number five, a littler over three feet, while Bill Vickers got the long putt on number nine with a 10-12 foot effort. On the desk for this week we had a new recruit at this kind of job, Wilf Woodhouse, I got him started and then went golfing while Rich Watkinson helped him tie up the loose ends and choose the winners. Wilf will do a good job for us anytime.

Next week we will have our regular early birds on the desk as Jim and Willie Scott take over along with Ernie Primeau. We won't know till then what they will decide on for competition but you can bet it will be entertaining. See you there!

Six members of the Rossland Legion went over to Creston on Saturday to participate in the Kootenay challenge tournament held annually at the hilly Creston course with some seven or eight branches in the two zones sending representatives to contest for the trophy and various prizes.

From the West Kootenay, Rossland, Trail and Castlegar with thirteen entries battled the East which had 43 entries from Creston, Kimberley, Cranbrook, Fernie and Invermere. The East had a stroke average of 100.6 while the West came in with 105.2. Dick Pauls of Creston was the tournament chairman for this, the 18th anniversary of the event.

Bart Dudley and I were teamed up against two gents from the Invermere branch, Warren Schmidt and Don Gardner, we had a very pleasant afternoon in their company out on the course and had supper with them and their wives after it was all over. Warren, 68, and a retired mechanic for Parks Canada lives in Fairmont with his wife Nellie and Don, 62, works for Cominco and lives with his wife, Thelma also at Fairmont. Both gents enjoy golf and Don does a lot of curling when the weather gets cold. I noticed, incidentally that Don abstains from using his woods on the golf course, preferring to go with his irons, with which he is quite proficient.

In the championship flight of the tourney the winner overall was Wally Thrun of Fernie with a 76. Don Lavis of Kimberley was second and Ralph Shypitka of Cranbrook, third, the first flight was won by Bud Mitchell from Libby, Montana a member of the Fernie branch, second was Connie Burnham of Creston and Laurance McKenzie also of Creston, third. Two Creston men were one-two in the second flight, Walter Bogstie was first and Tom Newlove second. Bry Birney of Kimberley took third, in flight three Bill Kelly of Castlegar won the West's only prize, a first place finish. Nip Twells of Kimberley and our friend Don Gardner rounded out the winners.

And that's golf for this week. There are a couple of other subjects I will leave until next week.

So, until then!