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This week I am going to try to give you my impressions of Rossland's Golden City Days after a wandering tour on all three days and the Thursday evening fireworks display at Jubilee Park.

Certainly the fireworks were up to their usual high-quality performance and a standards. The spinning wheel and the waterfall always intrigue most watchers and the only fly in the ointment was the brisk breeze that was blowing all the smoke and sparks our way.

On Friday the big event was the Golden Garter Ball at the high school. A good crowd was on hand to see the ladies decked out in the 1900 costumes. Everyone I talked to seemed to be having a real "ball."

On Saturday we attended the pancake and sausage breakfast at the Seniors hall and then went home to prepare to watch the parade from our upstairs balcony at the manor. Most people I talked to later agreed that it was indeed a fine effort on the part of those taking an active part. The winners were the Orwell Hotel float and the replica of the Moyie Steamer which used to ply the Kootenay Lake years ago. I got a chance to have a very interesting conversation with the driver and builder of that one. Both these floats certainly earned their prizes. Several others were in very close competition and that Warfield Fire Department float was also an excellent competitor and very original.

I spent most of Saturday afternoon at the arena, selling chances on the crown and anchor booth for the retirees curling with Harry Douglas and then switched over to the Legion booth selling tickets on their Golden City Days meat draw.

On Sunday I dropped over to view the start of and finish of the Golden City Grind and was really impressed with the way those guys finished and the times which I thought were excellent. I knew some of the entrants, Bart Dudley's son Dennis, had a respectable finish as did an old friend, Dale Matthews.

The wife and I took in the Credit Union barbecue in the evening and I finished the evening with a bit of a pub crawl to join the happy crowds. All in all, I have to take my hat off to Mark Martin and his hard-working group for the excellent job they all did. Thanks, Rossland! For another memorable Golden City Days.

Tuesday morning started out cool and uncertain but turned out very well for our retirees day at the upper course. Despite the fact that the ladies at Birchbank cut down our numbers with their visit with the men out there, we still saw 41 of the faithful out to play low gross and low net, two hidden holes and long putt on number nine.

Stan Fisher came in with a 39 to win low gross and Carlo Martin's 30 was good in low net. Ray Garipey had a nine on number eight to take high in hidden holes while Don Krug with his four on number six beat out Sam Martin and Gil Page for the low hidden. Roly Garipey took the long putt on number nine with a last gasp 25 footer. He was in the final foursome of the day. Next week Ron Gardiner will be in charge.

I did some figuring on attendance and came up with the following. We have averaged 54 a week for 20 weeks, a high of 75 and a low of 40 so the interest is still strong among the old boys.

And now, till next time,
Take care!