

Two sessions of golf have now taken place at the upper course since I last reported.

Thursday, June 19 saw the Birchbank and upper course retirees play together at the upper course. As you know, Birchbank was being used by the seniors tournament. Anyway, we had a good day and a good time playing together. Jim Scott took low gross with a 39, low net was shared by Jim McDicken, 31, and Fred Volpatti, 32. The honey pot prizes were shared by Ken Davies, 12, Ernie Primeau, 12, and Sam Anselmo, 11.

On June 24 things were back to normal and we had 54 people out. Russ Broughton was low gross winner with a 40, Jim McDicken, 31 and Al Bublitz, 32. Scott was in a five-way tie and won a draw for low hidden hole with a four on number six, for the high hidden hole Percy Cutler won a draw to take this with a nine on number seven. In the longest putt on number nine we met an old friend and former neighbor of mine in the Gulch, Bruno Baldassi, who is now living at Lafayette, California, about 30 miles from San Francisco. Bruno played a lot of fastball in his younger days, and was a pretty good catcher too. He also played lacrosse and looks real good, too.

Next week Sam Martin will be major-domo and he has decreed, bingo, bango, bongo, low net, long putt on number nine, and a couple of hidden holes. See you all there on July 1.

There is a gentleman in Rossland whom I have known and had a lot of respect for, for as many years. He's a very erudite guy and can tell you sports happenings from way back. He plays a pretty good game of golf and something of a whiz with a pool cue. His name, in case you haven't guessed by now, is Bert Pengelly. He is an educated person, who also writes a column for the Trail Times.

Bert was born in Kincaid, Saskatchewan in 1937. He got his primary and elementary education at Pennanat, Sask., and took a year of high school at Swift Current, Sask., before starting work on pipelines and oil fields in the area. He switched to the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1957 and when he washed out of officers training he took another look and decided to go back to school at Teachers college in Moose Jaw. After graduation he taught school for the next 10 years. Among his teaching stints were, working with Canadian Eskimos at Port Harrison, Quebec. Another part of his teaching career saw him teaching Hutterite children at the Spring Creek Colony across the border in Sask. from Walsh, Alberta, where Bert picked up his mail.

After teaching ended, Bert sold for Fuller Brush for one year then took on the job of sports editor for the paper in Swift Current, Sask., which he filled for a year, before turning his face westward with Trail as his target. Arriving here in 1970 he worked until 1985 when he started his "On the Sidelines" column which appears in The Times on Thursday. Now you know what I meant when I said this a a very educated gent.

Bert played baseball and hockey in school. Senior "B" baseball at 15 and hockey at 17 at Pennant and in college he had a batting average of around .600. He had an injury to his knee in a baseball game at Rhineland, Sask., and hasn't played since, except on an occasional softball-slowpitch game in Rossland. He told me he suffered after every game, so he decided his playing days had come to an end.

He still moves around a pool table pretty well and does a real good job of organizing pool tourneys at the Rossland Legion. One other reason I think he's okay is that he thinks Rossland is a grand town, just like me!

So with that, I will say,
 'Till next time, then!