

# PEPP-JALK

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The playoff hockey that is taking place in the West Kootenay division of the KIJHL is some of the best we have seen around these parts for some time. In all probability it will go right down to the final whistle of game seven before it will be all over.

While on the sidelines, the Rebels are rubbing their hands with glee looking forward to a pushover series with the ultimate winner of this one. One thing that should be remembered, though is that the long wait can't be doing the Castlegar crew too much good either. At last Trail and Rossland are getting in their licks at one another and all it would need to take it all would be for the Rebels to think they will have a soft touch.

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On the weekend two events were played off at the Trail and Rossland branches of the Legion. One was a West Kootenay dart tournament held Saturday and Sunday in Trail and consisted of team and doubles on Saturday. Sunday was all singles. Players from Rossland's Branch No. 14 dominated both days and came home with most of the prizes.

On Saturday in team play it was Jamie Richardson and Kim Gillies, Iris Moore and Dennis Hirons teamed up to beat Trail's best, Bill Reed, Neil Jarvie, Karl Miraunda and Ray Dart. On Saturday doubles, it was all Rossland as Jamie and Kim edged out Iris and Dennis to take the two top spots.

Sunday it was singles with Dennis Hirons edging Kim Gillies to take top spot. First place winners will travel to Qualicum Beach for the provincials on Easter weekend. Good luck to you all and thanks for adding another trophy to those already won.

At the Rossland branch meanwhile, Sammy Manson came up with a real dandy, a pool tourney in which one partner had to be over 55 and the other younger. It turned out to be a real success with everyone who took part wishing for more of the same. This corner hopes Sam agrees to go along with that. There is some hint of mixed doubles next. That should make for a fun weekend, too.

And now to the nitty gritty, like the winners and those not quite so fortunate. It was a four-event format with the losers dropping to a lower competition.

The winners in A were Jim Schuck and Joe Gyte who won in a ding-dong struggle with Ed Casawell and Vince Hooch-Antink. The winners in B were Jack Hook and Art Rusten who won over Phil Bateman and Wilf Manson. In C it was Murray Flanders and Bob Leighton top dogs as they downed Don Faurot and Kim Lafond. Carl Seefeldt and his partner, bearded Glen Flanagan, beat out Clyde Gordon and Rich Watkinson.

There were many amusing incidents during the two days as some matchups saw father and son in competition as was the case when young Mark Rusten came up against his dad Art. The quips from the older member of the family were typical Rustenese and I was glad I had a ringside seat.

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All the way through Sammy was on the job seeing that tings went according to plan.

And how about Laura Caswell and her good group of women who kept us supplied with all those goodies to eat. Thanks ladies!

Yes, Sam, you can keep coming at us with this sort of thing as often as you can.

And with that I'll say

'Til next time, then!