

PEPP-JALK

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Late-breaking news of the final ladies' curling results will be my first item today. My thanks to Beryl Davis for these and to remind her it wasn't her fault these are late. What with income tax /and several other projects we're working on, the girls windup really slid by me without so much as a tremor. However, better late than never will have to suffice this time as an excuse.

The last competition was for the Haden-Capalbo Trophy and it was the girls' third of the season. It was won by the Dorothy Fines rink, Dorothy had help from Cathy Faulkner, third, Corrie Bateman, second, and Tina Drake, lead. Dottie Albo's foursome was second with help for Dottie coming from Marg Rosse, third, Jean Cormack, second, and Thelma Cowland, lead.

In the windup mini-spiel the winner was, who else, Dorothy Fines, with help from Bernie Brandt, Jean Cormack and Marj Holloway. That evening the banquet was excellent and a fine social evening of games filled it out, everyone said it was a grand evening.

One day last week I received a call from Art Winstanley of Trail, asking me to join a committee. It's purpose is to select winners for an awards banquet being held to honor those who have excelled in their chosen sport as participants and those who have helped in the building of the programs. This is being held in Trail this weekend with big-name guest speakers, and with tickets still on sale.

Athletes selected after much study of their records were, for basketball, Joanne Nutini, in orienteering, Rossland's Shirley Donald; the nordic skiing award went to another Rosslander, Rhonda Delong; and the skiing award was won by Tracy Haight. Boys named were Troy Liblong for curling and Gerald Klassen in the triathlon competition.

In the builders division, Roy Carlson won in the swimming section and Alex Ross took the award in gymnastics. I had been asked to supply some names to contest these awards but I did not know the details of what qualified. I did have one boy in

mind. Walter Christianson, a Rossland youngster, who has really made his mark in the lacrosse world. He is on the Canadian rep team to be entered in a world competition to be played shortly. Walt played soccer for me as a youngster and you just knew he would turn out to be a fine athlete. He has Mann Cup medals from his play for various teams in what is probably the best lacrosse played in Canada today. In closing I would like to say everyone should turn out to support this committee's efforts and see your favorites pick up their awards.

Well, the KIJHL has proved that it is the premier Junior "B" hockey league in B.C. with Cranbrook's win over Burnaby in the B.C. final. However, Cranbrook does not have to go any further. I talked to Jim Markle, the KIJHL's head man this morning, and he tells me that the Canadian championships for Junior "B" division were tried out some years ago and it was found they could not be made to pay so the idea was dropped. I asked Jim to expound on next years' projections for our league and he tells me it will be another tough one. Imports, which have sustained a number of teams in the league, will be at a premium. One of Rossland's sources for a few years now is in danger of drying up as a rumor is going around that Osoyoos and Oliver are trying to buy out the Summerland team — a Junior "A" club this past season and not doing too well.

The Upper Course is now open and quite playable. I've made two trips round and find it quite good. The fairways are patchy but the greens are generally not too bad, bumpy in some spots. We saw our first two gophers yesterday but the program to eradicate them seems to be working. We of the Retirees have decided on Tuesday for our first effort. Bart Dudley, Chris Christianson and I will be on the desk for this one. An added attraction for the opener is one of Max and Bill's breakfasts, eat when you wish and \$2.00 is the charge. We hope to see a good crowd on hand for this one.

So, 'til next time!