

# PEPPER-JALK

with Harry Pepper

My first note this week comes from two of the Kardiac Kids stalwarts, Al Lavorato and Babe Laface, who travelled with the team to Vancouver. On their recent trip, Babe told me they won both games and failed to talk the opposition into coming to Rossland for two return matches. However the Vancouver club could not commit themselves and Babe says they will probably wait until later when the weather turns more like summer.

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Another feature of the invitational this year was the lunch we were served. I don't think I've ever had a lunch at Birchbank that I enjoyed as much as I did that. A very complete lunch served up in good taste is always a nice windup for that kind of a do and I felt compelled to go to the kitchen and offer my congratulations to the cooks. Very well done, girls! Meanwhile our weekly luncheons served up by Bill and Dave keep up to an excellent standard. This Tuesday we had bacon, eggs, toast and fried spuds and it was still the same standard as was the first one.

From golf to soccer for a bit. I dropped by the high school park on Sunday and caught the second half of the game between Rossland and Nelson. The score was 2-1 for Nelson. The winner by Dan Sicupac was scored with not too many minutes left. I would hazard a guess that he was played quite a lot of soccer by the way he went about getting that goal. It was something to remember and if you're a youngster, a real lesson in one of the finer points of the game.

The Retirees golf attracted some 58 members for Tuesday's workout. It was a cool day with a threat of rain but I don't think any of the boys got wet out there. Roger McEwown and Tim Jenkin were in charge and dia a first-class job, the bar boys, Bill and Dave, also did a fine job as they dished up the goodies to all. Whether you ate breakfast or called it lunch it was still a great meal. I think our members should remember this food is an offering of everything that we need to help make our day a success and as such I would say we should all make an attempt to take part and show the boys that we appreciate what they are trying to do to help us enjoy our day. Certainly they have to do the job they are there to do and we have to say they are fulfilling that task. As you saw earlier in this column, everyone is beginning to understand that you treat these young people right you will get an ample reward. I think Bill and Dave are doing all they can to make this work out.

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ANYWAY, THE WINNERS ON Tuesday's outing were Bill Vickers with 32 for a low gross while Willie Scott came in with a 30 for low net. In bingo, bango, bongo Jim Buckingham won with a 13 while Nigel Doyle took the long putt on No. 9 with about a plus 10 footer, Jack McFadden won the high on hidden hole No. 8 while "Chief" Buna took the low.

Overall it was a fine day's outing and everyone had a ball. Next week, Joe Riley, Marcel Proulx and "Chief" Buna will man the desk and the boys in the kitchen will be prepared with something good for those who wish to eat. So, come prepared.

And now, until next time, then!