

PEPPER-JALK

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In last week's column I noted that the Retirees of the upper course group had done some clean-up work. A couple of days ago, Joe Bielli, who was more or less in charge of this busy group, gave me a list on their activities.

First, the group who participated were Joe, Rich Watkinson, Percy Cutler, Sammy Anselmo, Ferro Pelligrin, Bill Vickers, and Roger McKeown. The work accomplished was cleaning up on #5 hill alongside the tow, some work on the tow wheels while on #6 and #7 fairways dead trees and branches were removed.

This is not the first time this group has been active in adding a little extra muscle to the work of the grounds crew. They have the time and they don't mind doing it and it helps for better relations all round. Last year a lot of this same group did a lot of work on the rebuilding of #9 green.

That was a major project and Stan Fisher was one of the people who added some extra help to get it done. Stan is another of our good retiree members who does a lot for the club.

Now, we come to some good weather we hope, Tuesday was a real nice morning and 74 of the faithful were on deck for low gross, low net, longest putt on #9, closest to the pin on #5, and least putts. Competition was under the close scrutiny of Chief Buna, Marcel Proulx and Joe Riley. When all was tallied up, Jim Scott's card showed a 38 for low gross, Morris Sawyer took low net with a 34, Emil Kwasney had about a plus 20 footer for the long putt on #9, while Ken Davies had a good drive to end up about 4 feet from the pin on #5 while Bill Batiuk had the least putts, just ten for the nine holes. The lunch was a toasted ham and cheese sandwich with a side dish of baked beans and generous slices of ham and pork in them. An excellent lunch for a very reasonable price and don't forget it happens every Tuesday as the Retirees meet at the upper course. Given some warm weather we may even add to our present great totals in attendance.

Well, the Stanley Cup is resting on the Oilers

trophy case today despite the more than superb work of a young fellow by the name of Hextall. You could almost say the Philadelphia netminder was nothing less than spectacular in his efforts to defend his citadel against a team that can get goals from practically every member of the club and from practically every angle. I heard a much ballyhooed member of the Oilers when he was asked if he thought that the Flyers' goalie deserved the Most Valuable Player award, he said, "Who else would you give it to?" I think he answered the question pretty adequately. Don't you?

I am told that I made an error in my description of the status of our local Bocce league when I described it as Legion-sponsored. I guess I erred all right but with the club having a goodly number of Legion members playing and the Legion pits being used, you'd have a real hard time of convincing a lot of people that the Legion doesn't have some clout in the club. However, be that as it may we won't get too involved in an argument over this, it's a good game and enjoyed by all who take part, I think!

I'm looking forward to getting some nice warm weather so that I can get out and enjoy some of the, I'm told, exciting ball games being played in our various leagues. Oh well, I don't think it can stay this cold that much longer, I hope. How about you?

I heard several funny stories about the one-day strike and the way it was run. I enjoyed 'em all. I had reports from two sources on Monday at the golf course. One told of being prevented from going into the course at the highway entrance about two hours later another source who made it told me that Local 480 members were having a ball down the course. Any way I was too busy to go down on Monday so it didn't bother me too much. We had pickets at the Legion when I went down to open up but they didn't stay when the members started to come in, I'm told they were gone around 4 p.m.

So, I'll say, bye-bye for now
'Til next time, then!