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A ball tournament in Yahk August 1-3 has room for a few more teams. The entry fee is \$125 per team and the prize money \$1,000.

The annual Legion inter-zone golf tournament is held every year at the Creston course which sits almost on the dividing line between the two zones, the East and West Kootenay. Barney Boychuk asked me to mention it here in case some members didn't know about it, or had forgotten. It is on August 8.

Another golf item regarding the West Kootenay tournament which was cancelled earlier in the season, it was to have been at the upper course but has been re-scheduled for the Salmo course later in the season, nothing has come down on this one as yet. I shall let you know as soon as I find something out.

Now to recent happenings. 56 retirees took to the upper course on Tuesday on a beautiful morning. It did get a little too hot as the day progressed but by that time most of our members had finished. Bill Dobbs and Sam Martin were in charge of the festivities and played low gross, low net, least putts, long putt on no. 9, closest to the pin on no. 4 after two shots and a hidden hole. Jack Buchanan won in a draw needed to break a three-way tie with Jim Scott and Herb Martin. Herb won the low net, also in a tie, with Wes Tanner. In the least putts a tie again had to be broken with Walter Smyth taking the ball, once more Wes Tanner was the loser. The long putt on no. 9 was a 29-footer sunk by Louis Forte and Russ Broughton was closest to the pin after two shots on no. 4.

The dubious honor of winning the high for a hidden hole went to yours truly, the hole, no. 7 saw me 4-putt which wasn't the only shortcoming to my game on my return from an enforced two week layoff, suggested by my doctor. Next week Jack McDonald and I will be on the desk and Jack will be learning the ropes. Any others who might like to take on the job some time and, like Jack, you'd like

some help, just offer, we'll find someone to go with you for a turn to give some pointers.

I guess the guy who named the National League the senior circuit and the American, the junior, knew what he was talking about, it seems in those long contests when endurance counts, the older league seems to come through. That 13-inning game on Tuesday night was certainly good proof that the National has what it takes. And I guess there are quite a large segment of our local sports fraternity who would be willing to argue that point but the record speaks for itself.

Now baseball starts its last half of the 1987 season and will head down the trail towards World Series time. If the Canadian teams are to get in there, they will have to do some real driving in this half of the season. Both started off the season with a real flare but that momentum has suffered some setbacks as both are now around the 9-10 games behind mark. I think if I had my choice I would say the Expos have the edge on a chance to reach that magic position which really carries a lot of clout. Recently I heard an American sportscaster say it would be the worst thing that could happen to baseball, in his words, Canadian teams don't have the drawing power of their American cousins in the cities south of the border. I believe, however, that our teams sell their product pretty well on this side of the border. I guess it's not possible but it would be nice to see a team on the west coast to counteract the draw to the east. However, I guess only time will tell on this one, it would seem that the Yanks see baseball in a different light to we Canadians.

If you didn't know it before, here it is now, the tees on the upper course are closed on Tuesday to all but retirees from 7 to 10:30 a.m. or whenever the last retirees foursome tees off. Some evidence that this rule is not being followed shows some need for correction of these rules. Or at least enforcement.

And now, as the time has come, I'll say
'Til next time, then!