

PEPPER-JALK

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The finals of the Rossland slow pitch softball season ended Sunday with playoffs. All teams in the league entered with each team playing every other team. This was designed so the only team assured of a home game in each playoff contest was the team finishing on top of the regular schedule standings. The Royals, sponsored by Branch 14 won the right finishing the season on top.

As it turned out they lost only one game during the playoff, to the team from the Orwell Hotel on Sunday morning at Cook Avenue Park. In the afternoon the action moved on to Jubilee Park at the High School and there the Royals beat the Spartans, then in the final beat Target Auto Body, who despite the fact that they finished the regular league schedule in last place, proved to be tough in the playoffs. The final augers well for the continuation of slow pitch on a regular basis. Lots of hits and some sparkling plays in all the games I watched for guys who are supposed to be over the hill as far as ball-playing is concerned.

During the weekend we enjoyed a visit from our oldest son Rick. He is now back in Brooks where he acts as administrator for the Medicine Hat College. During the past six months he has been at University of Victoria to take the first part of a course to fit him for his job, of public administrator. He tells us he got through this section with flying colors and will take the second and final section at the University of Calgary as he does not want to uproot his family again to go back to Victoria. This next section will give him full public administration qualifications. It was good to see him again and maybe later on we can make a trip down to Brooks to see Peggy and the kids as well.

The Retirees Day on Tuesday was a fine bright day at the upper course and the guys had a ball. I didn't get to play this week since I didn't feel up to par having had a big weekend and the festivities were still hanging on. Anyway, we got it going and with Bart Dudley and Al Dixon in charge it started

to work out pretty well. We had 57 on hand and some very good competition was held. The boys played low gross, low net, closest to the pin on No. 5, long putt on No. 9 and a couple of hidden holes. In the low gross department, Sam Anselmo had a 39 and in the low net Tim Jenkin came in with a 33, Bob Miller was closest to the pin on No. 5 while Bill Batiuk won the long putt on No. 9. The hidden hole for low as No. 8 and Jim Buckingham came in with a winner and the high was No. 1 which was won by Mr. Beckett, Bart didn't remember his first name. We do not have to have the score, suffice to say it was big enough to take the prize and after all, that's what we are looking for.

Apparently, according to what Bart tells me there is some question regarding the winners in some categories. I feel that we do have a bit of a problem but it isn't something we can't live with. There has been some questions regarding this and Sam Anselmo and Ferro Pellegrin have offered their services in this respect. There is no doubt that we could use help and since these two came forward, I'm all in favor of accepting any help we can get.

Oh, by the way, if you can do the desk next week, I think we would be grateful for your help.

After this had been typed I thought about something which I follow pretty closely. It is the topic of discussion wherever one runs into ball fans and I get into the odd lively conversation with regard to the relative merits of our two Canadian teams. I am slightly swinging in favor of the Expos, but those Blue Jays have some terrific hitting from Bell, Barfield and Moseby with another by the name of McGiff, who are doing quite well.

Meanwhile, the Expos don't seem to be suffering too much. They haven't the hitting for power but they are holding up pretty well overall. Now as they move on towards the fall maybe things will fall into place. Time will tell!

So, until next time then!