

Soccer boys capture title



There are a lot of outstanding young soccer players and teams in the North Okanagan, but one in particular stood out this past season.

Nick's Kandy Kitchen, of the fifth division, put together a remarkable record.

A more dedicated group of competitors won't be found anywhere in Vernon, and the results prove hard work pays off.

Besides winning the Vernon tournament against Kelowna, Merritt, and Kamloops, the club came up with a superb effort to capture the B.C. Interior championship in Kelowna.

In the thrilling final game, the locals edged Kelowna 2-1. Top scorers for the candymen were Brian Dooling and Bryan Buggy, however, it was a well-balanced unit that produced.

Congratulations boys!

BITS AND PIECES

—Enderby Arena's ice is in perfect condition and is available for rental until the hockey school starts there in 10 days. Rates are reasonable and its a good way to get a bit of a jump on the hockey season.

—Speaking of hockey, Penticton Vees have a new coach. To no one's surprise, Vees Owner and General Manager Bryan Couling named Terry Martin as coach of the BCJHL club this week.

Couling and Martin are old Kelowna buddies, but besides that, Martin is a good, junior coach. He replaces Joe Beggs, who replaced fired Nick Iannone midway through last season.

Rumor is Beggs just wasn't tough enough on the players for Couling's liking.

—Back in Vernon, nothing has been settled yet on who is going to own and run the Vikings this season.

General Manager, coach, and part-owner Joe Tennant says he doesn't want to leave Vernon. But, it is becoming quite apparent Vern Dye, another shareholder, is trying to buy out Tennant.

Training camp is scheduled to open in six weeks, and the situation is just as confusing as it was two months ago.

ON SCHEDULE

—Silver Star Ski Area Director Bill Attridge tells us work is progressing almost on schedule up on the hill.

Attridge said, "We got a bit of a late start because of the cold weather in the spring, but we're in good shape now."

Construction includes a third chair lift, new runs, a lodge expansion, ski shop expansion, a new locker building, and a maintenance building.

Attridge says everything should be completed by late October. Let us hope so, it gets pretty chilly up there in November.

—Anyone who likes to get out and shake a leg once in a while, can do so tonight, and help sports at the same time.

Coldstream Hotel Sabres Hockey Club is holding a dance tonight, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., at the Lumby Community Hall. Advance tickets can be picked up at the Coldstream and Lumby Hotels.

Meanwhile, at Okanagan Landing Community Hall, the Regatta Society is holding its big dance tonight. Sounds like a good way to get ready for the regatta Sunday.

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