

# Local golfer wins tourney



Vernon's Bill Morrison is rapidly becoming known as one of the top golfers in the Okanagan.

After being near the top in several tournaments, Morrison finally made it to the winner's circle last weekend in the 36-hole Kelowna Open at the Kelowna Golf and Country Club.

Morrison fired a 73 Saturday and carded a 74, in the rain Sunday, for a 36-hole total of 147.

Kelowna junior Geoff Hann, who matched par 72 Sunday, tied Cranbrook assistant pro Harold Simkins at 149. Hann won the tie-breaker to finish runner-up.

Winning the Kelowna Open is no easy task as several of the top amateurs in B.C. take part annually.

Morrison, who moved here from Thunder Bay about four years ago, was awarded the Eric Ridington Trophy for his efforts.

One golfer who attracted a lot of attention was Randy Rota of Kamloops. Rota, who plays in the National Hockey League, was runner-up in net division with a 136.

## TENNANT TO MOVE

Joe Tennant's highly successful Enderby Hockey School winds up this weekend.

Tennant tells us the school was more successful than he imagined possible in the first year. Next summer, he hopes to expand from three weeks to five or six.

Next week, Joe and his wife Barb plan to move back to Kamloops where he will plot his immediate future.

At least three offers have come his way since Vernon Vikings and him parted ways four weeks ago. It will be no surprise to me if Tennant ends up coaching in the B.C. Junior Hockey League this season.

Barb has no desire to move to the prairies, and one of the firm offers has come from a BCJHL team.

New Westminster Bruins' Coach Ernie McLean said he was saddened when he heard Tennant was leaving Vernon.

McLean said, "Whenever hockey loses a guy like Joe, it is tough to take. He is a great guy and a great ambassador for junior A hockey."

But junior A hockey has not lost Tennant — not by a long shot.

## GET THERE EARLY

People planning to take in this weekend's provincial lacrosse finals at the civic arena are advised to get to the games early.

Due to the importance of the games, and calibre of the three teams, large crowds are expected all weekend.

Vernon Lodge Tigers' President Art Horsley said, "I can't ever remember seeing three such strong teams in the playoffs. Whichever team represents B.C. in the national finals, will have a good chance to bring gold medals home."

With all three clubs evenly matched, the difference could be home floor advantage. Horsley said, "It will be a big boost to our boys if the people of Vernon are out in force cheering them on. I think they deserve all the support we can muster for them."

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