

GUIDE REPORTS

Ramps needed

By SMOKEY TRUMBLEY

Public access for boaters on Okanagan Lake, in the Vernon area, is shamefully inadequate. In fact, impossible to use the year round.

Kalamalka Lake access are not all that bad, even at the present time. Two year-around sites, on the east and west shores, afford reasonable ease in launching any size boat, but parking is a problem at both these sites.

We hear in the current news that our government is looking for an adequate site to build a proper launching facility on Kail in the near future with ample parking accommodation. What happens, Kail Lake will no longer be a problem for boaters, but that still leaves Okanagan Lake, with one hell-of-a-problem.

OKANAGAN LAKE INACCESSIBLE At the present time, the public boat launching ramp, with dock facilities (or for that matter) even a cat walk, is non-existent. And we know of no immediate plans to correct this primitive situation on Okanagan.

Beachcomber Bay side of Okanagan has a very elaborate docking facility, with a concrete ramp. Only problem is, late fall and early spring, during low water, it's impossible to use the ramp because of sand build-up.

The Okanagan Landing side of the lake has only one lane-type access and the same problem exists there during low water. This site has no parking area, no docking facility, and is therefore impracticable.

Further down road at Selkirk or after Bay, another access can be found, but it is only a few feet of shoreline, with not even a ramp. And that's it for Okanagan Lake at the present time.

It is larger than a carport and have your boat on a trailer, forget it and go to Kelowna.

KELOWNA GOOD EXAMPLE The launching site at Kelowna (see-page base) is in my mind ideal. It is accessible at all times, floating dock between the ramps. This type of facility can handle an enormous traffic flow and parking space is more than adequate. I doubt if the entire cost of this launching exceeded \$10,000 and should be duplicated for our area.

Concern for increasing tourist interest in our area is being expressed by the Chamber of Commerce and tourist associations locally. I think they would do well to consider improving this needed tourist accommodation by applying pressure to appropriate government people.

A facility such as the one in Kelowna is inexpensive and well worth copying. Access to either Okanagan or Kalamalka Lakes because right now you have inadequate launching on Kail and absolutely nothing on Okanagan for public use either residents or tourists.

MOTORCYCLE ICE RACES This Sunday will give Vernon & District sports enthusiasts their last chance this season to watch one of Canada's newest and most thrilling winter sport spectacles.

Prominent motorcycle riders from Alberta, Vancouver, and the Interior, including Vernon, will be competing for trophies and prize money in races ranging from five-year-olds on 50 c.c. models to experts, who reach speeds of up to 90 m.p.h. on 750 c.c. bikes.

Studied tires supply the traction necessary to race on the half-mile, oval ice track and although spills and chills are frequent, serious accidents are rare.

Action begins on Swan Lake at 10 a.m. and continues throughout the day. Spectators are advised to use the public access road across from Tri-Lake Motors, on Highway 97, North.

Spectator admittance is by donation and the money will be used for prize money and trophies for the racers.

The local Ice Racing Association gratefully accepts sponsors of trophies and prizes as well as SNOW-A-RAMA PLEDGES.

Pledges for the big Snow-A-Rama ride a-thon Feb. 18 are coming in beautifully, in support of "Champions for Little People". Jordan and Trumbley. Even though we realize, we are running (at press time) a third in the race with Martina and Kendall, which will be just as the crippled children, our campaign is just getting off the ground. "Little Smokey" will still top the "Glans" of the crutane crowd.

Pat and I are making our plea to individuals as well as group pledgers, and I cent per mile will be just as gratefully received. We are also accepting of Martina's overtime Martina and Kendall, while at the same time, help the unfortunate.

GIDE TIPS You can estimate fairly accurately how much a dead bird weighed when caught by adding one ounce to each pound of body weight. The bird's weight in a fish dries out the first hours after it's caught. After that, the weight loss is negligible.

BEST HOOKS The best hours for fishing this weekend are: Saturday from 7:30 until 9:35 a.m. and for Sunday from 8:35 until 10:35 a.m.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS FEBRUARY, 1973 Vernon Hanam Repts defeated Pentonico to win first place in the South Okanagan & Bantam Division. Scotty Johnson and Terry Leclain were Rich Creelman with two goals, and singles for Naramo goaltender Soheim. Terry Lowe and Kelly Krantz.

Deve said he is hoping to use Klamath to tangle with the boys to Klamath and Bob Hildebrand.

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Vernon's Gord Rowland rink has qualified to compete in the B.C. Mixed Curling Championships. Rowland defeated Daryl Will, of Kamloops, in last week's 100,000 finals. Members of the Vernon foursome are from left Frank Brewer and Rowland; Anna Brewer and Anita Rowland. (Daily News Photo)

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

JUNIOR HOCKEY 8 p.m., Kamloops Memorial Arena, Vernon Vikings vs. Kamloops Chiefs. MEN'S BROMBALL At Centennial Rink 7 p.m., Raiders vs. Vernebras; 8 p.m., Block Brothers vs. Balltrubers. MEN'S COMMERCIAL BASKETBALL At W. L. Seabrook 8:30 p.m., Enderby Motor Inn vs. Hoopers; 9:30 p.m., Vernon Lodge vs. Fuchs. AC/Amicals. WOMEN'S COMMERCIAL BASKETBALL At VSSS; 8:45 p.m., Tropics vs. Blue Benjins and Enderby vs. Fireweds. PLEASANT VALLEY HOCKEY 11:30 p.m., Div. Arena, Raiders vs. Shadowa.

SPORTS BRIEFS

PONTIAC CUP Dale Parkyn, of Silver Star Ski Club, will be among more than 100 of Western Canada's top skiers competing in the opening meet of the Pontiac Cup Racing Series this weekend at Fortress Mountain. The series comprise of three western meets. Top competitors from the eastern and western series will be invited to the Pontiac Cup final, March 18-18, at Silver Star.

SEASON WINS W. L. Seaton built up a 21-point lead and hung on to beat Clarence Fulton 48-39 in junior high school boys' basketball action Wednesday night at Fulton. Will Haak and Kelly Olsen led Seaton to his sixth straight league victory with 18 and 10 points respectively. Fulton was without five players, including four starters, who have been suspended by Coach Bob Shannon.

SHOOTOUT VICTORY Super Valley Flames blanked Tri-Lake Cougars 7-0 in Pleasant Valley Hockey League play Wednesday night at the Civic Arena. Mike Peropokin scored twice for the winners.

BOB GAINKY INJURED MONTREAL (CP) — Left winger Bob Gainky of Montreal Canadiens will be out of National Hockey League action at least until Sunday because of a slight separation of his left shoulder, a club spokesman said Wednesday. Gainky was hurt when he collided with defenseman John van Boxmeer of Colorado in Montreal's 5-3 triumph over the Rockies in Denver on Tuesday night.

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ROYALS BEAT TOO Westside whips Panthers 75-69

Westside Whundas upset Vernon Panthers 75-69 in a high school basketball action Wednesday night at VSSS. The low crowd of 100 spectators for the third and fourth playoff berths in the north zone. Westside and Panthers each have two wins and North Kamloops one. The two losers are Kamloops and Salmon Arm, are assured of playoff spots.

Panthers Coach Rick Inrig told the Daily News his club didn't show up to play basketball. Inrig said, "Brent Zimmerman, Peter Wolgram, and Glen Sirges played well. The rest of the guys—forget it. We got nothing out of our other three forwards—no rebounding and little scoring."

Panthers led 24-21 after the first quarter. But trailed 37-33 at half-time. Early in the second-half, with the game tied, Zimmerman picked up his fourth foul and was pulled by Inrig. By the time Zimmerman got

back into the game, Panthers trailed by 14. However, VSSS came roaring back and narrowed the gap to 72-69 with four minutes to play. Zimmerman then took a charging foul and was out of the game. The Vernon centre finished the night with 28 points while Sirges added 18. Inrig said, "We had the momentum going for us in the fourth-quarter, then we lost Zimmerman. He might have made the difference for us."

It is very frustrating to lose a game like that because I know we should have won. Panthers are back in action Friday when they travel to Pentonico to battle the south zone's Lakers. ROYALS WHIPPED Meanwhile, Vernon Royals led victim to the advantage in the first quarter. Salmon Arm, called the Jewels. Jewels, who haven't lost a game in three seasons, kept their record intact by bombing Royals.

Sev Smith led the Salmon Arm attack with 21 points while Laurie Ferguson countered with 12 for VSSS. Jewels' league record is now 10-0 and they appear a shoo-in to capture their third consecutive provincial title. Royals will travel to Pentonico on Friday to battle the Lakettes.

Five bowlers qualify

Five Vernon bowlers will be competing in the B.C. Pile-pin Bowling Championships to be held in March in Prince George. The awesome qualified at the recent zone playdowns in Kamloops. Event Open (no handicap) Lynn, Lena Herbst and Mark Katsalva were among seven men and six ladies. In addition, Ron Potts earned the spare position. Event, Vernon bowlers claimed three of seven positions (four men and three ladies). Bob Buchanan placed second among the men while Vernon's Laurie Ferguson finished fourth. Donna Bowers was number three among the ladies.

5,600 compete in games

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (CP) — About 5,600 competitors are expected this weekend to attend the annual British Columbia northern winter games.

The athletes will compete in 38 events from Thursday through Sunday in this northern city.

There will be six areas or districts competing for the community aggregate award: Skeena-Green, Charlotte, Cariboo, Peace River-Liard, Kitimat-Stikine, Bulkley-Nechako, and Fraser-Port George.

Among the events are hockey, basketball, cribbage, darts, diving, dog-sledding, handjuggling, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, freestyle skiing, curling, duplicate bridge, gymnastics, table tennis, volleyball, wrestling and team handball. The event began four years ago and is isolated from the traditional provincial sports activity. It is staged without the financing provided by other provincial many federal and provincial games.

Alberta teams in first game

First round draw for the seventh annual Winter Carnival in Peace River, Alberta, and Tournament has been announced. Tournament Chairman Jim Aitken said the Daily News Red Deer and St. Albert, Alta. will meet in the first game next Thursday night at 8 p.m.

Official opening ceremonies will take place after that game. To be followed by the match-up between Vernon and Sacramento, California.

On Feb. 16, plays get underway at 8 a.m. with Grande

Vernon referee gets key games

A Vernon basketball referee has been selected to officiate in two of the province's most prestigious tournaments. Mel Briggeman will be working in three key games this weekend's Western Canada Invitational High School basketball team, Nanaimo, meeting Manitoba's top club, from Winnipeg, tonight at 7:30 p.m. Briggeman will then referee the winner of that game when it plays Saturday at Kamloops. Briggeman will again be on the floor. Immediately after the championship game, the veteran official will leave for Pentonico to referee the B.C. All-Native Games.

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At OK Landing, Med-Cuts defeated British All-star 15-8, 15-13, and 8-15; Jokers down Guzzlers 15-13, 15-4, and 15-8; and Dynamates blew past Snakers 15-10, 13-15, and 15-11.

All-Silver Star, Ft's whipped letters 11-15, 15-11, and 15-12; Kall Tri rolled over Dollies 15-10, 15-12, and 15-13; and Faxwith junk Gutso 15-9, 15-8, and 15-8.

REMEMBER WHEN

By THE CANADIAN PRESS JOHN L. Sullivan, last of the bar-knuckle world and heavy-weight champions, died early in 1982 when he just a day—in 1918—at age 49. His 10-year reign as champion ended in 1922 when he lost to James J. Corbett in the first title under Marquis of Queensbury rules.

Syl Apps Toronto Maple Leafs' hockey captain, announced he was going into federal politics "regardless of anything" 38 years ago today—in 1940. Defeated at the polls in the federal election that year and the provincial election of 1945, Apps was appointed Ontario's minister and commissioner in 1947. He wound up his playing career in 1962 when he lost to the Ontario legislature in 1963.

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