

**KENDALL'S KORNER**

**Snowarama skyrockets**

Snowarama '78, for crippled children, has exceeded the dreams of even the most optimistic organizers.

Latest word from Snowmobile Club S, spokesman Bob McDonald is that more than 100 machines will ride the 100 miles, on 1, and a Ranch, on Feb. 19.

In the three-way VIP battle between CJIB's Frank Martina, outdoor columnist Smokey Trumble, and myself, I'm afraid to say Martina has taken the lead. But don't worry, I'm not finished yet. As for Trumble, he isn't talking — which can mean only one of two things — he has got his tongue out or else he doesn't have any plies.

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**A LITTLE POTPOURRI**

There has never been a playoff race lighter than the current battle in the North Okanagan Hockey League. With only two games remaining for most teams, four clubs are still fighting for the final two playoff berths.

Winter Carnival Six-Mile Marathon Chairman Fred Hochstetler should win some recognition from carnival for his efforts.

Berkholt has organized and run the marathon since its inception four years ago. As usual, he showed a lot of class in giving Richmond runner Tom Howard the perpetual trophy, after his third victory in the marathon.

Why do ski accidents happen? Got a pretty good idea on Sunday.

While covering a race at Silver Star, I noticed no less than two dozen people cross the course while a racer was speed, g down the hill.

Ski Patrol Co-ordinator Stan Guse tells us all trails to the course were marked with flags, but people just don't pay any attention to the warnings.

Judging from the attendance at two recent exhibition games, local hockey fans are still alive and kicking.

A contest between the Vernon Oldtimers and Vernon Juvenile Boys attracted about 700 people, and last Sunday's game between the Vikings and the old Essos drew almost double that number.

Another game is planned in the near future, between the oldtimers and juveniles.

Anyone planning to take in some of next weekend's Pee Wee Tournament games, had better get there early.

Interest in the tourney continues to grow and organizers are predicting record crowds.



**INNERTUBE CHAMPS**

The trio of, from left, Pat Donnelly, Yoshi Ouchi, and Ron Schunter captured first place in the third annual Winter Carnival Innersube Championships held Sunday night at Tillicum Valley. Forty-eight teams took part in the event, sponsored by Molson's B-Wheies. (Daily News Photo)

**VERNON IN LEAGUE**

**Senior baseball reborn in valley**

The North Okanagan Baseball League has been revived.

At least three, and up to five teams, will compete in the league during the 1978 season.

Vernon, Kamloops, and Enderby have confirmed their entry in the loop while Kelowna is considered a probable, and Merritt is a possible entrant.

General Manager of the Vernon club, Al Simpson, told the Daily News he was extremely encouraged by a league meeting held on Sunday.

Simpson said, "We were quite confident we'd have three teams, but we weren't sure about a fourth. To run a successful league, we'll need four clubs — and it looks like Kelowna will be in. We were surprised by the enthusiasm Kelowna showed in the DEADLINE.

Kelowna and Merritt have been given to Feb. 28 to post a deposit with the league.

Simpson said, "We got a lot accomplished at our first meeting. And at our next meeting (Feb. 28 in Vernon), we will be electing a league executive and establishing operating policies."

Simpson said, "A 20-game schedule has been drawn up, slated to get under way in late May.

The league champion will be eligible to compete in the B.C. championships, Aug. 5-6, in Quesnel. Enderby won the provincial crown last year and advanced to the Western Canada Tournament, that tourney will be held in Nanaimo this year.

On the local front, Simpson said he has no doubt Vernon will be competitive with anyone.

He said, "We've received commitments from 15 or 16 players already. We have a good nucleus of experienced players from the 1976 team, and we'll have new blood, and we'll have an entertaining club."

Simpson plans to play its games in Poison Park until the new baseball complex is completed at Kin Rax Track.

**LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS**

**FEBRUARY, 1973**

George Reed of the Saskatchewan Roughriders football team will be in Vernon March 10 as a special guest of the Royal Canadian Legion for the 5th Annual Sportsman and the Athlete of the Year Awards Night.

**HE RIDES TO WIN**

Jockey Eddie Arcezo rode 10 winners of the Jockey Club Cup.

Due to rough ice conditions, most players wore boots and baseball spikes, as opposed to skates.

Tournament Chairman Gordie Fletcher told the Daily News the event will grow next year.

Fletcher said, "We already have eight teams interested in entering next year. We'll switch from a one-day, single-knockout format to two-day, double-knockout."

"I'm sure everyone had a good time — they must have 1 and 4-2."

**Toros advanced to PVHL final**

Toros advanced to the Pleasant Valley Hockey League final Monday night by dumping Firefighters 6-2 at the Civic Arena.

Rick Cuckey scored two goals for the winners while Warren Henry, Clark Ingle and Bernie Mucka added singles.

Firefighters held period leads of 3-0 and 4-2.

**DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT**

**SHOOT TO WIN**  
 4 p.m. Village Green Mall, minor hockey shoot-to-win competition.

**FREESTYLE SKIING**  
 Tillicum Valley Freestyle Contest — ballet at 7:30 p.m. with upright aerials at 8:30 p.m.

**WHITE ALLEY HOCKEY**  
 At Lumby Arena, 7 p.m., Blades vs. Village Green Merchants, 9 p.m., Sabres vs. Burger Barons.

**CRUELING**  
 Hope Horspiel daily, at 12 noon, at the curling club.  
 IBCA Horspiel continuing in Prince George.

**MAJOR WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
 At Pullen, 7:30 p.m., Armstrong vs. Bucks; 8:45 p.m., Bullets vs. Knicks.



**PHIL WRIGHT** of Vernon was tops in the engine over-drive wheels class of the 18th annual Winter Carnival Auto Slalom held Sunday on Swan Lake. His time of 2:13.1 in a Renault 5 garnered him the trophy.

**Kelowna driver clocks best time**

Forty-six vehicles took part in the Winter Carnival Auto Slalom, sponsored by the Vernon Auto Sport Club, Sunday on Swan Lake.

Fastest time of the day was turned in by Ian Cameron, in a Volkswagon, with a clocking of 2:04.466.

Cameron won the modified event, followed by Gus Goachman in a Honda, with a time of 2:11.471, and D. Hurd, in a 1978 Ford, in 2:13.368.

Vernon's Phil Wright won the engine over-drive wheels category in his Renault, with a time of 2:13.1. Jim Phayak in a Cooper S was second at 2:14.916 while Bob Jones, in a

presented by Leigh Four-wheel drive, is the Vernon Auto Sport Club, event organizers, Ian Cameron of Kelowna had the fastest time of the day, 2:04.466.

1. Andy Baxter, Corvette, 2:31.090, and Ray Scott, Corvette, 2:42.978.

Four-wheel drive: 1. Stan Hunt, Jeep, 2:04.022; 2. L. Johnson, 2:19.910, and Bob DeMar, Ford, 2:14.788.

Ladies: 1. Sheila Ireland, GMC, 2:24.461; Linda Wright, Renault, 2:37.919; and Pat 2:42.222.

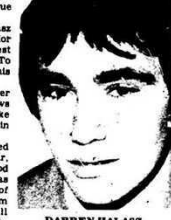
**Halasz to play in all-star game**

Vernon Vikings will have a representative at tonight's B.C. Junior Hockey League all-star game in Langley.

Vernon's Darren Halasz will suit up for the Interior Division stars against the best from the Coast Division. To date, Halasz has 21 goals this season.

Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye told the Daily News it is unfortunate centre Mike Merritt will not get to play in the game.

Dye said, "Mike has played great hockey for us this year, but there are so many good centres in the Interior. He was competing against the likes of Glen Merksky from Kamloops, Kevin Maxwell from Merritt, and Kelly



**DARREN HALASZ** is a lone Viking.

**PIN POINTS**

<b>JANUARY 28</b>	<b>YBC Jets</b>	high double, Bonics 106.
Women's high single, Leanne Foster 273.	<b>TEAM STANDINGS</b>	
Men's high average, Warren Meyer 189.	Banham	29
Super Hero's	Chums	29
Men's high single, Warrin Meyer 189.	Ganders	28
Men's high average, Scott Toews 187.	Bowler of the Week:	Nick Wilke 45 pins over; Derek Irwin, 20 pins over.
Men's high single, Wipe Out 1124.	<b>Bowler of the Month:</b>	Jack Jettick, 184 pins over; Joe Toews, 287 pins over.
High triple, Wipe Out 317.	<b>JANUARY 28</b>	
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Men's high single, 3204.	Women's high single, Bonnie Edwards and Michelle Trahan 110.	
Men's high average, 3204.	High triple, Bonnie Edwards 266.	
Bowler of the Week, Leanne Foster 273 pins over; Dennis Chapman, 84 pins over; 100 Pins over; Leanne Foster.	High triple, Penny May 151.	
Men's high average, 3204.	Men's high single, Bruce Mackenzie 178; high triple, Michael Jones 472; high average, Zeyn Kilm 145.	
Men's high single, 3204.	Team high triple, Chums 1029; high triple, Cougars 295.	

**Chilton suffers third loss**

Doug Chilton of Vernon suffered his third consecutive loss in the B.C. Curling Association Bonselpiel on Monday night in Prince George.

Chilton, the zone champion, was downed 10-8 by Burns Lake zone winner Bob Fields, in a C event game. However, Chilton has already qualified for the Interior championships as a zone winner.

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**WINNER FRANK GRATON** of Vernon lets fly with a strike during a 20-game Bowling Marathon held Sunday at Lincoln Lane. The event filled the 70 entry limit and had bowlers calling strikes for more than 12 hours. (Daily News Photo)

**Graton averages 242 in 20-game marathon**

Frank Graton was top bowler in the annual Winter Carnival 20-game Bowling Marathon held Sunday at Lincoln Lane, with an average of 242.

Following Graton were Glen Peay 473, Marcel Galton 466, Jack McArthur 454, and Art Brock 453.

By Wednesday there will be a minimum of 18 and a maximum of 18 qualifiers for the final.

The seven zone winners automatically qualify for the final, but can block other rinks' attempts by re-qualifying.

Graton also had men's high single and triple with 381 and 961. Ladies' high single was recorded by George McLean, with 291, while Mary Turek carried the high triple with 755.

Four-game block winners were: Bud Foster, 1032; Graton 1081, Ron Graff 1012; Graton 1080, and Galton 1068.

For the ladies, block winners were: Sharon Redlick 873, Peggy Turk 876, May Turk 871, Mary Turek 868, McLellan 862, and Willie Wendell 827.

Came high singles for the men were: Foster 314, Andy Raab 288, Meyer 307, Don Ch Tomlar 288, Graton 318, Krause 330, Fey 296, Art Pratico 290, Graff 276, Ron DePaesquale 281, Brislin and Ray Bailey 301, Joe Goldenthal and Graff 307, Schenk 288, Galton 288, Fey 321, Wayne Heringer 288, Galton 388, Graton 361, Fred Van Der Werf 283, and Richard Billing 307.

Women's high singles were: May Turek 278, Redlick 283, Marlene Koenig 215, Wendell 281, Rose Galton 268, Wendell 282, Peggy Turk 276, Mary Turek 215, May Turk 268 and 281, Wendell 282, and Willie Wendell 287.

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