

NEW SITE BEING SOUGHT

Golf club ends negotiations with ranch

After three years of intermittent discussions and negotiations with the Coldstream Ranch Ltd., the Vernon Golf and Country Club has announced it has terminated its interest in purchasing 160 acres of the ranch.

Wills said, "The move had to be economically feasible and we had to convince the membership to move to a golf course which existed only in the imagination of the committee and a golf course architect. And we had to attract

a purchaser for the existing property who would be prepared to allow the members to continue to play golf while a new course was being constructed on the ranch.

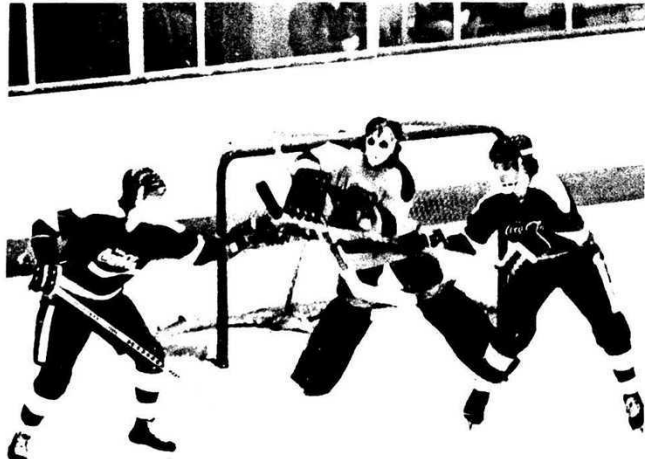
More than 300 members and interested people attended a meeting last June at which time, 85 per cent of the membership approved the

move. Wills said, "I thought we were on our way after that meeting. We had other little matters such as closing the purchase with the ranch and obtaining support of council had yet to be attended to, but we didn't look at those things as major problems."

Woods, considered one of the foremost authorities in his field, has constructed more than 300 golf courses.

Wills said, "We are totally convinced the large majority of our members wish to move to a better golf course and we are now looking for a different site, but after all the time spent, it is such a shame to leave one of the best golf courses in Canada unutilized."

The club is currently searching for another suitable site, however, a survey done last year indicated the only feasible location for a new golf course, in the Vernon area, was on Coldstream Ranch.



Coquitlam goalie Rudy Carline finds himself alone with Vernon's Tom Ouchi.

JUVENILES LOSE SQUEAKER left, and Dirk Dreidger right on his doorstep. Coquitlam edged Vernon 9-8 Sunday, in double overtime, to capture the provincial juvenile hockey championship. Ouchi, who scored three goals including one in the first overtime period, was almost the hero when he rattled a shot off the post with three seconds remaining in the first overtime.

(Jack Nittey Photo)

"We were invited to a meeting of a committee of the Coldstream Council, at which time Ted Osborne, (the managing director of Coldstream Ranch), made a proposal in principle for the golf course development, together with some residential subdivisions around the course. As far as we were concerned, Osborne's presentation was well done and quite reasonable."

"Everyone recognized that for the whole region had been concluded a start time before this and that council could not blind future councils, yet the council would not recognize the long-term interest of the ranch to develop property adjacent to the golf course site, although they recognized some benefits to the community through such development. Mayor Russ Postli suggested some arduous terms for a golf course development which made the ranch's position most difficult."

Wills said, "The ranch then, to our utter dismay, terminated

their interest in the matter. As far as we know, no more attempts were made to alter the peculiar position adopted by council that night, and despite our entreaties, the ranch will not consider selling us the land until it gets the concession it feels it needs from Coldstream Council. We had not understood the approval for residential subdivision to be a prior condition to sale of the golf course to the club, but that is the final position taken by the ranch."

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Pup Reps defend title in Osoyoos tournament

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Vernon Star West Realty Pup Reps thumped Abbotsford 7-3 Sunday to capture the 18-team Osoyoos Fleets Tournament for the second straight year.

For the Vernon squad, it was a perfect end to a season which saw the club go undefeated in league, playoff, and tournament play.

Star West led 2-1 at the end of the first period, but Abbotsford came back and tied the game 3-3 midway through the second. Bruce Major scored what proved to be the winner, at 12:35 of the second.

Major, the tournament's most valuable player, led the attack with three goals and an assist. Derek Webb, Brent Gilchrist, Warren Schneider,

and Danny Martin scored one apiece, Jeff Finley and Les Olsen each had three assists. Clint Smith, Les Foster, and Scott Gmur replied for Abby.

Martin was named MVP of the final game.

THUMPED DELTA
Abbotsford advanced to the final by upsetting highly-ranked Delta 2-1. In overtime Vernon blasted Pacific Coast champion North Delta 13-3 in the semi-final.

Major scored seven times against Delta while Schneider, Martin, Gilchrist, Webb, Danny Nolan, and Alan Godel collected four. Olsen was top playmaker with four assists.

The club's were deadlocked 2-2 at the end of the first period but Star West scored seven unanswered goals in the next 20 minutes.

Vernon's defensive corps of

Finley, Godel, Tony Toth, and Keith Chase had an outstanding game. Finley's defensive play, as well as several great rushes, earned him the game's MVP honors and a berth on the all-star team.

EASY VICTORIES
Earlier in the tourney, the champs blasted Westside 12-0 and Osoyoos 18-1.

Major, Olsen, and Webb did most of the damage against Westside. Major scored four goals and assisted on five others. Olsen had three goals and set up three more, while Webb collected two goals and a pair of assists.

Nolan, Gilchrist, and Troy Mick rounded out the Vernon scoring. Finley had four assists.

Mark Freagh and Ronnie Hodgson shared the shutout. Major was the game's MVP.

In the Osoyoos game, Nolan and Major each scored five goals. Olsen and Gilchrist scored two apiece while Schneider, Martin, Godel, Webb, and Toth, McBride added singles. Finley again had four assists and Nolan received the game's MVP award.

Cantlearg captured the 'A' consolation while Osoyoos took the 'B' championship.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

MARCH, 1973
Vernon's W. L. Seaton Junior high school's badminton club members competed in Kelowna against players from four other B.C. centres — and won.

Sale of Vikings nears completion

Vernon Vikings of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League, is expected to change ownership within the next few days.

Vernon Dye, president and general manager of the club, told the Daily News he hopes to close a deal with a group of local businessmen by Friday.

Dye said, "We have agreed on a purchase price and we are nearing completion of the sale. There are only a few things that remain to be worked out."

It is estimated that the club is \$60,000 in debt. That figure has been accumulated

over the past five years due to lack of fan support and rising costs.

Dye said, "The main reason for us selling is because we are losing money. A change in ownership might help bring interest back to junior hockey in Vernon. The new owners should only have some new ideas."

Dye, along with Les York and Ernie Kowal, have owned the team for the past 12 years. Roy Sammarco became a partner in the operation three years ago.

A spokesman for the new group said the principles wish to remain anonymous until the deal is completed.

Rugby Grads face tough test

Vernon Senior Secondary School's second annual Grad Rugby Game will be played Thursday, at 3:30 p.m.

The game will have the new Panthers taking on the players of years-gone-by. Grads won the first match-up last year, 17-3.

Panthers' Coach Terry White told the Daily News things will be different this year.

White said, "I'm confident that we're going to beat the Grads. This is one of the best rugby teams ever fielded by VSSS. I'm counting on the Grads being a little older and a little slower."

This year's edition of the

Panthers combines size with speed. White said, "The guys are very coachable. I have been able to concentrate on the line while Roger Dufy has looked after the backs in past years, our backs have been weak, but this year's crew looks good."

Eighteen players have signed up for the Grad team and White said anyone who wants to play will get a chance. He said, "Any Grad who comes out, will get a game. Even if we have to play until dark."

Anyone interested in playing is asked to phone White at 545-7300 or Bob Call at 542-3502.

Volleyball playoffs completed

Several volleyball leagues, operated by the Vernon Parks and Recreation District, have completed their playoff schedules within the last week.

Women's Commercial League play, Six-lets beat Jokers 15-8, 11-10, and 15-13 to capture the playoff title. Kal Three won the 'A' consolation round by defeating Sneakers in the Silver Series.

Pleasant Valley Church of God won the Men's Commercial League championship by dumping Kal Three three games-to-one in a best-of-five series.

FIVE GAMES
It took five games for Royal Rebels to dispose of Rooth Barz in the consolation final.

In Men's Commercial League competition, Hammer's trounced Pacesetter 18-4 and 15-3 in the final.

Pacesetter took a second-place by beating Stingers 15-9 and 15-12.

Six Pack captured the Senior Women's Commercial League title by downing Vipers and Sundowners on the first night of play.

Friends won the consolation round by beating Vipers.

Supers edged Hotshot's 3-2 to win the consolation round.

MAJOR WOMEN
In Major Women's playoffs, Village Green Inn took top honors followed by Bumpers. Chastetean edged Hotshot's 3-2 to win the consolation title.

Wallbangers emerged as Major Men's League champs by downing 77 Selects 3-1.

Vernon placed third by bumping fourth-place Village Green and Lagers captured fifth spot by downing Nuds.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

LADIES MEET
The ladies' division of the Spallumcheen Golf Club will be hosting a coffee party on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the clubhouse. All prospective members are invited to attend.

FINAL CHANCE
The second and final registration for Vernon Minor Lacrosse Association will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Village Green Mall. All boys aged 8 to 16 are eligible to play. Registrants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and have birth certificate and medical plan number available.

DENIMS WIN
In recent Women's Commercial Basketball League play Blue Denims edged Firewoods 26-24. Allren Ford led the winners with eight points. In another game, Roderby thumped Tropics 42-18.

EASY VICTORY
KAMLOUPOIS B.C. (C.P.) — James McIvor and Colin Locherty scored two goals each to lead Fortina to an 8-2 victory over Nite, Shasta Winter Club of North Vancouver in the championship final of the Kamloops International amateur hockey tournament Monday.

BLUERS FINISH
IN-THE-LEAD — Rick Bowness of Detroit Red Wings

has been suspended for one game and his team fined \$1,000 as the result of a brawl during a National Hockey League game last weekend between the Wings and Washington Capitals.

REVIEWS TROUSERS
REVIEWS TROUSERS B.C. (C.P.) — Merritt Centennials skated an easy 10-1 victory over the Revelstoke Bruins in Monday night's only British Columbia Junior Hockey League game.

Merritt led 5-0 after the first period and 8-0 after two Blake Stephens led Merritt with two goals, while singles came from Ken Stroh, Larry Stanoven, Glen Aken, Kelly Beers, Bob Langstrom and Glen Johnson.

ROYALS OUT
KIMBERLEY B.C. (C.P.) — Kimberley Dynamiters scored a 4-1 victory over Cranbrook Royals Monday night to win their best of seven Western International Hockey League semi final series 4-2.

SOON OWNERS SHOT
SKUTLUP (A.P.) — Low Himmelman, retired chairman of the board of Western International, is one and an owner of Seattle Sounders of the North American Soccer League, was shot in the leg early Monday during a confrontation with a assailant in his home. Himmelman, 62, is in stable condition at hospital

since 1977.