Action Vernon starts with 'Beat the Mayor'

Action Vernon, a participation program organized by the Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation District, gets under way Monday.

The seven-day event is designed to get people interested in physical fitness.

Recreation Director John Mahler told the Daily News the people he has talked to are enthusiastic about Action Vernon.

He said, "The department has spent a lot of time promoting team sport and we have been successful in that area of recreation. The operation of this event will give individuals the opportunity to get out and get in shape. We hope it will make people aware of the facilities that are available.

"The real results don't come from the number of people who will participate next week, it is how many continue to workout in future weeks and months."

BEAT MAYOR

First event, on Monday, is the Beat the Mayor competition.

Mayor Bob Nell, or a city council representative, will run through The Kiwanis Fitness Track, in Polson Park, at 12:15 p.m.

The public will have a chance to beat his time from 4 to 7 p.m. Certificates will be presented to successful challengers.

Also Monday, a school jogging contest gets under way. Students from Vernon area schools, will be competing in a cumulative jogging contest.

On Wednesday, there will be public swimming, at no charge, in the Recreation Complex pool. Hours of free swimming will be 6:30 to 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 2:30 to 5 p.m., and 7 to 10 p.m.

FREE SQUASH

Vernon Squash and Racquet Centre is offering free racquetball and squash, to anyone, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., next Thursday. Equipment will be available at the centre.

The federal Sports Caravan Participation Display will arrive at the Recreation Complex on Thursday, and be there until Sunday. Hours of operation are from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

Also Thursday, a variety of outdoor activity displays will be set up in the Village Green Mall.

Fitness Friday has a variety of activities at the Complex, including free slimnastics.

Exercise sessions are being offered in the gym from 10:15 to 11 a.m. and 7:15 to 8 p.m. In-pool exercise will be held from 1 to 11:30 a.m.

There will be free swimming and sauna from 8 to 8:30 p.m.

RUNNING EVENTS

The highlight of Saturday will be two running events in Polson Park.

Action Vernon Cross-country run, over a 4,000 metre course, is designed for competitive runners. It starts at 1 p.m.

Run For Your Life, at 2 p.m., is a one-mile run in the park. Everyone is invited to participate and each runner will get a certificate.

The week will wind-up with Bicycle Sunday. All roads on the course, between the Complex and Polson Park will be blocked off from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Commemorative reflectors will be available for all cyclists and certificates will be given out to two-mile finishers.

SPORTS ALERT

MINOR LACROSSE

Registration, for boys aged 6 to 16, until 4 p.m. at Village Green Mall. Registrants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

SWIMMING

Troy Allum and Graham Schnare representing Vernon Kokanees at level two national meet in Calgary.

HOCKEY

8:30 p.m., OK Landing Hall, White Valley Hockey League trophy presentations and dance.

GAME GANQUET

Vernon Fish and Game Club banquet at the club house. (Sorry sold out)

SUNDAY

BASKETBALL

Vernon Tri-Lakers vs. Enderby and Golden in the Golden Invitational Ladies' Basketball Tournament.

SENIOR SOCCER

Okanagan League gets under way: At MacDonald Park – 12:30 p.m., Rovers vs. Osoyoos Rialtoros; 2 p.m., National Hotel vs. Longhorn United; other games — Osoyoos Sage in Penticton, Kelowna Zodiacs in Kamloops, Kelowna Kickers vs. Rutland Teamsters.

BOWLING

Fifteen Vernon bowlers in Pepsi High School Zone offs in Penticton.

SKIING

Highlights of the World Cup Freestyle Championships, held last weekend on Silver Star, will be shown on Vercom Cable-TV at 3 p.m.

MONDAY

SOFTBALL

12 noon, Recreation Complex, all men's and women's softball leagues register.

VERNON JUNIOR CURLING coach Don Myler watches over shot by Micki Georgeson while teammate Linda Fleming prepares to sweep. (Daily News Photo)

MEET THE COACH

Junior curling booms during inaugural year

Coaching curling to juniors began with a group of mothers talking about the idea last year and has blossomed into a junior league in Vernon, with more than 100 members, according to Don Myler, Vernon curling coach.

The league consists of curlers between the ages of 13 to 19 and the players have had two bonspiels and sent away representatives to zone playoffs. Myler said the improvement since the beginning of the season is impressive and looks for even better things in the future.

"We started this year with a lot of people who had never curled before, but some of these kids have really come into their own," Myler said. "We showed them how to slide, the proper broom technique, the turning of rocks and how to follow the skip's orders, and then they just took off."

Myler said once the juniors have got the basics of the game, then a lot of learning comes from experience and some pointers by some of the senior players. "The kids can get help, or instruction, in curling at almost anytime and I think it really shows," he said.

MORE ICE TIME

Now that the league has been formed, Myler said starting up next year will be no problem as most of the basis for the league has been laid down. "We will still have room to accommodate more curlers and the curling club hopes to make as much ice time available to them as possible next year."

Presently there are 28 teams curling regularly in the juniors and they have games every Tuesday and Thursday, from 4 to 6 p.m. "The general ability of the Vernon kids is extremely good and I think this could become a good junior centre in the next few years judging from our exceptional first year I am hoping that most of the kids this year will stay on for next year and eventually go into the adult leagues."

Myler said that some of the juniors are already competing in the adult leagues which really helps them learn the game faster. "The juniors are an enthusiastic bunch, they are eager to learn, easy to teach, and are also very cooperative."

FAMILY SPORT

Anyone who likes sports can go into curling and its a good family sport, Myler said. "We have a lot of families participating with their parents and in some cases, they are very competitive. As far as their development is concerned, the sky is the limit and we hope to have some top provincial competitors in about three to four years."

Myler's objective right now is to build confidence in the young curlers he coaches and help them feel comfortable in the game. "If the kids keep responding the way they have this past year, next year will be something worth waiting for." he said. "I am just itching for next October to come around again so we can do it all over."

Cents host first game in B.C. finals

The first game of the British Columbia finals in the Centennial Cup junior hockey tier two playoffs will be played Sunday in Merritt between the Centennials and Richmond Sockeyes.

Cents advanced to the finals by finishing the B.C. Junior Hockey League season with the most points in the 10-team loop. Richmond won a three-team, round-robin playoff for the Pacific Coast Hockey League title.

Second game, in the best-of-five series, will be played Monday in Merritt. The series switches to Richmond for the third game April 5. Fourth and fifth games, if necessary, would be played April 6 and 7 on the coast.

BEST TEAM

Merritt Coach Joe Tennant told Daily News he thinks his club has a good chance of capturing the provincial title.

Tennant said, "As far as I'm concerned, we have the best team. Now, we just have to prove it."

Cents will be without veteran defenseman Dale Ames. Ames suffered a head injury two weeks ago and may not see any action in the series.

Meanwhile, in BCJHL quarter-final play Friday night, Kelowna Buckaroos downed Kamloops Chiefs 9-6 and Penticton Vees dumped Revelstoke Bruins 7-4. Friday night to take 1-0 leads in their best-of-seven series.

In Kelowna, Pete Gerlinger scored with 24 seconds left in regulation time to bring the Chiefs into a 5-5 tie with the Buckaroos. It wasn't enough for the Chiefs, however, as Kelowna outscored them 4-1 in the overtime period.

Jim Crosson and Rod Danchuk each scored two goals for the Buckaroos. Dan Hlushko, Brad Palmer, Mike Wills, Daryl Parlboom and Ken Calder were the other marksmen.

Clint Fehr, with two goals, Doug Lidster, Norm Meyer and Glen Merkowski were the other Kamloops goal scorers. Kamloops trailed 2-1 after the first period and 5-2 after the second.

Kamloops outshot Kelowna 40-32.

GOALIE INJURED

In Penticton, the Vees fired 52 shots at Revelstoke goaltenders Steve Aboti, who was injured late in the game, and Darryl Kranhbel.

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VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS

Village Green Inn defeated Bumpers in the Major Women's Volleyball League championships last week at Clarence Fulton School. Members of the winning squad are from left, back row, Donna Grams, Connie Couchi, Brenda Howard, and Maureen Burke. Front row, Cheri Watt, Jan Hamaguchi, and Donna Stein. (M. Hodgson Photo)

PIN POINTS

MARCH 20
Mon. Mxd. 9-11

Women's high single, Dee Budd 354; high triple, Peggy Turek 807; high average, May Turek 222.
Men's high single, Mark Katalay 327; high triple, Mark Katalay 888; high average, Mark Katalay 220.
Team high single, Hot Fudge 1399; high triple, Hot Fudge 4104.
"300" Club, Dee Budd 354; Genie Kowalski 306; Len Chaney 301; Mark Katalay 327.
"700" and "800" Club, Peggy Turek 807, Dee Budd 737, May Turek 727, Len Chaney 813, Mark Katalay 888.

TEAM STANDINGS

What Eagles	376
III Eagles	373
Easy Eagles	344
Wild Eagles	339½

Most pins over average was Len Chaley with 84

MARCH 20
Mon. Mxd. 7-9

Women's high single, Lil Jamieson 295, high triple, Lil Jamieson 735, high average, Lil Jamieson 205.
Men's high single, Mark Katalay 325, high triple, Mark Katalay 814, high average, Glen Fey 228.
Team high single, Fireballs 1366, high triple, Fireballs 3727.
"300" Club, Mark Katalay 325, Herb Schley 310.
"700" Club, Lil Jamieson 735, "800" Club, Mark Katalay 814.

TEAM STANDINGS

Fireballs	330
Flyers	329
Kal Hotel	319
Crackers	309

MARCH 21
Tues. Ladies 9-11

Women's high single, Marg Forscutt 287, high triple, Laraine Anderson 648, high average, Marg Forscutt 199.
Team high single, Wonder Women 1292, high triple, Short Steps 3594.

TEAM STANDINGS

Pythians	400
Whiz Kids	378½
Has Beens	346½
Try Hards	342

Bowler of the Week Laraine Anderson 174 pins over.

MARCH 21
Tues. Mixed 7-9

Women's high single, Aggie Lewis 284, high triple, Irene Walker 706, high average, Sybil Tinkham 208.
Men's high single, John Tykalovich 345, high triple, John Tykalovich 755, high average, Marv Zwarych 229.
Team high single, Senior's TV 1295, high triple, Mission Hill Gang 3714.
"300" Club, John Tykalovich 345, Ron Trask 331, Ken Evans 325, Marv Zwarych 323, "700" Club, Irene Walker 706.

TEAM STANDINGS

Mission Hill Gang	380½
Marv's VI	365½
Four Roses & a Prickle	356½
Triple K	346½

MARCH 22
Wed. 9-11

Women's high single, Angie Brisbin 333, high triple, Angie Brisbin 762, high average, Gloria Bamford 208.
Men's high single, Shig Tabata 310, high triple, Shig Tabata 794, high average, Shig Tabata 231.
Team high single, Checkmates 1300, high triple, Neighborhood 3686.
"300" Club, Shig Tabata 310, Angie Brisbin 333, 762.

TEAM STANDINGS

Cold Cream Hotel	392
Neighborhood 5	348
H&R Fencing	333
Assassins	318

MARCH 22
Wed. 7-9 Mixed

Women's high single, Betty Timm 289, high triple, Marilyn Weir 755, high average, Debbie Woodroff 216.
Men's high single, Ira Arnold 296, high triple, Bob Laplerre 758, high average, Merv Budd 223.
Team high single, Podollans' 5 1382, high triple, Podollans' 5 3824.
"700" Club, Marilyn Weir 755.

TEAM STANDINGS

Screwballs	371
Short Circuits	355½
Vernon 5-0	351½
Ogo pogo's	350½

MARCH 22
Wed. Matinee

Women's high single, Edna Murray 288, high triple, Carol MacDougall 678, high average, Carol Skidmore 202.
Team high single, Lane Loons 1338, high triple, Lane Loons 3720.

TEAM STANDINGS

Blanks	439
Happy Gang	367
Kit Kats	361
Royal Coo Coos	327

MARCH 23
Thurs. 9-11

Women's high single, Freda Harrison 218, high triple, Vicky Dodds 597, high average, Coby Fuhr 191.
Men's high single, Bill Schenk 291, high triple, Gordon Witten 801, high average, Mark Katzalay 221.
Team high single, The Team 1274, high triple, Rookies 3651.
"300" Club, Gord Witten 801.

TEAM STANDINGS

Hong Kong Village	394
The Team	377
Turkeys	375
Vets	356
Pace Setters	345½

MARCH 23
Thurs. 7-9 p.m.

Women's high single, Willie Wendel 333, high triple, Willie Wendel 742, high average, May Turek 214.
Men's high single, John Tyk 328, high triple, Frank Gration 874, high average, Frank Gration 237.
Team high single, Hi Fivers 1350, high triple, Sticky Fingers 3819.
"300" Club, John Tyk 328, Frank Gration 312, Willie Wendel 333 (7 strikes in a row), "700" Club, Willie Wendel 742, "800" Club, Frank Gration 874, John Tyk 871.

TEAM STANDINGS

Vernon Datsun	395½
Hi Rollers	363½
Hi Fivers	324½
South Paws	324

MARCH 23
Thurs. Matinee

Women's high single, Del Kistner 278, high triple, Winnie Kronbauer 629, high average, Winnie Kronbauer 202.
Team high single, Back JJ's 1350, high triple, Back JJ's 3510.

TEAM STANDINGS

Drop Outs	368½
Drop Ins	341½
Cameos	337½
Back JJ's	335½

Soccer league kicks off year

The 10-team Okanagan Senior Soccer League kicks off with a 1978 season Sunday with five games.

All three Vernon teams will be at home, on the friendly turf of MacDonald Park. Rovers host Osoyoos Realtoros at 12:30 p.m., and at 2 p.m., National Hotel meets Vernon United.

Other games have the league's new entry, Osoyoos Sage, in Penticton; Kamloops hosting Kelowna Zodiacs; and defending champion Kelowna Kickers battle Rutland Teamsters.

League president Keith Brookes, of Vernon, told the Daily News he expects some fierce competition this year.

TEAMS EVEN

Brookes said, "It is impossible to say who will be the class of the loop. There are four or five clubs that could win the league — and the rest aren't far behind."

Zodiacs, with youth and speed, are expected to be the team to beat in the Regatta City. Kickers, who have dominated the Okanagan League for years, are getting older by the day.

ADDED SPARTANS

National Hotel could be the best of the three Vernon teams. Nationals have added Marty Stein, Jim Wilson, John Madden, Wayne Guidone, and goalie Bob Mann from the defunct Vernon Spartans.

However, Rovers have added several high school graduates and the Longhorn United team should be much-improved after a year together as a unit.

Equestrian meeting scheduled

The second conference of the British Columbia Equestrian Federation, involving Western and English riding clubs, breed associations, and all amateur horse clubs in the province, will be held in Kamloops, April 7 and 8 at the Sandman Inn.

Doug Reid, chairman of the Canadian Equestrian Federation's B.C. Division, will be the guest speaker. Reid's current objective is the amalgamation of a majority of equestrian interests, within the province, for the betterment of horse and rider in B.C.

All local riding clubs and concerned horsemen are urged to attend and notify interest in the conference by contacting Pat Jordan, MLA, in Vernon, or Judy Sloper, secretary, 679 Moyer Road, Kelowna.

Forest maintains unbeaten record

LONDON (Reuter) — Three goals in the final 20 minutes brought Nottingham Forest a 3-1 victory over Chelsea today and enabled them to maintain their unbeaten home record and a two-point lead in English soccer's First Division.

Everton continued its run at the leaders with a 2-1 victory at home over Derby in a contest moved ahead by three hours to avoid a conflict with the Grand National steeplechase. The win, Everton's fourth in succession, pulled them level on points with Forest for a few hours.

Nottingham, however, was not about to let its leadership slip away, though it seemed for a time that Chelsea might pull off the shock result of the season. Against the run of play, Chelsea took the lead after eight minutes when Mickey Droy's header was pushed out by keeper Peter Shilton to Tommy Langley, who scored from close range.

From then on it was one-way traffic with Tony Woodcock leading surge after Forest surge and even getting the ball in the net just before half time only to have it disallowed.

Forest has played three fewer matches than Everton.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

APRIL

Head of the Lake Stampeders and Vernon Merchants are tied 1-1 in the best-of-five North Okanagan Hockey League final series. Merchants won the first game 8-3, but Stamps came back to take the second 4-2.

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