

CURLING CLUB NEWS

By RON HOUSTON
 Vernon Curling Club Manager



► Team has completely dominated the Men's Evening Curling League for the past two months. Wayne Laface and his team of Chris Piegler, and Mark and Barry Longworth defeated Herb Van Grootel in back-to-back games last week, to win the club championship.

Wayne's team is the first to capture the John Omelchuk Trophy. Laface congratulated his team and said, "I hope I can be as dedicated to the game as Joe J was when he was active."

In the consolation final, yours truly was fortunate to defeat Ted Kenny. Curling with me were Barry Amies, Bob Wood, and Luke Grootel.

New officers elected for the men's league are: Ron Corbett, Sid Robbins, Doug Smith, Laface and Kenny.

TEACHERS' LEAGUE

The Teachers' League operated every Wednesday. The hard work of Rod Hopson, at the start of the year, got the league off to a great start.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

The Commercial League wound up its season last weekend with a split. Thirty-two teams competed for merchandise prizes.

Fercy Briggs won five consecutive games to capture the A's event.

SENIOR MEN'S LEAGUE

More than 100 senior men curled on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To be a member, you must be 55 years of age, or older.

The league ended its season with a split and unless luncheon is next week. Most of these gentlemen are looking forward to a summer at the bowling green, or on the golf course.

EXPANSION

After five full seasons in our building, we are again hearing the word expansion.

This past season we had to turn away potential members in some leagues—and we can see in two years where four more sheets of ice would be filled.

At the present time, there is not much to report on expansion. However, in the next few months there will be a lot of hard work done by the building expansion committee—chaired by Bonnie Sammartino—along with Harry Amies and Ted Erdman.

OFFICE HOURS

The club office will be open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, until the Summer split. For any information regarding our club or leagues, phone 467-13.

The directors, management, and staff of our club hope all members enjoy their summer activities and we hope to see you all again next fall. Have a good summer! (crumpled)



CHAMPION MULE DEER

Judy Postill is the winner of the Vernon Fish and Game Club's 1978 Mule Deer (typical) Competition. Judy's big mule scored 180½. The deer dressed 210 pounds. (Smokey Trumbley Photo)

PARK THERE, GOLF HERE

The course of the Armstrong Valley country club at Piru Falls, N.E., is in Canada, but the pro shop and parking lot are in Maine.

Fastball league up to six clubs

However, a meeting this week, a new team (yet to be named), was represented and we are now up to six clubs.

The schedule is slated to get under way May 1 and continue to mid-July, with each team playing 20 games.

Overend said he hopes the league is as well-balanced as last season. All teams were in playoff contention until the final game of the 1977 schedule.

The new president said, "I own Lumby Royal, Tradelund Realty, Kal Hotel, and Kal Tire. We will have good clubs—they have a lot of veterans returning. But, it is tough to say how strong the other two teams will be. If they come up with competitive squads I think we can look forward to quite a season."

Meanwhile, anyone interested in playing for Tradelund is asked to phone Ted Lukuck, at 542-8863, after 6 p.m.

Vernon home games will be played at Alexis Park.

Cents sweep junior series

RICHMOND, B.C. (CP) — Ron Flockhart scored the only goal of a 10-minute overtime period Wednesday night to give Merritt Centennial a 6-5 victory over Richmond Sockeyes and the British Columbia championship along the Centennial Cup junior hockey playoff trail.

The sweep of the best-of-three series for the B.C. Junior Hockey League point champions over the Pacific Junior Hockey League playoff winners gives Merritt the right to advance against a Prairie club.

Ken Stroud scored two goals for Merritt and the Centennials got their other markers from Glen Johnson, Ed Beers and Bob Deschamps.

The Sockeyes, who lost the first two games of the series, Merritt, were staked to a 3-1 first-period lead as Roy Whelan scored all the Richmond goals.

Greg Baydala gave the Sockeyes a 4-4 second-period tie and Lorne Mackie scored for Richmond in the third period.

Richmond goalie Scott Robinson was spectacular, making 38 saves including 21 in the third period and seven in the overtime session. Pat Murphy blocked 34 shots for the winners.

SPORTS ALERT

FIGURE SKATING
 8 p.m. Village Green Inn, annual meeting of the Vernon Figure Skating Club. Executive and parents are urged to attend.

HIKING
 7:30 p.m., W. L. Seaton School cafeteria, general meeting of the Vernon Hikers Club. Phone 545-8409 for further information.

UMPS' CLINIC
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Gawne named as president of riding club

Rita Gawne has been elected president of the Vernon District Riding Club for the 1978 season.

Molly Boyd is the new vice-president with June LaLonde as secretary and treasurer. June Osborn will serve as past-president.

Directors elected were: Lynn Bulwer, Mike Davies, Ian Philip, Ken Rice, Bonnie Silver, and Marjane Shlapak. Junior Riding Club President is Candy DeLange.

Shlapak, who is in charge of publicity, told the Daily News the club has a busy season planned.

WIDE VARIETY

She said, "We have programs for everyone—Western Flat Classes, Trail Horse and Western Reining for the western enthusiasts, through to English Flat Classes Jumping and Hunter Classes for the English riders."

First event of the year will be Easter Lessons, taught by Jennifer Maynard of Vancouver. They will be followed, on April 22, by a safety clinic under the direction of Bill Ulmer. It will be held at 2 p.m. and a nominal fee will be charged.

The club will host an American Quarter Horse Association Show May 1 at the club grounds, on Aberdeen Road.

On May 22, the annual junior show is scheduled, with the pony show slated for July 18.

Canadian Acceptance

T. H. C. Watkins
 The appointment of Terrence H. C. Watkins as District Sales Manager of the K-mirops of Ice of Canadian Acceptance Corporation Limited, has been announced by R. A. Carlton, Vice President and Regional Manager, British Columbia. For the past ten years, Mr. Watkins has held positions of increasing responsibility with branches of the company in the lower mainland, North Thompson and Okanagan areas. His depth of experience in industrial equipment financing and leasing will prove valuable to clients requiring counsel on these matters.

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Ball team preparing for upcoming season

Vernon's Coldstream Hotel, of the No. 10 Okanagan Baseball League has started gymnasium workouts in preparation for the upcoming 1978 season.

Coldstream Coach Mike McAvoy told the Daily News he is impressed with the players coming out.

McAvoy said, "A lot of the veterans are cut—and they look in good shape. And there are some promising young kids up from Junior Babe Ruth. They all seem to have the right attitude—they want to play baseball."

Fitting could be one of the club's strong points. Veterans

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