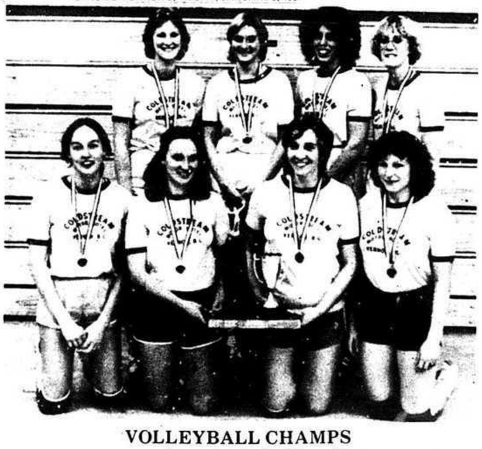

VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS

Coldstream Motor Hotel recently defeated Postill's Diggers to win the Vernon Major Women's Volleyball League championship. Coldstream players are from left, back row, Laurie Ferguson, Diane Lyon, Sue Johnson, and Brenda Howard. Front row, Deb Green, Eileen Richardson, Donna Grams, and Wendy Hubscher.

SELKIRKS DROP OUT

NOHL loses a team

By DON KENDALL
Daily News Sports Editor

Revelstoke Selkirks have withdrawn from the North Okanagan Hockey League.

Revelstoke Coach Bernie Cole told the Daily News his club no longer has enough players to be competitive.

"We've only got eight players left," Cole said. "A combination of things hurt us . . . injuries, shift work, guys moving out of the area, and players not willing to travel."

Selkirks joined the NOHL in the 1978-79 season after the collapse of the Monashee Hockey League.

THIRD-PLACE

Revelstoke has firmly entrenched in third-place, in the six-team loop, with 18 points in 18 games.

"Money was not the problem," Cole said. "We had enough funds to complete the season. We just don't have the bodies."

PLAYERS TRAVEL

Cole indicated the team is asking for a leave of absence and may rejoin the league next season.

At least two other NOHL clubs are interested in acquiring the services of some Revelstoke players. Vernon Cougars hope to sign forward Randy Merritt. Kelowna Packers are reportedly planning to talk to Bernie Reed, Mike Burns, and Merritt.

Cole said, "I wouldn't be surprised if a couple of the guys finish the season with other teams. Travel would be a big problem though."

Selkirks were scheduled to play in Vernon on Sunday, against the Cougars. NOHL President Herb Karras could not be reached for comment on rescheduling plans.

Vernon Coach Gary Swanson said, "The withdrawal causes a problem for the rest of the teams. It is unfortunate, but there is nothing we can do."

League play resumes tonight when Packers host Rutland Molsons.

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Veteran conservationist honored upon retiring

Kamloops district Fish and Wildlife Regional Protection Officer Alan Frisby recently was honored at a retirement party in Kamloops. He and his wife, Nonie, have returned to Vernon.

More than 200 people turned out to honor Frisby, called, "One of the best liked people in the Fish and Wildlife Branch", at the retirement banquet.

To his credit, he had 34 years of service and two awards for "outstanding contribution on his record." Touted as an "all-round conservationist", he is known in Vernon and Kamloops Districts for his valuable work in the outdoors. His awards resulted from "worthy and devoted service to both the community and Fish and Wildlife branch."

WON AWARDS

He was one of three Fish and Wildlife members to win the Meritorious Service Medal in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne, in 1977. Two years later, the Shaikar-Safari Club International chose Frisby as the Officer Of The Year for his excellent contribution to Fish and Wildlife.

Frisby, now 59, started his career July 1, 1946, with the B.C. Game Commission as an assistant hatchery officer in Nelson.

Seven years later he was promoted to fish culturist in Summerland at the Summerland Hatchery. He continued his way up the ladder, with a promotion to the game warden's position in Vernon in 1952.

Frisby, his wife, and their five children, stayed in this area for 27 years. He moved to Kamloops in 1977, as regional protection officer and was responsible for six other areas.

He said he enjoyed all his years with the Fish and Wildlife Branch and he complimented his colleagues, saying, "They were a dedicated and hard-working group of people. It was a real pleasure to work with them."

At the retirement party, co-worker Geoff Swannell said Frisby was active in the success of several wildlife projects. He had worked closely with the Lumby Rod and Gun Club to introduce Chukar partridges to that district.

He also assisted the Armstrong Fish and Game Club in obtaining wild turkeys, raising them and releasing them in that environment. He also was largely responsible for the implementation of geese nesting boxes on the Shuswap River and the introduction of Chinook fry to the river's upper levels.

"He is an exceptional person, terribly involved in all sorts of projects and just a first class enforcement officer," said Swannell. He attributed Frisby's success to his all round interest in wildlife. He said Alan and Nonie care for orphaned animals, raising owls, geese, turkeys and other wildlife.

"Nonie was very much part of his job," said Swannell. "She's really a special person." She said Alan intended to keep busy on his retirement with his many hobbies, such as fly tying, fishing and hunting.

Nonie said one thing he did not like was wearing a uniform each day, whether with the Fish and Wildlife branch or in the army.

Frisby said he took an early retirement because he wanted to do things for himself and his wife . . . things that they never had time to do before.

The Frisbys did not return to the home they once lived in, in the BX District; but instead have bought another nearby, still in the BX.

Recently the Lumby Fish and Game Club honored the Frisbys in Lumby at a large gathering. Alan was presented with a boat and Nonie with a motor. The club also gave them such gifts as binoculars, wine decanter and books, in recognition of Alan's retirement.

ALAN FRISBY, LEFT, RECEIVES A GIFT FROM FORMER PROVINCIAL MINISTER RAFE MAIR, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT

(Kamloops Daily Photo)

By BOB PLATT

Wonderful news for the cross-country skiers on the Star. The Parks Branch has put into operation its new groomer and tracker equipment and from now on the trails will be serviced regularly. The conditions on Sovereign and Woodland Bell mid-week were perfect; the seven centimetres of new snow coupled with the good work done by the Parks people resulted in a wide, smooth and uniform surface and it was a joy to ski on.

TRAIL AMENITIES

Selection of the correct wax is now a lot easier with the installation of a clock-face thermometer at Kilometre Zero and this should be consulted before setting off around the trails system. Of course, it's not the "be-all and end-all" of waxing — on Wednesday the indicator showed in a short space of time a change from Extra Blue to Blue. Now the writer knows why the gadget was placed out of the wind's effect in the parking lot. But the average individual wouldn't worry about a minor change like that, if there was enough kick and glide, they'd stay with the original selection.

Shelters were mentioned when the Park's recreational potential was being assessed and it is expected we will see a warming hut there in the near future.

WONDERFUL ASSET

Indeed, the region is most fortunate in having this outstandingly beautiful playground and so close at hand.

JUVENILES

The NOCA-sponsored Junior Development Series was well supported by parents and progeny — one mustn't ignore the demands made on the adults' free time — and it was gratifying to see the youngsters go around the various courses obviously enjoying the friendly competition. In all the events, physical stress and nerve strain were markedly absent and these juniors can act as good exponents of the value of Nordic skiing to all the citizens who have heard "it's too hard to do".

A group went to Keefer Lake Jan. 4 and reported beautiful snowscapes as they skied along the road leading to the resort. Crossing an arm of the Kettle River by a low-level wooden bridge they were able to observe close at hand some spectacular ice formations in the river bed; as always with these masterpieces of nature, shapes could be likened to all manner of things, so it was easy to imagine water lilies growing there.

It's most essential in our present way of life to forsake from time to time the trappings of civilization and move around in an environment unspoiled by buildings and maddening crowds. This was brought home to the Keefer Lake party on Sunday when they met up with people exercising their dog teams — there were no less than four at work. It was pure nostalgia, mixed with some utilitarianism as the sleds carry goods and chattels over the snow.

On Sunday, the North Okanagan Cross-Country Ski Club will hold its fourth annual 30 kilometre Marathon on the Stussi course at Cedar Hill, near Falkland.

The Stussi trails are currently in good condition with six centimetres of fresh snow falling this week.

Laker's bus in collision near Kamloops

The luck of threes caught up to the Vernon Lakers in a bad way, Thursday, as their third mishap on the way to Merritt culminated in a head on collision.

Although no one was seriously injured; the accident could have been much worse, according to Laker general manager Hank Aarsen. The owner of the Laker bus, Terry Price, managed to steer the bus away from a direct head on collision, said Aarsen.

Forward Vaughan Peoples came out the worst in the mishap, receiving a concussion and losing some teeth. Three to four other players also could have been knocked around enough to not see action today against Merritt, here.

Aasren said he will be able to dress enough players for tonight's game. He said he will have 15, including two juveniles to round out the roster.

As for the bus, Aarsen said he does not know how badly it is damaged, but he knows it is inoperative. The bus belongs to him.

In the interim, to maintain the busy schedule, the team will have to rely on parents for transportation. The team's next out of town game is Saturday in Kelowna.

The accident occurred about 35 kilometres out of Kamloops on the Logan Lake Highway. The car, which collided with the Laker's bus, burst into flames following the mishap.

"We feel fortunate about the accident because it could have been much worse," Aarsen said. "If Price hadn't have kept his head, I don't know what would have happened.

"This is the third time in a row that something has happened during Merritt trips and we think this should be the end."

Aarsen said the team management will still try to keep the team afloat and meet all of their season commitments.

"We are not going to let the accident stop us," he said.

Coquitlam Comets ran into penalty trouble Thursday night in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League.

In Coquitlam, Doug Barnes scored his club's first three goals but penalties were costly for the Comets as they lost 8-7 to Vancouver Blue Hawks.

The Blue Hawks, who led 3-2 after the first period and 6-5 after two, got two goals from Mike Coflin and the others from Randy Heath, Oscar Pozzolo, Jim Reimer, Derek Sheers, Peter Godfrey and Earl Graham. Graham's goal at 12:03 of the third period stood up to be the winner.

John Allison added two goals to the Coquitlam attack which was augmented by John Olynyk and Magel Fournier.

PENALTIES HURT

Three Vancouver goals came on power plays, as the Comets were short-handed seven times compared to four for the Blue Hawks. On two occasions the Hawks scored while the Comets were two men short.

In tonights games have Cowichan Valley Capitals entertaining Nor-Wes Caps in Duncan, Coquitlam at Vancouver again and Kelowna Buckaroos visiting Penticton Knights.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

JANUARY, 1976

Vernon Panthers placed third in the four-team Magee Red Lions Basketball Tournament over the weekend in Vancouver. Panthers were defeated by Steveston 62-51 in the first game, but bounced back for a 57-50 win over Magee.

Secondary teams play in weekend tournaments

Vernon Senior Secondary School's Royals and Panthers will both see tournament action this weekend.

The Panthers, after dropping an 86-85 loss to Nelson, Thursday, will travel to Rutland, to play an invitational tournament there. The Royals will participate in the Owls invitational tournament in Kelowna.

Panthers coach Deloy Routley said today that defense will be heavily stressed in the coming tournament, as it resulted in the downfall of the team against Nelson.

"From a fans point of view it was a good game, with back and forth action throughout the contest," Routley said. "Unfortunately, from a team point of view, it was one of our worst games this season."

Routley said the team was missing Lance Page and Dale Olsen, two of the team's stronger players.

"They are worth about 30 points a game," he said.

The team, however, did get some strong performances, with Pat Paul netting 25 points, and Pat Campbell dropping 10 points in the second second quarter.

"Our biggest failure was picking up the opposition's men," Routley said. "While we were standing back admiring our baskets, Nelson was busy putting in two in our end."

Vernon will go up against Kitsilano at 6:15 p.m., today, and will play again either at 10:30 a.m., if they lose, or at 12:15 p.m., if they win. Other teams involved include Kilarney, KLO, New Westminister, KSS, Trail and the host Rutland team.

Vernon has played KSS and has beat Rutland.

Routley does not know whether or not his injured players will see action, because this is an exhibition tournament, and regular season play begins next week. He thinks there is the possibility they might see limited action.

Meanwhile, on the girls side, the Royals will play their first game against KLO at 3:15 p.m. today. The tournament will involve six other teams, including Lumby, Penticton, Langley, Castlegar, Steveston, and KSS.

Coach Ray Kimoto said that the team won the consolation round in last year's tournament and is hoping for strong competition again this year.

The Royals are just coming off a loss against Penticton, where they were close at the half, but were beaten 70-45.

Jan Guenther did manage 18 points in the game for the locals, however.

Because the Royals are a young team, Kimoto says the coaching staff has been working on the basics in practise.

"We have a team mostly comprised of Grade 11s and our average age is about 16," he said. "We will probably have the youngest team at the tournament.

"This action, however, will be a good learning experience for the girls."

Pledge total rising

Snowarama '81 is only 16 days away.

Proceeds from Snowarama, sponsored by the Lion's Club and Vernon Snowmobile Association, go to the crippled children of B.C.

Daily News Sports Editor Don Kendall is entered in the 100 mile snowmobile ride and the pledges are pouring in.

Tri Lake Lincoln Mercury this week pledged $2 per mile, for a total of $200.

The staff and management of the Vernon Lodge Hotel also made a $2 per mile pledge this week.

Heritage Realty Manager Doug Weir has donated $1 per mile — a total of $100.

Other corporate sponsors include Sun Valley Sports 25 cents per mile and B.C. Sports World 10c per mile.

Individual sponsors include: D. Manning 5c, P. Lloyd 5c, M. Parson 5c, Lyle Duffield 10c, S. Cook 5c, Vivian Sampson 10c, L. Dianocky 10c, P. Sherlock 5c, M. Wilson 5c, Bob Kirschner 5c, E. G. Haddleton 5c, R. L. Campbell 5c, Mike Melbourne 5c, M. Mathers 5c, C. J. Kronbauer 2c and R. R. McMullen 10c.

Total amount pledged on Kendall to date is $1480. To make a pledge, phone 545-0671 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

BOB FISHER, of Tri-Lake Lincoln Mercury, signed Don Kendall's Snowarama pledge sheet this week. Tri Lake pledged $2 per mile, for a total of $200, in aid of crippled children.

(Daily News Photo)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fulton defeats Armstrong teams

Fulton Maroons defeated Armstrong 46-22 in junior basketball action, Thursday, in Vernon. David Marshall led the Fulton attack with 12 points and eight rebounds. Fulton girls also edged Armstrong 43-36, and the Fulton "B" boys won 72-53. Winston Pain had 31 points for the "B" team. The Maroons travel to Kamloops this weekend for an eight team invitational tournament.

EX-LEAF TRADED

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Penguins of the National Hockey League announced Thursday they have traded left winger Gary McAdam to Detroit Red Wings for veteran left winger Errol Thompson. Thompson, 30, from Summerside, P.E.I., broke into the league with the Maple Leafs in 1972-73 and spent 5½ seasons with Toronto before being traded to Detroit.

WAGNER QUITS

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Safety Mike Wagner, wanting to quit football while still strong and playing well, announced his retirement Thursday from Pittsburgh Steelers of the National Football League after 10 seasons. "I feel I could still play if I wanted to push it, but I think timing is important," he said.

GAMES CANCELLED

HOUSTON (AP) — Financial difficulties forced Houston Apollos on Thursday to cancel four Central Hockey League games. Keith Sprunk, director of operations, announced cancellation of games Thursday and today in Birmingham, Ala., and two weekend home matches. The Apollos, 12-13, are an affiliate of Los Angeles Kings of the National Hockey League. Board chairman James Rash said the club has been plagued by poor attendance in a football-oriented city.

FIGHT SET

BOSTON (AP) — World middleweight boxing champion Marvin Hagler and challenger Fulgencio Obelmejias of Venezuela exchanged unblinking glares and posed with clinched fists in typical promotional fashion Thursday after signing formal contracts for their 15-round title fight Jan. 17 at Boston Garden. "I want to be the best, the No.1 champion of the world," the Spanish-speaking Obelmejias said through an interpreter.

PLAYERS SUSPENDED

MONTREAL (CP) — Right winger Bobby Schmautz of Vancouver Canucks has been suspended for three games and forward Pat Hughes of Pittsburgh Penguins was dealt a two game suspension following a stick-swinging incident during a National Hockey League game Dec.19.

YBC STANDINGS

JUNIORS

Team	Pts	Tot
Gutter Rats	32	242½
All Stars	20	234
Spit Fires	31	215½
[illegible]	6	197
Born Losers	18	195
Pros	25½	188
Super Stars	21	181½
Zombies	7½	174
[illegible]	7	152½

SENIORS

Team	W	Pts
The Enforcers	39	300
Bowlers Anonymous	29½	264½
Pin Busters	20	239½
Troopers	16	237½
Flintstones	13	221
Pin Jabbers	20½	216½
3rd Time Lucky	11	212
Rubbles	11½	187
The Name	20½	181½
Three Fifths	23	180½
Gruesome	16	179½

PRIZE WINNERS

Vernon Five-pin Bowling Association recently held its raffle draw. Chris Kusher, left, won first prize. Ron Potts, right, president of the association, presented second prize to Alf Grahame. Third prize was won by Lynida Morton.

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