



**VERNON SUPER STOCK DRIVER DON THOMAS IS COMPETING AT THE NATIONAL HOT ROD ASSOCIATION'S WINTER NATIONAL DRAG RACES THIS WEEK IN POMONA, CALIF., THOMAS, WHO RACES A 1966 Chevy II, moved to Vernon last summer, from Edmond. More than 500 cars are entered in the five-day event at Pomona. (Rich Carlson Photo)**

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**CURLING CLUB NEWS**  
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 VERNON CURLING CLUB MANAGER



**BREWER CAPTURES ZONE 4 HONORS**  
 Brewer's team continues to roll along defeating most of their opposition and winning their important games. Frank Skipped his team to victories over clubmate Barry Amies, Dyle Smith of Revelstoke and then knocked off Wayne Laface's strong team to come out on top in the A Side. Frank then lost his only game to Smith as the Revelstoke team gained some revenge. Smith then defeated Dale Harper's team of Enderby and advanced to the winner-take-all game. Frank and his team mates Bill Whitton, Bob Welsh and Barry Brown had their hitting clothes on and it was an abbreviated final with Smith shaking hands after 8 ends.

This team is now off to Prince Rupert and will have an automatic berth into the BCCA Tankard playoffs on the road to the E. C. final.  
 Our club will be represented at the BCCA Spiel by teams skipped by Barry Amies, Herb Vangroetel, Wayne Laface, Jack Hockey, Randy Brown and Dave Simpson. All these teams have an excellent chance of qualifying through the bonspiel and joining Brewer's team in the playoffs. Our club will have the largest entry of teams at Rupert, except perhaps the Prince George club and they don't have the great distance we do.

**MARG BALCOMBE COMES CLOSE AT LIB**  
 Maureen Bird, Anita Rowland and Marg Balcombe represented the Vernon Curling Club in Kelowna last weekend at the Ladies Interior Bonspiel. The LIB replaces the District playoffs and encompasses an area from Prince Rupert to Cranbrook. Four teams qualify for the Provincials.

Marg Balcombe's team of Jean Skebalski, Diane Banera and Betty Lacasse qualified for the Coosols through the B event, defeating Lehto from Clearwater to get in. After winning their first 12 games in the Consols, they lost to Lehto in an extra end, dropping to B event. The berth to Provincials came as close as a score of 6-4 with Balcombe's foursome losing to Folk of 10 Mile House.

The four teams who will travel to Provincials in February are Folk (10 Mile House), Lehto (Clearwater), Douglas (Kamloops) and Richards (Kelowna).

**JR. MEN'S FINALS AT VICTORIA**  
 Greg McClure, Dave Stephenson, Darrin Laface and Rob Houston are off to the B.C. final today and start their first game Saturday at 10 a.m. Four teams are participating and the winning team travels to St. Joe, N.B. for the Canadian Pepsi Cola Championships and will be reporting back throughout each game on local radio.

**3RD ANNUAL SR. MENS SPIEL**  
 Forty-eight teams from throughout the B.C. interior participated in our Senior Spiel this week and seemed to enjoy their stay in our city. The official opening was Tuesday noon and league president Tom Jenner welcomed their visiting teams to our club. Alderman George Morrison, representing the city, opened thespiel by drawing to the button.

The winners in the Senior Mens Spiel were as follows:  
 A EVENT - R. Ganevzed (Vernon); R. Ford (Kelowna); J. Bowles (Nelson)  
 B EVENT - N. Morrison (Kamloops); S. Roberts (Fairland); D. Hill (Kelowna)  
 C EVENT - N. Woods (Kanagan Falls); C. Goodenough (Vernon); J. Swastland (Kelowna)  
 D EVENT - R. Holmes (Vernon); T. Gibbons (Armstrong); F. Haines (Kamloops)

**SON IN THE NHL**

**Holland rewarded for his work**

Editor's Note: This is the fifth in a series of six Minor Hockey Week features on volunteers in the Vernon Minor Hockey Association.

Not every parent who volunteers for the Vernon Minor Hockey Association is rewarded for his work in the way Rennie Holland has been for his 13 year effort.

Holland's son, Kenny, grew up in the Vernon system and was called up Thursday by the Hartford Whalers of the National Hockey League.

Kenny is one of several Vernon junior graduates who have gone on to professional careers, but while it is nice to have one on in a while, turning out superstars is not the prime function of minor hockey.

Holland, who is pee wee division manager, says the kids are

there for a good time and the time they spend playing the sport usually could be the same for their recreational activity.  
 "For instance, pee wee gets ice time usually around 6:30 a.m. on weekends giving them plenty of free time during the rest of the day.  
 "That lets them go skating, or do something else, and that is just as important as hockey," he said.  
 Holland said the kids who play hockey today could be the same kids that played when he first started in the sport.  
 "They go through the same stages now that they always have," he said, which includes a difficult time during their adolescence after which they settle down. But if the kids have played the same, the parents have changed.  
 "There is little involvement

**Vernon driver at Pomona meet**

By PAUL GALINSKI  
 Daily News Writer  
 Most people would not consider a winter trip to California a drag, but for Vernon's Don Thomas, this will form the basis of his journey.  
 Participating in the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) sanctioned Winter National drag races in Pomona, he will have the opportunity to challenge some of North America's finest racers down the quarter mile.  
 Racing in the super stock class, this is the fifth year he has attended the event, which will draw more than 500 other vehicles.  
**RUN-OFFS**  
 To get to the money in super stock, one must go through a complicated procedure of run-offs, spanning about five days. The super stock class is divided into 16 separate classes of vehicles with manual transmissions, and 16 classes with automatic transmissions.  
 The vehicles within each of these classes must run off against each other to determine a winner, and of the remaining cars, the 16 fastest are then added to make a total field of 48 in the final round.

Cars then are handicapped and kept running until an overall winner is determined. According to Thomas, to put together a competitive car in the super stock class, a minimum investment of about \$12,000 is needed. Some cars go as high as \$20,000 to \$30,000.  
 Five years ago, when Thomas had his present car, a 1966 Chevy II, it cost him \$12,000. Now, it would take \$16,000 to \$17,000, he said.  
 Additional expenses include a trailer, which can run from \$1,500 to \$2,000, plus a truck to tow the trailer.  
**PRIZE MONEY**  
 Prize money for winning is about \$700 U.S., but "cornering money", from car part manufacturers, can sweeten the rewards considerably.  
 "For winning, one could expect between \$5,000 and \$6,000 from the manufacturers of the parts in your car, if you have their stickers" displayed," Thomas said. "That is where the money is to be made."

"In addition, sponsors can help cover your costs, from paying you on a performance basis, to underwriting most of your costs."  
 Thomas said in the super stock class, most racers are sponsored by friends or the places they work.  
 His sponsor is Pacemaker Automotive in Kelowna, but he is presently looking for more.  
 Making a car competitive enough to win, can take a lot of work. To get the best possible results, a racer has to try a number of different combinations with the mechanics of his vehicle.

"You have to experiment," Thomas said. "Manufacturers are always coming up with new parts that are better and make you go faster."  
 In super stock, the rules ensure that the car is in many ways similar to the way it rolled out of the factory.  
 Allowable modifications include: any "after market" valve train parts; tight metal pistons, as long as they have the same compression as the original; and the oil pan can be modified.  
 "Other than that, there is a minimum amount of modification that can be done to the engine," Thomas said.

The car can have any transmissions and the rear axle can also be modified. Although Thomas has the standard axle housing, all internal components are high performance.  
 In the quarter-mile, this adds up to 11.50 to 11.55 seconds, or 116 to 117 miles per hour for the distance. The national index set up by the National Hot Rod Association says Thomas' car should run faster than 11.59 in the quarter. Consistency, said Thomas, is the name of this game.

The first day of racing, Wednesday, was the "tech" day, where cars are checked for safety and qualifications for classes are held. Eliminations started Thursday.  
**FINALS SUNDAY**  
 Sunday, final eliminations in all of the different categories will be held.  
 The sport of drag racing, Thomas said, is safe, and there is hardly ever crashes or injuries. It is the kind of sport that anyone can get involved in to a certain extent.

"You don't really need any major mechanics knowledge if you just drive and have someone else maintain the car. To be competitive, it just takes experience."  
 "It probably takes a guy a couple of years to feel comfortable driving, and as with anything, the more experience, the more competitive you are."  
 Most of the people involved in the racing scene are friendly and interested in imparting knowledge that will help.

**NO SECRETS**  
 "Things that work in drag racing are no big secret, Thomas said. "You get a lot of information from the companies and the equipment is in the open."  
 The sport is seen as an exciting and challenging endeavour by Thomas.

"I get to travel around a bit and see different parts of North America. You also have the opportunity to work toward world championships and national records."  
**CONCENTRATION**  
 The major formula for obtaining consistency at the track is through concentration.

"Not everyone can coach or be a referee, but there are lots of little things they could do. It makes my day when someone walks up and asks if they can keep score or be a timekeeper."  
 Holland said he thinks the reason most parents won't help is that they are worried about their kids' hockey games is that they are wrapped up in sports programs themselves.  
 But if he is a little critical of those parents, he gives full marks to the people who do pitch in.

"There are a lot of good people in minor sports," Holland said. "You cannot knock everyone."  
 Holland said he "really enjoys" working with the kids and hopes to continue his work in minor hockey.



**RENNIE HOLLAND**  
 division manager

**Local teams in Wenatchee**

Two Vernon teams are entered in the annual Wenatchee International Broomball Tournament this weekend. Screaming Eagles and Screaming Lizards will compete against two Kamloops teams and six clubs from Washington State.  
 Lizards plays their first game Saturday at 7 a.m. Eagles hit the ice at 8 a.m.  
 Eagles are currently tied for first place in the Men's League while Lizards occupy fourth spot in the five-team loop.

**LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS**  
 JANUARY, 1976  
 Six Vernon bowlers will be on the Central Zone team competing in the B.C. Bowling Championships in Burnaby, Feb. 28. They are Art Block, John Tykalo, Marcel Gallon, Alex Frick, Rod Brisbane, and Lynda Deleuve.

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**JUST LOOK AT THESE EXAMPLES OF FRONT AXLE REPAIRS DONE IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS**

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National Hockey League scoring leaders after Thursday games

Player	G	A	P
Dionne, LA	46	37	83
Simmer, LA	46	37	83
Bosny, NYI	25	50	75
Greisley, Edm	25	50	75
Taylor, LA	25	50	75
Trotter, NYI	18	23	41
Roberts, NYI	18	23	41
Roberts, Hartford	18	23	41
Feederick, STL	12	20	32
Barber, Phi	12	20	32

By The Canadian Press WALS CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	P	A	P
Los Angeles	28	11	1	0	40	120
Montreal	26	16	2	0	44	129
Hartford	26	16	2	0	44	129
Pitts	25	17	1	0	43	128
Detroit	25	17	1	0	43	128
Buffalo	25	17	1	0	43	128
Minn	25	17	1	0	43	128
Quebec	11	24	2	0	37	104

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	P	A	P
Islanders	31	10	2	0	43	148
Phia	28	13	1	0	42	138
Hartford	27	14	1	0	42	137
Calgary	27	14	1	0	42	137
Edm	27	14	1	0	42	137
Winnipeg	27	14	1	0	42	137
Quebec	16	23	1	0	40	124

THURSDAY RESULTS

Game	Score
Toronto 4 Los Angeles 3	4-3
Philadelphia 3 Minnesota 3	3-3
NY Islanders 3 Detroit 0	3-0
NY Rangers 4 Edmonton 3	4-3
Calgary at Hartford	
Winnipeg at Colorado	

NY Islanders 3 at Detroit 0

First Period  
1 NY Islanders Lane 1 (Hennig, 1:43)  
Penalties - Gilles NYI 8:42, Blaisdell Det 14:30

Second Period  
2 NY Islanders Gilles 20:30 (Bosny, Morrow) 4:08  
Penalties - Gilles NYI 1:11, Lane NYI, Foggo Det minor misconduct, Kallur NYI 10:25, McCourt Det 12:22

Third Period  
3 NY Islanders Gilles 21:07 (Potvin, Bosny) 19:56  
Penalty - Gilles NYI 6:38  
Shots on goal by NY Islanders 5, 6, 10-21  
Detroit 7, 12, 19-34  
Goal - Smith, NY Islanders; Louisa, Detroit  
Attendance - 14,863

Minnesota 4 at Philadelphia 5

First Period  
1 Minnesota, Christoff 11 (Roberts, Gilles) 3:58  
2 Philadelphia, MacLachlan 25 (Lineman, Barber) 12:45  
3 Minnesota, Carlson 3 (Smith, Christoff) 14:22  
4 Philadelphia, Gorenice 15 (Bridgman) 17:46  
Penalties - Holmgren Phi 1:55, Roberts Min 10:41, Henning Min 11:40, Holmgren Phi 15:34

Second Period  
5 Philadelphia, Inceman 4 (Barber, Businski) 3:33  
6 Minnesota, Christoff 12 (McCarthy, Eaves) 4:34  
Penalties - Adams Phi 2:32, Holmgren Phi 14:11, G. Smith Min 16:10, Barb 17:15

Third Period  
7 Philadelphia, Barber 32:40  
8 Philadelphia, Kerr 11 (Bridgman, Gorenice, Christoff) 9 Minnesota, Christoff 11  
Shots on goal by Minnesota 9, 6, 9-24  
Philadelphia 7, 1, 7-12  
Goal - Beaupre, Minnesota; Peeters, Philadelphia  
Attendance - 17,977

St. Louis 3 at Boston 7

First Period  
1 Boston, Bourque 12 (Boston, Bourque) 0:36  
2 St. Louis, Babych 21 (Duplop, Micheliello) 18:49  
3 Boston, McKab 21 (G'Reilly, Milbray) 9:57  
Penalties - McTrimmion Bos 4:40, 7:58, Sutter STL 7:12  
Goal - Sutter (served by Maxwell) 11:54

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Chicago 122 Detroit 92

Indiana at Boston

Seattle at Chicago

Dallas at Atlanta

Houston at Kansas City

Golden State at Utah

WHL Eastern Division

Team	W	L	T	P	A	P
Regina	20	12	0	28	139	62
Calgary	20	16	2	218	164	54
Med Hat	20	17	1	223	177	53
Lethbridge	21	23	2	202	216	44
Edmonton	20	23	2	222	219	41
Brandon	19	23	2	209	215	39
Winnipeg	19	21	0	183	206	36
Saskatoon	13	30	1	175	272	27

WHL Western Division

Team	W	L	T	P	A	P
Victoria	36	10	1	294	176	43
Portland	34	11	2	273	171	69
Seattle	18	27	0	183	224	32
New West	13	28	1	186	279	27
Spokane	9	32	1	177	315	17

WHL Transactions

BASEBALL American League

Baltimore Orioles trade pitcher Joe Kerrigan to Cincinnati Reds for outfielder John Hale, assign Hale to Rochester International League.

New York Mets sign pitcher Steven Tate and infielder-outfielder Robert Smith.

FOOTBALL NFL

Los Angeles Rams announce resignation of Jim Dooley, vice-president special corporate projects.

New England Patriots named Dick Koach defensive assistant.

San Francisco 49ers named Bum Phillips head coach and signed him to a five-year contract.

WHL Round-Up

NHL

Boston 7 St. Louis 3

Philadelphia 3 Minnesota 4

NY Islanders 3 Detroit 0

Toronto 3 Los Angeles 3

Central

San Antonio 31 48:47

San Jose 23 43:10

Houston 22 49:10

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# Nanaimo fans to sip suds

NANAIMO, B.C. (CP) — Nanaimo Clippers will be the first B.C. Junior Hockey League team to have beer served at its home games and officials say they are confident the suds won't brew any trouble in the stands.

Arnie Johnson, manager of the Frank Crane Arena, said Thursday the first sales will be Feb. 3 when the Clippers meet Cowichan Valley Capitals.

When the Clippers played Cowichan Valley in Duncan last weekend RCMP were called to quell a riot. However, Johnson said he does not expect any problems from beer consumption.

"It definitely wasn't an alcohol-oriented type of thing at all," he said of the Duncan disturbance. "It was just fans worked up over something that happened in the penalty box and there was basically nothing to it, really."

"The liquor is not allowed in the stands to start with. We have a holding area, so I don't anticipate any problems whatsoever."

USE PLASTIC CUPS

Bottled beer will be served in plastic cups in the top-floor mezzanine, from which the playing surface can be seen.

The arena, which seats 2,755 for hockey, will hire additional security personnel to patrol the crowded-off drinking area.

Johnson's prediction that beer consumption will create no problems was generally endorsed by BCHL officials.

"I personally have a little concern because I really feel that people should be able to go to a hockey game and get by without drinking during the game," said Jack Elson executive manager of the BCHL's Coastal Division.

"But if it's put in by the recreation commission or parks board or whatever it might be over there, we certainly can't do anything about it."

BCHL president Vern Dyer said beer sales in a rink would have "nothing to do with the league whatsoever," unless the safety of players is affected.

Beer profits in Nanaimo will go to the arena and the regional district which owns it, Johnson said, though he expects the Clippers can expect an attendance increase.

The Clippers, who are leading the Coastal Division, already have one of the best attendance averages in the league — between 800 and 1,000 a game.

In Victoria, Allan Gould, deputy general manager of liquor licensing, said that although the Nanaimo application was approved by local authorities provincial liquor inspectors looked carefully at the situation.

Gould said the Nanaimo application is the sixth of its kind in B.C. and all have been granted in the past year.

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