Carnival rifle shoot

Vernon Winter Carnival rifle shoot didn't suffer from the weather with a large 80 people participating for the two-day event, last weekend.

However, the event still went as planned for the 11 entry shoot.

In the 100 yard rifled musket, Geoffry Stone was the winner and in the 100 yd. bull, Leonard Savelle was the victor.

Dean Wellbourne won the 100 yd. gong while Stephen Lipsett, pictured above, captured the 50 yd. bull. In the 50 yd. wipe out, Pete Holden was declared winner while in the 50 yd. Mc-V Winsfred Johns, was the champion.

Terry Schler won the 50 yd. wolf dang and in the 25 yd. Mcvin Robin Lamprecht was the top contestant.

In the 25 yrd. wipe out, Corby Ashcroft was the winner while Lamprecht captured the 25 yd. Mike Fink. Lamprecht was also recognized as the first to draw blood.

Tigers return to boxla wars

By DON KENDALL
Daily News Sports Editor

Vernon Tigers will roar again in 1982.

B.C. Lacrosse Association has given tentative approval to Vernon to participate, as the Interior's representative, at the provincial senior 'B' lacrosse championships, in August.

Former Tigers' President Art Horsley, who has been spearheading the drive to get the team started again, said he is very encouraged by the BCLA's decision.

Horsley said, "The only stipulation is to qualify for the B.C. finals, we must play at least four exhibition or tournament games, against other B.C. teams, during the '82 season.

"The ruling that states a team must participate in a three-member league, to qualify for the provincial tournament, has been waved."

Vernon folded in 1980 after capturing four consecutive B.C. and three Canadian titles. Lack of competition in the Okanagan and player retirements were the main reasons for the club's demise.

After the 1980 season, the Interior Lacrosse Association's two remaining teams, Armstrong Shamrocks and Rossland Redmen, folded.

Horsley told the Daily News he doesn't anticipate any problem fielding a competitive club.

"I've received commitments from 10 or 11 of our veterans," he said. "They will give us a solid nucleus. We hope to pick up a couple players from Armstrong, and with some intermediate graduates, should have a strong club."

OBSTACLES

However, Horsley admits there are several obstacles to overcome before Tigers return to the lacrosse floor.

"Money is one of our first priorities," he said. "Because we won't have a regular league schedule, we can't count on gate receipts to cover our operating expenses. And we'll have to travel to the Coast, or Alberta, to play games.

"I'm hoping to line up a sponsor as soon as possible."

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GM's position was powerless

The recent elimination of the general manager's position, of Vernon Lakers, was to create stronger ties with tier one affiliate, Kamloops Oilers, Lakers' Director Ed Rea said Wednesday.

"Our intention was to build a stronger front office, which in turn, will improve the hockey product," said Rea. "By strengthening our team, we'll be able to retain our affiliation with Kamloops."

In a meeting Feb. 2 of Lakers' directors, the decision was made to eliminate the general manager's position. Vern Dye, who was general manager at that time, will remain with the club as a director and shareholder.

DYE AGREES

Dye agreed with the decision to do away with the GM position. The GM's duties will now be handled by the rest of the directors.

Dye said the directors held all the power to make decisions anyway, which is one of the reasons he agreed to the decision.

"I'm not really disappointed because I really wasn't doing anything," said Dye. "I filled a position, but I should have had more power. If it was broken down to three people, then I would have had more power but not with all the directors making the decisions.

Rea said Lakers are tired of being second cousins to teams like Kelowna Buckaroos and Penticton Knights, powers in the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

"We're going to tighten up our organization and run it like a first class club, not a social club."

Rea said he doesn't see any problem in the 12 directors handling the general manager's duties.

"Each person will be assigned a certain area of the job and then report back to the rest of the directors with what's happening in that area," said Rea.

Dye said he doesn't feel it will be that easy.

"It's very hard to say whether that will work. There will have to be a lot of discussion before anything gets going," Dye said.

Rea said Lakers are trying to build a first class organization and reflect the type of system used by Kamloops Oilers.

"When Kamloops sends players to us, they should only have to change uniforms. Kamloops is simply a reflection of the class organization Edmonton Oilers have and by us restructuring, we'll be able to solidify our situation with them."

Rea said the elimination of the GM position is the first step in the restructure of the front office. He wouldn't elaborate on future changes.

COACH STAYS

Rea did say Lakers Coach Gord MacBeth, has had his position reaffirmed for the remainder of the season. However, the club will be accepting applications for the position of coach, at the end of the season.

Rea said the image created by previous junior hockey teams in Vernon has hurt this year's Lakers.

"We're not getting on a great white horse, but Vernon can support junior hockey. People have to realize that we basically started with nothing this year and I think Gord (MacBeth) and the players have done a good job."

Kamloops Oilers will be holding three spring tryouts, in Vancouver, Edmonton and Kamloops. From this, Rea feels some good players will be coming to Vernon.

"Kamloops has already improved their list (players list) 300 per cent and they've been extremely helpful in assisting us, in a lot of ways."

SKIP Randy Brown delivers a shot during PWA Super League action Wednesday, at the Vernon Curling Club. Brown finished first in the loop with 12 wins and three losses. (Daily News Photo)

GUIDE REPORT

Survival kit contents

By SMOKEY TRUMBLEY

Interest in the outdoors is gaining in popularity annually. Escape from daily work routines and easy access to wilderness areas as a result of logging operations are the two principle reasons for the escalating invasion into wilderness back country.

The increased traffic in isolated areas is not limited to summer months, when access conditions are easiest and weather elements are most tolerable. The volume is equal during winter when conditions are far more severe. For this reason, we are concerned for survival of those who may suddenly require assistance for any reason. The reasons a person, or persons, may require help are many: sudden sickness, injury, mechanical breakdown, conditions impossible for travel, and just plain lost are only a few things that could happen to anyone in an area where immediate help is not available.

Fortunately, many of those who indulge in wilderness adventure are also concerned for their safety and survival. Recently I have received many requests for a survival kit suggestion that would be useful, should it be needed. After careful thought and personal experience, the following is my suggestion.

SURVIVAL KIT

Only eight items are necessary to make up a survival kit that is practical, lightweight, and not bulky. It contains necessary essentials for survival for a short period of time in the outdoors, during either winter or summer. This kit can be placed in your snowmobile, carried in a small packsack when hiking, carried in your vehicle, or just put in pockets of your clothing.

1. Small hatchet that is razor sharp and should be enclosed in a scabbard with a belt loop so the hatchet can be carried on your belt if you desire.
2. Pocket knife, or hunting knife, that should be enclosed in a sheath with belt loop for the same reason as the hatchet.
3. Nylon rope (15 meters — 50 feet) smallest diameter available will do. Main purpose of the rope is to tie poles together when building a shelter. Lean-to type of shelter, with back facing prevailing wind and open front facing your bonfire is best. Cover shelter with bows so it is windproof, also on the floor.
4. Butane cigarette lighter.
5. One or more slices off a commercial quick-start fireplace log.
6. Two space blankets.
7. Handful of jerky.
8. Handful of raisins.

STAY PUT

Should a person find themself in any of the situations mentioned above while in the outdoors, there are two very important things to remember: do not panic, keep cool and do not travel, save your energy; build a shelter and stay put. We have the best search and rescue organization anywhere. It will only be a matter of hours until you are found. That is if . . . you told them at home where you are going and your expected time to be back home. Keep your fire burning too.

BOUQUET OF THE WEEK

Goes to Ed Mertion for his immediate response for help if a certain winter Carnival event was to be a success.

BRICK OF THE WEEK

Go to the people who viewed the No. 7 Lights Pro Invitational Ice Race last Sunday as Freebees. Admission was only $2 per person and I'm sure you will agree . . . organizers could have used your $2.

BEST HOURS

Saturday from 3:20 to 5:20 p.m. and Sunday from 4 p.m. until darkness.

Vernon hosts opener

North Okanagan Hockey League semi-finals get under way this weekend.

First-place Vernon Cougars host fourth-place Salmon Arm Aces in the opening game of the best-of-five series Saturday, at 8 p.m. Second game will be played Sunday, at 2:30 p.m., in Salmon Arm.

The other series starts Friday, in Oliver, with second-place Bighorns hosting third-place Kelowna Packers.

WANTS SWEEP

Cougars' Coach Gary Swanson is hoping his club can win three straight against the Aces.

"We've run into a lot of injuries lately and our guys could use a few days rest before getting into a tough (best-of-seven) series with Oliver or Kelowna," he said.

"I don't think we should have too much trouble with Salmon Arm . . . unless we get overconfident."

Vernon finished 21 points ahead of Salmon Arm during the regular season.

TWO INJURED

Cougars' captain Gary Gilchrist and defenceman Bernie Reed will miss the semi-final series. Gilchrist will be sidelined about another three weeks with a chest injury. Reed is expected to return, from a separated shoulder, in two weeks.

The league final series will get under way Feb. 20 or 21. NOHL champion will host the Coast representative, in Coy Cup play, March 12-14.

Meanwhile, tickets are now on sale for Cougars' exhibition game, March 5, with the NHL Old Stars. Old Stars' roster includes Eddie Shack, Norm Ullman, Pierre Pilote, and Dennis Hull. Tickets will be available at Saturday's game.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Mixed spiel starts tonight

The 28th annual Valentine's Mixed Bonspiel gets under way today, at 5 p.m., in the Vernon Curling Club. Sixty-four rinks will battle for $5,000 in prizes. Finals, in all four events, are scheduled Sunday, at 5:30 p.m. Sixteen of the teams are from out-of-town.

Tourney opens

Play got under way today in the 11th annual Winter Carnival Pee Wee Hockey Tournament. Official opening ceremony will be held tonight, at 6 p.m. The eight-team event concludes Sunday.

Hoopsters

The sixth annual Winter Carnival Classic Senior 'B' Men's Basketball Tournament starts Friday. First round games, at VSSS, have Vernon meeting Calgary, at 6:30 p.m.; and Kamloops taking on Vancouver, at 8 p.m. In the Priest Valley Gymnasium, Lethbridge faces Salmon Arm, at 6:30 p.m.; and Armstrong tackles Edmonton, at 8 p.m. Championship game will be played Saturday, at 8:30 p.m.

Major women

In Major Women's Volleyball League play Wednesday, the scores were: Four Seasons Cement 2, Keshiki Gardening 0; Four Seasons 1, Postill Diggers 1; Four Seasons 2, Coldstream 0; Four Seasons 1, Kal Nursery 1; Kal 2, Vernon Interior Printers 0; VIP 1, Coldstream 1; VIP 1, Keshiki 1; Keshiki 2, Coldstream 0; Postill 2, Coldstream 0; Postill 2, Kal 0.

Series starts

Okanagan-Mainline Juvenile Hockey League semi-finals get under way Saturday, at 10 a.m., when Vernon hosts Kamloops, in the Priest Valley Arena. Second game, in the best-of-three series, will be played Sunday, in Kamloops. Penticton will meet Kelowna in the other series.

Volleyball games

In Women's Intermediate 'A' Volleyball League play Wednesday, the scores were: Taylor Service 3, Al's Gutter Gals 1; Thriftys 3, Golden Crown 1; Sight N Sound 3, Pizza Patio 1; Gilbert's Girls 3, Jokers 1; Downtown Realty 4, Peters Tirecraft 0; H and L Glass 4, Colts 0.

Mean Joe retires

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mean Joe Greene, the rock upon which Pittsburgh Steelers built their dynasty, retired Wednesday after a brilliant 13-year National Football League career as a defensive tackle. A 10-time all-pro, who was first draft pick in 1969, said he decided to retire when Pittsburgh failed to make the playoffs after eight straight appearances.

First to train

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — New York Yankees became the first major league team to open spring training for the 1982 baseball season as 23 players reported for workouts Wednesday. Wearing new blue sweat suits with the Yankees emblem, the 16 pitchers, three catchers and four infielders went through an easy workout.

Still in coma

BOSTON (AP) — More than a month after suffering a heart attack, Tony Conigliaro remains in a coma. His doctor said Wednesday "it's hard to be very optimistic." Although the former baseball slugger's eyes are open at times and he may have some awareness of his surroundings, the outlook for a full recovery isn't good, said Dr. Roman DeSanctis, Conigliaro's cardiologist. Conigliaro, 37, was stricken Jan. 9.

Eighth fastest

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, West Germany (CP) — Todd Brooker of Paris, Ont., posted the eighth-fastest time Wednesday in training for a World Cup downhill race Saturday.

Brooker's time for the first training run was one minute, 54.72 seconds.

Six teams deadlocked in super curling loop

By GORD SMILEY
Daily News Sports

Ron Houston (Hong Kong Village) and Herb Van Grootel (National Hotel) came through with clutch shots to put their rinks in a six-way tie for fifth-place in Pacific Western Airlines Inter-City Men's Super League curling, Wednesday night, at Vernon Curling Club.

The top eight of the 16 team league qualify for the playoffs. The top four spots had already been determined with Randy Brown (M and K Ready Mix), Wayne Laface (OK Cattle Co.), Bert Gretzinger (Labatt's) and Frank Brewer (Dave Loudoun Mobile Homes) qualifying.

However, Houston and Van Grootel are tied with Dav Worley (Rob Harris Sports), Brian Scott (Gilmour Construction), Barry Smith (Carling O'Keefe) and Garry Fowler (Royal Anne Hotel) with 8-7 records for the other four available spots.

The six rinks will now go into a special playoff, Feb. 17, to see who advances to the playoffs. Worley meets Houston, Fowler goes against Van Grootel and Smith is up against Scott. The winners will automatically qualify for the playoffs with the three losers battling for the eighth, and final, spot.

The teams will flip a coin to see who gets the bye with the other two teams doing battle. The winner will go against the team with the bye to determine the final playoff spot.

Houston was up 3-1 after six ends, until Laface cracked a three-ender in the seventh end. From there, Houston picked up two, but Laface grabbed the lead in the ninth, 6-5. In the 10th Houston had a free hit for two, for the win.

Van Grootel had to go an extra end for his victory over Jack Hockey (Smitty's Pancake House). Van Grootel had a 6-5 lead after nine ends, but Doug Smith who was throwing skip rocks for Hockey, posted one in the 10th to send the game into extra ends.

In the 11th, Van Grootel had to hit half the eight foot and made sure by putting the winning stone on the four.

BREWER WINS

In other action, Brewer used two deuces and a three-ender to defeat Dave Simpson (Baron Insurance) 8-5 and Brown picked up four, two-enders on route to a 9-6 win over Blake Kimura (Happy Vineyard).

In Kelowna, Scott defeated George Jamen (Petrocan) 7-3; B. Smith got by Worley 4-3; Gretzinger trounced Larry Smith (M. W. Office Supplies) 7-0, after four ends; and Fowler defeated Dave Lovdahl (McDonalds) 8-4.

Final league standings have Brown on top at 12-3; Gretzinger 11-4; Laface 10-5; Brewer 9-6; Worley, Houston, Van Grootel, Scott, B. Smith, and Fowler all at 8-7; Jamen 7-8; L. Smith 7-8; Lovdahl 6-9; Simpson 4-11; Hockey 4-1; and Kimura 2-13.

Lotus gains sweet revenge

First-place Lotus Gardens trounced Labatt's Sabres 7-2 in White Valley Hockey League action, Wednesday, at the Lumby Arena.

The victory avenged an 11-1 loss to Sabres last week.

In another game Wednesday, Mountain Meadow Mustangs blasted last-place National Hotel Raiders 10-2.

Darcy Anderson led Lotus with four goals while Rick Rysz, Ron Iterman, and Gary Field added singles. Terry Weltig was top playmaker with three assists.

Wayne Brown and Terry Schaeffer replied for Sabres.

Lotus held period leads of 3-0 and 5-2. Labatts took eight of 10 minor penalties.

The loss leaves Sabres with little hope of catching second-place Mustangs. Mountain Meadow has 25 points, five more than Labatts, with just three games remaining.

Keith Louis, Terry Garrington, and Brad Day scored two goals each to lead Mustangs past Raiders. Jed Sparrow, Rod Trentini, Tony Kopp, and Rick Chebda added singles for Mountain Meadow. Sparrow and Trentini collected four assists.

Brian Hunt provided both goals for National Hotel.

Mustangs held period leads of 2-1 and 5-1.

League play resumes next Wednesday when Raiders meet Sabres and Lotus takes on Mountain Meadow.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

FEBRUARY, 1977

Two Vernon Vikings scored as the Interior Division beat the Coast Division 7-4 Wednesday night in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League all-star game before a near capacity crowd in Merritt.

Lumby bowler tops in tourney

Louis Oliverious, of Lumby, was the overall scratch winner in the annual Winter Carnival Bowling Marathon, Sunday, at Lincoln Lanes.

Oliverious had a 16-game total of 4189, just five pins more than Jack Murphy, of Kelowna.

Rutland's Rick Goyette took third spot with 4182. Goyette was followed by Dick Seargis, of Kamloops, 4110; Ed Meyer, of Vernon, 4084; and John Tykalovich, of Vernon, 4024.

HANDICAP

Meyer won the handicap title with 4634, 25 ahead of Oliverious. Marie McKenzie, of Vernon, placed third with 4562. She was followed by Jim Bodger, of Vernon, 4534; Bill Schenk, of Vernon, 4530; and Ken Evans, of Kamloops, 4526.

Murphy had men's high single and triple with 370 and 923. McKenzie rolled women's high single and triple with 344 and 887.

Men's high block awards went to: Adolf Vran 1123, Jim Bryne 1057, Tykalovich 1176, and Murphy 1118.

Women's high block prizes went to: McKenzie 1156, Lynn Graff 946 and 1066, and Helen Frankiw 980.

Men's single game awards went to: Art Clark 363, Len Chabley 340; Evans 358; Vran 315; Bert Cloutier 335; Ron Graff 317; Byrne 336; Ed Gale 321 and 326; Val Andretta 312; Frank Gratton 338; Meyer 292; Oliverious 341; Dick Seagris 368; and Murphy 314 and 370.

Women's single winners were: McKenzie 306, 344, 269, and 292; May Turek 316; Lynn Graff 269, 266, 298, 261, and 325; Darlene Lind 283, 279, and 316; Marion Hall 253; Carol Skidmore 262 and 273; Kathy Pratico 292; and Helen Franklin 279.

LOUIS OLIVERIOUS, right, and Jack Murphy placed one-two in the recent Winter Carnival Bowling Marathon, at Lincoln Lanes. Oliverious edged Murphy by just five pins. (Chris Castrucow Photo)