

Sportsmen deserve praise



The dedication and hard work of sportsmen who organize major events often goes unrecognized. However, we can't let two men who co-ordinated activities last weekend go unnoticed.

JOHN TYKALOVICH and **RON PUSEY** do more than their share to make the North Okanagan a great place to live.

Tykalovich is founder of the Vernon Senior Men's Slowpitch Tournament which took place last weekend at Kin Race Track Park. Twenty-three clubs, including 12 from out of town, took part in the 13th annual event.

Tyk is also chairman of the B.C. Hydro Slowpitch Tournament, which is held bi-annually in Vernon.

Pusey is chairman of the Vernon Yacht Club's North Okanagan Fishing derby. One glance at the list of prizes tells you how many hours he spent on pre-derby preparation.

Pusey's work to ensure the seventh annual derby was bigger

and better than ever, has turned it into the largest inland derby in the province.

... While we're handing out congratulations, Vernon Lakers' President **CARL ENEMARK** deserves a pat on the back for the work he did to get U.S. college scholarships for centre **DAVE WENSLEY** and defenceman **KEN MacKENZIE**.

Wensley and MacKenzie are the first-ever Vernon junior hockey graduates who will pursue their career at the U.S. college level.

When Enemark purchased the team last year, he said getting universities interested in Vernon players was one of his prime goals. Obviously, he has been successful in that area.

... We hear **OKANAGAN SUN**, of the B.C. Junior Football League, will host Regina Rams in a pre-season game next month.

An announcement is expected from the Sun later this week. Between three and five Vernon

players are expected to perform for the Kelowna-based club this year.

... We recently received a card from Vernon Ski Club Coach **MIKE McGRATH**, who is spending the summer in Fort McMurray, Alta.

McGrath, who the help of the other coaches, parents, and Silver Star Mountain, has turned the Vernon Ski Club into one of the best in the province.

He has set up a summer program for his racers and plans to return to Vernon in mid-September to begin dryland training for the 1984-85 season.

... Vernon's **BRUCE BERGER** has two more chances to qualify for Canada's Olympic Swim Team. Berger, who was a victim of the 1980 U.S. led boycott of the Moscow Olympics, will swim in the 400m freestyle today and the 1500m freestyle Wednesday, at the Olympic trials, in Toronto.

Berger now swims with the Edmonton Keyano Club.