

## **2024 Season Update** from Your League Manager

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### **A BIG WELCOME – LOCKING TOWARDS ANOTHER SEASON OF FUN**

**Season Kickoff April 13<sup>th</sup> at Jim's Alibi (see flyer on website)**

**TEAM SIGNUPS** - Deadline for team signups already expired on 03/08/24, but it has been extended to 03/29/24 at 5:00 pm with hopes that someone knows of teams wanting to play. Absolutely no new teams can be added after 03/29/24. If there are any changes between 03/26 and 03/29, the Team List and Schedules will have to be redone. **An updated Schedule of Events will be published on website soon.**

- There is still **1 team spot available on Tuesday "A"** Division playing for **Vista Bar**.
- There is still **1 team spot open on Wednesday "B"** Division playing for **Vista Bar**.

Note: With only 4 locations, cannot have more than 7 teams on each Wednesday Division.

**Two teams are still needing players.** Both are on Tuesday "A" Division playing for Charlie Browns. If they cannot find players before season starts, everyone needs to be understanding about them having subs. It was critical that these teams stay in the league. If anyone knows of someone wanting to get on a team, please contact League Manager immediately. Also contact League Manager if a player from Wednesday or Thursday is willing/wanting to play on 2 nights.

- Shoe Fly Shoe (**needs 2 players**)
- We "B" Shoeing (**needs 1 player**).

It's been a challenge this year, but we are proceeding based on the 28 teams that have committed.

**Team/Playing Location List** will be sent via text and published on the website. Unfortunately, we lost 3 veteran teams due to people retiring from work and wanting to travel or players having difficult schedules and unable to commit. **We do have one new team on Wednesday "C" playing for Charlie Browns – The Fun Guys.**

- 7 teams on Tuesday "A" Division.
- 6 teams on Wednesday "B" Division (we had to move one team from "C" to "B" division to make scheduling work. A big thank you to Jessica Johns of Horseshoe Hooligans for being flexible.
- 7 teams on Wednesday "C" Division.
- 8 teams on Thursday "D" Division.

Note: Construction Zone closed after season ended last year, leaving six teams without a sponsor or place to play. Attempts were made at two establishments in Meridian to allow horseshoes without success. Thanks to Randy Barbee and Aaron Deakins for their efforts. Appreciation is extended to those 6 teams for accepting assignments to a different sponsor and moving to Boise.

With only 6 teams on Wednesday "B", that division will have to play 15 rounds instead of 14 rounds, which will require playing 1 Monday in addition to their regular Wednesday night. That Monday could only be squeezed to the schedule the last week of the season. The divisions with 7 teams will have 2 byes each, but they will not be required to play for stats or pay for the byes. That is a change from the past seasons because Wednesday does not have enough playing locations to schedule somewhere to play for stats. Playing Schedule Attached

With fewer teams and teams not being required to pay for BYES, collected fees will be substantially less. Team Paybacks and amount normally set aside for expenses and management will be adjusted accordingly. With fewer playing locations in 2024, sponsors will have more teams to support, so sponsor fees will be reduced from \$40 to \$35 or \$30 per team. With changes made to awards in recent years, there will still be sufficient funds for trophies. However, there will be less available for special awards at end of season.

#### Playing Locations - Status

- LDG – Don't anticipate they will be making any repairs or changes. Believe pits are acceptable. If someone has any issues, please contact League Manager to discuss.
- ALIBI – Dave Maynard will no longer be available to coordinate repairs for the Alibi. Erin Griffin and Greg Little have agreed to work with owner to get needed materials for repairs. They may contact captains/players from Alibi to assist, so please help if you can.
- VISTA – With a new Manager they are working to improve the outside space. They already had new sand put in before the February tournament. The Manager personally repaired one of the backboards and will be putting new rubber on the other 3 backboards (some materials personally donated by League Manager). He will also add some dirt in the front of the pits to create a small slop so there is not such an abrupt drop off. He will remove the pile of fence boards and do some general clean-up prior to start of season play. They have plans to build a bandstand directly behind the 2 pits on the South end sometime soon.
- CHARLIE BROWNS – The owner will coordinate general cleanup of pit area. One walkway has sunk a little, so captains/players may need to offer help to repair that. He also plans to build a gazebo at both ends for shade/shelter, add gravel/grass around pits, and maybe build a fence. He also commits to making sure the existing lighting is maintained or improved.

THANK YOU – HAVE FUN