

# CURRENT NEWS for THE BOISE VALLEY HORSESHOE LEAGUE

## 2019 SEASON (Kicking off April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

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All team spots are filled with 8 teams in each division (32 total). A couple were hanging in limbo, but it's all a go as of last week. THANK YOU. Most teams will continue with the same roster of players, with just a few minor changes.

All but one of the 32 teams are still with us this year. Da'Pits (Zach Dillon Captain) that played for the LDG on Wednesday C division last year has disbanded. Zach moved away and Kaleb is concentrating on a family. A new team has formed that will take that open spot. It will be Trent and Travis Johnson that subbed for the SomeTimers (Debbie Cullison Captain) who played for the Alibi on Thursday division. Trent and Travis had so much fun, they were just waiting for a chance to have their own team. They will be called "**FLYING IRON**". We are looking forward to young and new faces. I will be working with Trent to choose a sponsor/location that works for him as well as the league, and works best for our scheduling options.

**THE TURN** (previously Turner's) has reopened a couple weeks ago with new owners. The bar has been remodeled. It not's extensive, but has been spruced up a lot with an updated atmosphere, and is much brighter inside. They are continuing to make changes, but wanted to start pouring beers as soon as they could so and will be planning a grand opening. It is a beer/wine bar; however, they are trying to keep a good variety of pre-mixed canned/bottled drinks that are close to regular hard liquor drinks. Options for a liquor license are being researched. Brad and Susan are excited to start their new journey and are really looking forward to meeting the horseshoe players from our league. The pits are being tidied up, they will have water to keep the area green, and they will provide some type of lighting for those dark nights at the start of the season. The "Bandits" (Mark Leoni Captain) from the Thursday division will be moving back to play there once again and they are "SO HAPPY". The May tournament will return to that location and we hope all those bench people will drive across town to try it out and show the new owners what a great group of people we are.

There will be a **NEW** playing location. It's an old familiar bar to most of us that grew up in Boise, but a bit hidden away. **It's the "SYMPOSION"** right off of the main drag into town. Turn right at 27<sup>th</sup> Street, go one block and turn right, and there it is under a

bunch of old trees. The original owner passed away last year and his sister from Florida inherited the bar and property. It is now being managed by her son Chris Leverenz. He is a super nice guy who worked great with me on my Mixed Doubles Pool League last season. I have been working on him to give the BVHL an opportunity to add another sponsor, as we had dwindled to only 5 sponsors last year. My goal is to give all our sponsors the opportunity to have multiple teams to support their commitment, but also want to give our players some variety. Also when possible, I try to **limit 2 teams sponsored** from each location for each division so opposing teams do not have to play or travel to the same location too much. Therefore, I may make suggestions or requests for teams to possibly move to different locations.

Since the league dropped the Vista Bar as a sponsor after season started last year, we moved teams to places that fit in with the already established schedule. We knew some teams might move this season depending on what options I could offer. One of the teams that left the Vista was my team "The Vista Cats". We became the "Alibi Cats" and Jim's Alibi treated us good. My team is pretty flexible and up for a challenge, so we will now be the "**Symposion Cats**" on the Thursday night division. That should result in no doubling up on the pits like last season. To keep the costs down, the manager has some ideas for a little different approach on building the pits. He and I are coordinating that, so be willing to try it out and not expect perfect. Besides, each team will only play there once during the season and you all know the "Cats" will make it work.

The **Construction Zone** has corrected the water issue they had the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season last year. Gary Shrum and Randy Barbee will make sure the pits are ready.

The **Dutch Goose** has remodeled inside and Jim & Marge Vogelpohl will coordinate getting those pits ready as always. Good news is the owner has told me they do plan to have outside service this year, so hopefully no long lines waiting for a beer. And he assured me he will get the lights working.

The Keystone Kids and Anna the owner of **McCleary's** are in the process of completely rebuilding the east side set of pits and there will be another brand new set relocated to the right of the big covered patio.

Dave Maynard will coordinate work needed at **Jim's Alibi**. And of course Scott Hymas and numerous players from **Little Dutch Garden** will make his pits ready as well.

**Captains from each sponsoring bar should maybe contact those captains that are heading up work on the pits to see if your team can help do some of the work.**

I am as of today waiting for just a few minor decisions, so I do not have the teams and their sponsors finalized. I will likely be ready to publish that information within the next week.

HELP YOUR SPONSORS OUT WITH WORK ON YOUR PITS  
AND GET OUT THERE AND START PRACTICING.

Watch the web page for details for

THE SEASON KICKOFF

April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Dutch Goose.

Your team binders will be ready to pick up that day

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teams start playing the following week (April 16, 17, and 18).