

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**  
**2026 Team Captain's/Membership Meeting**

**All items will be discussed in detail at the meeting**  
**Sunday, March 1st at 1:00 pm at VFW**

**Note: Most of these Items are already included in league rules and procedures**  
**but will be discussed in m**

**League Manager – Jade Bacus (208-602-3556)**

- A. **MANAGEMENT** - I accepted management in 2006 and I thought 2019 would be my last year. Ha!Ha! I have continued as manager through 2025. Thankfully I had more help in the last couple years. As of 02/27/26 we have sufficient teams and sponsors to continue league for the 2026 season.
- B. **LEAGUE GOING FORWARD** – Talk about continuation of League beyond 2026 if we are successful with 2026.
- C. **NEED HELP** - At 71 years old now, I need more help, especially with building new teams and physical tasks.

It is a blessing that players have already stepped up and helped in getting sponsoring locations physically ready for 2026. A big thanks to those involved. We are especially thankful for our newly established sponsor, the VFW. They have been busy organizing and building two brand new sets of pits and Zach is organizing some players to help with the heavy labor in next few days. We are especially appreciative of Dennis Neibaur and the VFW staff. Dennis is a long-term friend of mine, and he has been instrumental in pursuing their involvement in the BVHL. He was their commander last year and he will be our main liaison with the facility. Their facility will be a friendly and welcoming location, and we are excited about the potential of their site and its professional attributes.

Zach Dillon, Randy Barbee, plus Franko & Martha Norris did repairs and major clean-up at the Vista Bar last week prior to the Freeze-Out tournament. Cody Kately and Chad Gaythwaite have acquired materials and made major repairs at the Little Dutch Garden, and it will be fully ready for the St. Patty's Day Tournament on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, they will be out of town for that event, but they can reap the benefits of their hard work during the season since they both play there.

A big thank you to everyone that helped me in 2025 with tournaments and especially all the work to get ready for and manage the end-of-season event at Black Sands. The list is too long to mention everyone.

Already this year both Jessica Montgomery and Brandie Parker have assisted in coordinating the start of the season. Brandie will continue to manage the Venmo payments and organize the raffle for the kick-off. Jessica has proven to be very creative in running the Facebook page and designing so many of the early-season publications, plus she has provided a lot of assistance in soliciting and organizing teams.

Sorry if I missed mentioning anyone that contributed to the success of 2025 and the on-going anticipation for success in the 2026 season.

**Communications/Statistics/League Forms and Rules/Fees/Awards – *Note: As of 02/28/26 there are no changes planned to league rules or procedures. Suggestions for change can be communicated to me in advance or at the membership meeting.***

- A. **METHODS OF COMMUNICATION** - I will continue texting to cell phones via individual and group texts. It is important and a requirement that I have phone numbers for all players, **not just captains**. This texting method has minor process glitches but seems to be the fastest and most effective approach. The **“Preliminary 2026 Schedule of Events”** has been created and published on our web site as well as on the Facebook page. Copies have already been displayed at each sponsoring bar and copies will be available at the organizational meeting on March 1st, 2026.
- B. **WEB SITE** - ([www.boisevalleyhorseshoeleague.info](http://www.boisevalleyhorseshoeleague.info))– the BVHL website licensing was just renewed for the 2026 season. Dave Hamman continues to be our web designer/manager. Thanks to Dave for many years performing that task, even though he no longer plays on the league. Dave is having health issues, so I may be soliciting someone else to assist with the website. Jessica Montgomery and Brandie Parker established the Facebook page in 2024. That proved to be helpful and efficient. Jessica continues to help manage that page. In addition to the main web page, I will occasionally post information on the Facebook page and members are welcome to visit that page and make comments. Jessica has paid for and provided QR scans that can be used to connect to those on-line sites.
- C. **TEAM AND PLAYER STATS** - The Top 10 and Individual Men/Women Highs is a time-consuming item that often delays the weekly statistics. Instead of every

round, those reports will only be created and published for 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and final rounds. All attempts are made to have the Weekly Team Standings and Individual Statistics posted every week. However, there may be occasional delays because captains don't turn in documents on time, I might have personal obligations, and we must give our web developer sufficient time to get the documents I send published on the website. The stats may be delayed a week or two at start of season while all spreadsheets get formatted and teams turn in their rosters.

- D. **TEAM ROSTERS & SCORESHEETS** – It is extremely important that the TEAM ROSTERS be turned in FIRST WEEK OF PLAY & include full information for every player. Each week please fill out scoresheets entirely and compare them with the opposing team throughout all matches. Leave envelopes at the playing location on night of play. Do not take them with you or to another playing location unless specifically requested by league manager.
- E. **WEEKLY FEES** - \$7 per player per round (\$28/team). \$98 total if 14 rounds or \$105 if 15 rounds. We will talk about options for payment of fees (would prefer prepayment of at least ½ season if possible). There may be some considerations about raising weekly fees to \$8 in 2026, but captains will be informed before start of season. These funds are used for operating expenses, end-of-season event, and paybacks to teams. Every team gets some payback at the end of the season based on a pro-rated amount for matches won. All players are to PAY IN FULL EVERY WEEK!! Anyone can pay in advance, but fees in arrears over a week are not acceptable and team captains can be fined.
- F. **RULES and INSTRUCTIONS** - All documents are currently available for view on our website. Updates as necessary will be published before the start of season. Rules for substitute players, explanations, designated subs, forfeits and playing schedules should be fully reviewed and understood by all players. It is the responsibility of the team captain to make sure every player knows and follows the rules/procedures.
- G. **AWARDS** - Will be similar to the prior season, but additional modifications/alternatives may be necessary because of reduction in sponsor fees plus our long-term trophy company is no longer in business. There will still be 1<sup>st</sup> Place Plaques/Certificates for each Division, a Championship Plaque, and Individual Awards. Team pictures were discontinued a few years ago because it was too complicated to coordinate up-to 32 teams submitting the pictures timely.

It was also very time-consuming to format and print along with the other year-end priorities. Will only coordinate pictures for the 1<sup>st</sup> place teams and champions.

## Teams/Divisions

- A. We still have 4 Divisions with 26 teams committed as of 02/28/26 for 2026 season. Thu D Division is full with 8 teams, but need 2 more on Tue A Division, 2 more on Wed B Division and 2 teams more on Wed C Division. [DEADLINE for final team info is March 6th.](#)

Jim's Alibi has 7 teams. Little Dutch Garden lost 1 team on Tue A (Ranch Hands), but Spence Tracy is back with a new roster, and he selected LDG as his sponsor. They also lost 1 Wed B team (LDG Guardians), but a new team (Pole Dancers) will fill that spot. That leaves them with 8 teams. Vista Bar still has same teams as last year (5). Charlie Browns will not be a participating sponsor this year. Our new sponsor, VFW, will have 6 teams (those remaining teams that played at Charlie Browns, plus the Ranch Hands will move from LDG to VFW. If the final team list for each division is only 7 teams on a division, **2 BYE rounds will be required.**

1. **Tue "A" Division** – "If The Shoe Fits" from Charlie Browns are not playing in 2026. Spence Tracy will captain new team at LDG and Travis Harris will captain Half Rack Homies at Vista. Still have 2 open pots on this Division (1 at Alibi and 1 at Vista).
2. **Wed "B" Division** – "LDG Guardians" from LDG will not be playing in 2026, but that spot will be taken by the "Pole Dancers" with Aaron Deakins as captain. The 2 teams that played at Charlie Browns will move to VFW. Bear will be new captain for "The Fun Guys". Still have 2 open spots on this Division (2 at Vista Bar).
3. **Wed "C" Division** – No changes in teams for Wed C. Still have 2 open spots on this Division (2 at VFW).
4. **Thu "D" Division** – All teams from 2025 will be playing in 2026. The 2 teams that played at Charlie Browns in 2025 will move to VFW. Zach Dillon will captain the "X's and O's" at Vista, and Chad Gaythwaite will captain the "Chosen Ones" at LDG.

## Sponsoring Locations (\$35/team sponsor fee – used solely for trophies & awards)

- A. We have 4 playing locations for 2026. At one time we had 11 locations. 4 locations is the minimum for league to operate. Except for Charlie Browns leaving the league and VFW joining as a new sponsor, no additional locations are being considered or solicited. It would not be appropriate to solicit and expect businesses to invest with no guarantee for league continuation after 2026 or going forward. Pits must be fully ready for play no later than [Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>](#).
1. **VFW** – NEW SPONSOR in 2026. They are working hard and pits will be ready for play soon. I have been very impressed with their progress and attention to specific needs. Their pits will look great and have added features we don't have elsewhere. **Organization Meeting will be held there on March 1st @1:00 pm. Their 2026 scheduled tournament is May 16<sup>th</sup>. They have 6 teams committed as of 02/28/26. Could sponsor 2 more teams on Wed C Division.**
  2. **Jim's Alibi** – There was a major remodel of outside area in 2024. Everything new including pits, and they installed lighting. I will coordinate with them about correcting the foul-line measurements. **Next tournament there is April 11<sup>th</sup> – Spring Fling Kickoff and Black Parker Memorial. Their other 2026 scheduled tournament is the Halloween tournament on Oct 24<sup>th</sup>. They have 7 teams committed as of 02/28/26. They could sponsor 1 more team on Tue A Division**
  3. **Little Dutch Garden** – Chad Gaythwaite and Cody Kateley have done major repairs to the pits (THANK YOU). **LDG hosted the annual New Years Day tournament on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. The next tournament there is March 14<sup>th</sup> (St. Patty's), plus their summer tournament on Jul 25<sup>th</sup>. They have 8 teams committed as of 02/28/26.**
  4. **Vista Bar** – The pits were partially repaired just prior to the February Freezeout tournament. They may do some additional work prior to start of season so any help the teams can offer is appreciated. **They held a tournament on February 21st. They only have 5 teams committed as of 02/28/26 but could sponsor 3 more (1 on Tue A Division and 2 on Wed B Division).**

## B. Team/Player Support

1. All teams sponsored at each location should help with pre-season work to get pits ready for play. Home teams are responsible to prep pits prior to play at their location each week on the nights they are in home position.
2. All players are asked to respect and follow the local laws and not put your sponsor at risk. Do not bring any alcohol on-site - please purchase from the business. **Remember your behavior can affect the entire league**. Your sponsors are liable for activities that occur on their premises, including things that occur in the parking lots. Keep your eyes and ears open to protect our player's and sponsor's property. Captains are responsible for maintaining proper behavior.
3. Everyone should help new teams/players. Show them the ropes for playing and assist them when keeping score and be a good sport. Everyone be on time.

C. **Pit Conditions/Equipment/Tournaments** – I will be visiting each location to verify what is needed. I will request minor improvements where appropriate (such as lighting if possible).

1. Sponsoring locations should take an active role in getting playing areas ready for the start of season. They should also make sure the playing area is kept clean and acceptable to all players on an on-going basis. **Would like the sponsors to be more aware and willing to properly maintain their establishments**. Some have as many as 8 teams, which means there will be matches at their location every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday starting in April until end of July. If it is a dog bar, other patrons need to be informed that dogs are not allowed in the playing area during matches as dogs and players can be badly injured. Also, owners of dogs are expected to pick up any deposits left by their dogs in the playing area.
2. Allowable/Supplied Horseshoes – Each sponsor used to be required to have league approved shoes available for play (Super Diamond Ringers or American). However, the Super Diamond Ringers are no longer produced, and shoes have become a lot more expensive. On-going issues with patrons stealing horseshoes made it difficult for the sponsors to provide them. If sponsor does provide them, it is the home team captain's responsibility to make sure they are returned to the bar after play each night. I recommend the bar get the person's drivers license as security. Players are also allowed to

use their own shoes if they meet the requirements of the league. **Home team should bring shoes each week.**

3. Tournaments - I personally organize, publish, and run a league-coordinated open horseshoe tournament almost every month and personally sacrifice one Saturday. This is in addition to normal league management and is not funded by the league. Honorable mention should be made for those members that helped out in 2025 by running the end of tournaments so that I did not have to stay through the whole event. The first tournament was on January 1<sup>st</sup> with the last one at end of October and participation in those tournaments **had greatly declined. Participation in 2025 was a little better.** Some discussion might be needed to determine if on-going interest is sufficient to continue the league manager's involvement and that the monetary investment of the sponsoring locations is beneficial. All tournaments are already pre-scheduled for the 2026 season. Would recommend that teams consider some representation at least at those held at their home bar (even if only 1 person from each team).

### **Questions/Suggestions – Open Discussion**

- A. VFW staff may be at the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to discuss their site procedures.
- B. Any issues with pits, sponsors, or players?
- C. Discuss substitute player rules, designated subs, and forfeits/reschedules.
- D. Any new teams, players, subs?