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Building A Better Community Through Sport

VALUE STATEMENT:
Respect, Integrity, Leadership, Teamwork & Commitment



Port Alberni is excited to welcome all of the participants of the 32nd annual Funtastic Okee Dokee Slo-Pitch Tournament to our beautiful town. This Canada Day slo-pitch tradition began in 1981 with 6 teams from around the Alberni Valley; the Somass, Kingsway, King Ed, Beaufort, and The Arlington Hotels. Fairway Taxi joined as a team of drivers, ensuring all the players made it home safely after a day out on the field.

Port Alberni is known as the Heart of the Island, in more ways than one. Geographically, Port Alberni is located in the heart of Vancouver Island; surrounded by 360 mountain views, the Alberni Valley is one of the most beautiful places on the Island. We are home to spectacular old growth forests, magnificent mountainscapes, some of the best lakes and rivers to enjoy during the summer months, and a beautiful Inlet. Port Alberni is an amazing hub to anything sport related - with many ballfields (as you know), state of the art turf soccer field, hockey rink, curling rink, and so much more.

Your participation in the Okee Dokee Slo-Pitch Tournament and Funtastic Music Festival has directly supported the Port Alberni community in many ways. Over the years the tournament has helped fund a network of agencies that has created easier access to sport and recreation opportunities in the community. In the past seven years this tournament has generated close to \$150,000 in donations to various groups in the Alberni Valley; the AV Neighborhood Link Society (Read & Feed Program), ADSS Breakfast Club, Special Olympics BC/Port Alberni, Athletic Hall Society, EJ Dunn School Backpack Program, AV Minor Lacrosse, ZattZoo Project Association, Teens Can Rock, Kidsport, the ADSS Wrestling Team, Elite Dance Academy, PA Kinsmen, and Pathways.

Thank you to all the players, volunteers, and sponsors of this year's Okee Dokee Slo-Pitch Tournament and Funtastic Music Festival! We encourage you to get out and explore our beautiful community. Stop into local businesses, explore the Harbour Quay, or check out a local trail.

Each year the tournament has grown and the community welcomes in players from all across BC. Funtastic strives to build better communities with integrity, pride of place, and a commitment to the community.

Best of luck to the participants in the slo-pitch tournament, we hope you have fun with a healthy dose of competition. Make sure to enjoy the music festival, be safe, and have fun. Play ball!

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THE FUNTASTIC TEAM

Thank You From All Of Us

Friends, good music and excellent ball – that is what Funtastic means to me. I am so happy to be part of such a great group of volunteers who all go non-stop for the whole weekend to make sure every little detail is looked after. It is so gratifying to hear all the teams praise how well the tournament is run. I feel that our little tournament brings a lot of people to our community some to play ball and others to enjoy our great music line-ups. Our favorite time of the year is donating all monies raised to our local charities, that is when we realize all our hard work it really making a difference in our community. - *Debbie Reid, Since 2012*

Funtastic started as an outlet to perform and use my connections and musical background to help a community event. It has grown into a passion, of having friends and extended family come together once a year and celebrate all that we have built together. At the end of that, putting money into the hands of people and organizations that really need help and support. Organizations, often overlooked and underfunded, who, without our support, may cease to exist. Its building a better community through sports and recreation, and helping the Alberni Valley build and thrive for a better, healthier future. - *Jason Samson, Music Director since 2012*

Building a Community Through Sport...it's our motto, and that pretty much says it all. Team work, having fun, keeping active, and spending time with friends. For me personally, all the smiles on Canada Long Weekend and donating the funds to the groups that apply is so very rewarding!! Hope to see you at the field! CHEERS!! #BF4EVER - *Paul Robertson, Exective Director since 2012*

“Funtastic means family. Fun. Dedication to our community. Raising funds for sport, music and education in youth. I am proud to say I have been a director of this event since day one. So excited to be back in action for 2022! I cant wait to see everyone and witness once again some great ball and music. - *Tanya Nagel, Director since 2012*

I am honoured to be a part of such a great team who volunteers endless hours before, during and after the weekend to donate funds to local charities and those less fortunate than myself. The ball, the music, the friends and the fabulous weekend are all an added bonus, a very fun one I must say. It's all about making a difference in the community we all call home, regardless how big or small the impact is, it's a wonderful feeling to know we do make a difference. - *Sharon Wutke, Director since 2014*

Funtastic/OkeeDokee has been a labor of love to me over the past many years . It means a lot of work and a lot of satisfaction when it's over. The Volunteers that come out and give all they have is uplifting . It has meant so much to me from all the life long friends I have made over the years to all the money we have donated to local charities that need it the most . Funtastic, Fun , Friends, love life. - *Mike O'Donovan, Director since 2012*

Funtastic is a long standing event that is known community wide as the event of the summer. The time when ball players and community members are all brought together to take pride in where they live. But to me, Funtastic is amazing because of how much it gives back to the community. Beyond the money it donates, it brings business to Port Alberni and entertainment when it's needed most. To me, Funtastic is the pride of Port Alberni. - *Paula Sogge, Director*

Left to right:
Paul Robertson, Dana Toombs, Jason Samson, Tanya Nagel, Sharon Wutke, Brent Fedirchuk, Mike O'Donovan, Debbie Reid, Paula Sogge




IN MEMORY OF BRENT FEDIRCHUK

We recently lost one of our Funtastic board members.

Brent Alan Fedirchuk was volunteer of the year in 2016 and became a board member in 2017. He was a tireless volunteer and never stopped giving his time to help the charities we supported! He loved the music festival part of the weekend, but was usually so busy he never really did get to see the bands. He is loved by all who know him and we will all miss his smile in and around the ball fields. If you see an eagle soaring on high.....think of Brent!! #RIP







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HISTORY OF THE OKEE DOKEE

The Okee Dokee Tournament started over 30 years ago in 1988 and has been steadily growing every year since. Back in 1981, the Port Alberni Sunday league (Sunday Hotel Mixed Slo-Pitch League), had 6 teams: The Somass, Kingsway, King Ed, Beaufort and The Arlington Hotels. Teams would play every Sunday during the slo-pitch season and Fairway Taxi would drive everyone home after!

The idea to host the Okee Dokee Slo-Pitch Tournament came to Bob Leyland in 1988, while sitting around the campfire after playing a tournament in Comox with his team, and the first official tournament began the following year. In July of 1989 fourteen teams came together to play ball, and the Lucky's from Sayward were the first team to win the tournament. The following year brought twenty-four teams to the Valley, and by the third year there were forty teams playing in the tournament.


In 2010 the team didn't go to Funtastic in Vernon and we attended the local Okee Dokee Tournament in Port Alberni. "Many of us remember standing in the beverage gardens and talking about how much we missed Funtastic Vernon," said Executive Director Paul Robertson, "The Music Festival, the excitement, the costume contest." The idea to get under the Funtastic umbrella was then discussed. Paul Robertson took over the Sunday Mixed Slo-Pitch league in 2010/11 and ran one little tournament in October of 2012. "After contacting Vernon Funtastic for the go ahead we formed the PAFSS non profit group in 2013 and the rest is history." Four locations all hold tournaments on the same July Long weekend. Vernon, Armstrong, Enderby, and Port Alberni. There are close to 5000 players swinging the bat for charity. We are honored to be apart of the long standing tradition, and can say that Funtastic Alberni has grown from 36-40 teams annually to 80.

The Okee Dokee is one of Port Alberni's longest annual traditions and it will live on for years to come! Paul said, "We all know this event wouldn't be possible every year with the help from many past and present volunteers, sponsors and teams who make this weekend one of the best each and every year! Thank you to everyone, and heres to another great year of more 'Good Times & Better Memories!'"




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The Valley Vibe is Port Alberni's favorite community magazine. Founded and printed in the Alberni Valley, our mission is to showcase our local community and why we love where we live! Founder and publisher, Megan Warrender started the magazine in 2018 with a vision of highlighting our beautiful Valley; sharing history, photos, community events and local businesses.




We are passionate about our community and supporting our local businesses by encouraging readers to shop local and to get out and explore the community.

Next time you are out and about, be sure to keep your eyes peeled as the Valley Vibe is distributed at 50+ local businesses! We are encouraging you all to pick up a copy and take a read through, The Valley Vibe is Port Alberni's hub for all things Alberni Valley!




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GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE PLAYING THIS WEEKEND!

BAND BIOS

Chase Spencer released his debut album, "Feel Alive" in the spring of 2016. Since then, he has constantly been writing, recording, and perfecting his sound heard within his new single entitled, "Whiskey". He is now touring across Western Canada showcasing his next single, "Lost In The Dark".



CHASE SPENCER



5440 has done 2000 performances over 25 years, touring throughout the world. Lead by chief songwriter Neil Osborne, 5440 have carved out a legacy of gold and platinum albums and a outstanding reputation for their live performances that carries through to this day.

Dave Hartney is a rising force in the Canadian Country music scene from North Vancouver. The past few summers Dave has played one of BC's largest country festivals, Sunfest, opening for headliners Dallas Smith, and Dierks Bentley.



DAVE HARTNEY



BOONDOCK

Boondock is one of the top Country-Rock bands on Vancouver Island. Musicians include front woman Amanda Hicks (lead vocals & rhythm guitar), Mark Western (lead guitar), Gary Langen (drums), Shaun Weima (base). With this roster, Boondock brings Rock & Roll, and Country music together, in a high energy, fun filled performance!

Big Daddy has been touring the Island for over 5 years now, performing from Victoria to Port Hardy with Rave reviews. Derek (Lead Guitar/Vocals), Jack (Vocals/Bass Guitar), Styx (Drums/Vocals). Big Daddy is a set you do not want to miss!



BIG DADDY

Baby Jane started 16 yrs ago by Shelley Beeston and Robert Pegg, whom still form the nucleus of what may be Vancouver's longest standing club bands. Nick Hagar joins on bass and Chris Murray Driver rounds on drums; both talented professionals in the Vancouver music Scene. High energy rhythm sections Brian Kehoe and Zack Friend rock the Island.



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32nd Year of Okee Dokee Slo-Pitch

Friday July 1, 2022

Saturday July 2, 2022



7:00PM

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BIG DADDY

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Tyler and Kellie Steel have been a part of the Alberni Valley now for 18 years. Very quickly we became involved in the community through sports. Whether it was ourselves playing baseball or our boys starting out in these sports. In 2011 Tyler was given the opportunity to now open his own franchise and jumped at the opportunity. Welcome Tyler's No Frills! Over the years in sports here in town is where I was first introduced to Paul Robertson now going on 15 years and I couldn't be more happy and Proud that Paul gave me the opportunity to become involved in Funtastic with him. I look forward to seeing everyone out at the fields for this awesome slo-pitch tournament and Music Festival that has been put together to bring the community together all for one great cause! Thank you Paul Robertson and all the Volunteers of funtastic! This event doesn't happen without you!

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Visit Sproat Lake

Located about 15 minutes out of town on the Pacific Rim Highway toward Tofino Sproat Lake is a great stop during all seasons, but of course boasts the best activities and views during the summer months. When temperatures tip the scales, enjoy a dip in the lake, hop on a paddle board or kayak, or take a hike down the trail to see the petroglyphs.

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Visit Hole in the Wall

Trailhead located across from Coombs Country Candy as you enter town. Hole in the Wall is a popular, relatively easy hike with a beautiful destination. The unique, man-made phenomenon is a great spot to visit, picnic and take a swim!

Photo Credit Enchanted Forest Photography



Visit Stamp Falls

Located about 15 minutes down Beaver Creek Road. Enjoy a peaceful walk while you weave through the lush forest, checking out all the enchanting waterfalls and river rapids. There are plenty of lookouts along the way, and be sure to keep your eyes peeled for any salmon or wildlife during your visit!

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Visit Cathedral Grove

Located along the Alberni Highway about 15 minutes before you enter Port Alberni Cathedral Grove is quite the experience, featuring some of Vancouver Island's biggest and oldest Douglas Firs (some almost 800 years old!). Cathedral Grove is breathtaking in all months of the year and a must-stop on your way in or out of town.

Photo Credit Claude Laprise



Visit McLeans Mill

Located about 10 minutes from town, down Beaver Creek Road and onto Smith Road McLeans Mill is Port Alberni's little taste of history. Formerly a fully functioning saw mill, McLeans Mill now has 35 historic structures and buildings to view as you take a walk through the past. McLeans Mill also features the Alberni Pacific Railway and a gift shop.



Visit A Local Farmers Market

Located outside the Community Life Church about 5 minutes from town, down Cherry Creek Road, runs every Saturday from 9am-1pm. Stop in for local produce and browse our local crafters creations. Every Sunday, located at the Harbour Quay from 9-12 is another local farmers market.



Visit the 'Emergence' Exhibit at the Museum

Running now until September 3, local artists from all over Vancouver Island have been gathered and their art is being showcased at the Alberni Valley Museum.



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For this 32nd weekend, 80 teams will be Abroad from all over the Island and the mainland. In the neighborhood of 1200 players as well as family, friends and those who love to watch the games.

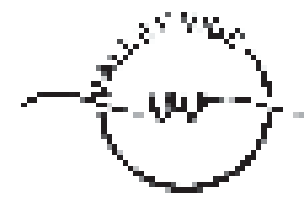
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