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OKEE DOKEE TOURNAMENT

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The Importance  
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Welcome to Okee Dokee #33.....A bit of info in regards to what's going on at the ball fields over the weekend. The Bakers Dozen Catering crew will be running the concession like they have for the past 13 years and counting. Team Maczulat will be open early serving up hot coffee, breakfast sandwiches, and food throughout the day as well. Try the Taco In A Bag!! Bet you can't have just one. DONAIRNUTZ will be on site all weekend as well. They will be set up by the fieldhouse during the day, and serving up Donairs, and Mini donuts that are pretty darn awesome. They will be at Bob Dailey for the Music Festival portion of the weekend...5:30pm—11pm. Jennii G's Bubble Tea will be set up as well. Lots of cool drink ideas for a hot weekend. JAL DESIGN will be there as usual selling everything FUNTASTIC and more. Hats, hoodies, t-shirts, sweatpants etc etc. Don & Terri Dawson from Double D Sportswear will here this year as well. In the past Don was a fixture at this tournament and we are excited to have the crew back selling ball gear. He has a really exciting new lineup of ball cleats they are looking to show off to the players. Alberni Physiotherapy will be on site and they will be looking to help anyone who might need a sports wrap, some TLC after a tough day on the ball field. They will be donating all the funds they raise directly back to us, and we will in turn donate IT ALL in October. It's What We Do. If you are out and about around town there are so many options for food, bevy's etc. 3 Tim Hortons, Boomerangs Café, J&L Drive In, BW Barclay to name a few!! Co-op Liquor Store, BW Barclay Beer & Wine, 2 7-11's in town for all your sport drink needs/snacks too. TY for supporting our Funtastic Sponsors....They Give, So We Can!! "GOOD TIMES & BETTER MEMORIES" HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!!

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Port Alberni is excited to welcome all of the participants of the 33rd 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 \$180,000 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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# 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 here is to another great year of more 'Good Times & Better Memories!'"



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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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It is a huge part of who we are as a community. Whether you are participating, supporting a team, coaching, reffing, keeping score, cheerleading...the good thing is, you are off the couch. Out seeing friends, making new ones and out in the fresh air enjoying the community we call home. The social aspect of these events is so vital in regard to staying active and keeping your wheels in motion.

When all the chips are down, the community with a heart shows up to help, and the passion for volunteering is obvious. Without volunteers and even organizers a lot of these events wouldn't get off the ground. The economic impact right here in the valley is so important to the heartbeat of all the businesses here.

Are you looking to participate, coach, volunteer, or simply watch any one of these awesome sports happening in the valley year round? Then reach out, sign up, and get involved. - Paul Robertson, Exective Director



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 - Paul Robertson, Exective Director since 2012

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 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 2023! I cant wait to see everyone and witness once again some great ball and music.  
 - Tanya Nagel, Director since 2012

## 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

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 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

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

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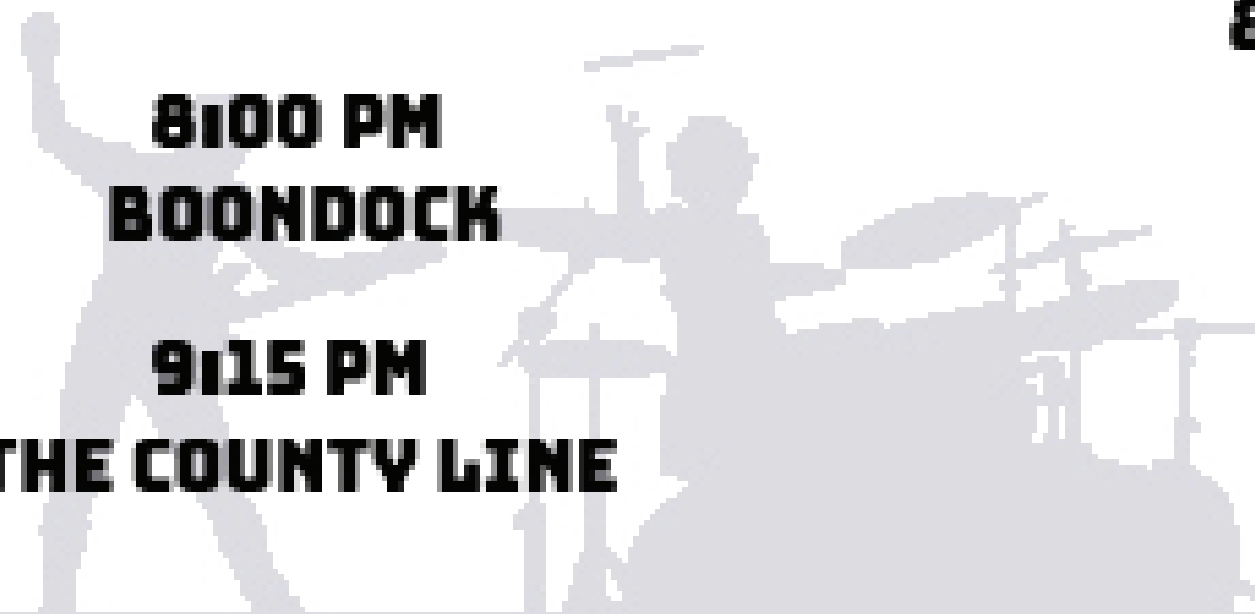
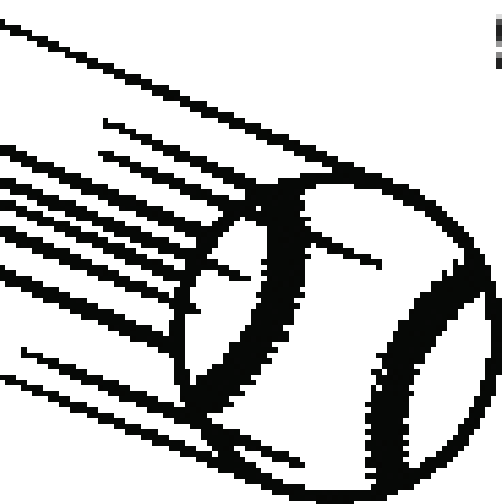
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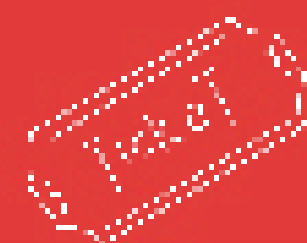
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# BAND BIOS

## Headliners - Honeymoon Suite

The band was originally formed in 1981 by lead vocalist and guitarist Johnnie Dee (of Niagara Falls, Ontario), Keyboardist Brad Bent (of Toronto, Ontario), and original drummer Mike Lengyell, formerly with The Diodes. By 1983, the line-up changed, with Dee (the only original remaining member) now on rhythm guitar and lead vocals, along with new recruits Derry Grehan on lead guitar and Dave Betts on drums. Grehan became the band's primary songwriter, and penned "New Girl Now," which won them an unsigned band contest put on by Toronto radio station Q107. The band's self-titled debut album, produced by Tom Treumuth, was released in June, 1984. The album featured four charting hits in Canada: a completely re-recorded version of "New Girl Now," "Burning In Love," "Wave Babies," and "Stay In the Light." All were written by Grehan.

"New Girl Now" was also Honeymoon Suite's first single to reach the top-50 in the United States. Their follow up album, The Big Prize, produced by Bruce Fairbairn, was equally successful in Canada, with four more hits: "Bad Attitude," "Feel It Again," "What Does It Take," and "All Along You Knew." The band continued to tour in the '90s, although many line-up changes continued to occur, with only Dee and Grehan remaining as the consistent members. In 2002, they released their first new studio album in 11 years, Lemon Tongue. Playing on the album were Grehan and Dee, who were by now the group's only official members, and who also wrote all the songs as a team. In June 2007, the band officially announced the return of a reunited classic line-up of Johnnie Dee, Derry Grehan, Ray Coburn, Gary Lalonde, and Dave Betts.

## SIBLING HARMONY

About the Artists Sean & Pete O'Donovan of Sibling Harmony are proud to be residing in Courtenay BC. As brothers, they bring a unique blend of harmonies with the music they share with everyone, involving rock, blues, country and punk influences. Background Brothers Born on the BC mainland and raised in the Alberni Valley. years later in 2019 combining their talents and skills to form Sibling Harmony! Soon to be in the studio recording our own original blend of music!



## County Line

Dynamic, energetic, and unapologetically honest with their music and performance, the contrasting yet complimentary vocal styles and personalities of Hayden and Megan shape everything about The County Line. As artists, they deliver their music with the same humble, kind, and honest approach that country fans know and appreciate. While this is evident in all that they do, the band is without a doubt based on the mix of their own unique individualities and styles. The chemistry between Megan and Hayden is seen in every performance, interview, and fan interaction. Hayden's grit, edge and yet humble energy is the compliment to Megan's sweet but strong personality. Perfecting their craft at hundreds of shows since their start a few years ago, this contrast and chemistry is not only apparent in the interactions between them, it is what makes their fans relate to, and come to love, the duo.



## Boondock

Boondock has been one of Vancouver Islands top Country-Rock bands for over 14 years. Musicians include front women Amanda Hicks (lead vocals/rhythm guitar), Mark Western (lead guitar/vocals) Gary Langen (Drums/vocals) and Shaun Weima (base guitar/vocals). With this roster, BOONDOCK brings Rock & Roll, & Country Music together in a high energy, fun filled performance that will keep you dancing from start to finish!



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# BAND

## Madi Duncan

Madi Duncan is an artist and producer of kitschy alternative music. Having shared the stage with Foo Fighters, Dave Monks (Tokyo Police Club), and received the praise of Said The Whale and Todd Kerns (Age of Electric, Slash feat. Myles Kennedy + the Conspirators), Madi has lived several rock 'n' roll moments and is working towards more.

In Madi's music, sometimes they take the form of flamboyant B-movie cowboy with a taste for vengeance, other times they appear to be made of shattered glass, as they vocalize their lamentations. Known for energetic live shows with their band "the Amateur Hour", Duncan's awesomely awkward performances are reminiscent of Talking Heads, Devo, and the wacky inflatable dancing tube man at your local car dealership.



## Shagster

Shagster is a dirt rock cover band featuring guitarist/vocalist Ray Harvey from the legendary heavy metal band Kick Axe, bassist/vocalist Jack Gunderson from the North America touring Eagles tribute band Eagle Eyes and drummer RJ Fraser from America's most popular Foo Fighters tribute band the Faux Fighters.

Born out of the love of heavy rock and roll and the need to play music outside of a normal cover bands repertoire, Shagster was formed as a jam band for us to have fun playing the songs we grew up with and love.

With an ever changing set list of 70s rock classics and deep cuts Shagster will bring you back to the mixed tape that one older guy who was the coolest kid because he had a jean jacket, mullet and some leafy weed played in the stereo of his jacked up pickup truck at the best pit party you were at in 1982.



# BIOS

# And that a wrap!

The volunteers, sponsors, & board members of the Port Alberni Funtastic Sports Society would like to thank you for supporting Funtastic/Okee Dokee #33!! Hard to believe it's been 33 years!! 2022 was a great success for us, and 54/40 were one of the best bands we have had to date. Looking back at the Music Festival portion of Okee Dokee we have a lot to be proud of. Trooper, The Odds, 54/40, Dark Horse, Sue Medley, WHO MADE WHO, Kiss Tribute, Eagle Eyes, Baby Jane, County Line and soo many more. Going from 30+ teams to annually hosting 80 has been a huge accomplishment. We hope you all have a great weekend, and we want to thank you all for your continued support. Be safe, kind, sportsmanlike, and have FUN!! - Paul Robertson, Exective Director



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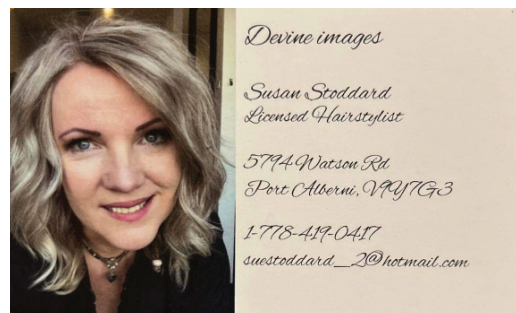


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