

34TH ANNUAL

FUNTASTIC

PROGRAM 2024





Welcome to Okee Dokee #34!! On behalf of the Board of Directors, our awesome volunteers, our sponsors, and the City of Port Alberni, we hope you have a great weekend here in the valley we call home!! 80 teams will be in town of which 18 are local, 62 are from all over the island as well as a couple from the mainland. It is the largest slo-pitch tournament on the Island; something we are extremely fortunate and proud to host! 100% of the funds raised are donated to a variety of charities, sports groups, music programs, and groups trying to improve quality of life for those in need. Here is a bit of info in regard to what is going on this year. The Bakers Dozen Catering Crew will be running the concession like they have for the past 14 years and running!! Team Maczulat will be open early serving coffee, breakfast sandwiches and food throughout the day as well! Try the world famous, "TACO IN A BAG" bet you can't have just one! JAL DESIGN will be on site selling everything FUNTASTIC & more!! Hats, hoodies, t-shirts, sweatpants etc. Double D Sportswear will be on site as well.

Port Alberni is excited to welcome all of the participants of the 34th 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 pitch.

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 nine years this tournament has generated close to \$230,000 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!



Thanks to our good friends at 93.3 The Peak for continuing to support all we do for the community! David, Evan, Nola and the entire staff thank you soo much. You are truly the voice of the valley!! Remember..... Stay tuned to 93 3 THE PEAK for all things FUNTASTIC!!



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Funtastic Music Festival & Okee-Dokee Slo-Pitch Tournament

On behalf of City Council, we extend a warm welcome to you as you prepare for your event.

Our community is indeed the "Community with a Heart". We want you to know that Port Alberni is more than just a venue for competition, it is a place where you will find the support and enthusiasm of a community cheering you on every step of the way. While you are here, we encourage you to explore Port Alberni and the surrounding valley and get to know the 'gateway to the west coast', and visit the many beautiful sites and scenery that surround us.

Please know that our local government and community are committed to ensuring your safety, comfort and overall positive experience during your stay here. Should you require any assistance or have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our City staff or representatives.

Once again, we extend our warmest welcome to you and wish you the very best in your upcoming festival and tournament.

May your time here be filled with music, laughter, and unforgettable experiences.

We wish you a very successful Funtastic Music Festival and Okee-Dokee Slo-Pitch Tournament.

Yours truly,
CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

Sharie Minions
Mayor



This will mark the 10th year we have been under the Funtastic umbrella and we are really proud of that! We are that little event that just keeps on growing and growing with 80 teams (1200+ players) signed up before the end of February! It's by the far the earliest we have been full, and there are 11 teams on the wait list! 2024 will also be the "YEAR of the VOLUNTEER" We all know how vital volunteering is to these events and we support The Toy Run & The Alberni Fall Fair each and every year! I've mentioned before....all the smiles we see on the Canda Day long weekend, knowing we are giving back to those in need, and having as much fun as possible along the way are what keeps us doing what we do. FUNTASTIC---"BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY THROUGH SPORT" Have a great weekend & and even better summer. Good Times & Better Memories!! #BAF4EVR

-Paul Robertson, Exective Director



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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VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR FROM 2014 TO 2023!

Last year we touched on “The Importance of Community Sport” in the valley. This year we are focusing on VOLUNTEERS!! How do we feel about our volunteers and for that matter anyone who volunteers for one, or more of the amazing events held each year in Port Alberni?? Well, we think that each and everyone of you are amazing and you are what keeps these events rolling along like they have for many years. You give your time, your energy, and it’s a good thing. It also gets you out and about and meeting new people, seeing old friends and all for a good cause. Keeping the community alive and vibrant! Our 1st year under the Funtastic umbrella was 2013, and in 2014 we as a group decided to honour that one person who stood out from the crowd in regard to volunteering! We decided that a perpetual trophy would be put together and be awarded each year after our event. Many of you know the man’s name on the trophy for everything he has volunteered at for years. The Trophy was named after him as he was chosen in 2014! The Wayne Demoskoff Volunteer of the Year is something we are so proud to present each year. Here are the names of all the winners from previous years along with a few comments on what volunteering, and being part of Funtastic means to them!

--2014-Wayne Demoskoff—I am involved with groups Funtastic, Toy Run, Fall Fair, 5 Acre Shaker & Battle of the Bands. Helping put these events together is a great time for all involved. It’s not always easy, cuts & scrapes & a few bruised



knuckles go away in time, but the comments for a job well done are the rewards we accept with a smile and a thank you! My motto is...”If you are not having fun, get out while you can”

--2015-Jim Groenendyk—Hi my name is Jim and I volunteer from set up to tear down for the Funtastic Music Festival. It’s a huge job to put on and we have a great board of directors and lots of help all weekend! Come on out and volunteer as it’s very rewarding giving back to our community. The motto is “Building a Better Community Through Sport” *footnote---Jim has participated in Funtastic Vernon and he has seen the positive results from giving back. Jim also is a main volunteer with our good friends involved with the TOY RUN!! Huge Supporters of the Valley!

--2016-Brent Fedirchuk—Brent came to us in 2016 and offered to volunteer, and after the event there was no doubt who would receive the Wayne Demoskoff Volunteer of the Year award. Brent showed up and did not stop for 5 days. I know for a fact that after the weekend he needed a couple couch days. Unfortunately, Brent passed away, but his spirit is with us each and everyday throughout the year! Over the weekend stop in at Brent’s Bar and say hello to our volunteers! #BAF

--2017-Les Smith—see below

--2018-Deb Melvin—I Love being able to give back to the community and supporting an amazing team

like Funtastic!--*footnote---Deb also participated in Funtastic Vernon when her team went to the tournament & Music Festival a few years ago.

--2019-Starr Cameron—Starr offered to volunteer taking pictures at Funtastic in 2017 and she was awarded the 2018 VOTY award for all the time and effort she put in. On site for most of the weekend, throughout the day and also into the night when the Music Festival started for the evening! Friend of Funtastic for Life!

--2020 & 21 were interrupted by Covid

--2022- Les Smith (2-time winner)—Volunteering makes me happy knowing I am helping a great cause that helps organizations, and people in Port Alberni! The feedback we get from the ball players who attend Funtastic/Okee Dokee is always of a positive nature! Giving back to our community fills me with a great sense of joy and accomplishment knowing I am helping those who need our support!

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--2023-Heather Newton—I really enjoy the camaraderie between the volunteers! We all know that community events are so important in smaller cities like ours! These types of events don’t happen without volunteers. It’s important to contribute to events like this and others that make Port Alberni the place I Love to Live!

--2024—Jump in and volunteer and perhaps your name will be on the Trophy this year! ☺

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Debbie Reid;

I am truly honored to be part of this wonderful group of volunteers. I have met some wonderful people from all over the island. It is such an exciting weekend with all the great ball games to watch and the music lineup just keeps getting better year after year. The best part of Funtastic for me is donating the funds in the fall to all the groups that truly appreciate us year after year for helping them make a difference in our community. We can't thank our sponsors and volunteers enough for all they do for us.

Sharon Wutke;

I absolutely love being a member of the Funtastic Family, being able to be part of an organization that really does make a difference year after year is so rewarding. The music, the games, the fun, and the people are all an added bonus; it's the end result that really counts, which is Building a Better Community that we call home.

Jason Samson;

As a musician and performer I was super stoked to be part of Funtastic Music Fest at the beginning to bring amazing acts to the valley and promote the music scene. After the 1st event, seeing the impact it had on the community and the charities that benefit from the event, I only wanted to work harder and make it bigger.

Fast Forward to 2024. Having brought spectacular tribute acts and Canadian Legends like Trooper, 54-40, Honeymoon Suite and the ODDS, as well as many local and island bands, I feel we are just getting started. This year we bring you the multi-Juno award Nominee and CCMA entertainer, Singer and Songwriter of the year, Aaron Pritchett. It's all for Fun. It's all for charity, so I'm all in.

Tanya Nagel;

I am proud and honored to be a director of Funtastic Alberni since it started in 2013. I have lived my life on the ball field and continue to do so with this ever-growing event we call Funtastic. I value what this event does for our community and the heart & soul of everyone involved. Volunteering for this event makes you realize no matter how busy life can get, when you have a chance to give back take it, it's the best feeling in the world.



**ENTERTAINMENT
SCHEDULE**

Bob Dailey Stadium

JUN 29TH

**9:15 PM
Aaron Pritchett**

**8:00 PM
Boondock**

**7:00 PM
Brad Millers**

**FUNTASTIC
MUSIC FEST
2024**

Gates Open at 5:30pm
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JUN 30TH

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Worlds**

**8:00 PM
Big Empty**

**7:00 PM
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| 2 Alberni Co-Op | 7 Tim Hortons | 12 Coastal Bridge |
| 3 Van Isle Ford/Pacific Chevrolet | 8 Black Dog Fencing | 13 Mahoe Properties |
| 4 Valley Vibe | 9 Great Central Milling | 14 Vendors |
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BE SAFE AND PLAY BALL!
- TYLER, KELLIE,
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BAND BIOS



Headliners - Aaron Pritchett

He has been a household name in Canadian Country Music for 20 years, but when Aaron Pritchett hits the stage, he does so with an energy and intensity of an artist fresh on the scene. Yet despite being known for his dynamic, even raucous live shows, it's the classically country gentleman inside Pritchett that has made him a fan favorite and a staying force in Canadian Country for more than two decades. With 13 top 10 hits under his belt (Buckle) Pritchett has made a career from seamlessly moving from good ol' boy anthems like "Hold My Beer" to pop-tinged party pleasers like "Worth a Shoot" to heartstring-pulling ballads like "Warm Safe Place". He could have stopped when he had enough to fill a greatest hits album, which he did in 2015----but instead, he followed up with several more including his 2019 #1 single "Better When I Do" Throughout it Pritchett has racked up more than 30 Juno, CCMA, WCMA, and BCCMA nominations including multiple wins for Entertainer of the Year, and a CCMA SOCAN Songwriter of the year award! A philanthropist at heart in 2022 he launched his annual BIG WHEEL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC. The event raised more than \$150,000.00 for the community-minded charities near his home on Vancouver Island. His latest single "Liquored Up" features Quebec country sweetheart Matt Lang, and outlaw newcomer Cory Marks. It's a feel-good tune that'll have you headed for happy hour in an instant, and it proves once again why Aaron Pritchett continues his reign in Canadian Country Music!



Tribute to Van Halen

Tribute to Van Halen is a group of musicians/super fans who honour the VH legacy by performing in character as the rock pioneers!! The band features 2 singers, which allows them to represent everything from the whiskey-soaked glory days with David Lee Roth to the chart-topping re-birth featuring the Red Rocker, Sammy Hagar. Everybody wants some? Everybody gets some!!



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!



Brad Millers

There is something about Country Music that just hits right! My name is Brad Millers and I come from a small town on the northern coast of Australia known as Gladstone! I grew up listening to country music, and rock & roll, and always enjoyed it. I have written several original songs and I am in the process of getting them produced. My cover song set list includes Alan Jackson, Josh Turner, Eric Church & Tim McGraw to name a few! I am looking forward to returning to Canada for the summer like last year when I attended the Funtastic/Alberni Music Festival. Not only will I be playing ball again this year.....It's also going to be my first time performing on the Funtastic Stage!



BAND

BIOS

The Big Empty

New to the local band scene "BIG EMPTY" is no stranger to Funtastic. Mike Voysey & Greg Paterson return to the stage with some friends they have found along the way to bring us an exciting mix of classics sure to compliment our headliner for the day!!



Non-Cents

No strangers to Funtastic, or the stage, the Rawk Machine is fueled up and coming to the valley to deliver a power packed set of new and ole favorites as well as some original tunes! Comprised of members from Mr2Cents, Clearly Creedence, From The Hip, and many known Island bands! This new collaboration has decades of experience and a song list rivalling even the largest known jukebox!! Join us as we take you on a tour through the Labyrinth of NON-CENTS this Canada Day Long Weekend!

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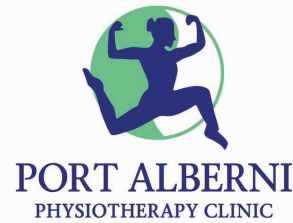
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STAPLES



75th Annual Alberni District Fall Fair—September 5th-8th. Team Funtastic will be there volunteering in the Beverage Gardens. Stop in and say “HELLO”



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Sat/Sun/Mon 10-4 down by the concession and 6:30-9 up at Bob Dailey.



Team Funtastic would like to thank Lyndon Cassell for his hours of picture taking. Lyndon has turned into the most frequently seen photographer behind the camera at so many local events. AV Bulldogs, Fall Fair, Battle of the Bands, 5 Acre Shaker, Rainbow Room, gigs at the quay, to mention a few! One quote from Lyndon last year... ..“I’ve taken pictures at a lot of amazing events over the years, but I had no idea how many moving parts there are putting on an 80 team ball tourney, and the music festival” We appreciate that comment Lyndon.He will be out and about takin pics all weekend! TY!!

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OKEE-DOKEE SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT

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