

## HORSESHOES AT PARADISE



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**Ron Hopman, of the Village Santo Domingo, a two-time world champion horseshoes pitcher, practices throwing at the Paradise Recreation horseshoes courts. Hopman is a member of The Villages Horseshoes Club and enjoys the interaction.**

Ron Hopman, of the Village Santo Domingo, knows horseshoes is the one activity that allows him to laugh, joke and interact with other Villagers. As a member of The Villages Horseshoe Club, Hopman said that whenever members are out playing, everyone has a good time interacting with each other. Hopman has competed in countless horseshoes tournaments over the years and has won many of them. Horseshoes is something he recommends others to come out and give a try. "Our motto is here you don't have to be good, bad or ugly," he said, "just come down and play." For those who aren't skilled at the sport, Hopman says he and many others are willing to teach you how it's done. Hopman can be found at Paradise Recreation's horseshoe courts almost every day. It's something he has a strong passion for and hopes to keep playing for years to come.

— *Greg Hughes, Daily Sun*