

By Traci Chapman

The clang of horseshoes hitting home signaled a weekend tournament held in City Park, but to members of Yukon Horseshoe Club it meant much, much more.

"This is a start of big things for us," Ken Ryel said. "This is a state-of-the-art complex like no one else has."

Competitors came from far and wide to participate in the tournament, Ryel said. Yukon Horseshoe Club bid for the chance to host the annual event and showed the city's choice to invest in a new complex was a good one, he said.



"This was a chance to show what we have, for a lot of people to come to Yukon and see what a great community it is and that we now have world class facilities," Ryel said.

Those facilities were constructed thanks to a 2012 bond issue, which provided more than \$61,631 in funds to build the 12-court facility. Including fencing, misters and covered shade areas for spectators, the complex replaced competition facilities more than 40 years old, Ryel said.

The two-day event included youth entries, women, men and senior men and women events. Oklahoma Horseshoe Pitchers Association sponsored the event.

Yukon Horseshoe Club is always busy and looking for new members, Ryel said. Set up for league play, the group gathers from May through October. Players can form their own three-person team or the organization will set up a team, he said. Results are handicapped so everyone has a shot at a win, Ryel said.

"It's a lot of fun, we have a great group and it's one of those things that once you start doing it, you don't want to stop," he said.

For more information about Yukon Horseshoe Club call Ryel at 306-8400.