



NEWSLETTER

The Field of Dreams Becomes the Fields of Reality

It was a day of celebration for the BAJA Softball Program as the players took the fields at the newly opened Canoa Preserve Park on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. Words of thanks and



praise were offered to all of those who made the "Field of Dreams" become a reality. It was a day to remember!

With the park opening, further construction continues to go on at the site. The electrical supply should be established soon. With electricity the fields can be watered via a timer instead of having to open and close the watering valves by hand. A big maintenance time saver.

The Ivan Allison Memorial ramada should be the next project to be completed. It is currently underway. It will be a tribute to Ivan and his family for their generous support of the BAJA Sporting Club. The ramada will be a great place for a family picnic.

Bleachers for fans and families are high on the priority list and we hope to have some soon.

Chuck Catino is hot on the trail for funding to make these amenities happen.

Again, the Board thanks all members whose contributions in time and donations made all of this possible.

Andy Lynch



Pima County's Nancy Cole throws out the ceremonial first pitch to Chuck Catino.



Opening Day ceremonies.



Spectators catch opening day action.



SOFTBALL SEASON UNDERWAY

The long awaited opening of the "FIELD OF DREAMS" took place on January 2, 2013. After a short program, Chuck Catino threw the first pitch of the 2013 season. It was called a ball.

Since opening day all teams have played between four to six games. In the Recreation League it looks like The Animal Care Center of Green Valley may be the team to beat. They have started 6-0, followed by Twist and Shout at 2-2, Insurance Center of Green Valley also at 2-2. Jeff LaFave's Edward Jones is next with a record of 1-3 and at the bottom is Quail Creek Country Club at 1-5.

There are 5 teams and therefore each team has had a bye.

In the Allison League, Premier Properties has moved to an early lead with a 5-1 start. 3-1/2 Happy Barbers and Hickey Auto are both at 3-3 and 2 Girls Pizza is at 1-5.

At this point both leagues are up for grabs. Good luck to all players and stay HEALTHY.

*The Commish
John Brassell*



Wally Towne photo



Ball? Strike? Fred Anderson, Jim Brandt, and Chas Palacios watch DeWayne Schmidt's pitch hit the ground.

PARK ADDRESS

The address of the new park is;
It's 3500 S. Camino De La Canoa
Green Valley 85614

There are 911 signs posted on the first base dugout doors on both fields. All softball players should know where the signs are in case of a 911 call. The signs list the name of the park and the street address.

Andy Lynch





Kenny Johnson scoops it up to get Don Frederick at first base.



Anne Emmett pounds out a hit.



*Bob Benoy, Dave Dudeck & Greg Pettit high five Hickey Auto.
Wally Towne photo*

Softball Newbie

Art Kaun is one of BAJA's Tucson expansion players in the Allison League this year. Art has been playing with the GV Sunday team for a couple years. He is a retired tech guy who worked for a ship building company in Europe and in Dearborn, Michigan in the automotive industry. Art has lived in Tucson for 6 years. He is enjoying playing with the BAJA



club on the new fields.

Wally Towne



Chuck Catino, "Father of the Field of Dreams"



BAJA BOWLING LEAGUE STARTS SEASON

We started our league bowling on January 3 with a great crowd. We have 11 teams this year and several people interested in being subs for the league. It is always a little hectic the first night, but then we all get back into the swing of things.



It is great to see familiar faces and to meet new people and be able to catch up on what everyone has been up to. So come out and see us on

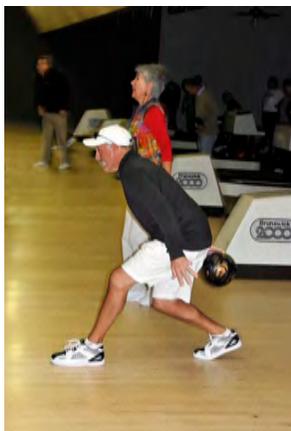
Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. at the Green Valley Lanes - and who knows, you might want to pick up a bowling ball and join in the fun!

See you all there.

Lu Meier



Stan Musial & Lu Meier address the opening night bowlers



Don Ellison & Jan Dougherty



Patty Robson



Dusty Robson



Ralph Atkins



Marilyn Rambo



Cathy Cornell & Sandy Barnes

BAJA BOARD CANDIDATES

Wally Towne

Bob Barry

I came to Green Valley from Colorado where I was a program manager for an aerospace company. Before that I was a Navy Officer for 25 years. I've played in BAJA for seven years and managed in two of those years. I participate in BAJA sponsored community activities including umpiring in the Copper Hill Little league, hazmat collections and field cleanup.



I've been a member of a board recently (GVR) and understand the balancing act necessary to try and keep members satisfied. I appreciate the outstanding job the current BAJA Board has done steering us through difficult times and ending up with our fantastic new fields. I want to see us continue to lead in developing the park.

Jim Welsch

One of the things both Pam and I looked forward to in retirement was being able to volunteer. We are honored to help at the Food Bank, the American Legion, Salvation Army, and opportunities through BAJA. When I was asked to serve on the BAJA Board, I thought that it was another great way to volunteer. BAJA only operates with its members serving in many capacities. With that in mind, I welcome the chance to serve.



I have experience as a union representative and in church council leadership, and I like to get things done with a hands on approach.

Free Hot Dog!

BAJA's Annual Meeting is January 22 at 4:30 at Triple Play. Candidates for BAJA's Board positions will be invited to speak.

BAJA will subsidize a meal of hot dog, soft drink & chips so come join us!

BAJA Board Openings - The BAJA Board of Directors will have two vacancies beginning in April of 2013. President Andy Lynch and Jim Hill's 3 year terms will expire in March. We all owe a thanks to Andy and Jim for their service to our club. The BAJA Board supervises and guides our organization and we encourage all members to consider running for these two Board positions.

So far Bob Barry and Jim Welsch have tossed their name into the hat. Candidates will have a chance to make a short presentation at the January Annual Meeting, January 22, 4:30 p.m. at Triple Play. If you decide to give back to our club in the form of running for the Board please give your name to Vice President Wally Towne before the January 22 meeting.

BAJA Board of Directors

ANDY LYNCH

President

WALLY TOWNE

Vice President

STEVE TERRELL

Treasurer

NICK CHARLES

Membership Chair

BILL O'MALLEY

Secretary

BOB HOYLER

Field of Dreams

JIM HILL

Social Chair

Coordinators

JOHN BRASSELL

Softball

ROGER HINTERTHUER, BOB MALKOVICH, JIM CZECH

Golf

LUANN MEIER

Bowling

DORIS NAUGHTON

Sunshine Lady

Contact Info

If you have any comments or questions about the Newsletter please contact Bill O'Malley at bomalley5@me.com.

Suggestions and ideas for articles are appreciated!

BAJA'S FIRST BIKE RIDE

On a Sunny clear Friday morning, nine riders mounted up and rode. It was jacket and full finger gloves cold at 9:00 a.m. but not at all uncomfortable.

Goldilocks and her ilk wimped out, based on the fear that this ride would be too cold. It was just right.

Keep that in mind, all you goldilockses.

The opening day lineup consisted of Stan Musial, DeWayne Schmidt, John Brennan, Brian Kelley, Barry McBride, Wally Towne, Linda and me.

We had a pleasant ride, at a reasonable speed, to the Desert Diamond Casino, where we had (free) coffee, then rode back. By then, the jackets and finger gloves were overkill. It was quite comfortable without them.

The ride covered slightly under 15 miles, with the coffee break in the middle.

Nothing you couldn't handle Goldilocks.

Bobby Epstein, Brian Kelley photos



Linda & Bobby Epstein



Brian Kelley

HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE TRAINING

If you are interested in continuing to support the semi-annual Hazardous Household Waste collection, or are wanting to join in this eco-friendly activity, then we have an opportunity for you!

The City of Sahuarita, Green Valley Council (GVC), and Pima County will be coordinating training through GVC. The training will include classroom training and then-on-the-job training on the day of collection. The training is necessary to be a volunteer on collection day.

The GVC coordinator is Bill O'Brien. Ph: 520 625 1353

E-mail: weocpa@q.com

He'd like to collect a list of volunteers BEFORE he schedules the training. So if you're interested, please give Bill a call.

Andy Lynch



Calendar

January 22, 2013
BAJA Annual Meeting
4:30 p.m. at Triple Play

February
Hazardous Waste Collection

February 24
BAJA Night at the Gaslight

March 5, 2013
Miniature Golf Party

March 17, 2013
Bye-Bye Birdie Party

BAJA POLICY ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Canoa Preserve is a Pima County Park which does not allow the use of any alcoholic beverages:

**No person shall possess or consume
spirituous liquor in
Pima County Parks and Recreation areas.**

As at Sahuarita Park, BAJA members shall not consume alcoholic beverages at Canoa Preserve Park at any time. Offenses will be

1st Offense - Written warning issued.

2nd Offense - Suspension from BAJA activities for two weeks.

3rd Offense - Permanent suspension from BAJA and its activities.

BAJA GASLIGHT THEATER

Please join us for a wonderful evening of fun at the Gaslight Theater on Sunday, February 24, 2013. This is the first time that BAJA has reserved the entire Theater.

All BAJA members and guests are invited. Tickets will be \$13.00 each. So if you are inviting a group of guests to the Theater this year sign up for BAJA night, February 24, 2013. Reservations are available. Please complete the reservation form in this Newsletter. Remember - reservations are on a first-come, first assigned basis.

Any questions? Call Jim Hill at 520 625 9577

BAJA GOLF

The San Ignacio BAJA golf group will be alternating courses between San Ignacio South and San Ignacio North, formerly named Canoa Hills. If you wish to play on Tuesdays with the San Ignacio group, please give Roger Hinterthuer a call (625-1145).



Play also continues at Haven on Tuesdays (Bob Malkovich, 625-2488) and, at various other local courses on Thursdays (Jim Czech, 762-9296).

BAJA Website

BAJA would like to develop a web page and is looking for a BAJA member who is capable of helping to create it. If you have experience with websites and would like to help contact Bill O'Malley at 520 906 6949 or bomalley5@me.com

BAJA Golf Quotes

I've spent most of my life golfing. The rest I've just wasted.

It's good sportsmanship not to pick up lost golf balls while they're still rolling.

My body is here, but my mind has already teed off.

Golf is a game invented by the same people who think music comes out of bagpipes



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

BAJA Sunshine Lady Doris Naughton

A Get Well card has been sent to:

Randy Higa Car Accident

Support the Field of Dreams

Funding is still necessary for the BAJA priorities at the softball complex.

Approximately \$50,000 will cover it for now. Lets see how much we can get done by the end of this tax year and in 2013.

In regard to the dog park, which will be addressed next, the cost will be about \$110,000. We are looking for funds donated for the dog park. All you dog owners, please help. There will be a section for each - large dogs and small dogs.

I am an eternal optimist -- I'm hoping to get this completed by May!

Please make tax-deductible donations to

Pima County Parklands Foundation,

BAJA Project #137

c/o Gregoria Tucker,

3500 West River Road

Tucson AZ, 85741

Please pass the word about the new Park to increase awareness so the community will continue to fund the other park amenities.

Thank you! Chuck Catino

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