

B.A.J.A. SPORTING CLUB, INC.

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Celebrating Men's and Women's **SPORTS, COMMUNITY, CHARITY, AND SOCIAL** since 1996.

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History

In 1996 a committee of interested softball players from the Green Valley Arizona area started meeting to review and discuss the viability of forming a team sports group. Many of the members of the committee, at that time, had played and/or coached competitive sports in high school, college, or the military. They foresaw the growing need for an organized sports club which would give recreational direction on a continuing basis for the rapidly growing senior community in the greater Green Valley Arizona region.

In 1998, the BAJA Sporting Club was formally organized as a non-profit organization in Arizona. The members of the original committee were Jim Kelly (the first President), Ivan Allison, Chuck Catino, Ray Fleener, Mickey Green, Jim Carr, and John Fawcett. BAJA now respectfully refers to this group of visionaries as the club's "Founding Fathers".

BAJA membership historically has served the greater Green Valley-Sahuarita area in assisting with local civic programs, charitable events, little league (umpiring), roadside cleanup, Habitat for Humanity, local food banks, and many more. BAJA membership is a compassionate group of active seniors who are constantly willing to contribute to the community.

BAJA currently has approximately 350 active members who regularly participate in club sponsored senior sports activities (including softball, golf, and bowling) plus engage in fundraising and volunteer efforts to assist local charities and civic activities.

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Membership is open to all person's age fifty (50) and over, male and female, who reside in the general area near Green Valley, Arizona. The Club's geographic territory extends along the I-19 corridor from Sahuarita to Nogales, including Green Valley, Amado, Ron Rico and contiguous areas. All memberships include spouse or significant other living with the member.

BAJA Sporting Club, Inc. (BAJA) was organized and exists as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Arizona. The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable purposes and to foster local, national, or international senior sports activities and competitions for its members within the meaning of exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code [the "Code"]. The corporation may carry out its purpose directly or by making gifts, grants, or other distributions to other organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

BAJA has teamed with Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation (NRPR) in an award-winning public / private partnership for the continued construction, development, and maintenance of Canoa Preserve Park located at 3500 S. Camino de la Canoa (south of Whitehouse Canyon Road in Green Valley). The park currently has two adult softball fields, covered bleachers, restroom, and a ramada with two picnic tables and a grill. A trail linking the park with the Anza Trail via the Abrego Trail head is under construction. Existing plans for the park include two additional softball fields, off-leash dog park facility, pickle ball courts, youth soccer field, playground, pedestrian path, concession building, plus additional ramadas, picnic areas, restrooms, and parking.

Tax-deductible donations to continue construction, development, and maintenance of the park are being accepted by BAJA. Checks should be made payable to BAJA Sporting Club and indicate that the donation is for the "BAJA Park Fund". Mail your donation to BAJA Sporting Club, PO Box 419, Green Valley, AZ 85622.

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MISSION

To assist active seniors in the Greater Green Valley region to maximize their retirement years by providing members the "*Best in Sports*" programs, recreational, & social activities. To assist the greater community of southern Pima County's Green Valley area by assisting with charitable events and local civic programs.

VISION

To be recognized as the "*Best Senior Sports Club*" in southern Pima County by providing quality opportunities for its members to compete and participate in senior sports plus social-civic activities and programs.

VALUES

- a. Dedicated to providing "*legendary*" organized recreational and social-civic activities for active senior members based upon core values of diversity, dignity and respect.
- b. Maintain a focused commitment by developing new social and recreational programs to further improve the diverse life styles of its members.
- c. Continually select and train a team of members who are interested and capable in long range planning, managing, and promoting the BAJA Sporting Club.
- d. All members are empowered to develop and promote good sportsmanship and demonstrate exemplary citizenship in all BAJA sanctioned activities.

GOALS

- a. To keep an open door for all senior families in the greater Green Valley-Sahuarita area wishing to join and actively promote and support BAJA's Mission, Vision, and Values.
- b. To obtain the year-round use of sports complexes from public recreational departments to help meet growing needs of BAJA's members.
- c. To maintain BAJA as an incorporated non-profit organization managed by a Board of Directors / executive committee to ensure BAJA's game plan will be professionally executed.