

BIO Information for 2019 Board of Directors Nominee – Ed Karnes



My wife, Jan and I, have been married for 15 years and have lived in the Green Valley area going on three years. I have three children, all married, living in Virginia and three grandkids, with a fourth on the way. I graduated high school then served four years in the U.S. Navy which included a tour in Vietnam in 1968.

Jan and I like to travel, doing difficult hikes, and I've even been skydiving twice. Having been in the customer service business the latter part of my working career, I had grown tired of dealing with people and just wasn't sure what retirement life would be like. But I've done a complete 180 since moving to Green Valley and then joining BAJA almost as soon as we moved here.

I first heard about BAJA from a Green Valley News article about BAJA Bowling. Jan and I both enjoyed bowling in the past, so we called Gary Harkless up and he had us on a team that week. It was Gary Peelman's team, and he invited me to the Chuck Catino Softball fields to give softball a try. Well, I made the team, playing in the Catino League.

I bowled again my second year and played softball, as well. I then signed up with the grounds crew to help those dedicated people take care of some of the best-looking softball fields I've ever played on. All the people I've met in BAJA are great, and I thoroughly enjoy being around each and every one of them.

When Gary Harkless approached me at the end of last season's league bowling about becoming Bowling Commissioner, I asked him to give me a week to think about it. Jan and I spoke to many people, both in the bowling league as well as other parts of BAJA. I knew there was an opportunity to get the bowlers engaged in more BAJA things than just bowling so, in about four days I knew that this is something that I would want to do and volunteered to take the job.

I have had tremendous support from so many people in BAJA, from fellow bowlers, softball players and fellow grounds-crew to the BAJA Ambassadors and Board members. I want to be on the BAJA Board of Directors to give our Bowling League a voice plus to help keep BAJA a great club and to do my part in making it even better and more fun.