

Sports

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NEWSLETTER

Are You Ready for Some Softball?

Another season of summer ball is almost past (thank goodness), and turnout is starting to increase. The weather is not really cooperating. And the so called "dry heat" has managed to soak the vast majority of player jerseys (Dion's doesn't count since it is always soaked). Don't worry new folks, it will get better.

Our summer folks have valiantly defended our reputations with a 2-0 record against a strong (and young) Assembly of God Coed team managed by Randy Higa. We have been scrimmaging them on Thursday evenings on our home fields. Both Randy and I truly appreciate the turnout.

We have recruited a substantial number of new players this year for both the Allison and Recreation Leagues. There will be a lot of new talent on the fields this coming season. I feel fully confident that we will reach our goals of 4 Allison teams and 6 Recreation teams. The 2014 season will run from January 6 until March 12 with the tournament on the 17th and 19th of March.

Managers for the Allison League have already been selected, and I have a number of maybes from Recreation folks.

Unfortunately, it is becoming crunch time and I need some

commitments! Do not be surprised if I approach you with my "sweet and gentle" demeanor, and try to get an answer from those of you still sitting on the fence.

I would like to express my appreciation to our groundskeepers. They have done a fantastic job all summer long. I play on fields all over the local area, and know for a fact that we have the best fields around. Our fields would compare to the U of A fields, if they could keep me from making divots in the outfield. Thanks guys.

Gary Anderson

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

BAJA Sunshine Lady Doris Naughton

June Get Well Cards

Norm Brooks (shoulder operation)

Mike Sommer (back operation)

August Get Well Cards

Dick Purdy (back operation)

Dave Thomas (stent)

All are recovering nicely.

If you know of anyone that is hospitalized or has any other health issues please tell one of the Board Members or Doris Naughton.

WHITE ELEPHANT PARADE

The White Elephant Parade is Saturday, October 26. Every BAJA member in town should please show your club support and come out and walk in the parade.

This includes all golfers, bowlers, cyclists and softball players!

No kazoos this year, just walking in mass. We may have a pick-up truck with music playing. Cyclists may bring your bike if you wish.

Let's show Green Valley that BAJA members care about our club and community.

Dorie Carroll



BAJA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BAJA's Directors have been busy this summer with several activities.

We are working with Pima County to develop an agreement that allows BAJA to sell the rights for advertisers to put up signs on the fences at Canoa Preserve Park. These signs will generate additional revenue for future developments at the Park.

We are also developing a yearly budget for BAJA. Last year we changed our accounting to a July 1 to June 30 year which allows expenses for each sport to be recorded in the same year as revenue from member dues. In order to 'balance the budget', we have increased the member dues for softball by \$10 to \$50 per year. This is still tremendous value for the players, and allows us to offset the higher costs of the softball program.

Last year we also subsidized most of the BAJA parties to draw down our substantial cash reserves. We now have approximately \$6,600 in cash and a \$5,000 CD, which is a more appropriate reserve. This year we will determine on a party-by-party basis whether to provide a subsidy. The first party of the year, "We Survived the Summer" does not have a subsidy until we see how the member dues come in, but is still a good deal at \$15 per person. Many thanks to Jim & Pam Welsch for stepping up and organizing the coming year's parties!

Don't forget this year's White Elephant Parade on Saturday, October 26. This is a great opportunity for BAJA to 'strut our stuff' in support of the Green Valley community.

Bill O'Malley

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Next year, starting in April, BAJA will have four Board Members whose term is expiring. Dave Erickson has agreed to head up a search for potential Board Members. If you're interested in serving on BAJA's Board of Directors contact Dave at 520 207 4476 or djerk@cox.net and he will give you some information. A questionnaire is attached for potential candidates.

NEED WEB DEVELOPERS AND WEB MASTER

At the last BAJA Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted unanimously to pursue having a dedicated Web Site for BAJA. Nick Charles was tasked to look into the matter and determine how to accomplish this goal. Nick has found a web site developer that will help with the initial setup and developing a mockup of the web site.

We're still looking for several people with web site experience to act as web masters to help maintain the site. If you're interested contact Nick at (520) 777-3337 or nickcharles@cox.net.

Nick Charles

BAJA Board of Directors

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Sunshine Lady

BAJA SOFTBALL NEWBIES

Wally Towne

CRAIG JACKSON

Playing horseshoes with a couple of old BAJA guys led Craig to the BAJA softball fields. Craig spent most of his life in Washington state with a career in banking. But his twin daughters both went to college in Arizona, one at ASU and the other at U of A. They both returned to Washington and are both radiologist but Craig moved himself to Tucson 9 years ago. He hasn't played softball for many years but is really enjoying getting his



game going again with BAJA.

ED CLARK

Ed found Arizona via the Air Force back in 1966 when he was stationed on Mt. Lemmon. Arizona kept him for most the rest of his life with a career in sales in the petroleum field. He stays very active with golf, bowling, hiking, hunting, and fishing, skiing and riding bikes. He is the owner of a couple of dogs as a result of his work with lab



rescue and adoption. Ed lives in Vail.

MIKE PULSE

Mike is a 30 year Green Valley resident, originally from up state

New York. He is hoping to get his retirement in order to play in BAJA this coming season. He is an IT guy in the computer business. He keeps busy with two golden retrievers and still working.



BOB MCQUOWN

Bob is a native of Tucson where he went to high school and the University of Arizona. He taught school at Sahuarita for 29 years. Bob is a long time friend of Marty Camacho. Bob currently lives in the same house that he grew up in.



BAJA LEGENDS
SOFTBALL AND ROCKET SCIENCE

by Wally Towne

Softball isn't rocket science and you don't have to be a rocket scientist to play softball. But what if you are a rocket scientist? Does that give you an unfair advantage? I talked with long time BAJA softball player Dave Ahner and asked these questions.



Wally: What type of an education prepared you for working with rockets, weapons, etc?

Dave: I earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering and masters in Theoretical and

Applied Mechanics and another in Electrical Engineering. I worked with power systems most of my career after a three year period involved with weapons evaluation.

Wally: Weapon's evaluation? Would that be nuclear weapons? What was that like?

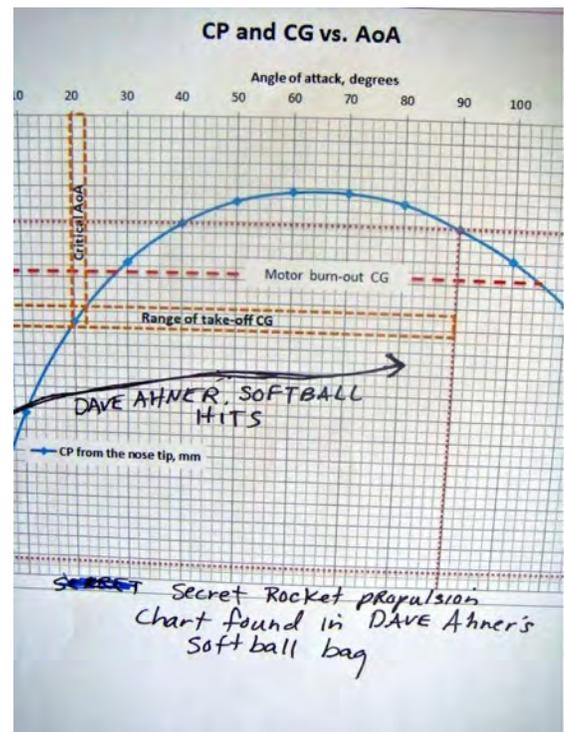
Dave: I worked for GE, a company that was very involved with building systems to shrink large ballistic missile warheads. I was with a group developing software programs evaluating nuclear weapons effects. I found it gruesome and depressing after a while. It was interesting, very clandestine. There were hundreds of people working above a store, with no signs, secret black suited spy-like characters. I had a boss that was a real Dr. Strangelove kind of guy, with a sinister look on his face and deep White House connections. I later worked as a global consultant for power systems.

Wally: Tell us a story from that job.

Dave: In the mid 1980's, I was part of a small group sent to El-Mahalla El-Kubra, an industrial textile town north of Cairo, Egypt. They were having problems with their \$350 million power

plant. The plant was built to make power to run hundreds of weaving machines for the cotton industry. It turned out that the problem was religion-related, caused by the simultaneous shutting down of the thousands of steam driven turbines for the daily Islamic prayer times. The massive depressurizing was vibrating the controls and the other systems out of sync. We built a solution finally after a great deal of tense work. We were even put in jail for a while for not having correct visas.

Wally: Back to softball. I looked up some words from your field of study; physics, chemistry, mathematics, aerodynamics, propulsion dynamics. "Propulsion dynamics" sounds like something that could be related to softball. You have always been



known as one of the best base hitters in BAJA. Doesn't your understanding of "propulsion dynamics" have something to do with your talent?

Dave: No, I don't think so. A pure engineer mentality would cause one to over analyze things. I think it is more of a disadvantage. People who use the other side of the brain - art, music, literature -

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should be better at softball. Or a carpenter, someone with a skill and practice of hitting something hard should possess better softball traits.

Wally: I don't know. Rocket propulsion-softball propulsion; I've been in the outfield trying to catch your hits and I think there is a connection.

Wally: How long have you been involved with BAJA?

Dave: I started out playing softball in Green Valley in 1996-97. We were called the Snowbirds and we played in Tucson. A second team started up which included Jim Carr, Chuck Catino, John Fawcett, John Brennan, Harley Thompson, Ivan Allison. The name BAJA came about in 1998. Jim Kelly was the first club president

Wally: What do you think is the reason for your success in sports?

Dave: I'm not a very competitive person. I just like to do sports for the fun. I don't go out to beat anyone. I don't like to work at a sport. If I have to work at it, I lose interest. I like playing summer pickup games more than league play. It is more

Impulse thrust is equal to the product of the propellant mass flow rate and the exhaust gas ejection speed. The ideal exhaust velocity is given by

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(Dave will explain the above equation if you don't get it.)

relaxed; you get to talk with different people. I play more tennis than softball. BAJA is good group of people I enjoy being with.

HI BAJA BUDDIES!

This is just a catch-up on the progress of Canoa Preserve, Green Valley's first public park.

Since 2007, BAJA Project #137 has succeeded in receiving approximately \$1.6 million of in-kind donations. In addition, the cash amount we have raised is about \$140,000 from BAJA and the community, plus \$160,000 from Sahuarita School Board. The County Administrator and the Board of Supervisors have matched this \$300,000.

At this point the County and BAJA have about \$90,000 available to fund some of our future priorities, which are:

1. Water fountains on each softball field.
2. Shade coverings for bleachers
3. Bleachers

The County and BAJA will be meeting to decide what this \$90,000 will be spent on, because \$50,000 of it is from a CBDG grant and can only be spent on Federal Requirements. If it isn't, it must be refunded to the government.

Also, there is a bit of bad news on our other grant applications. This year we applied again to Freeport McMoRan, the Tohono O'Odham Nation, Caterpillar, and the White Elephant. They all said "No". I will be re-applying. We have not heard as yet from others.

We do still need Tax-Free Donations for 2013. Please send a check made out to the Pima County Parklands Foundations, and in the lower left corner write

"for BAJA Project #137"

Mail it to Gregoria Tucker, Pima County Natural Resources Park and Recreation, 3500 W River Rd, Tucson, AZ 85741.

To all the BAJA Members and friends, who do NOT play softball -- and there are a lot of you:

The next areas to be completed in the park, when funding is available, are the exercise path, and 1.75 miles of trails connecting to the historic Anza Trail and the Arizona Trail.

Drive out and take a look! Go out White House Canyon and turn right onto Camino de la Canoa. Turn right again in less than 2.4 miles, at the big park sign.

Thank you all, for your \$\$\$!

Chuck Catino

Calendar

October 6

We Survived the Summer Party

October 19

Hazardous Material Collection

October 26

White Elephant Parade

January 3

Opening Day Event

January 12, 2014

Welcome Back Party

February 23, 2014

BAJA Night at the Gaslight Theater

March 4, 2014

Miniature Golf Party

March 23, 2013

Bye-Bye Birdie Party

BAJA BEGINS

NEW PARTY YEAR...

Start the new BAJA season with the "We Survived the Summer" get together on October 6, 2013, from 5:00-8:00 at the Esperanza Estates Ramada located at 763 Calle Del Ensalmio.

Please bring either food or cash donations for the Food Bank!

See the attached flyer for more information.

THE BAJA GOLF GROUPS

With the summer winding down, we continue to golf, on Tuesdays, either at The Haven or at the Tubac Golf Resort. Because the number of golfers is less this time of the year, we have been able to start in the 8:00 a.m. area, though this can vary depending on tournaments, etc, at the courses.



Thursdays finds us playing courses other than those that we play on Tuesday. If course special deals become available, we make an attempt to play those courses since their rates, in the winter time are significantly more.

If you feel that you would like to play a round of golf with the group, give Bob Malkovich a call for Tuesday golf for The Haven or Mark Youran for Tubac.

And, if you would be interested on golfing one of the Thursday's group courses for that week, leave a message for Jim Czech or email him at czecher2@msn.com.

Jim Czech

BAJA BOWLERS

Summer is coming to a close and fall is just around the corner. The BAJA bowling league will start the first Thursday of January. We are always looking for anyone interested in joining the league. It goes from the beginning of January to the end of March.

So if you think you would be interested in joining you can contact me, Lu Meier, after September 10th at 520 399-0785. The teams consist of 4 bowlers, so if you have a team already made up or if you would just like to join by yourself, give me a call. See you in January...

Lu Meier

BAJA CYCLING

We started last year, and had a reasonable number of interested riders. This year, when the Winter season starts, we plan to continue our short 15 mile Friday rides. We may vary the route somewhat, but we won't add or subtract much from the mileage.

If you're interested in riding with us at other times, we have a core group of between five and ten riders who ride several times a week. These are "Big Boy" rides of between 25 and 50 miles you're welcome to join us... you'll survive if you're a cyclist!

Bob Epstein



BAJA



CYCLISTS, BOWLERS, GOLFERS, AND SOFTBALL PLAYERS...

PLEASE PUT THESE SPECIAL DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2013-2014

<i>Sunday</i>	October 6, 2013	We Survived the Summer...
<i>Friday</i>	January 3, 2014	BAJA Opening Fun Day
<i>Sunday</i>	January 12, 2014	Welcome Back Party...
<i>Sunday</i>	February 23, 2014	Gaslight Theater...
<i>Tuesday</i>	March 4, 2014	Miniature Golf Party...
<i>Sunday</i>	March 23, 2014	Bye-Bye Birdie Party...

Watch for more information coming to you by email!

BAJA Sporting Club
PO Box 1341
Green Valley, AZ 85622

BAJA's



We Survived the Summer Party!

Sunday, October 6, 2013, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

5:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

This is a Bring Your Own Beverage party. NO set ups will be provided.

6:00 PM BBQ DINNER catered by BK's Outlaw BBQ in Amado

Dinner includes:

Your choice of Beef Brisket, Pulled Pork, Chicken Breast, or Portobello Mushroom Sandwich served with BBQ Beans, Cole Slaw, and Dessert

After dinner entertainment by:

The Hula Sisters

At the RAMADA in ESPERANZA ESTATES 763 Calle Del Ensalmo at the corner of Camino Del Portillo and Calle Del Ensalmo

Please Note:

Street parking only (Portillo best choice), try to car pool, and do not block driveways



Only \$15.00 per person!

50/50 Raffle!



REMEMBER to bring a cash donation for the FOOD BANK!

For questions contact: Jim Welsch (920) 377 0216 or Steve Terrell 505 8047

Return this RSVP with a check by September 27

BAJA Sporting Club - PO Box 1341, Green Valley, AZ 85622

Name: _____ Name: _____

Circle Dinner Choice:

- Beef Brisket
- Pulled Pork
- Chicken Breast
- Portobello Mushroom

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BAJA Board Candidate Questionnaire

Name _____ Date _____

Are you a fulltime Resident of Southern Arizona? _____

If not, how long do you stay? _____

Why do you want to run for the Board?

What are your qualifications for the Board?

