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# NEWSLETTER

## BAJA Meets With Sahuarita Schools

*Dave Hyslop*

Representatives from BAJA have met several times with Sahuarita Schools to discuss scheduling use of Sahuarita Park. As the new high school opens in August, BAJA needs to coordinate their use of the fields with school activities.

The most recent meeting on July 29 went as well as BAJA could have expected. The Assistant Superintendent was the only representative from the school board. Because neither the principal nor the P.E. instructors were able to attend, BAJA initiated the following:

Presented in writing, BAJA's requirements to run the winter league with the following assumptions:

Ten teams with 130 players, with each team playing 40 games using both the old (#1) and new (#2) softball fields at Sahuarita Park. BAJA proposed using the fields on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays.

Using the above proposal as a guide, the school's principal and P.E. instructors will attempt to adapt their lesson plans for the school year around our use of the softball fields, and if it can be accomplished without any conflicts, we will play the winter league and tournament as always.

Should the school find no way around a conflict in their scheduling and BAJA's, we may have to adopt a shift in our play. BAJA should know about any conflicts later in August, giving the

school officials, time to look at the proposal we submitted.

In the meantime BAJA will play on the new field (#2) as usual. Should there be enough for four teams we'll use old field too.

BAJA continues to meet with school personnel to avoid conflicts.

### **Hazardous Waste Collection**

Mark October 15 as the date of the next hazardous waste collection with BAJA volunteers.

Save the date to come help with one of BAJA's important civic volunteer activities.

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### SOUTH SAHUARITA PARK ROAD OPENS!



Softball players can rejoice as "The Burma Road" has been replaced. The brand new South Sahuarita Park Road has opened to the public, giving access to both the new high school and Sahuarita Park. Located just 1.3 miles from Old Nogales Highway, the new road will allow quicker, and smoother, access to the softball fields.

Please be careful driving during school hours.

No more dodging potholes and wandering cattle (at least on the road)!



## IVAN ALLISON

Ivan Allison, one of BAJA's beloved founders, has passed away. Ivan suffered a massive heart attack and passed away on July 31.

Ivan had been living at an assisted living facility here in Green Valley. According to his wife Barb, Ivan will be taken back to Michigan for family services. Preliminary indications are there will be a memorial for Ivan this coming winter. More information will be shared when it becomes available.

Needless to say, our hearts go out to Barb and all of Ivan's family. He was a great man!

For those wishing to send cards the address is 3713 Calle Rambles, Green Valley, AZ 85614.

The family is asking in lieu of flowers, you can make a tax deductible donation to the Field of Dreams. The check should be made payable to The Parklands Foundation, with memo notation in the lower left of the check "BAJA Project #137 in the name of Ivan Allison" and mail it to the following address:

Gregoria LP Tucker, Special Staff Assistant  
Pima County Natural Resources,  
Parks and Recreation  
3500 West River Road  
Tucson, AZ 85741

*Dave Hyslop*



*Ivan Allison throws out the first pitch for the 2011 Allison League.*

*Ivan Allison was one of the organizers of BAJA in the early 1990's and helped build it into today's energetic group. He helped establish a relationship with Pima County Parks, who operated Sabuarita Park in the early years, to give BAJA a place to play. Ivan helped start an over 70's traveling team to play in tournaments, and also played in Tucson. Ivan had been a BAJA Board Member and had managed several teams over the years.*

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## RICHIE WOODS

It is with regret that BAJA learned of the passing of Rich Woods. For those of you in the Green Valley area, you will recall we were informed of Rich having been diagnosed with liver cancer a few weeks back. Then we learned he was going to hospice, as the cancer had spread very aggressively.

I learned tonight that Rich passed away sometime yesterday (July 23). Rich was a rather private guy, and did not want any "fanfare," cards, or emails regarding his condition. There is to be no services.

I think I can speak for most everyone, when I say "Pinky's" going to be missed. He was a good guy!

*Dave Hyslop*



## ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This past month the Board of Directors made donations to six local groups from the 50/50 fund.

At each BAJA party there is a 50/50 raffle that awards half of the proceeds to the raffle winner, and the other half of the proceeds are kept in a fund for donations at the end of each year.

This years groups receiving donations include BAJA's Field of Dreams, Green Valley Food Bank, Amado Food Bank, Friends in Deed, Animal League, Performing Arts Center, and Casa de Esperanza.



*Norm Brooks, Dick Purdy and Bob Royes yuk it up at Twist & Shout, after softball.*

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**Contact Info**

If you have any comments or questions about the Newsletter please contact Bill O'Malley at [bomalley@msn.com](mailto:bomalley@msn.com).

Suggestions and ideas for articles are appreciated!



## WORK CONTINUES ON FIELD OF DREAMS

Chuck Catino reports that work is moving forward on the Field of Dreams. Caterpillar is onsite working to grade the site.

Volunteers will be needed again soon at the park site as Caterpillar is uncovering numerous pieces of metal and tires that need to be cleaned up.

So far 25 or 28 of BAJA's 250 members have made donations to the field of dreams. Hopefully this will increase near the end of the tax year.

**Matching Donation**

One of BAJA's members has challenged other members with a matching grant. The member has pledged to match donations by BAJA members up to \$10,000.

Current BAJA donations stand at about \$3,000 so much more needs to be raised to maximize the matching donation.

Donations should be payable to The Parklands Foundation, BAJA Project #137, and sent to:

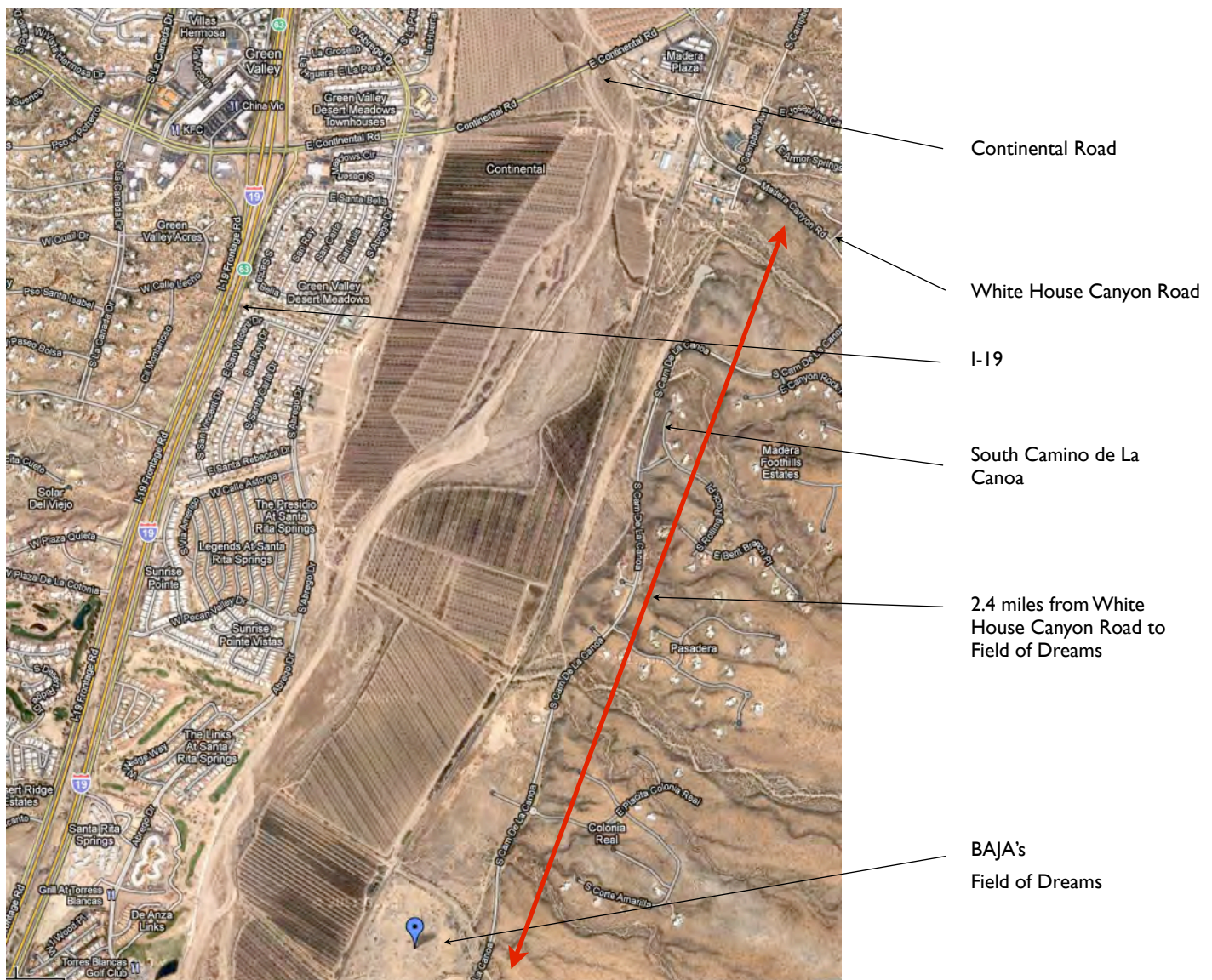
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## SOFTBALL STRONG ALL SUMMER LONG!

*John Brassell*

With the hot weather upon us we will continue with our 8:00 a.m. starts.

If we were to start our league play today we would be looking at two - five team leagues, with a possible sixth in the recreational league. Games would be played Monday, Wednesday and Fridays if we have a sixth team in Rec.

No decision will be made on rules, until a

committee can be formed and a review can be made. If you would like to be on a rules committee contact the commissioner. Several people have talked with me about this issue.

If we are to have a successful season we need managers. As you know, this more often than not falls on the year round people.

**VOLUNTEER!!!**

The commish.



*Line Up! Dave Hyslop & Craig Burgess count off the teams for the day.*



At the present time the softball fields are in great condition. Limited monsoon rains help keep them watered and the grass growing. Mowing by the school is hit and miss, so the grass at times is a little long. Most of our play has been on the new field to limit sun in the batters eyes. We are having a good turnout of players and enjoying our summer pickup games.

*Lu Smith*

## BAJA GOLFERS TEE IT UP TWICE EVERY WEEK



*Charlie Attwood lines up a putt under the watchful eye of Bob Pendleton as Larry Johnson tends the flag*

The summer heat doesn't keep the golfers away during the summer months. BAJA's golfers play two times a week, on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

The Tuesday golfers play at Haven with tee times between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. Play is casual without competition between players or foursomes.

BAJA Golfers travel on Thursdays to different courses each week. Some of the recent courses BAJA will be playing include Kino Springs, The Gallery at Dove Mountain, and the new Ritz Carlton course.







## SOCIAL CALENDAR

BAJA's first party of the season - ***We Survived the Summer Party*** - will be Saturday, October 8, See the flyer included with this Newsletter.

Jim Hill has also arranged BAJA's Night at the Gaslight Theater for February 26, 2012.

## Calendar

**October 8**

We Survived the Summer Party

**October 15**

Hazardous Waste Collection

**October 29**

White Elephant Parade

**November 1**

Deadline for softball dues

**November/Early December**

Softball Draft

**December 1**

Deadline for all other dues

**Mid-December**

Christmas Party

**January**

Softball season starts

**January 5**

Bowling starts

**February**

Miniature Golf

**February 26**

BAJA Night at the Theater

**Late March**

Bye-Bye Birdie Party

## CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Please send information on any other activities to [bomalley5@msn.com](mailto:bomalley5@msn.com).

**Softball**

Pick-Up games are played at Sahuarita Park on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday. Batting practice starts at 7:00 a.m. and games start at 8:00 a.m.

**BAJA Golfers**

The Golfers are currently playing on Tuesday mornings at Haven Golf Course. Contact Bob Malkovitch at 520 625 2488 for additional information. The traveling golfers play on Thursdays. Contact Jim Czech at [czecher2@msn.com](mailto:czecher2@msn.com).

## BAJA BOWLING LEAGUE

*Marilyn Rambo*

Bowling will start 6:00 p.m., Thursday, January 5, 2012 at Green Valley Lanes. We will bowl every Thursday night through March.

The cost is \$13 per person each week; \$11 alley fees and \$2 towards the prize fund.

Teams are 4 people; any combination of men and/or women.

The league is handicapped and handicap is established after the first night of bowling.

To sign up: get your team together and email the names to Marilyn Rambo at [jrambo0218@cox.net](mailto:jrambo0218@cox.net)



## Rules Quiz

## GOLF

The answer to the golf quiz in the last Newsletter? Eleven.

Former commish Norm Brooks submitted the only right answer, and even correctly explained the score:

One on drive into the desert

Two coming back to the tee

Three hitting second ball into the desert

Four using the "Desert Rule" which is not recognized by rules of golf but common here in GV.

Five into the bunker, followed by a free drop from the water in the bunker

Six out of the bunker into the hazard

Seven, a penalty stroke for taking ball out of the hazard

Eight into the bunker

Two stroke penalty for hitting the sand so now he is lying Ten

Eleven into the hole.

Eleven, final answer,

BAJA's



# We Survived the Summer Party!

Saturday, October 8, 2011, 5:00 to 8:30 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:

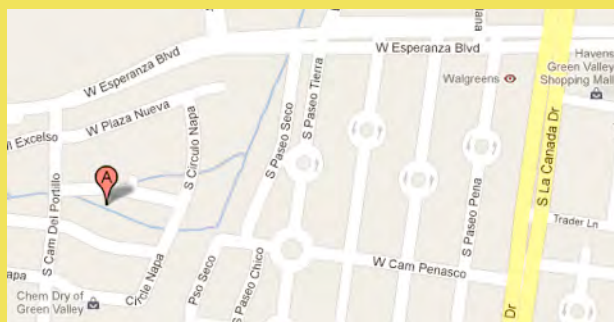
Your choice of Beef Brisket, Pulled Pork, Chicken Breast, or Portobello Mushroom Sandwich served with BBQ Beans, Cole Slaw, and Strawberry Cake Dessert

7:00 PM KARAOKE with B.A.J.A.'s own Al Rodriguez

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

### Please Note:

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



Only \$10.00 per person!

Door Prizes!

50/50 Raffle!



REMEMBER to bring a can of food for the FOOD BANK!

For questions contact: Andy Lynch 399 3132, Dorie Carroll 399 0648, or Steve Terrell 505 8047

Return this RSVP with a check by September 23

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

Name:

Circle Choice:

Beef Brisket

Pulled Pork

Chicken Breast

Portobello Mushroom

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(Born Again Jocks Association)  
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## Sunshine Committee

Doris Naughton maintains the BAJA 'Sunshine Committee' which sends out cards to members known to have health issues or have recently lost someone. Cards that have been sent out this past month have been:

Rich Wood	(Hospice & sympathy)
Dennis Dion	(Get Well - Hip surgery )

Why did the BAJA softball player put sneakers on his house?

Because he wanted to get a home run!

Please let Doris or any Board Member know of others that should receive a card from the Sunshine Committee.

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