



NEWSLETTER

BAJA Finalizes Contract with SUS D for 2012

BAJA was finally able to secure a signed agreement with SUS D to continue our softball program at Sahuarita Park through year end 2012. The negotiations with SUS D were tedious at times, full of twists and turns, with a certain amount of frustration.

We owe a BIG thanks to the following individuals for staying

the course throughout the negotiations: John Brassell, Craig Burgess, Chuck Catino, Dave Hyslop, Andy Lynch, Bill O'Malley and Lu Smith.

And a special thanks goes to Nanette Slusser at Pima County.

Andy Lynch

Save the Date!
Second Annual
We Survived the Summer Party!
October 13

Field of Dreams to be Ready for 2013 Season

Andy Lynch

August 22 was a good day for BAJA.

Chuck, Dave and I met with two contractors, the County project manager with two of his crew and the project architect at the new Field of Dreams site for a "pre-construction conference".

A couple of hours later, all hands had a game plan for site grading, installation of a 4" buried water pipe line, and some approaches to the irrigation plan for the grass outfields.

A talented crew has been assembled for this project. They have a sense of urgency AND experience in building ball fields. The local BAJA team is impressed and will be closely following the project's progress.

Later that evening, I went to the SUS D Board meeting. The reworked Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) was on last night's agenda. Nanette Slusser from Pima County was also present. SUS D superintendent, Manny Valenzuela, laid out the benefits of the new IGA for the school board:

- 1) The new IGA gives SUS D a 25 year lease on Sahuarita Park with an option to renew the lease for an additional 25 years.
- 2) The new IGA also gives SUS D total authority over scheduling the park's use. The school comes first and then the general public will have access.
- 3) The new IGA states that SUS D will provide a \$160,000.00 advanced lease payment to Pima County. Pima County will credit this amount to meet BAJA's fundraising goal for the Field of Dreams.

The motion unanimously passed without discussion.

So the stage has been set. With Pima County's recently approved matching grant of \$250,000.00, the new park is pedal to the metal. BAJA will need to continue in its fund raising. The half mil approved for the park is enough for basic services. Our fundraising will be needed for amenities, e.g. bleachers, etc.

BAJA BOWLING LEAGUE

LuAnn Meier



Hello Everyone,

Well we all ask ourselves, where has the summer gone, and now it is time to turn our thoughts to fall and winter activities to enjoy.

My name is Lu Meier and I will be coordinator for the BAJA Bowling League this year. A special thanks to Marilyn Rambo for all the years and time that she put into being secretary for the league and her husband, Jerry for helping also.

The league will start Thursday, January 3rd, at 6:00pm and it runs for ten weeks.

At this time , we have about ten teams made up of four bowlers each, but we are always looking for more bowlers to join us. Please think about joining us either as a full time bowler or we always need subs. If you would like to join the league, I can be contacted at (520) 399-0785 anytime after the middle of September.

We need to know exactly how many bowlers we have by the first of December as we have to let Tom at the bowling alley know how many lanes to set aside for us.

So come out and enjoy. It is a great time to try out your bowling skills and socialize and meet new people. Hope to see you all in January.

FROM THE COMMISH

BAJA softball will continue to play at Sahuarita Park until December 31, 2012 when league play will then move to the Field of Dreams.



At this writing there is the usual need for managers. I am anticipating we will have nine teams, four in the Allison League and five in the Recreation League. This is very early and with an influx on players things could change.

I am preparing a list of players for each league, based on the questionnaire that each softball player filled out at the end of the 2012 season. Your manager should have handed them out. If you did not receive a questionnaire or have changed your mind call or send me an email.

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BAJA BOARD TRANSITIONS

At it's last meeting, the BAJA Board of Directors appointed Andy Lynch as President, and Wally Towne as Vice President. The following officers were reappointed: Steve Terrell, Treasurer; Nick Charles, Membership Chair; Bill O'Malley, Secretary; Bob Hoyler, Field of Dreams Representative; and Jim Hill, Social Chair.

Calendar

October 13

We Survived the Summer Party

October 27

White Elephant Parade

February 19, 2013

Miniature Golf

February 24

BAJA Night at the Gaslight

LETS PARTY!

Our 2nd annual "We Survived the Summer" party will be held on Saturday, October 13th, at the Esperanza Estates Ramada.

We have secured BK's Outlaw BBQ to cater the event. BK's will provide a selection of smoked BBQ sandwiches, with two sides and a dessert.

Entertainment will be "The Music and Magic of Kuglio" a local entertainer.

Look for the party flyer to be sent out in September. Those of us who attended the party last year had a great time.

So make a note on your calendar for Saturday, October 13th. See you there!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Congratulations to all you folks who are Members of the best sporting club in Southern Arizona. BAJAs current membership consists of 225 folks with 190 spouses or significant others for a total membership of 415.

This breaks down to areas of participation as follows:

- 154 Softball players
- 113 Golfers
- 50 Bowlers

If you are wondering why these numbers total to considerably more than the 225 current members, it is because many of our members are multi-sport athletes. In addition we have several couples who only joined so they can participate in our 4 to 6 annual events.

Some of you folks have never been to one of our social events but they are really fun and a bargain as part of your membership dues are used to offset the costs. So if you have never attended,

please think about joining us this October for our We Survived the Summer BBQ.

Also, 92 of our current members are snowbirds with their time in Southern Arizona varying from 2 months to 9 months. 194 members have an e-mail address so if you are not reading this on an e-mail please send me your e-mail address (nickcharles@cox.net).

That's probably enough numbers for you non-math or statistics folks, so hopefully for those of you that are in the area I'll see you at the BBQ in October.

Nick Charles

Membership Chairman

BAJA ADS

Have something to sell? Need a new set of golf clubs? Place an ad in the Newsletter!

No commercial ads, but here's your chance to get rid of that old bat.

Submit your ad to Bill O'Malley bomalley5@me.com.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

The following Get Well cards have been sent:

Dorie Carroll (knee operation)
Barry McBride (Heart)

Till next month.....
Doris Naughton (the Sunshine Lady)

Support the Field of Dreams

The update on the Fields of Dreams has been covered in the article by Andy Lynch. Once again BAJA is fortunate to having another challenge donation from Bob Hoyler that needs to be matched by other BAJA members.

Now it's time for ALL members of BAJA to step up to the plate and give as much as they can to our softball fields in the new County Park.

The County has come through, now it's our turn.

We need funds for the next two fields, and maintenance equipment. 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.

Thanks much.

Chuck

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