

Catino League Headlines



The BAJA Recreational League opened the 2015 season with a new name. We are now known as the Catino League, in honor of the late Chuck Catino, whose efforts were so instrumental to the building of our fantastic ballpark and the continued growth and development of our organization. BAJA honors Chuck Catino this season with each team in both leagues proudly displaying the patch shown on the left on their team uniforms.

Monday, January 5

Morning Games – Animal Care Center of Green Valley & Jeff LeFave Investments



Bob Kirchberger, Fred Moultrie, Dave Erickson

The morning was sunny but chilly as Jeff LeFave Investments faced off against the Animal Care Center in the first of two double headers. In game one, the Investors got off to a good start thanks to the strong hitting of Bud Salsbury and Jack Naughton with triples by Jim Meredith and Alan Mitro plus an inside-the-park home run by Vic Albertini. In this abbreviated game, the Investors won 20-3. Game two was more of a contest. The Investors' Mark Hess and John Houghton were perfect from the plate and Fred Moultrie and Robert Ruble contributed key triples. The result was a 16-13 victory for Jeff LeFave Investments. Bob Hoyler went 5 for 6 and Paul Vitale hit 3 for 4 for Animal Care Center.

Afternoon Games – Insurance Center of Green Valley & Quail Creek Country Club

In the later games Quail Creek Country Club, the Insurance Center of Green Valley, and the afternoon sun fought it out in a 3-way battle. The Insurance Center took the first game handily 25-14. The second game was a battle but the Insurance Center again prevailed 17-14. Gary Mannesto and Tony Vincent led the way for Quail Creek with 6 hits each while Dave Thomas added 5. Despite reinjuring his ankle, Tony was still too fast to get out. For the Insurance Center, Gil Massey was a perfect 7 for 7 at the plate and Dwight Lakin was 6 for 7. Bob Lacoy's big bat and fast feet were 5 for 7 with a home run and a double. Despite battling the flu, Ron Severson hit 5 for 7 with a double. Defensively, Ron fought his fever and the brutal afternoon sun in left field to a draw. Later that evening Severson was declared the winner by TKO when the sun went down for the count and Ron was still standing. A spokesman for the sun could only comment, "You shoulda seen the other guy!"



Bob Lacoy

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Wednesday, January 7

Morning Games – Insurance Center of Green Valley & Twist and Shout



Dave Guckenberger

In the morning games, Twist and Shout tangled with Insurance Center of Green Valley. The Insurers prevailed in the first game 16-13 thanks in part to 3 double plays on defense. The second game was tied after regulation. In the extra stanza, the Insurance Center came up with a big inning. Twist and Shout rallied in their half of the inning but another double play by Norm Brooks and Dick Purdy preserved the 23-19 victory for the Insurance Center. DeWayne Schmidt was again tough on the mound and went 5 for 6 at the plate with a double. Bob Lacoy was also 5 for 6 and Norm Brooks hit 5 for 7 with two doubles for a good morning's work. In the second game Jean McElDowney was clutch hitting a perfect 4 for 4 for the Insurance Center. Twist and Shout was carried by Jerry Sutherland's 6 hits. Bob Epstein also had 3 hits in the second game.

Afternoon Games – Jeff LeFave Investments & Quail Creek Country Club

In the afternoon games, Jeff LeFave Investments met Quail Creek Country Club. In the first game the Investors had their hands full with Quail Creek. However the Investors managed to win 15-10 behind the perfect hitting of Dave Erickson and Jim Hill. Bob Kirchberger added an inside-the-park home run. The second game was a defensive struggle that required an extra inning to decide. This time Quail Creek came out on top 12-11. Bob Udell and Skip LaRoche powered the Birds on the day with 5 hits and 4 hits respectively. In the second game, perfect hitting by Gill Moss and Barbara Maxwell along with stellar defense by Vic Albertini weren't quite enough for Jeff LeFave's Investors to come out on top.



**Skip LaRoche (hitting), Barbara Maxwell (catching)
Gary Mannesto (observing)**

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Team	W	L	RF	RA	PCT	GB
Insurance Center of GV	4	0	81	60	1.000	-
LeFave Edward Jones	3	1	62	38	.750	1
Quail Creek Country Club	1	3	50	68	.250	3
Twist & Shout Diner	0	2	32	39	0.000	4
Animal Care Center of GV	0	2	16	36	0.000	4