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The time approaches for us to head off to Louisville for the Annual Convention. I hope many of you will be in attendance. Our committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning at 8 am. If you have any issues you would like brought up at this meeting please let me know before June 18th so that I can put it on the agenda.

I'd like to make another reminder to us that if we want to properly record the stories of former players we need to do so now and not wait. If you have the opportunity to meet and talk to any former players don't pass up the chance. That also reminds me that we still have a number of players that have not been found. If you do not have the list and would like a copy, please send me a note and a SASE with two stamps.

A final note for those looking for a research opportunity. To help our committee project we are trying to collect box scores of the 1943 inaugural season for all teams. If you can help with this project please let me know which paper you will examine or simply let me know of your interest and I will give you a list of the papers we need studied.

As most of you are probably aware Ila Borders has been in the news lately. If any of you have read articles about her and the St. Paul team please send me copies so we can place them in our archives. I know there were a number of articles written but I have only received two stories.

The next newsletter will come out in July with a full report from the Convention. Please get all materials to me by the first week in July.

*****Research Requests*****

The following requests are still needed:

The Diamond Angle's next issue will be devoted to Women in Baseball. Any one wishing to contribute to this issue or who played baseball themselves please contact James Floto at tdaflow@aloha.net or at The Diamond Angle PO Box 409 Kaunakakai, HI 96748. Also, issues of this magazine are normally \$4 but for committee members wishing to see a sample issue they will be available at \$3. Just mention you saw this announcement in the committee newsletter.

Mark Finch is looking for any information on Emma Black, a *Sporting Life* correspondent in the 1890s. Please send any information to me and I will pass it along.

JoAn Flower is still looking for information on the AGBL -the Arthur Murray girls. Please pass on to me or e-mail JoAn: JoAnFlower@aol.com.

I have more copies of the missing player list from the AAGPBL. If you have not received a copy and would like one please send a SASE and I will mail you a copy. They need our help in locating some of the former players. I will list any found players in our newsletter.

William McNeil is writing a book and wants to include a section on the AAGPBL. He is looking for players to interview, statistics and possible photos to use for publication. If you can help him out please get in touch with him at 5 Woodland Drive, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Anyone with any information related to vintage women's baseball teams please pass that on to me for an interested member. I know there are teams associated with the Ohio Historical Society. Are there others?

Any one with information about Madeline English, please send to Joe Bisognano using his e-mail address: jbisognano@horizons.com

A couple of requests have come in from people looking for information about women in the minor leagues. Any one with any information on this please send it to me and I will pass it along to those interested.

Anyone have any articles about the Silver Bullets playing in Taiwan? Please send to me.

*****Recent Books, articles, etc.....*****

The following list of materials has been compiled thanks to contributions from:
AAGPBL, Dick Clark, Harrington Crissey Jr, Diamond Angle, Internet resources, Larry Lester, Claudia Perry, David Pietrusza, Jerry Malloy, SABR-L, Silver Bullets, Thanks!
(**Denotes all items available for a SASE, 1 stamp per 4 pages)

** Obits on Carol Habben, former player in the AAGPBL

**Interview with Pepper Paire Davis in Spring 1997 *Diamond Angle*

Chicago Tribune article on 5/4/97 "Tryouts offered for Women's Baseball Team."

** "Woman Gets Tryout With St. Paul." *USA BB WEEKLY* May 7-13, 1997

** "Dottie Schroeder: The Star Shortstop was also the Prettiest Girl in the Whole League." *Sports Collectors Digest*, 25 April 1997

** "Women's baseball popularity Growing with Silver Bullets"

** "Silver Bullets Hopefuls report to camp."

- ** Ernie Trubiano, Assoc. Press, 28 April 1997 "Griffin, SC Hall of Fame Inductee, Remembers Women's Baseball."
- ** "Phil Niekro Speaks out on Upcoming Season"
- ** "Baseball Girls" *Chicago Tribune* 9 December 1883, 16.
- ** series of short articles from *Chicago Tribune* 1878, 1879 and 1880
- ** "A Game Between Girls" *Spirit of the times* 29 August 1868, 26.
- ** "Al Bumbry joins Silver Bullets Staff."
- ** "The Lady Played Second Base." about Toni Stone
- ** "Krik may Try Women's Pro League" *Baltimore Sun* 5/1/97
- ** "How Women Play Ball" *Chicago Tribune*, 18 May 1879, 7.
- ** "Coolidge, Grace and Baseball."
- ** "The Real Days When Women Went to Bat" *Christian Science Monitor* 16 June 1992.
- ** "All-women's Team plays Catch-up Baseball." *Christian Science Monitor* 26 August 1994.

*****Other Items of Interest*****

Silver Bullets Fan Club 1575 Sheridan Rd, NE, Atlanta GA 30324

Colorado Silver Bullets Collection Catalog 4715 Middle Creek Lane PO Box 51948
Knoxville, TN 37950

Uniquely Racine 6001 Leeward Lane Racine, WI 53402-- new catalogue includes new film by Lois Siegel and Canadian National Film Board as well as some new books and other merchandise

Connie Wisniewski was inducted into the Grand Rapids Hall of Fame on 10/28/96- anyone have any articles?

Liberty Belles Postcard from Vintage Images Box 228 Lorton, VA 22199

Web sites:.

New address for our committee website:

<http://www.well.com/user/hazen/WBBC/WBBC.html>

Story from the *Savannah Weekly Echo* August 26, 1883

Two ladies Nines played at Lake George recently. The Kaatskills and the Sheldons were guests of a local resort and each team won one game.

*****Final Comments*****

Baseball season is well underway and lots of new articles, films and books continue to appear. Keep your eyes open and remember to send me any items of interest to our committee.

Also, thinking ahead to next year's annual meeting in California. We want to have a player's panel involving women ball players. Anyone interested in helping organize this please let me know. This is not something that one or two people can do.

Leslie and Claudia

Silver Bullets Spring Training

May 16	7:05 pm	Bartley's Shooters
May 17	7:05 pm	Fort Myers Hooters
May 18	2:05 pm	South Florida Cubs
May 20	7:05 pm	Action Sports Indians
May 21	7:05 pm	Caloosahatchee Marlins
May 22	7:05 pm	Roy Hobbs Phillies

All games are at Fort Myers, Florida

This season the Bullets will play 15 of their 50 games at Albany, Georgia in Paul Eames Park, beginning May 27.