

## Women in Baseball Newsletter

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Welcome to the first issue of our newsletter under my chairmanship. My name is Leslie Heaphy and I am a Ph. D Candidate at the University of Toledo working on my degree in American History. My dissertation deals with the Negro Leagues which is how I became interested in women in baseball through Toni Stone and others like her. I am hoping this committee will become very active, using the current public interest in this subject to generate a lot of research and writing. To accomplish this goal I will need everyone's help. I am asking everyone to send me any information they run across related to women in baseball-articles, information about new books, reviews, events, research needs, etc... . This includes information related to the AAGPBL as well as all other aspects of women in baseball. We are not limiting ourselves to any one topic. A current member of this committee has volunteered to serve as my co-chair for the upcoming year. Please thank Claudia Perry of Houston, Texas for agreeing to help out with the work of this committee. We are looking forward to a busy and productive committee.

### \*\*\*SABR 23 Happenings\*\*\*

SABR 23 was held in San Diego at the end of June. Lots of great presentations were given, highlighted by the panels of former players, executives, umpires and managers. Barbara Gregorich and Jean Ardell both gave excellent presentations on women in baseball, as players and umpires. Our committee meeting was well attended and had lots of ideas flowing. It was great to see so much excitement. As a group we have decided to research the history and statistics of the Rockford Peaches. This will be a starting place to work toward the eventual history and statistics of the entire AAGPBL. Committee member Bert Nyman has agreed to help by researching the Rockford papers.

### \*\*\*Recent Books and Articles\*\*\*

The following list has been compiled with help from: Andy McCue, Dick Clark, Barbara Gregorich, Kathy Gardner, John Pardon, Tom Mullins, Jerry Malloy and Michio Takeuchi. Thanks to all of you for keeping us all informed.

\*\*Denotes all items available with a SASE (about 1 stamp-4 pages)  
Gregorich, Barbara. Women at Play. available in local bookstores.

Latest issue of Elysian Fields Quarterly is devoted to women and baseball. (Used to be the Minnesota Review).

Nowen, Eleanor. Diamonds are a Gal's Best Friend.

Macy, Sue. The Whole New Ball Game.

Kuwabara, Ietoshi. A book on Women's professional baseball in Japan after WWII published by Fujin-sha publishing co.. More information is available from committee member Michio Takeuchi.

Helmer, Diana. Belles of the Ball Park. Millbrook press, for ages 12 and up.

Browne, Lois. Girls of Summer.

\*\*"Playing Hardball's a down and dirty escape from real life." Carrie Muskat. Chicago Tribune, 6/27/93. (2 pp).

\*\*"Women get a chance to play a real game of baseball." John Hughes. Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel, 6/4/93. (2 pp).

\*\*"No League of Their Own." Richard Grey. (1p)

\*\*"Rockford, Ill., exhibit to honor AAGPBL, peaches." Ross Forman. Sports Collector's Digest, 7/16/93. (1 p).

\*\*"Midland Run fund raiser reunites 14 former players in AAGPBL." Sports Collector's Digest, 7/9/93. (1 p).

\*\*"The Belles of the Ball Game were a hit with their fans." Jack Fincher. Smithsonian, 7/89. (7 pp).

"Jackie and Junior vs. Margaret and the Bloomers." Barbara Gregorich. Blue Ridge County, 4/93.

"Women in Baseball: Indiana's Dynamic Heritage." Barbara Gregorich. Traces of Indiana, Sprg 1993.

"Blues, Bloomers, and Bobbies." Barbara Gregorich. PA Heritage, Sum. 1993.

"You can't play baseball in a skirt." Barbara Gregorich. Timeline, The Magazine of Ohio History, 6/93.

\*\*"Film Debut Puts Steele in League of her own." David Keeler. The Rocket Courier, 2/13/92. (1 p).

\*\*"Baseball scholars get in their cuts." Bob Minzesheimer. USA Today, 6/12/91. (1 p).

\*\*"Lovelton Woman to Appear in Hollywood Film." David Keeler. The Rocket Courier, 7/4/91. (1 p).

Kovach, John. Benders! Tales from South Bend Baseball Past. Greenstocking Press, 1991.

**\*\*\*Upcoming Events\*\*\***

Presentation by Barbara Gregorich at the Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame in Maumee, OH Saturday 8/21/93 at 5 pm. Contact Kathy Gardner for more information 419-893-9481. Topic: Northwest Ohio and Women in Baseball.

Presentation by Barbara Gregorich at Thackeray's Bookstore in Toledo, OH Sunday 8/22/93 at 2 pm. Topic "One Hundred Years of Fortitude: Women in Baseball."

August 4-8, 1993 South Bend Convention 50th Anniversary. A couple of hundred people are expected to attend.

Watch for further information about Rockford Museum honoring the AAGPBL players.

**\*\*\*Recent Events\*\*\***

6/19/93 Players from AAGPBL honored by California Angels.

6/28/93 Angel Booster Club Annual Meeting in Anaheim, 6-8 former AAGPBL players were expected to attend.

**\*\*\*Final Remarks\*\*\***

Enclosed is a form for all members to copy and use when sending me articles. This will help us keep an accurate record of available materials on women in baseball.

Now that everyone has read this first newsletter you should have a better idea of things I am looking for to include in future newsletters. Please send all information to me by the end of October for the next issue.



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WIBC Co-Chairs

Name of Submitter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title:

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Publisher:

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Title of Article:

Author:

Journal/Magazine/Newspaper:

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