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Summer has been and gone. Now we are waiting for another baseball season to arrive. While we wait we have opportunity to study, read and research the game. There is a lot happening and we hope to encourage more. One thing I would like to include in future issues of our newsletter is short player bios and book reviews. If you have something you would like to contribute please send it to Leslie Heaphy and it will be included in the next newsletter.

I asked for people's e-mail addresses last time and I got a few responses but not many. If you have an e-mail address that we could publish in the next newsletter please send it a long.

Claudia sent an update for the committee on our meeting in Scottsdale. About 10 members and friends attended the meeting and they got a special treat as Julie Barela, Amie Guerra, and Kara Osborne all attended. All three played for the Ladies Professional Baseball League and now play for the Arizona Quest, an amateur team. They asked for our help in spreading the word about women playing the game today and also our help in networking. Jean Ardell also presented a paper on Ila Borders on Sunday. There was discussion about our idea for a book on the top 25 women in baseball and no one seemed to think we should not pursue the idea. This is a project that could get our committee off and running.

I continue to receive periodic requests for help with research projects-mainly from school children working on papers. If you are willing to be a resource for these students to write to please let me know. Please continue to send me anything you see dealing with women and baseball. This is the only way it can be shared with others who are interested. Do not worry about

someone else sending it to me. I'd rather have three copies of an article than none. Keep up the good work.

Recent books, articles and other projects. The following list has been compiled thanks to the help of Jean Ardell, Dick Clark, Marc Fink, Jim Glennie, Jerry Malloy, Andy McCue, Patricia Palmer, Claudia Perry, Frank Phelps, Ron Repogle, Dave Stevens, Barry Swanton, Laura Wulf.

(**Denotes items available for a SASE, 1 stamp per 4 pages)

**Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame Newsletter, July 1998 (4pp.)

Neal Karlen, *Slouching Toward Fargo* includes a section on Ila Borders.

** "Dukes Trade Woman Pitcher Border to Madison"

** "Romatowski: A Polish-American Pioneer" *Detroit Free Press*, 6/10/99

** "Miss Harris's Baseball Nine" *NY Times* 5/18/1883

WWW.womenplayingbaseball.com

** National Association letter on signing women ball players in 1952.

** "Irene Ruhnke Sanvitis; played baseball in '40s" *Chicago Tribune* 7/16/99

** "Gloria Jean's Tryout Proves Pretty Failure"

** "Founder of Women's League Michael Ribant Pleads Guilty to Fraud." 9/22/99

** Obit on Evelyn "Tommy" Adams

** "Tommie Adams Funeral is Today" *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, 8/16/99

** "Erma D. Keyes; Educator, Athlete" *Phil. Inquirer*, 9/28/99.

** "Queens of swat: They Played Like Girls" *Minnesota Women's Press*

Mike Bass, *Marge Schott, Unleashed*, 1993

Research Requests

Alan Trost is looking for names of Jewish women ball players-send information to him at 12301 Morning Light Terrace, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Laura Wulf continues to work on a photo project involving women in baseball since 1994-send ideas to Laura at 15 armstrong St., jamaica Plain, MA or e-mail: Lwulf333@aol.com

Gai Berlage is looking for leads on women's baseball in the 1870s-90s, especially promoters such as Frank Myers etc. Send info or ideas to Gai at: 193 Rivergate Dr. Wilton, CT 06897

Justine Warren is looking for help in researching why women play baseball, the socialization process etc. Ideas can be sent to Justine at JWarren101@aol.com

Any info on Toni Stone can be sent to Leslie Heaphy and it will be passed on.

Committee Project update

Last newsletter and in Arizona a request was made for people's choices of the top 25 women to include in a publication. The following list is a compilation of the names I have received to date-additions, subtractions, comments-please send these to me so that choices and decisions can be made.

Kate Feeny
Linda Alvarado
Mindy Rich
Ila Borders (4)
Cordelia Candelaria Chavez
Dorothy Seymour (2)
Stephanie Leathers
Pam Postema (3)
Elinor Nauen
Janet Marie Smith
Barbara Gregorich
Effa Manley (2)
Marge Schott
Joan Whitney Payson
Toni Stone (2)
Connie Morgan (2)
Mamie Johnson (2)
Alta Weiss (2)

Lizzie Murphy (2)
Margaret Gisolo
Sophie Kurys
Connie Wisniewski (2)
Dottie Schroeder
Helen Callaghan (2)
Jean Faut (2)
Audrey Wagner
Willie Briggs
Dottie Kamenshek(2)
Maxine Kline
Lib Mahon
Bonnie Baker
Betty Foss
Pepper Paire
Jo Winter
Audrey Wagner
Faye Dancer (2)
Doris Sams
Lois florreich
Rose Gacioch
Helen Britton (2)
Babe Didrikson Zaharias
All the Colorado Silver Bullets
Helen Dauvray
Amanda Clement

The numbers in parantheses indicate how many people mentioned that name
Any other suggestions please send them by January.

St. Louis Black Bronchos Female Baseball Club is formed in 1910 by local promoter Conrad Knebler. The Indianapolis Freeman on 9/1/1910 reported the team was searching for opponents in areas such as Cairo, Paducah and other towns.

(Info. From BB Hall of fame Web site)

Snookie Doyle-b. Los Angeles, CA in 1924. Her baseball debut came in 1944 with Rockford. Snookie excelled at short and was a clutch hitter for the Peaches. Five times she was named to the All-Star Team and on three occasions led her team in RBIs with 58, 50 and 63. Her lifetime batting average was .228 with 667 hits in 2922 ABs.

The following is a list of e-mail addresses submitted since the last newsletter.

Jean Ardell: jardell909@aol.com

Dave Stevens: radicl4all@aol.com

Julie Barela: rainbow _xtreem@vahoo.com

Michelle Denton:

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Laura Purcell: laurapurcell@go.com

Justine Warren: jwarren101@aol.com

If others wish to be added please let me know that it is ok to list your e-mail address.

Please send all information for the next newsletter by the end of January.

Thanks.

Leslie and Claudia



National BB Hall of fame

Young Ladies baseball club 1890-91