

## SABR PICTORIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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### PROGRESS CONTINUES ON PLAYER IMAGE INDEX

Submissions of photo references for missing players are continuing to come into the Committee. We have now reached the point where fewer than 1,500 major leaguers are missing from the Player Image Index. A year ago, when our initial Missing Players List was assembled, there were over 3,000 missing major leaguers. Cutting that missing list in half is quite a tribute to all those of you who have contributed to this effort. Cutting our current Missing Players List in half again is going to be quite a challenge, but we will certainly continue to try.

### PARTICIPATION IN THE PLAYER IMAGE INDEX PROJECT STILL GROWING

In addition to those individuals mentioned in the January 2003 Committee Newsletter, the following individuals have contributed the finding of at least one photo image which has been catalogued into the Player Image Index: Lefty Blasco, Rick Harris, Ed Koller, Rod Nelson, Paul Sallee, Bob Schaefer, Tom Shieber, and Richard Ulrich. In addition, Jules Tygiel's post to SABR-L connected us with a great website of photos under the jurisdiction of the Library of Congress. More about that later in this Newsletter.

Another round of thanks go to Marc Okkonen, Pat Kelly, and Steve Gietschier, who have continued to contribute a bunch of photo references for this project. We welcome Richard Ulrich, who has a huge collection of ballplayer photos, and who appears ready to help us in a big way.

In mentioning contributors to this project, I try to keep track of everyone who has submitted at least one photo. If you have been inadvertently omitted from mention in this Newsletter, please let me know, since it is likely a mistake on my part.

### COMMITTEE MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED

The 2003 meeting of the Pictorial History Committee has tentatively been scheduled for 11 am on Thursday, July 10, at SABR 33 in Denver. This early notice is being given so that you can plan your schedule to be in Denver in time for the meeting. Hope to see many of you there.

### MORE FLEXIBILITY ON MISSING PLAYERS LIST

There is now an expanded version of the Missing Players List which includes the names of at most two major league teams with which the player appeared. There are few players on our list who appeared with more than two teams. The third and other teams do not appear in our data base because of space constraints. When the two-team limitation is invoked, the teams chosen are those with which the player appeared in the most games. So, for those of you who specialize in players connected with a particular major league team, I can sort the Missing Players List to just those players who appeared with that team. If you want such a trimmed list, please let me know.

Another field recently added to the Missing Players List file is State of Birth. If you want to concentrate on finding photos of players born in a particular US State (or foreign country), please let me know and I can provide you a list of such players.

Finally, for those who do not work with Excel spreadsheet files, Marc Okkonen has provided a compacted version of the Missing Players List. Marc's version results in many fewer pages of printouts, and makes it more feasible for me to mail out. So if you have been stymied in the past because the Missing Players List was too thick a document for me to mail out in large quantities, please try contacting me again and I'll send you Marc's compacted version.

## PHOTOS ON WEBSITES

I highly recommend the Library of Congress website. We have been finding some of our missing players there. The URL which gets you to the search function for this website is:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ammemhome.html>

In using the search function, I recommend that you type in the name of the player plus the word baseball. The reason for this suggestion is that the collection contains photos of people from all realms and occupations in society, and I assume that you won't be accessing the site for purposes of photos for non-baseball players. By the way, American Memory is the name of the firm which runs the website for the Library of Congress, but the photo collection remains under the Library of Congress control.

A particularly useful and comprehensive part of the website is the Chicago Daily News collection of photos. The main webpage for this sub-collection is at:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpcoop/ichihtml/cdnhome.html>

One benefit of the Daily News Collection is that each photo is accompanied by an Accession Number. If a player is represented by more than one photo in this collection, distinctions can be made by using the Accession Number. Therefore, in cataloguing photos from this collection into the Player Image Index, I have entered the Accession Number into our records. The Accession Number can be entered into the keyword search function of the above webpage and it will bring you right to the webpage containing the link to the desired photo.

Another useful website for photos is The Deadball Era, created and managed by Frank Russo. The photo part of his website can be accessed using the following URL:

<http://thedeadballera.crosswinds.net/cardsandphotos.html>

If you have a favorite website for baseball photos, please share it with us and it will be included in a future newsletter.

## COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

The SABR Board of Directors has made it official that I am now the Chair of this committee. Cary Smith is now our Vice Chair. Cary is our computer guru and is in charge of the maintenance and update of the central file containing the Player Image Index. He is hard at work doing editing of the file to insure consistency of the players' names when used multiple times for photos. Congratulations, Cary, for your appointment to the Vice Chair position.

## EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS REMINDER

Those wishing to send emails to me are reminded that my email address is:

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Please note that the email address is NOT spelled bdhickman@aol.com.

Emails sent to that address go to a different Hickman who may or may not let you know that such emails have gone to the wrong address.