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As the summer winds slowly toward a close we now have time to reflect on the National Convention held in June in Kansas City. As usual there were many events held to try to capture the various interests of the membership of SABR. Player panels and the Buck O'Neil Luncheon seemed to be highlights for many, as well as the research presentations given by members. Gai Berlage and I gave a presentation on Female Images in Baseball, comparing and contrasting the AAGPBL with the three women in the Negro Leagues. This was the only presentation dealing with women in baseball so a question was raised for everyone to think about-how can we raise the consciousness about women in baseball at the National convention? what kind of things can we as a committee do to capture this interest? If you have any thoughts, comments, suggestions please send them to me and a list will be published in our next newsletter. A report on our committee meeting can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Many have contributed to this newsletter-thanks! The success of our committee depends on the help of all of us in order to pass information along, help others with research and see that the public is kept informed. Please send along anything you see related to women and baseball. I would rather receive something many times rather than not at all.

*****Committee Report*****

Our committee meeting was held at 7:30 am on Friday and we had a pretty good turnout considering the early hour. Thanks to all who got up early to come. A number of good ideas were discussed after introductions were made. We got the opportunity to hear about research projects some of our members are working on and requests for help. Two main ideas seemed to come from this meeting: 1)work on statistics where they are incomplete or don't exist at all. This requires finding out exactly what statistics there are and how accurate they are and then beginning to fill in the gaps. This will require people sending me boxscores from newspapers where the various teams were located during the period 1943-54. If you have any boxscores or would like to scan the microfilm for a particular city please let me know so we can try to avoid duplication of the same work. 2)a player panel in San Mateo for 1998 because so many former players live in California. It was also suggested that we try for a smaller version next year in Louisville, possibly with players from Indiana area. If you have any suggestions for players we could invite or you would like to help work on this please let me know as soon as possible.

Another topic brought up at the meeting was letting the membership know about upcoming events that you might hear about. You can send the information to me to post in our newsletter and on our web site for more timely events.

Mardi Timm also attended our meeting. She is the owner of Uniquely Racine, a company selling various products related to women in baseball. To receive a catalog you can write to Uniquely Racine, 6001 Leeward Lane, Racine, WI 53402. There is some great stuff in

this catalog and Mardi has lots of ideas for more. If you have ideas or suggestions of things you'd like to see please pass them along for consideration.

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

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?

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

The following list of materials has been compiled thanks to contributions from:
AAGPBL, Dick Clark, JoAn Flower, Larry Gerlach, Michael Hazen, Internet resources, Larry Lester, Caroline Smith, Jerry Malloy, Ron Replogle, Silver Bullets, Thanks!
(**Denotes all items available for a SASE, 1 stamp per 4 pages)

- ** "Throwing like a Girl" *Atlantic Monthly* (Aug. 1996). 5 pp.
- ** "AAGPBL Star Jean Faut" *Ragtime Sports* (March 1996) 6pp.
- ** "Ex-Jayhawk plays for Silver Bullets" *Lawrence Journal World* (6/14/96)
- ** "Silver Bullets see Improvement" *KC Star* (6/16/96)
- ** "Silver Bullets play today before Royals" *KC Star* (6/15/96)
- ** "John Olson and His Barnstorming Baseball Teams" *Michigan History Magazine* (May/June 1995)
4 pp.
- ** "Jackie Mitchell and the Northern Lights" *Timeline* (May/June 1995) 5 pp.
- ** "Bullets Make History Again" *Baseball America* (6/24-7/7/96)
- ** "Borders waits out Amateur Draft" *Baseball America* (6/24-7/7/96)
- ** "A Sun with a Gun" *USA Today Baseball Weekly* (6/12-18/96)
- ** "A Conversation with April Beaty" *KC Star Magazine* (6/9/96)

- ** "Female Pitcher Eyes Pros" *USA Today Baseball Weekly* (4/24-30/96)
- ** "Bullet's Pitch is Girl's Inspiration" *USA Today Baseball Weekly* (6/26-7/2/96)
- ** "The Girls of Summer" *Chicago's News and Arts Weekly* (5/2-8/96) 4pp.
- ** "Female Pitcher Wins Exhibition" *Ann Arbor News* (6/5/96)
- ** "Silver Bullets Surviving and Improving" *Detroit Free Press* (5/9/96) 3k
- ** "Respond to Latest Schott Outrage" H-Net PCAACA from John Lawrence, 3 pp.
- "Sociocultural History of the Origin of Women's Baseball at the Eastern Women's Colleges During the Victorian Period" chapter in *Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and the American Culture*, 1989
- "Gendered Baselines" chapter in *Northern Sandlots*, 1996
- ** "Buzz win on night they lose GM" *Salt Lake Tribune* (6/2/96)
- "Playing a Man's Game: Women and Baseball in the U.S., 1866-1954" in *Baseball History 2*, Meckler Books.

*****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

Web sites: <http://www.tiac.net/users/sojourn/playball.html> (about a video called Baseball Girls)

<http://www.vivanet.com/~lahmans/bb-data/bbd-wb1.html> (information on books about women in baseball and especially the AAGPBL)

<http://www.penguin.com/usa/catalogs/titles/baseball/chapter4.html>
(pages from Total Baseball)

<http://members.aol.com/Dougteach5/Homepage5.htm> (has information on Dottie Green)

WNABA/Denver League (Colo. Women's BB Association) 6150 No. Federal Blvd.,
Denver, CO 80221--they have a newsletter

2nd set of AAGPBL Cards from Larry Fritsch Cards 735 Old Wausau Rd, PO Box 863,
Stevens Point, WI 54481 and also from Uniquely Racine.

*****Players Have Been Found*****

The following players have been located by the AAGPBL player's association

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| Mae Stack | Dorothy Damaschke | Mary Nelson |
| Kay Malach | Hazel Smith | Kate Herring |
| Joanne Ogden | Rita Keller | G. Hough |

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

As you can see there is lots happening and lots for you to take part in. Please do not hesitate to help where you can and remember to send me information whenever you come across it. If you have any ideas for other things you would like to see included in this newsletter please pass on any suggestions you have. What would you think of short sketches about different women players each newsletter?

Our next newsletter will be out in December so please have anything you wish to see included sent to me by the end of November.

Claudia and Leslie

Remaining Silver Bullets Schedule

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| August 10 | 7:05 pm | Bellingham, WA | Joe Martin Stadium | 360-671-6347 |
| Aug. 11 | 6:00 pm | Everett, WA | Everett Mem'l Stadium | 206-258-3673 |
| Aug. 16 | 7:00 pm | San Barnadino, CA | The Ranch | 909-888-9922 |
| Aug. 18 | 1:00 pm | San diego, CA | Univ. of SD | 619-721-2186 |
| Aug. 20 | 7:15 pm | Lancaster, CA | Lancaster Municipal Stadium | 805-726-5400 |
| Aug. 24 | 6:05 pm | Rancho Cucamonga, CA | The Epicenter | 909-246-6287 |
| Aug. 30 | 7:05 pm | High Desert, CA | Maverick Stadium | 619-246-6287 |
| Aug. 31 | 7:05 pm | Lake Elsinore, CA | The Diamond | 909-245-4487 |

Be sure to contact the stadium for ticket information-games subject to change.