

## Women in Baseball Committee Newsletter

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The Convention is over and the summer is fast approaching its final days. The Fall classic is almost upon us so the baseball world is heating up. There has been a great deal happening with Women and Baseball this summer, as many plans are laid for new teams and leagues in 1998. As we follow the current situation we do not want to ignore the past. There is still lots to be done to preserve the history of women in baseball.

At the Convention in Louisville we had a great time talking baseball and had a good turnout at our committee meeting where a number of ideas were talked about. One key was to have a women's panel at next year's meeting in San Mateo. Co-Chair Claudia Perry agreed to work on this endeavor and would welcome any assistance from other committee members. This is not something one person can do, but needs committee support. We also talked about trying to get a better handle on the resources that are available dealing with the stats for the AAGPBL-are they complete? are there gaps? If so, where are they and how can we help fill them? We'd like to work on a committee project to publish these and league standings, rosters, bibliography etc. There is a wide array of information at the Hall of Fame that is continually being added to and of course, the collection at Northern Indiana Historical Society. Also, the baseball cards by Larry Fritsch have some players stats and the AAGPBL Players Association has many of the stats.

A number of committee members have individual projects they are working on and continue to need help. Many of their research questions are contained below. We are also working with the umpires committee trying to pull together information on umpires in women's games. If you have any articles, box scores, etc that contain the name of umpires from games please send them in. If you are interested in helping with this project we need the names of the umpires, the date of the game, the place where the game was played and the teams involved. Please send all this information to me and it will be passed on. This can involve games presently and from the past. We are just beginning this project so almost anything is needed. Updates will be given each newsletter to let you know what is still needed.

Please keep sending in information, articles, research requests etc so that we can keep everyone informed. The next newsletter will be out in January so please send any information by the end of December.

\*\*\*\*\*Research Requests\*\*\*\*\*

The following requests have been made:

Dave Stevens is looking for information on the actress Helen Dauvray and the cup she donated for a World Series. Information can be sent to him at 5225 N. River's Edge, 410 Chicago, IL 60630.

Karen Cross is looking for information about a player named Jesse Roberts (her professional name) or Theresa Bridget Brennan (her real name) who played for the Chicago Bloomers between 1900 and 1906? Any help please send to me and I will pass it along to Karen.

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.

AAGPBL Players located:

Dorothy Damaschke, Rita Keller, Kay Malach, Rose Montalbano, Mary Nelson, Joanne Ogden, Mae Starck

The Chico Museum has a new exhibit called "From the Redhots to the Heat: 122 years of Chico Baseball." They are looking for information on a August 18, 1908 Chicago Bloomers team that visited Chico. Information can be sent to them at The Chico Museum, 141 Salem Str., Chico, CA 95928.

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? The Akron Blackstockings are interested in adding a women's team to their vintage men's team for 1998 and are looking for help. Information can be sent to Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens 714 North Portage Path Akron Oh 44303.

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

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, Diamond Angle, Marc Fink, Jessica Frank, Internet resources, Jonathan Heaphy, Fred Ivor-Campbell, Larry Lester, Andy McCue, Claudia Perry, David Pietrusza, Jerry Malloy, SABR-L, Silver Bullets, Thanks!  
 (\*\*Denotes all items available for a SASE, 1 stamp per 4 pages)

"Silver bullets to Hold Tryouts." Press-Telegram, 2/21/97

"Don't Line up Excuses, Silver Bullets simply Outplayed the Men's Team in all phases of the Game." Akron Beacon journal, 7/7/97

"Seeing the Silver Lineup." Akron Beacon Journal 7/17/97.

"Silver Bullets Closer to Reaching Target." Akron Beacon Journal 7/16/97

"This Men's Team Can't Win." Akron Beacon Journal 7/15/97

"Women's Baseball League Merges Bay Area Teams." Contra Costa Times 7/15/97

"Silver Bullets Earning their Stripes." Akron Beacon Journal 7/13/97

"Aces Aced out by Legends in Women's League Debut." Press-Telegram 7/13/97

"Silver Bullets fighting for Respect and Recognition." Aberdeen American News 7/6/97

"Silver Bullets Play at Canal Park." Akron Beacon Journal 6/27/97

"Cordele Native Display Love for Baseball." The Macon Telegraph 6/21/97

"It's Women Against Boys with a Bullet." Contra Costa Times 6/15/97

"Silver Bullets throw Fists in Base-Brawl." St. Paul Pioneer Press, 6/14/97

"Anything Men Can do, Silver Bullets Engage in Brawl." The State, 6/14/97

"Gals Can Fight Just Like Guys." Press-Telegram 6/14/97

"Silver Bullets Brawl." The Miami Herald 6/14/97

"Silver Bullets Clear Benches in Brawl with Teens." Lexington Herald-Leader 6/14/97

"Women's Baseball Team Brawls with Men." The Charlotte Observer, 6/14/97

"Silver Bullets Mix it up with Men." Sun Herald 6/14/97

\*\* "Ila Borders Strikes Out 2" AP Story

\*\*\*"Woman of the Week, Ila Borders." Denver Post 5/20/97

\*\*WTWB News issues for May and June 1997

\*\*\*"Toni Stone, 75, First Woman to Play big-League Baseball." NYT

\*\*\*"Believe it or Not, A Fledging Ladies Baseball League." Scripps Howard News Service

\*\* "Hall of Famer Takes Stand for Women Opening doors" 7/22/97

\*\* "A Woman's View." Sporting Life 3/5/1890

\*\* "The Girls in it" Sporting Life 3/12/1890

\*\* 2 short articles from the Chicago Tribune from 1890

\*\*\*"Base-Ball Girls" Chicago Tribune 12/9/1883

\*\* "Female Pitcher Eyes Pros." USA Today 6/6/96

\*\* "Borders Routine anything but dull" Star Tribune 6/10/97

\*\* "Breaking Borders."

\*\* "Toni Stone, A Baseball 'Tomboy' among Men, dies." 11/5/96 Pioneer Press

\*\* Articles on the first 11 games of the silver bullets this season

\*\* "Wow, Can She Throw that Ball." Cobblestone July 1985

\*\* "Arizona Standout to Join Silver Bullets in Spring Training." 4/22/97

\*\* "A Silver Lining for a base Brawl." TSP 6/16/97

\*\* "Borders Debut Quickly goes sour." Star Tribune

\*\* "There's No Place Like home-Yet." Inside Sports July 1997

\*\* "Silver Bullets Set final 1997 Roster." 5/27/97

\*\* "Woman Gets Tryout with St. Paul." USA Baseball Weekly 5/7-13/97

\*\* "Borders Pitches into History." BB America

\*\* "Bullets have season of Changes." BB America

\*\* "San Diego Man Starts Women's League in the West." BB America

\*\* "Let this Cup Pass."

\*\* "Women's Baseball Coming to Baxter." The Times Herald Record 7/23/97

\*\* "They were the Girls of Summer." St. Paul Pioneer Press 7/9/1988

\*\* 1997 Roster of the Silver Bullets

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

W. C. Madden's book *The Women of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League*, published by McFarland is now out in print. The book contains some wonderful pictures and stats on many of the players from the league. It looks like a great reference tool.

\*\*"A Curriculum Based on Courage, Commitment, Integrity. Sharon Robinson will be teaching the values of her father, Jackie Robinson, to audiences across North America." The Globe and Mail 7/29/97

Anyone with articles related to the Women's National Adult Baseball Assoc. in Orange County, CA?

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

Watch for news on the International Women's Baseball Federation with teams in US, Australia, Canada, Germany.

Subscriptions are available to Base Woman. Write to PO Box 2292, Glenview, IL 60025.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin has papers related to the Racine Belles.

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.

The Diamond Angle, PO Box 409 Kaunakakai, HI 96748. The most recent issue is about Women in Baseball including articles on Pepper Davis, Salty Ferguson, the Silver Bullets, Ila Borders and Wendy Selig-Prieb.

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

\*\* Article on Women's professional softball league

Web sites:

New address for our committee website:

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

From the *Chicago Times*, 4/14/1878 p.4

The Vassar College girls have organized a base-ball club; they are yet undecided what colors to wear and what ball to adopt."

\*\*\*\*\*Final Comments\*\*\*\*\*

Women and baseball are an important part of the National pastime. The attention paid to this history in the recent past and the increasing interest in playing the game are testaments to that fact. Please keep the committee and SABR informed by sending information along. Don't assume someone else has sent in something-just send it along.

**A final request:** Anyone who has a particular expertise and who would be willing to be a resource when I receive letters and calls please drop me a line indicating your willingness, your expertise and where you can be reached by others. Thanks!!!!!!!

Leslie and Claudia