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Committee Newsletter**

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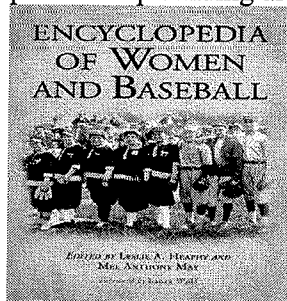
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A new baseball season is upon us and spring training is getting underway. An exciting time for all baseball fans as we can all hope that our team has a shot at winning. We can fantasize about a championship and great seasons from our favorites before the games get underway. This season promises to be another exciting one for women's baseball as they are gearing up and looking for new players. There are lots of teams out there looking for players. Check out www.baseballglory.com to find a team. Saint Mary's college started a women's baseball club this past fall for their students and female students at the University Of Notre Dame. Tryouts for the New England Division of the NAWBL start on April 30th and May 7th. Check out their website for more details and directions. Colorado is gearing up to start in May 2006. Please send me any and all articles, programs, citations etc that you find. It will be better for me to receive the information four times than not at all. You can either mail the materials to me or attach them as e-mails or even fax an article to me at 330-494-6121. Thanks in advance for your continued help in preserving the history of women in baseball.

Encyclopedia Update: McFarland has begun publicizing the book and it should be out this Spring. Lots of photos and articles plus an extensive bibliography are included. We hope it will generate lots of new research as we see all the things we know and all that is still missing. This is a starting point to continue to add to so please keep sending articles.



Date set for May 2006 publication

**2005 Women's World Series
October 2005**

Ocala Lightning beat the Colorado Diamonds 12-1

WBL Misfits beat the Toronto Angels 13-0 in the consolation game.

Quebec Blue Amazon beat the Aussie Hearts 9-1 in the Bronze medal game.

In the 14 and under division the Aussie Hearts beat the Continental Chaos and then they held an All-Star game as well.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2005 NWB HALL OF FAMERS

Joanne Winter, Pitcher, Racine Belles, 1943-1950

Laura Brennenman, Infielder, Virginia Flames, 2004-current;
Virginia Boxers, 2002-2003; and Team USA, 2002-current

Diane Sweeney, Fielder, Manager, BarnCats, MD, 1992-current

Cindy Fereno, Utility Player, Virginia Flames, 1992-2005

Recent books, articles, websites and other projects. Thanks to the following people for sending material.

Jean Ardell, Evelyn Begley, Dick Clark, Jim Glennie, Larry Lester,

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

** "Event Lauds Women." Talks about Mary Pratt
** Ad for South Bend Blue Sox and Fort Wayne Daisies Game in 1949

** "The Lady's a Catcher"—about Anna Kimbrell

*** Indianapolis Clowns List Two women on Roster"

*** "Connie Morgan at Shortstop for Clowns"

*** "Women Ball-Players Mobbed"—from 1893

*** "Woman to Take Over Ball club"—Mrs. Borchert of Milwaukee

** "Amateurs in Skirts on Baseball Field" from 1904

** "Girls Win Baseball Match"—from 1903



Research Requests

What are you looking for? What are you currently working on? Let us know and we can help one another as we are doing our research. A member is looking for any information anyone has on Connie Morgan, Toni Stone and Mamie Johnson—please send any ideas, suggestions to Leslie Heaphy to pass on. Another reader is looking for photos of pre-1940 women ball players—would like to use in an exhibit she is developing. Please contact Leslie Heaphy and she can make the connections.

If you have a topic you are researching let me know what it is and I can now check the bibliography I have for what articles, collections etc I am aware of on all kinds of subjects.

During the weekend of the Hall of Fame Game this year Cooperstown will be unveiling a new statue and honoring women's baseball. The game is played on May 15th between the Reds and Pirates. Check out the HOF Website for more details of this exciting event.

Ever get a chance to interview any women ball players? We need to be thinking about documenting the current game as women are playing so that we are not searching for the stories 30 years from now. What about taking pictures at a game and saving them? Evelyn Begely recently completed an interview with former AAGPBL Player Gloria Cordes for the Oral history committee and shared copies of that interview for our archives. It is a wonderful resource.

From Jack Raidy:

In case anyone is interested, the classic baseball board game, APBA, now offers an AAGPBL

team card set that includes six teams from the 1952 season, five from the 1954 season, and a 25-card set featuring all-time AAGPBL all-stars (stats are based on lifetime averages).

More information is available at the APBA Stadium Shop online, at <http://store.yahoo.com/apba/fancrcase.html>.

2006 Women's World Cup in the planning stages—Taiwan and Hong Kong may co-host this annual event

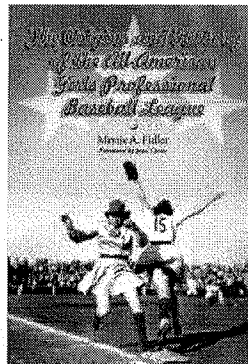
Again this summer the WBL Sparks will be playing in Cooperstown in July. These young ladies will be competing in the Cooperstown Dreams Park Tournament.

The Roy Hobbs First Pitch Tournament is being held in Las Vegas from 2/17-2/20. Anyone attending please send articles and pictures or just a report for the next newsletter.

The first ever WBL Girls Baseball Academy is being held this summer from 6/26-30/2006. It is for girls between the ages of 7 and 17. There will be day camp and residential opportunities. Please see www.girlsbaseballcamp.com for more details. Saint Mary's is the host for this event.

The California league has its 2006 schedule posted on their website at www.cwbl.net. Their opening game is set for March 5th after a few exhibition games and participation in the Roy Hobbs even in February.

Merrie Fidler has a new book coming out on The Origins and History of the All-American Girls Baseball League. The book is being published by McFarland. Keep an eye out for this new title and send me any reviews you find or do one yourself for a future newsletter.



Check out John Kovach's pictorial history of women's baseball, published by Arcadia. If you have not yet seen a copy I highly recommend it. There are some great pictures in this book, many that you will have never seen before. Anyone want to send me a review?



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Grand Rapids Bowling Hall of Fame just inducted former AAGPBL player Dolly Konwinski. Congratulations on this honor.

Check out Women's Baseball League for the up-to-date results of recent tournaments and upcoming games.

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At the recent National Foundation for Women Legislators eight former members of the AAGPBL attended and received the 2005 Leadership Award for all the ladies who played in the AAGPBL.

Please send correspondence, questions, suggestions, ideas to Leslie Heaphy for future newsletters. Our committee is only as active as you the members help to make it. Thanks for your help in keeping our list updated. Just a reminder that some of you have not paid your dues to SABR yet this year and should send that in if you also want to continue receiving other SABR publications.

Thanks,
Leslie and Claudia

