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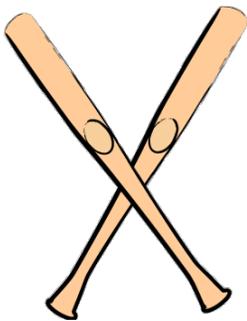
# Women in Baseball Newsletter

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So the 2016 baseball season is well underway!! For myself that means watching every day to see how my Mets do, hoping that they can return to the World Series in 2016. I am sure others of you do the same with your favorite teams, at whatever level they may be. It also means a new year with progress being made for women's baseball.

I hope many of you will be joining us in Miami this July for the Annual SABR meeting. Our committee meeting will be taking place on Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 followed by dinner for those who want to join us. Our dinners have become a tradition and a great way to keep the conversation going. If you have items for the agenda please let me know before the meeting. We are hoping to have a couple of special presentations during our meeting.

A new initiative started this spring was partnering with the International Women's Baseball Center for an art competition which we plan on making an annual event. Awards will be given to winners in three categories- Professional, amateur and youth. If you would like to make a donation toward the awards since SABR is hosting the awards please send your donation to SABR and indicate it is for the women's art competition.



If you are aware of events/programs or news related to women in baseball please share that news. If you attend any games please share photos and game accounts. We would love to share anything you provide with our readers. Just send any information to [lheaphy@kent.edu](mailto:lheaphy@kent.edu).

Leslie Heaphy, Committee Chair

## In the News

Sad news came at the beginning of this year with the death of Red Mahoney

<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Emily-Mahoney&lc=2091&pid=177423566&mid=6770375&cid=em.legacy.dm.2091.6770375>

Red attended our SABR meeting in Houston.

<http://sabr.org/latest/submit-your-entries-2016-women-diamond-art-competition>

Check out the Illinois Girls baseball site

<http://www.ilgirlsbaseball.org/#!/about/c1z79>

Check out Justine's TED Talk:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VEfVZ-Lz0UU>

Baseball Nationals in June 2016—read all the details here:

<http://www.baseballforall.com/#!/nationals/wkvot>

Emily Tsujikawa pitching for the Steelheads:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBWKYUB1bPw&feature=youtu.be>

Including women in America's National Pastime:

<http://www.dailytarheel.com/article/2016/03/opini-on-women-ought-be-included-in-americas-pastime>

Follow all the news at Twitter @womenbaseball1



Baseball for ladies beginning Jakarta with support for the Australian team:

<http://baseball.com.au/News/Latest-News/women-baseballers-spearhead-diplomacy-in-jakarta>

A brother/sister duo playing baseball:

<http://www.indystar.com/story/sports/high-school/2016/05/24/park-tudor-brother-sister-duo-arent-your-typical-pitcher-catcher-combo/84788144/>

Baseball for All Is now on Instagram as well:

<https://www.instagram.com/baseballforall/>

The official trailer for the new series called “Pitch”—

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0wLCGwYZ3g&feature=youtu.be>

Never too old to dream, 56 years old and playing:

<http://khqa.com/news/local/cavemen-sign-first-female-player-to-the-league>

Another baseball story:

<http://sayitforward.org/women-working-together/>

New podcasts about women and baseball—one example:

<http://womensbaseball.libsyn.com/e06-even-if-i-dont-know-your-name-i-support-you>

Three young ladies playing together:

<http://panicbutton.sportsblog.com/posts/15989241/girl-power-breaking-barriers-on-tc-baseball-team.html>

All-girls Little League team in Seattle:

<http://komonews.com/news/local/girls-baseball-team-in-west-seattle-turning-little-league-upside-down>

IWBC Ruth Hartman Memorial Girls Baseball Tournament, June 16-19

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1239109739439408/>

Learn about the Dolly Vardens, a professional women’s team in the 19<sup>th</sup> century

<http://blackthen.com/philadelphia-dolly-varpens-first-all-black-female-baseball-team-paid-to-play/>

A girl keeping up with the guys:

[http://www.sanbenitocountytoday.com/sports/baseball-a-girl-who-can-keep-up-with-the-guys/article\\_eb790f6a-124a-11e6-acfd-6b0169e455b2.html](http://www.sanbenitocountytoday.com/sports/baseball-a-girl-who-can-keep-up-with-the-guys/article_eb790f6a-124a-11e6-acfd-6b0169e455b2.html)

Addy Lawson playing second base:

[http://www.coopercrier.com/sports/lawson-making-program-history-for-milford/article\\_fd235995-f435-5497-a828-e87f6968ca5d.html](http://www.coopercrier.com/sports/lawson-making-program-history-for-milford/article_fd235995-f435-5497-a828-e87f6968ca5d.html)

Jenna Greenwalt playing varsity baseball:

<http://wjla.com/sports/content/high-school-sophomore-only-girl-in-area-to-play-varsity-baseball-with-boys-114152>

Pitcher Kensi Renneberg making history in Vancouver:

<http://wjla.com/sports/content/high-school-sophomore-only-girl-in-area-to-play-varsity-baseball-with-boys-114152>

Story about Victoria Brucker

<http://www.today.com/video/today/55909514>

Talking about female umpires:

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/sports/2015/05/02/baseball/hasnt-baseball-embraced-addition-female-umpires/#.VyJ0r85gtFJ>

Darwin Women’s Baseball Friendship series:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1575793446083494/>

Clint Hurdle on women playing baseball:

<http://www.nydailynews.com/sports/baseball/pirates-manager-clint-hurdle-thinks-woman-play-mlb-article-1.2605393>

Barbara Gregorich’s latest research:

<https://barbaragregorich.wordpress.com/2016/04/15/battery-operated-clem-and-edna-dreisewerd/>

1<sup>st</sup> female on the Blue Jays groundscrew:

<http://m.torontosun.com/2016/04/12/blue-jays-groundscrew-has-first-female>

IWBC building fundraiser:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/iwbcbuildingexhibitfund/fundraiser/camikidder1>

A story about professor Kat Williams and her research:

[http://www.herald-dispatch.com/features\\_entertainment/marshall-professor-s-baseball-experience-led-to-research-book/article\\_8119db2c-f4ff-5694-ae0d-8283e2a38c9d.html](http://www.herald-dispatch.com/features_entertainment/marshall-professor-s-baseball-experience-led-to-research-book/article_8119db2c-f4ff-5694-ae0d-8283e2a38c9d.html)

A “Team of their Own” documentary:

<http://www.gvsu.edu/wibdoc/>

Jessica Mendoza reporting on baseball:

<http://www.centralfloridafuture.com/story/opinion/2016/04/08/keep-gender-bias-major-league-baseball/82720510/>

Brainerd baseball coach Jane Camp:

<http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/sports/preps/story/2016/apr/08/lady-coach-camp-enhancing-brainerd-baseball-t/359288/>

**Women on the Diamond Art Competition**  
May 23, 2016 Deadline

Sponsored by International Women's Baseball Center  
And  
Women in Baseball Committee of Society for American Baseball  
Research



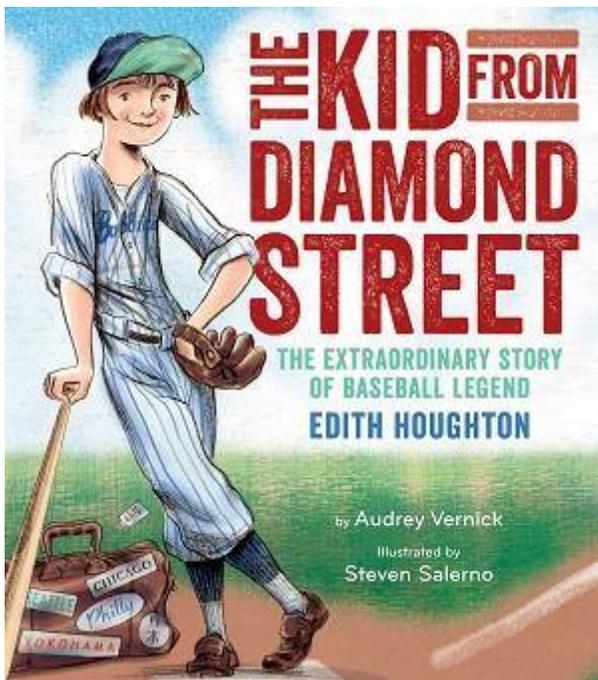
Two categories for entries: professional, amateur \$30 entry fee for up to three entries—one picture of each. Jpeg's sent by e-mail or on CD to Dr. Leslie Heaphy to coordinate.

{Lheaphy@kent.edu} (Categories in jpeg format). For sculptural works, multiple pictures in jpeg format may be entered. Otherwise, one jpeg image per entry allowed. Entries must be clearly titled and should not exceed 300 DPI. Maximum size for entries are 40" x 40" for 2D works, 60 linear inches for sculptural works. Work must not exceed a weight of 100 pounds. Traditional art mediums accepted. All entries must be "by the hand of the artist." No videos or other electronically produced work, please.

Winning entry in each category plus runner-up will have their art displayed during the Women's Baseball Conference in September at the Louisville Slugger Museum. The winning entry in the professional and amateur category will receive a \$200 prize. The Decision of the jurors is final. Photos of winning entries and



SABR sponsoring the first annual Women on the Diamond art competition with the IWBC.



A new book about Edith Houghton.

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Being told she cannot play at 8 years old:

<http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/sports/preps/story/2016/apr/08/lady-coach-camp-enhancing-brainerd-baseball-t/359288/>

More on female umpires:

<http://www.canadianbaseballnetwork.com/canadian-baseball-network-articles/2016/4/6/tubitt-kook-diamond-pioneers-with-masks>

Baseball Victoria to host girls/womens baseball academy:

<http://baseballvictoria.com.au/News-Events/Baseball-Victoria-Announces-Womens-and-Girls-Baseball-Academy>

Mary Pat Thomas playing high school baseball:

<http://usatodayhss.com/2016/girls-sports-month-floridas-mary-pat-thomas-among-few-girls-playing-high-school-baseball>

Olivia Bricker playing JV baseball:

<http://usatodayhss.com/2016/girls-sports-month-clermont-northeastern-ohio-freshman-living-baseball-dream>

Justine Siegal talking about women's baseball:

<http://usatodayhss.com/2016/girls-sports-month-baseball-for-all-founder-justin-siegal-on-starting-girls-leagues-growing-the-game>

SI asking will a woman ever break through?

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/sports/mlb/will-a-woman-ever-break-through-in-major-league-baseball/ar-BBqPBKC>

An article about female scouts:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/29/sports/baseball/a-harder-look-at-female-scouts-shows-more-in-the-job-than-thought.html?ref=sports&r=1>

check out the facebook page for the Great Lakes Lightning:

<https://www.facebook.com/greatlakeslightning/>



**SPORTS**  
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**QUEEN BUNTS SAFELY:** Queen of All-American Girls Baseball League batters in 1946, Dorothy Kamenshek lays down a perfect bunt. The Rockford Peaches first baseman is just one of the outstanding girl players in the major league of girls baseball and has been with the league since 1944. She is also a top fielding first baseman, the position she fills on the manager-picked All-Star team. Spartanburg area fans will have a chance to see Dotty tomorrow and Thursday nights at Duncan Park when the Peaches meet the Grand Rapids Chicks in benefit games for the YMCA Big Brother Camp fund.

Spartanburg, SC 1947 newspaper

A team from 1995:

[https://news.google.com/newspapers?id=MlvAAAAIAJ&sjid=k\\_wDAAAIAJ&pg=2471%2C6998840](https://news.google.com/newspapers?id=MlvAAAAIAJ&sjid=k_wDAAAIAJ&pg=2471%2C6998840)

Obituary on a former player:

<https://news.google.com/newspapers?id=5udRAAAIAJ&sjid=4XADAAAIAJ&pg=6681%2C5088752>

1945 women's baseball article

<https://news.google.com/newspapers?id=pTUdAAAIAJ&sjid=JSMEAAAIAJ&pg=4285%2C2234979>

A silver Bullets story from 1994:

[https://news.google.com/newspapers?id=Dw8tAAAIAJ&sjid=\\_awFAAAAIAJ&pg=3148%2C60999](https://news.google.com/newspapers?id=Dw8tAAAIAJ&sjid=_awFAAAAIAJ&pg=3148%2C60999)

More on Silver Bullets:

<https://news.google.com/newspapers?id=5twvAAAIAJ&sjid=dfwDAAAIAJ&pg=4224%2C2816385>

Lauding the return of women's baseball:

<https://news.google.com/newspapers?id=fi8OAAAIAJ&sjid=oX0DAAAIAJ&pg=4971%2C1695045>

War, women and sports:

<http://all-that-is-interesting.com/womens-baseball>

Pirates held a baseball clinic on 5/22:

[http://pittsburgh.pirates.mlb.com/pit/ticketing/pitch\\_for\\_hope.jsp](http://pittsburgh.pirates.mlb.com/pit/ticketing/pitch_for_hope.jsp)

Article about documentary film on AAGPBL:

<http://wmuk.org/post/documentary-remembers-first-professional-womens-baseball-league>



1919 Women ball players—from Wikimedia commons.

A few items related to the Boston Bloomer Girls



[http://teachers.oregon.k12.wi.us/oregon\\_history/boston.html](http://teachers.oregon.k12.wi.us/oregon_history/boston.html)

**COMING!**  
The Famous Original  
**Boston Bloomer Girls**  
**Sunday, July 29**  
Traveling in their Own Special Hotel Car

This is the only club of ladies that really put up a creditable exhibition of the national game. Don't fail to see them. They will play Tulsa at **LEAGUE PARK. Admission 25c**  
GAME CALLED AT 3:30 P. M.



Oklahoma, June 12, 1910

### ORIGINAL BOSTON BLOOMER GIRLS



The Boston Bloomer Girls have won 29 games out of the 33 played in Oklahoma and are matched against the Carsey Athletics for both morning and afternoon. The first game will be called at 10 o'clock and the second at 2. Carsey has drawn from the other City league teams to strengthen his aggregation.

# HURRAH FOR THE GIRLS

## BOSTON BLOOMERS

THE LADIES' CHAMPION  
BASEBALL CLUB  
OF THE WORLD.

Under the Management of W. P. NEEDHAM.

Traveling in their Own Special Police Car.



Omaha World-Herald:—Bloomers can play ball. The girls from Boston gave the Omaha nine plenty to do at University Park yesterday. They handled the ball as spheres like professionals, and won great applause. The game was out of the ordinary, and the Bloomers got up a surprise party. Miss Nelson, the veteran female pitcher, is a wonder; she reminded one in her delivery of Perry, the cricketer-king of the league, and she played ball. George Gorman played first like a professional, and Annie Jennings was a surprise; she dropped two baseballs, and made one think of McGraw. Score: Bloomers, 10; Omaha, 11.

Milwaukee Sentinel:—The Boston Bloomers defeated the Badger team yesterday by a score of 13 to 8. The Badger team is one of the best teams of the city. The ladies put up a much better game than was expected of them, covering their positions like yard ball-players. Miss Maud Nelson, the pitcher, was especially good. She was able to pitch with all the motion of the professionals, and she had speed and curves. The second-base woman was an especially good batter, and she hit the ball hard every time, driving it over the right fielder's head. The catcher and the first-base woman also did their position well. There were at least 2,500 people present, among them many women, and they enjoyed the game greatly.

Marquette (Mich.) Mining Journal:—The pitcher of the Bloomers Ball Club, Miss Maud Nelson, is a pitcher, but not in the box alone in worth the name of pitcher in the game. She handles herself like a professional pitcher, throws well, gives the catcher curve signs, and can stop or catch a ball with either hand. Her fine running was also a feature of the game, and she made a doublet hit in her time.

Field (Ill.) Daily Journal:—The Bloomers are the best of their kind. One of the most interesting features of the game was the way in which the girls handled the ball. They were completely accurate in their throwing, and they were equally accurate in their catching. The girls from Boston were the only ones who were able to hit the ball at all over the diamond. The girls in the box did not make a mistake, and the boys were unable to do it. The game resulted in a score of 13 to 8 in favor of the Bloomers. The girls from Boston were the only ones who were able to hit the ball at all over the diamond. The girls in the box did not make a mistake, and the boys were unable to do it. The game resulted in a score of 13 to 8 in favor of the Bloomers.

Scranton Times-Herald: for the girls! The Boston aggregation of lady baseball players played the Bloomers yesterday at the new baseball ground, and covered themselves with dust and glory, defeating the opponents by a score of 13 to 8. The girls from Boston were the only ones who were able to hit the ball at all over the diamond. The girls in the box did not make a mistake, and the boys were unable to do it. The game resulted in a score of 13 to 8 in favor of the Bloomers.

Charleston World:—The game of baseball at the grounds on Friday was not such a large affair as the one which took place on the same day. There was a very strong team in the Bloomers Club from Boston.

Richmond Times:—Last Saturday the whole was turned out to witness the game of ball between the Bloomers and the Boston Bloomers. The Bloomers had a very good game, and they were completely accurate in their throwing, and they were equally accurate in their catching. The girls from Boston were the only ones who were able to hit the ball at all over the diamond. The girls in the box did not make a mistake, and the boys were unable to do it. The game resulted in a score of 13 to 8 in favor of the Bloomers.

The Boston Belles, in Bloomers bright, will bat the ball clear out of sight AT THE BASEBALL GROUNDS Game Called at 3.00 P.M. Ladies Especially Invited.

TRACY, TUESDAY, OCT. 26 AT 2. PM

# PRETTY GIRL IS A CHAMPION PINCH-HITTER FOR BOY TEAM

SAN JOSE, April 10.—Winning a grammar school baseball pennant for her home team by a sensational pinch hit, Hazel Carter, pretty little ingenue of the diamond, has batted her way to fame as well as into the hearts of her admiring boy team-mates. Hazel now enjoys the distinction of being California's champion fair emergency hitter. Her only embarrassment as a result of that game was when her exuberant teammates wanted to hug her after she brought in the two winning runs. Miss Carter, scarcely out of her pinafores, broke through the natural prejudice of the young males by showing a batting and fielding form at vacant lot practice games that could no longer be ignored. All her militant girlhood went into that mighty swat, which sent the best curved ball of the opposing pitcher out of the lot on the great day of the championship. She had seen the twirler wink broadly and confidently at the bleacher fellows a moment before. Now she's the idol of the team. Instead of becoming "tom-boyish," as her parents feared by playing ball with the boys, Miss Hazel has exerted such a refining influence that the "fellows" have all given up their rough talk on the diamond. She stops grounders, bats, and gathers in flies with the natural grace of the born ball player. Incidentally she's proud to hail from the district that gave baseball Hal Chase, Harry Wolfer, Frank Arellanes and other stars of first magnitude. Hazel Carter, ingenue of baseball, with her trusty stick which carries an awful wallop.



Tacoma Times—April 10, 1914

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## Let's Play Ball

New Rules for the European Cup BSUK: A Uniquely British Institution Cubans Step Closer to MLB

### Other Information

From Matthew Temple:

As a kid, I loved to play baseball. So when I had kids (all daughters) and shared my baseball stories, they wanted to play baseball, too. Little did I know at that time that my daughters would always be the only girls on their teams, and often the only girls in their league. I would be taken down a rabbit hole wondering why girls so often don't play, and discovering the stories of those who do. As a filmmaker by trade, I'm now taking a camera down that rabbit hole.

This summer, women and girls from all over the United States will attend open tryouts for Team USA, in the hopes of making the team that will travel to South Korea to play in the Women's Baseball World Cup for a shot at the Gold Medal. Our documentary team will follow these women from tryouts to the World Cup, as they hope to

finally snatch the Gold from the perennial powerhouse, Japan. We will continue to meet girls and women who play, explore *their* world in baseball, learn their stories, hear their voices, and learn their perspectives. We will meet athletes that range from the highly competitive levels to the recreational levels, from youth baseball and high school to college. The players who persevered, the ones who decided not to push back against the status quo and move to softball (or another sport completely), and others who came to baseball *after* playing softball. There are also the rich stories of the parents and coaches and the boys who play with them, from the ones who welcome the girls to the ones that don't.

This is not a cause film— it's a human film, following the stories of the girls and women who play now, who want to play, and what they go through in order to play. First and foremost, this is a film about the women and girls who play baseball, but is also, in part, a reflection of our society and our cultural relationship to gender, gender expectations, women in sports and the freedom to pursue dreams, hopes, and one's own path regardless of gender.

If you have stories, we'd love to hear them. Pictures and video? We'd love to see them. Please like us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/girlsofsummerdoc](http://www.facebook.com/girlsofsummerdoc)) where you can join our mailing list, follow our story, view our videos as they role in and get in touch. We have put a video together here <https://youtu.be/VDe3EAXnfa8> And if you're so inclined, we invite you as well to join our crowd funding campaign [www.seedandspark.com/studio/girls-of-summer](http://www.seedandspark.com/studio/girls-of-summer).



### Colorado Silver Bullets Book

Just to give you an update the book is moving along slowly with a number of entries still needing authors. If you would like to help out in writing one or more entries please let me know. Or if you would like to be a fact checker for articles or help edit, let me know that too. We are still hoping to see the book come out sometime in 2017. Let others know that we are looking for authors.

Thanks

Leslie



Interesting old cabinet photo!!