



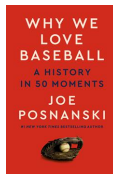
Rocky Mountain SABR Newsletter August, 2023



AUGUST IN-PERSON MONTHLY RMSABR LUNCHEON ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH, AT CHOPPER'S SPORTS GRILL AT 12:00PM MDT

**Date for next chapter meeting: Tuesday, August 15th (12:00pm to 1:30pm MDT)
Chopper's Sports Grill at 80 S. Madison Street (near S. Alameda and Colorado Blvd.)**

On Tuesday August 15th, we will have an in-person Rocky Mountain SABR gathering at Chopper's Sports Grill. The luncheon will begin at noon MDT and will go to about 1:30pm MDT. Chopper's is located at 80 S. Madison St., which is close to S. Alameda and Colorado Blvd. There is a plenty of free parking, both on the street in front of the restaurant as well as a parking lot behind the building. In addition to the latest baseball news, we will also discuss the upcoming RMSABR election cycle. **This is a great opportunity to discuss baseball with fellow baseball fans. Hope to see you there!**



SPECIAL AUGUST RMSABR VIRTUAL EVENT WITH JOE POSNANSKI ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH AT 6PM MDT

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a special virtual event the evening of Sunday August 27th, beginning at 6:00pm MDT.

Our special guest will be famous baseball writer and author Joe Posnanski. Joe Posnanski is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of six books, including The Baseball 100, Paterno, and The Secret of Golf, and has been named National Sportswriter of the Year by five different organizations. Joe will also be releasing a new book in September entitled "Why We Love Baseball: A History in 50 Moments" and here is the link from Penguin Random House Publishing that gives more detail about it:

[https:// www.penguinrandomhouse.co m/books/715577/why-we-love-baseball-by-joe-posnanski/](https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/715577/why-we-love-baseball-by-joe-posnanski/)

So save the date and we look forward to seeing you all there!



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SPECIAL AUGUST IN-PERSON SABR BASEBALL CARD MEETING ON MONDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 21ST, AT CHOPPER'S SPORTS GRILL AT 5:30PM MDT

**Date for next baseball card meeting: Monday, August 21st (5:30pm to 7:30pm MDT)
Chopper's Sports Grill at 80 S. Madison Street (near S. Alameda and Colorado Blvd.)**

The RMSABR baseball card group (with member Brian Warner) will meet again on Monday, August 21st at 5:30 pm MDT at Chopper's Sports Grill, located at 80 S. Madison Street. It's the same location that the monthly SABR meetings have been held.

We plan to have a recap of the SABR baseball card committee meeting at the National Convention a few weeks ago. We hope to have at least a couple people who attended the meeting available to talk about their experience. Here is a link (thanks to John Salvino) to an article describing the baseball card meeting including a link to an interview with our very own Dan Evans.

<https://sabrbaseballcards.blog/2023/07/11/sabr-51-highlights-and-a-frank-thomas-baseball-card-mystery-solved/>

We also plan to show off our favorite card or cards and the stories behind them. If you are comfortable enough to bring a few of your favorites along to the meeting please do so. Everyone will have an opportunity to show and talk about the significance of the card(s) to you or the collecting universe. If you have questions prior to this meeting, please contact Brian Werner at brianwerner281@gmail.com or [970-481-2927](tel:970-481-2927).



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CARD COLLECTING SHOW "THE CARD LIFE" WITH MATT STRAHM RECENTLY FEATURED IN DENVER.

For the baseball card collectors in our chapter, June's episode of "The Card Life", hosted by Phillies pitcher Matt Strahm, was shot in Denver and featured the National Ballpark Museum as its opening segment.

You can view the whole episode here on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rq_EZO5V-Q



SABR “BALLPARK FIGURES” WITH SHAKEIA TAYLOR

Date for next episode: September 2023, guest TBD

Join us each month for SABR’s Ballpark Figures, a new interview series hosted by Shakeia Taylor. The virtual Zoom event is free and open to all active SABR members. Not a SABR member yet? Visit [SABR.org/join](https://sabr.org/join) to sign up for a monthly or annual membership. Taylor is a Deputy Senior Content Editor at the Chicago Tribune and a Chicago-based baseball historian. Her work has appeared at SBNation, FanGraphs, Baseball Prospectus, MLB.com, Yahoo! Sports, and other outlets. She was a recipient of the 2021 SABR Analytics Conference Research Award for historical baseball analysis/commentary.



On August 3rd, Shakeia interviewed Jay Jaffe, a senior writer for [FanGraphs](https://fangraphs.com), author of [The Cooperstown Casebook](https://www.cooperstowncasebook.com) and creator of the [JAWS \(Jaffe WAR Score\) metric](https://www.jawsbaseball.com) for Hall of Fame analysis. He previously was a guest of the Rocky Mountain SABR chapter on a virtual meeting. He founded the Futility Infielder website, was a columnist for [Baseball Prospectus](https://baseballprospectus.com), a contributing writer for [Sports Illustrated](https://sportsillustrated.com), and a contributor to more than a dozen books including Baseball Prospectus’ Extra Innings. He has been a recurring guest on MLB Network, a member of the BBWAA since 2011, and a Hall of Fame voter since 2021. Follow him on Twitter [@jay_jaffe](https://twitter.com/jay_jaffe) and BlueSky [@jayjaffe.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/jayjaffe.bsky.social).

If you missed Shakeia’s interview with Jay, or any of her previous guests, check her interview archives on the SABR website: <https://sabr.org/ballpark-figures/archive>



SABR/IWBC WOMEN IN BASEBALL CONFERENCE

September 29th to October 1st, 2023 in Rockford, IL

There’s still time to sign up for our annual Women in Baseball Conference, co-sponsored by SABR and the International Women’s Baseball Center, and hosted by Rockford University. The 2023 conference will be a hybrid event, with panels and presentations on Zoom and a dinner banquet and golf outing in Rockford, Illinois. The theme is “Through the Lens of Baseball.”

For more info: <https://sabr.org/women-in-baseball-conference/>



SABR ANALYTICS CERTIFICATION

Whether you are a student or professional looking to set yourself apart as you break into the ultra-competitive baseball industry, or a broadcaster, coach, scout, or fan interested in gaining a better understanding of the present state and future of the game, the SABR Analytics Certification was created with you in mind.

The SABR Analytics Certification program is an online, on-demand curriculum offering professional development and learning opportunities for those interested in elevating their skills and knowledge relating to baseball analytics. The curriculum was developed by current baseball professionals, including employees of Major League Baseball and its clubs.

Click on a link to find more details on our first two courses available online:

[LEVEL ONE](#)

[LEVEL TWO](#)

Courses advance through progressively deeper dives into the world of baseball data and analytics, with virtual instruction provided by industry thought leaders and the opportunity to present your own analysis to be reviewed by esteemed professionals. Upon completion of each course, participants will earn certification recognition to illustrate their learned proficiencies.



JOIN US IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN SABR “MEMBERS ONLY” WEBSITE SECTION

We are very excited about the work Joe Adona has done in creating a new “Members Only” section to the Rocky Mountain SABR website: <https://www.rmsabr.org>.

The section is our own private social network – similar to Facebook or LinkedIn – but completely customized and private to our chapter. If you haven’t done so already, we encourage you to [create a profile, allowing](#) you to post comments or opinions, post photos and videos, share links, ask questions, even send private messages to another member or to a group of members.

The video linked below gives a detailed overview of the features in this section and how to use them as well as how to set up a profile and login.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPpQbZfU69c>



2023 RM SABR BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTION BEGINNING AUGUST 15TH

The nomination period for election of designated Officer and At-Large Board positions on the Rocky Mountain SABR Board of Directors will begin August 15th. This year, SABR members will vote for the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) At-Large Director Positions.

Further instructions will be provided on how to nominate individual members of RMSABR for the 2023 Officer and Board of Directors election from our Secretary and elections commissioner Alex Marks.

You will be able to submit one (1) individual for nomination to the respective Officer positions, and up to three (3) individuals for nomination for the At-Large Director positions. All nominated and elected officers and directors shall have been individual members of the Rocky Mountain Chapter continuously for one year prior to taking office and are in “good standing” with SABR, including the Rocky Mountain Chapter.



NEW ROCKY MOUNTAIN SABR INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

We are pleased to announce we have launched our new Rocky Mountain SABR Chapter Instagram page and followed several baseball and Colorado-related IG sites. [@RockyMtnSABR](https://www.instagram.com/RockyMtnSABR) is the IG follow. Please follow and share as a result.



NEW RM SABR LOGO NEEDED

Rocky Mountain SABR is looking to re-design the current logo. We would like to encourage interested members to provide ideas or support in developing the new design.



STUDENTS, APPLY FOR A FALL 2023 INTERNSHIP WITH SABR

The Society for American Baseball Research is seeking remote interns to work during the Fall 2023 semester. An internship with SABR will involve responsibilities across a variety of disciplines, possibly including:

- Working with the Director of Editorial Content or Publications Director to help publish and/or produce content for our website at SABR.org
- Working during an online SABR event
- Working with other SABR staff members on organizational duties, membership renewal drives, customer service

Interested candidates should be able to demonstrate basic office-related computer skills and have a reliable Internet connection for remote working. Experience with WordPress (or other content management systems) and Zoom (or other virtual-conference platforms) is a plus. A working knowledge of baseball — and an awareness of the game’s general history and basic statistics — is required.

The internship is an educational opportunity that may count toward college credit, covering 15-20 hours per week with a flexible schedule. The internship will be for a fixed period of time and is designed to provide the intern with skills and training that may be applicable to working in a nonprofit research environment or in other research-based organizations.

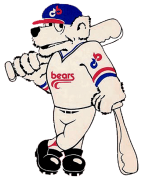
Please send a resume and cover letter in PDF form to jpomrenke@sabr.org by **5:00 p.m. MST Monday, August 28th, 2023.**



ASSISTANCE NEEDED FOR LOCAL BASEBALL MEMORIES PROGRAM

The Baseball Memories committee is a project helping those baseball fans in the early stages of dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease. The Rocky Mountain Chapter is looking forward with joining other chapters in this project, and is looking for some of our members to join us with some of our board members currently involved. If you’re interested in assisting us with this project, you can talk with Dan Evans, Greg Petty, Chris Moyer or Dave Mundo on how to get involved.

For more on the SABR Baseball Memories program: <https://sabrbaseballmemories.org/>.



TWO HISTORICAL LOOKS ON DENVER BASEBALL

In conjunction with the 30th anniversary of the Colorado Rockies this season, two different documentary features were shown in July, on AT&T Sportsnet Rocky Mountain, and on KTVD Channel 20 in Denver..

Two recent episodes of AT&T Sportsnet Rocky Mountain's "The Club" featured the long time history of Baseball in Denver, from the 19th century, to the Bears, to the Zephyrs, to the Colorado Rockies. Former Rocky Mountain SABR President Matthew Repplinger, along with historian Jay Sanford, founder of the National Baseball Museum Bruce Hellerstein, collector Marshall Fogel, Negro Leagues Baseball Museum president Bob Kendrick, former broadcaster Norm Jones, former Zephyrs GM Robert Howsam, Jr., and former Bears associate GM Bob Burris were all featured, talking about some of the events in the Mile High baseball history. Check out AT&T Sportsnet Rocky Mountain throughout the balance of the season for these encore airings of "The Club," to learn more about Denver's baseball minor league history.

Another recent documentary aired in Denver called "When Colorado Went Major League," produced by former 9News anchor/reporter Kyle Dyer and Julie Andrews. This documentary features about the transition from the minors and the majors, the behind-the-scenes on how financing for Coors Field was created, how Denver's organizing committee wooed the National League and the MLB owners, despite an ownership situation that had their share of issues. Dyer and Andrews talked with nearly 30 people for this documentary including Matthew Repplinger, along with former Colorado Governor Roy Romer, former Denver Mayors Frederico Peña and Wellington Webb, and current Senator John Hickenlooper.

If you wanted to see Dyer's documentary, it is now available on MLB's website:
<https://www.mlb.com/video/when-colorado-went-major-league>.

Dyer's documentary is also available on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O68utajCOWs>.



WILL IT BE TODD HELTON'S TURN IN COOPERSTOWN IN 2024?

Congratulations to Fred McGriff and Scott Rolen as the 2023 National Baseball Hall of Fame inductees, who were formally enshrined in Cooperstown on July 23rd. Will the Colorado Rockies get their second inductee with first baseman Todd Helton in 2024?

Helton, who finished 11 votes short from induction in 2023, will have a solid chance to enter the hallowed halls in Cooperstown in 2024 in his sixth year on the ballot. Helton is a .316 career hitter with 2,519 hits, 592 doubles, 369 homers, 1406 RBI, with a career .953 career OPS in 17 seasons with the Rockies.

Helton could be part of a solid 2024 Baseball Hall of Fame class, with Billy Wagner and Andruw Jones among the top returning candidates. First-year candidate Adrian Beltre should be a lock, with strong cases from Joe Mauer and Chase Utley. The Veterans Committee will have some strong candidates among the Modern Era Managers, Executives, or Umpires (Lou Piniella, Davey Johnson, and George Steinbrenner among potential candidates), .



SABR MINOR LEAGUE BOXSCORES PROJECT

The SABR Minor League Baseball committee is working on a major project, putting together a Minor League boxscores project and scoresheet database from every affiliated minor league and independent league between 1902 and 2004, before MLB took over control over the MILB boxscore database in 2005. The project to help collect historical data from boxscores to compile statistics from over 3,500 minor league seasons, many not in the Baseball Reference website database. This MILB database is planned to be an equivalent to retrosheet.org (for Major League Boxscores), and a way to uncover and find game-level data for all games, ensure currently published minor league totals are accurate, discover and identify players not currently in the player registers, and publish data in formats usable by researchers and analysts.

Chris Moyer is beginning to compile Western League Boxscores from the 1950's including the Colorado Springs Sky Sox, Denver Bears, and Pueblo Dodgers. You can contact him at CMoyer85@hotmail.com if you would like to assist with games in this region, or if you have boxscores to help with this project.

If you have completed transcripts, boxscore images and scorecard images to contribute to the project: Contact sabrminorleaguescoreheets@gmail.com. If you would like to volunteer assisting with other leagues, you can contact Chuck McGill at cmcgill.vt@gmail.com, or Matt Mitchell at statmattmitchell@gmail.com.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM RECENTLY CONCLUDED JERRY MALLOY NEGRO CONFERENCE IN DETROIT

SABR's annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference recently took place July 20th-23rd in Detroit. The conference was highlighted by a tribute to Turkey Stearnes with his daughters Rosilyn Stearnes-Brown and Joyce Stearnes; and a Negro Leagues and Civil Rights Panel with Lisa Alexander, Phil S. Dixon, David Goldberg, and Gary Gillette.

For a full recap on this year's conference, check it out on the SABR website: <https://sabr.org/malloy>



BALLPARKS, BOBBLEHEADS, AND BASEBALL TALK: ONE HECK OF A TRIP UP TO SABR 51 IN CHICAGO

Chris Moyer recently wrote a piece for the RMSABR website following a two-week baseball roadtrip, highlighted with the SABR51 National Convention in Chicago. Along the way, he traveled through the Midwest checking out minor league, independent, and College Wood Bat League ballparks, continuing his quest to check out as many ballparks as possible. Along the way, a stop to the National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum in Milwaukee was also in the mix.

Here's the story link on the RMSABR website: <https://www.rmsabr.org/ballparks-bobbleheads-and-baseball-talk-one-heck-of-a-trip/>



SABR LANDMARKS COMMITTEE UNVEILS NEW SABR BASEBALL GRAVES MAP

The SABR Landmarks Committee is thrilled to introduce the new **SABR Baseball Graves Map!**

Using data graciously provided by former SABR Director Fred Worth, the Baseball Graves Map contains burial locations of over 9,000 players, managers, owners, executives, and other significant figures from Major League Baseball, the Negro Leagues, the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, and more.

Worth has **spent nearly two decades** visiting baseball grave sites around the globe, beginning with a 2004 trip to Hall of Famer Travis Jackson's grave in Waldo, Arkansas, near his home. Worth has supplemented his own travel database with information on burials from the **SABR Biographical Research Committee**, Gary Ashwill of the **Seamheads Negro League Database**, **Retrosheet**, family members of players, and other sources.

His current tally is staggering (and continuing to grow): 9,459 graves in 4,186 cemeteries in 2,852 cities in 48 states, Washington, DC, and England (visited by proxy thanks to a friend who was there).

If you are familiar with the **SABR Baseball Map**, you will find the SABR Baseball Graves Map is similar in look and function. In the coming weeks, we will be announcing a Zoom session where Dr. Worth will join us for a demonstration of the new **SABR Baseball Graves Map**.

To find out more on the new SABR Baseball Graves Map:
<https://sabr.org/latest/sabr-landmarks-committee-unveils-new-baseball-grave-map/>