

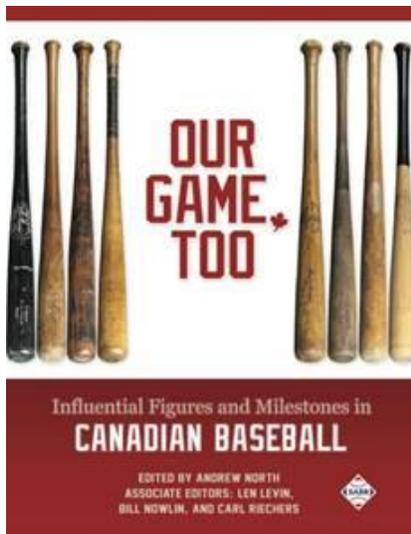


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HOT OFF THE PRESS

Our Game, Too: Influential Figures and Milestones in Canadian Baseball

Celebrating nearly 200 years of Canadian baseball, the book comprises 50 essays that highlight key players, executives, and promoters, as well as trends and events that shaped the game's development in Canada from the 1830s through the 1960s. Many stories are being told for the first time and most of the authors are members of our chapter.

Heartiest congratulations to Richard Armstrong, Warren Campbell, Stephen Dame, Bill Humber, Maxwell Kates, Martin Lacoste, David McDonald, David Matchett, Chip Martin, Andrew North, Riley Nowokowski, David Siegel, Paul Sinclair, Allen Tait, Dennis Thiessen, Christian Trudeau, Daniel Wyatt and (posthumously) Marty Healy, Jr., with appreciation for this singular contribution to Canadian baseball scholarship. And special thanks to chapter member [Sean Kane](#) for the fabulous artwork, which he contributed to the project free of charge.



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EDITORS' WELCOME

Elena North & Mike Anderson

We're calling this the Collectors' Issue because it features people who've amassed interesting collections over many years, often in obscurity. It could also be termed our Day Out issue because some of us have been on the move.

Jim Hostetler (Woodstock, ON) has devoted his retirement to the collection of what he calls 'tools of the trade' and donated many bats, gloves and masks to the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Lee Beam (Dorchester, ON) has spent more than half his life forging relationships with MLB players by pursuing their autographs and memorabilia, while Kelly Sage (Saskatoon, SK) is passionate about baseball cards.

Mike has come up with a lot of baseball wit and wisdom and some interesting trivia.

The newsletter survey, which we'd hoped to send out in May, has been delayed but is still in the works. We hope the same may be said for the Research Hot Corner announced in the last issue. A reminder: we are always looking for newsletter content.

Best wishes for a good summer and thank you for reading.



CHAPTER LEADER'S MESSAGE

PLANS FOR 2022

As previously discussed, SABR updated guidelines and materials available to support chapters in October 2021. To support consistency among chapters, the operating year has been confirmed as June 1 – May 31.

Currently the Planning Committee is working on updating our year plan, including the following highlights

- Quarterly chapter meetings, hybrid when feasible
- Launching virtual chat meetings monthly at a standard date and time
- The spring 2023 meeting will include an Annual General Meeting (AGM) segment complete with elections

Our plan includes expanding the use of our committee format. Requests for assistance will go out from time to time to encourage members to assist in areas of interest, as well as to develop a slate of candidates for the AGM elections.

As everyone knows we have a great core group of dedicated volunteers. It is important to encourage more members to volunteer and incorporate new ideas, while easing the load on the current volunteer group. Increased member participation and support is vital to keep the chapter operating effectively and continue that way going forward.

Thanks everyone and watch for additional programming as details are finalized.



CHAPTER NEWS

On April 2, the chapter held its first hybrid meeting at the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in St Marys. After a few technical hiccups, in-person and online attendees enjoyed Chip Martin's talk on his book *Barney Dreyfuss, Pittsburgh's Baseball Titan*.



For the second straight year, HP member Dennis Thiessen was selected to present at the annual SABR Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference, held this year in person April 29-30 at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Dennis also spoke about Tip O’Neill on the [19th Century Committee’s Speaker Series on March 9](#).

As many of you may have seen on social media, chapter member and Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame (CBHF) Director of Operations, Scott Crawford, travelled to Chicago for the unveiling of Fergie’s statue outside Wrigley Field. It was an opportunity to gladhand with people such as Ryan Dempster prior to the Hall of Fame’s Induction Day on June 18.



On May 29, several of us drove to Brantford for a SABR day out at the [Arnold Anderson Stadium](#). After a talk by chapter member, IBL historian, and fan extraordinaire Anne Chamberlain,

who arranged the junket for us, Allen threw out the 1st pitch.

It was a beautiful day for an inter-county game, although a tough loss for Anne's team, the Brantford Red Sox. This despite encouragement from Anne and her cow bell in the press box!





Allen and Sean Kane promoted SABR at the CBHFM's Induction Day on June 18. Sean designed and produced the poster pictured here, based on his cover art for *Our Game, Too*, and set up an impressive display of his exquisite creations. His work is available for purchase [online](#) and at the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame.





RECENT CHATS IN SOME QUARTERS OF THE CHAPTER HAVE RAISED THE ISSUE OF SABR'S PERCEIVED FOCUS ON STATS. WITH THIS IN MIND, WE'RE DUSTING OFF THIS STATEMENT BY HENRY CHADWICK

In time, the game will be brought down almost to a mathematical calculation of results from given causes; but, at present, it is merely in its experimental life, as it were.

Henry Chadwick, *The Game of Baseball, How to Learn It, How to Play It, and How to Teach It (1868)*

FEATURE ARTICLES

BAT MANUFACTURERS OF SOUTHERN ONTARIO: JIM HOSTETLER'S RETIREMENT HOBBY

Elena North

Jim has devoted his retirement to the collection of baseball and softball bats, balls, masks and gloves, with a particular focus on those made in Canada. Along the way, he's discovered a thriving cottage industry that once existed in southern Ontario and parts of Quebec. He's often felt that he's been toiling in the wilderness, so to speak, so we're fixing that with [this profile](#).

LEE BEAM, COLLECTOR EXTRAORDINAIRE

Elena North

Lee Beam will be recognizable to anyone who's attended the CBHFM's Induction Weekend Friday night banquet over the last few years. His impressive collection of baseball cards, autographs, jerseys, bats, balls, masks, posters and more needs to be shared! Meet Lee and some of his artifacts [here](#).



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Kelly Sage has the distinction of being one of only three SABR members resident in Saskatchewan. His great passion is collecting baseball cards.

Kelly joined SABR in 2017 and has completed the SABR Analytics Certification Level One. Naturally, he's a member of the Baseball Cards Research Committee. He tells us about his card-collecting journey and his SABR experiences [here](#).

COMMITTEE HOT CORNER

Allen Tait

For this issue, Hot Corner will highlight the Minor League Committee. While the area of interest is intuitive, it is important to note the committee is focused on historic minor leagues as well as the present day.

The recent book *Our Game Too*, with contributions from many of our members, has numerous chapters on minor league history. I encourage the authors, as well as members who enjoyed the book, to take a look at the Minor League Committee and consider enriching their SABR membership by joining it.

READING LIST

Elena North

The Chatham Coloured All-Stars have attracted a good deal of attention lately and are the subjects of a couple of new books.

On Account of Darkness by D. M. Fox is a novel based on the 1934 Ontario baseball season, when the All-Stars, playing in the Ontario Baseball Association's Intermediate B Provincial Playoffs, broke the colour barrier, more than ten years before Jackie Robinson made his MLB debut. The book is a clever amalgam of authentic press coverage and stats, with point of view narration by two veteran reporters, Mervyn Dickey of the Penetang Weekly Herald and Jack Causey of the



Barrie Examiner, as imagined by the author. The pace is good and it's an enjoyable read, obviously based on much research. It would have been improved, however, by better layout and an attentive copy editor. Available via [amazon.ca](https://www.amazon.ca).

Highly recommended is HP member Kevin Glew's article on Bob Emslie. It's a 'Long Read' on his [Cooperstowners in Canada website](https://www.cooperstownersinCanada.com).

This month's giveaway is a set of Chatham Coloured All-Stars trading cards and a Scott Chandler strip of Boomer Harding's winning home run in the final game of the provincial championship (A Story in 4 Panels). For a chance to win, send a message to either mikjoc.anderson@gmail.com or monklands@gmail.com. A winner will be chosen at random.

The winner of the Journal's spring giveaway was Maxwell Kates.

BASEBALL WIT AND WISDOM (especially for fans of a certain age)

Mike Anderson

The secret of managing is to keep the five guys who hate you away from the guys who are undecided. *Casey Stengel*

Reggie Jackson could make you want to repeal the Bill of Rights if he talked long enough about it. *Author Tom Boswell*

Don't throw just one knockdown pitch, throw two — because the second one makes the hitter know you meant the first. *Sal Maglie's advice to a young Don Drysdale*

I'm not sure what it means, but whenever the ball is not in play, somebody grabs his crotch. *Paula Bouton, ex-wife of pitcher/author Jim Bouton, after watching her first-ever baseball game*

Ted Williams on hitting is Lindberg on flying, Picasso on painting, and Little Richard on the Tutti-Frutti. *Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Ira Berkow*



When 73-year-old Casey Stengel was asked by a young reporter, “Mr. Stengel, what do people your age think of the modern player?”, Casey replied, “How the hell should I know, most people my age are dead at the present time.”

Baseball isn't statistics. Baseball is Joe DiMaggio rounding second. *Jimmy Cannon (1909-73), sports journalist*

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In the manner of myth, great baseball stories are handed down from generation to generation and form a bond between young and old...Ted Williams serves as a meeting ground, a starting point from which my father's generation can speak to my own. In turn, I can relate stories of Mike Schmidt and Tom Seaver to kids who will never see them play. In this way baseball resembles a giant ball of string. Its stories under- and overlap and break off and pick up in a different place and go round and round again. Each successive generation adds new threads to the ball.

In baseball, more so than in any other sport, the past is a living thing: it informs the present...and establishes the criteria for which future players will be judged.

A few years ago, Pete Hamill, the writer, was sitting in a New York bar with a friend. As it developed, their conversation turned to the subject of evil in the modern world. On a lark they decided to each make a list of the three people they considered to be the most evil of all time. Each man made his list separately, but both came up with the same three names:

1. Hitler
2. Stalin
3. Walter O'Malley

Brooklyn lives!

Kevin Nelson, The Greatest Stories Ever Told About Baseball (Perigree Books, 1986)



TIME MACHINE

At the very beginning of D.M. Fox's novel, there's a great story about Penetanguishene's Phil Marchildon. From the *Barrie Examiner* (*Ed. Note: efforts to date the story unsuccessful*):

A NOVEL RACE

Barrie Examiner staff

With Phil Marchildon, Penetang pitcher and rugby star, breaking into print quite often these days, it was recalled that last summer he was one of the participants in a race at Payette's horse racing track in Penetang.

It was to be man versus beast versus machine in a handicap race.

One of J.T. Payette's best horses was to race all the way around the track, a car driver was to race twice around, and Marchildon was to run halfway around the track.

Anyway, Marchildon came in first, beating both horse and car, although the handicap may or may not have been unfair, but Marchildon is an all-around athlete who counts speed of foot one of his many accomplishments.

TRIVIA with some Canadian content

Mike Anderson

1. Who were the four Canadians who played for both the Expos and the Blue Jays?
2. Of the 14 players who played for all three "old" NYC teams, one was born in Buffalo, NY and played semipro baseball in Welland, ON and two later went on to manage the Toronto Maple Leafs in the International League. Who were they?
3. Which MLB player had two hits for two different teams in two different cities on the same day?
4. Who was the only major leaguer to appear for the home team in five different New York City MLB ballparks?



5. Who played for the Brooklyn Dodgers, New York Rangers and New York Knicks in the same season?
6. Who was the 1st Canadian-born manager to win an MLB pennant?
7. Who was the 1st (and only) Canadian to win a Triple Crown in batting?
8. Who was the 1st Canadian to hit a home run in the Major Leagues?
9. Who was the 1st Canadian to pitch in a World Series?
10. Who was the only Canadian MLB pitcher to play on two World Series winners for two different teams?

Answers [here](#).

ABOUT US

The SABR Hanlan's Point Chapter has existed for some 40 years. Named after the park from which Babe Ruth launched his first professional home run in 1914, it was originally intended to serve the Greater Toronto Area; however, its membership spans a much wider geographical area running from Newfoundland to the Western Provinces.

Chapter activities are planned and coordinated by a 12-member Planning Committee.

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[THE CANADIAN BASEBALL HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM](#)

The Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum exists to preserve and promote Canada’s baseball tradition. Its extensive collection is housed in a recently modernized facility on a 32-acre site. It is also home to the Harry Simmons Memorial Library, a joint venture with the Centre for Canadian Baseball Research.

CBHFM is a stop on London Tourism’s [Southwestern Ontario Baseball Heritage Pass](#), together with historical Labatt Park in London and the Beachville District Museum.



[THE CENTRE FOR CANADIAN BASEBALL RESEARCH](#)

The Centre is a not-for-profit corporation established to encourage and facilitate research into baseball's historical development and to disseminate the results of this research. Its initiatives include maintenance and operation of the Research Library and an annual Canadian Baseball History Conference.

[THE FERGIE JENKINS FOUNDATION](#)

This association began in 1999, when chapter member Maxwell Kates worked in St. Catharines. Liaising with staff at the Foundation, the Hanlan's Point Chapter has organized several events featuring Baseball Hall of Famer Fergie Jenkins.

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We have not established a word limit for articles since the format allows us to publish an article précis with a link to a longer text.

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