

SABR Scouts' Committee Newsletter

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THE SABR CONVENTION

The last two pages of this newsletter are the needed registration forms and the schedule for the 2001 SABR Convention on July 11-15 at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Milwaukee (near the airport). Most of you are SABR members and have received the convention edition of the SABR newsletter, but, just in case, here's a second chance to get pre-registered and make your hotel reservations.

The scouts' committee meeting will be from 8-10 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, in the Track Three Room at the Four Points. We have a full two hours and many things to discuss. I have a feeling that we'll have other sessions in the lobby, the coffee shop, Clark's room, your room, and on the bus to and from the various games and meetings during the convention.

Clark plans to attend the ball games in both Chicago and Milwaukee as well as the American League centennial party - so come join in all three trips.

I'd appreciate hearing from you if you'll be on hand for the weekend. I'd hate to be a committee of one. Please fax me your intentions at 573-474-1449. Or, you can call and leave a message at 573-474-4510. I'll be gone most of the time prior to the convention, so messages left may be our means of communication.

TOM GREENWADE AWARD

Immediate past committee chairman Jim Kreuz established the Tom Greenwade Award for the person who came up with accreditations matching scout with major league player...the greatest number of accreditations, that is. Your current chairman has expanded things just a bit to include not only "who signed whom," but also lists of scouts and the organizations for which they worked thru recorded baseball history....and any other vital lists of value to our committee and the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

STEVE LAMAR

Is the 2001 Greenwade Award winner. He will be honored at the annual awards dinner on Saturday at the SABR Convention.

Steve recently submitted a list of 1,176 signings and we have over 100 pages of scouts' rosters from the 1980's and '90's which are a start on our all-time list of scouts who have worked as full-timers at the major league level throughout baseball history.

Steve sent a note with his five-pound package of data which read: "I'll be taking a break from this press guide project but, when my batteries are recharged, I'll probably return to it." He added: "In the unlikely event that I have provided the most signings, give the bat to the person who finishes second or give it to a kid who would like to have it and can use it." Good try, Steve, but it won't work. Here's why: First - there is a plate embedded in the bat, making it illegal to use in

every league except the Outback League in the Northern Territory so no kid this side of Darwin can use it. Second - the man who finished second will get his own award. Read the next paragraph.

THE ROLAND HEMOND AWARD

The naming of this award belongs to your current chairman. No major league executive - ever - has done more to promote the scouts than Roland Hemond. As an executive at California, Baltimore, Chicago, and Arizona, he has been the scouts' best friend and, as a member of the SABR Scouts' Committee, he has been very active in sorting out "who signed whom" from a position of knowing who really was involved in signing whom.

In the future, our committee will present an award to the major league executive who is most active in the archiving of the history of scouting to be known as The Roland Hemond Award.

ROLAND HEMOND

Is the first winner of the award which carries his name. He earned the distinction by finishing second to Steve LaMar regarding signings. He submitted several hundred and prompted a number of scouts with whom he had worked thru the years to submit their own lists.

He worked hard to win the award named for him. He also sets a high standard for those who follow.

Your chairman sends special congratulations to Roland for what he has done for SABR, but also as a dirt-scout who appreciates a man in the front office who understands the life of the guy on the road, driving the by-ways, taking a chance on green kids, laying the foundation for success at the major league level. Damned few of today's executives understand or care about the life of the scout. Thanks for being, Roland.

THE BAT

The bat won by Steve LaMar was the gift of Louisville Slugger and comes thru the work of Jim Kreuz. Thanks, Jim, for handling the award. Louisville sent two - so we have 2002 in hand, as well. The bat is a Babe Ruth model....which means it is too long and heavy for today's players. Imagine how many home runs The Babe would have hit with his huge war club if he had pumped andro, creatine, dhea, and other nameless chemical additives instead of cigars, beer, and hot dogs by the dozen. He might have hit 100 a year...but he'd have ~~missed~~ being Babe along the way.

SCOUTS OF THE YEAR

Each year at the annual winter baseball meetings, three scouts are honored as scouts of the year. Only guys still alive are eligible. The nominees must have 25 years of major league, full-time experience. The nominees are chosen along loose geographical lines and honored at dinner during the meetings.

The 2000 awards went to: George Bradley, White Sox - East
Emil Belich, Phillies - Midwest
Bobby Mattick, Blue Jays - West.

SCOUT OF THE YEAR (Cont.)

The various major league clubs nominate the scouts, who are then selected by their peers who must join the Scout of the Year Foundation to be eligible to vote.

The first year of the awards was 1984 and only one scout was chosen - the legendary Howie Haak. Since 1985, three have been honored. A list of the honorees follows:

PREVIOUS SCOUT OF THE YEAR WINNERSEAST COAST

1999 LaMar North, Baltimore Orioles
 1998 Charlie "Broadway" Wager, Boston Red Sox
 1997 John Stokoe, Baltimore Orioles
 1996 Hugh Alexander, Chicago Cubs
 1995 George Zuraw, Seattle Mariners
 1994 Steve Souchock, Detroit Tigers
 1993 Fred Shaffer, Atlanta Braves
 1992 Paul Snyder, Atlanta Braves
 1991 Elmer Gray, Pittsburgh Pirates
 1990 Leonard Merullo, Major League Scouting Bureau
 1989 Buddy Kerr, New York Mets
 1988 Rex Bowen, Cincinnati Reds
 1987 Joe Branzell, Texas Rangers
 1986 Ralph DiLullo, Major League Scouting Bureau
 1985 George Digby, Boston Red Sox

MIDWEST

1999 Red Gaskill, Anaheim Angels
 1998 John "Buck" O'Neill, Kansas City Royals
 1997 Fred McAllister, St. Louis Cardinals
 1996 Nick Kamzic, Anaheim Angels
 1995 Jim Hughes, Toronto Blue Jays
 1994 Lenny Yochim, Pittsburgh Pirates
 1993 Lonnie Joe Ford, Toronto Blue Jays
 1992 Chuck Koney, Boston Red Sox
 1991 Richie Klaus, San Francisco Giants
 1990 Dee Phillips, Detroit Tigers
 1989 Bill Capps, Chicago Cubs
 1988 Danny Doyle, Boston Red Sox
 1987 Dale McReynolds, Los Angeles Dodgers
 1986 Tony Lucadello, Philadelphia Phillies
 1985 Tony Robello, Cincinnati Reds

WEST

1999 Don Lindeberg, Tampa Bay Devil Rays
 1998 Bruce Andrew, Colorado Rockies
 1997 Ron King, Pittsburgh Pirates
 1996 Harry Minor, New York Mets
 1995 Spider Jorgensen, Chicago Cubs
 1994 Jerry Gardner, Atlanta Braves
 1993 Albert Kubski, Kansas City Royals
 1992 Eddie Bockman, Florida Marlins
 1991 Bill Wright, Atlanta Braves
 1990 Gene Handley, Chicago Cubs
 1989 Gene Thompson, San Francisco Giants
 1988 George Genovese, San Francisco Giants
 1987 Joe Stephenson, Boston Red Sox
 1986 Rosey Gilhousen, Kansas City Royals
 1985 Jesse Flores, Sr., Minnesota Twins
 1984 Howie Haak, Pittsburgh Pirates

THE FUTURE

Following the SABR Convention, we'll be back with you regarding some definite goals for 2002. One goal is current and needs help.

Ted Spencer has been charged with the establishment of a scouts' exhibit at the Hall of Fame Museum in Cooperstown. He recently sent out a request for help in locating actual reports, letters, notes, game cards, etc., which can be used in the exhibit in Cooperstown. Ted recently called to make sure our committee is aware of his project. I assured him we were. But that assurance didn't fill his files with much.

If any of you know long-time scouts who might be agreeable to loan some of their files to the Hall Museum, please contact Ted at Box 590, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

FINALLY

Sorry I've been a bit tardy in getting back to you, but the scouting business was hectic as we battled for players around the world and got our draft list in order in Canada and the Dakotas for the free-agent draft in early June.

In addition, in late February I took a week off to pull together all my research to do a book entitled "A 100-Year History of the Audubon Society of Missouri," which has been published by the Society as a part of its centennial celebration. I'm the historian for the Society. Which means I'm a bird-watcher. I've also been able to get out two issues of The Strength Journal, an international weightlifting publication I produce eight times annually.

Excuses done, I'll make the promise that we'll have a detailed newsletter for you again after the SABR Convention.

Now - listed below are the committee meeting assignments for the SABR get-together followed by the two pages of registration info.

See you in Milwaukee - I'll be in by mid-afternoon on Wednesday.

Peace!!!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS			
Thursday, July 12			
8:00-9:00	<u>Track One</u> Negro League	<u>Track Two</u> 19th Century	<u>Track Three</u> Scouts
9:00-10:00	Women in Baseball	Ballparks	Scouts
10:00-11:00	Umpires & Rules	Pictorial	Deadball
Friday, July 13			
7:30-8:30	<u>Track One</u> Latin America	<u>Track Two</u> Minor League	<u>Track Three</u> Internet
8:30-9:30	Business of Baseball	Minor League (to 9)	Internet
9:00-9:30	Oral History		
Sunday, July 15			
8:00-9:00	<u>Track One</u> Bibliography	<u>Track Two</u> Youth/Education	<u>Track Three</u> Retrosheet
9:00-10:00	Biographical Research	Baseball Records	Statistical
10:00-11:00	Baseball Songs/Poems		

SABR 31 (July 11-15, 2001) Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

Phone or e-mail: _____

Registration

	Before June 15	After June 15	
Registration, member/family	\$55	\$70	\$ _____
Registration, non-member	\$75	\$90	\$ _____

Names of others registered on this form: _____

Convention Events

Bus to American League Commemoration (Thursday, 5pm)	\$4	\$ _____
Bus to Wrigley Field (Friday, 11am)	\$14	\$ _____
Tickets to White Sox - Cubs Game, Wrigley Field (Friday, 2:20pm)	\$18	\$ _____
Awards Luncheon with Bud Selig (Saturday, 12 noon - 3pm)	\$22	\$ _____
Chicken or Fish		
Special Dietary Needs, please specify: _____		
Bus to Twins vs. Brewers, (Saturday, 4:30pm)	\$6	\$ _____
Tickets to Twins vs. Brewers, Miller Park (Saturday, 6:05pm)	\$9	\$ _____

Please Tell Us

Will SABR 31 be your first SABR Convention? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Method of Transportation to SABR 31 ☐ Air ☐ Car ☐ Other Airline: _____

If Car, are you car or van-pooling? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Renting a Car? ☐ Yes ☐ No Rental Car Company: _____

Are you planning to stay in the area before or after the convention? ☐ Yes ☐ No About how long: _____

Payment Information

☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover Card In the amount of: \$ _____

Card # _____ Expiry Date _____

Signature _____

Mail to: SABR 31, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115

Need A Roommate?

Fill out the form below completely and mail to the SABR office with a SASE, so it arrives no later than May 31. We will send you copies of this form from everyone who sent in this form for you to contact.

SABR cannot guarantee anyone a roommate and is not responsible for any problems you may encounter.

Please check: ☐ I have a room that I am willing to share
☐ I have no room, but would like to share with someone who does.


Name: _____

Address _____

Preferred Phone/E-mail/Time _____

You can also check SABR Forums <<http://www.sabr.org/cgi-bin/dcforum/dcboard.cgi>> and click through SABR Organization to "Convention Link-up."

Three Easy Ways to Register

 Mail to: SABR31
812 Huron Rd E #719
Cleveland OH 44115



Call us between 9am and 4:30pm (Eastern) at 216-575-0500. Visa, Master or Discover Cards only.



Fax us at 216-575-0502, 24 hours a day. Visa, Master or Discover Cards only.

Additional Information and Instructions

1.) Complete the form to the left. Make checks payable to: "SABR" and mail to SABR 31, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115. Photocopies are acceptable.

2.) Registration must be postmarked by June 15, 2001, to receive the early registration discount.

Registration Includes: SABR 31 Convention packet (program, convention publication & other "goodies"), access to panels, trivia contests, committee meetings, and research presentations.

3.) To ensure a confirmation, you MUST send us a SASE.

4.) Cancellations & Refunds: A full refund is available if cancellation is received by June 20, 2000; 50% if received between June 21 and June 27. No refunds will be given if cancellation is made after June 27. To cancel registration, call SABR at 216-575-0500.

5.) On-Site registration will be offered July 11-14th at the "after June 15 rate."

Reserve Your Room Today

To make hotel reservations, call 1-800-558-3862 and mention that you are attending the Society for American baseball Research convention. The SABR convention rate of \$99/night includes tax. Parking is free.

If you will be staying at the Four Points by Sheraton Milwaukee Airport before July 12 or beyond July 14, and you are asked to hold or press 1 for quicker service, do not press 1. That will connect you to the Sheraton central system, and they cannot approve the SABR rate beyond the actual convention dates. Continue to hold until you can speak to someone at the hotel. The \$99 tax inclusive rate is applicable for three days before and after the convention dates.

The hotel is conveniently located. A free shuttle service is provided from the airport, and there are many inexpensive dining options within walking distance of the hotel.

Four Points by Sheraton Milwaukee Airport

4747 South Howell Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207

Tel: (414) 481-8000

Fax: (414) 481-8065

DIRECTIONS to the Convention:

Driving

From **south** of Milwaukee: Take I-43 north eight miles from county line to Layton Avenue exit, EAST; drive 1.2 miles east to Howell Avenue; right, one block to Four Points Sheraton Hotel on your right.

From **west** of Milwaukee: Take I-94 east to I-894 south by-pass (posted for airport) and follow signs for airport; exit at Layton Avenue, east; take Layton 1.7 miles east to Howell Avenue; right, one block to Four Points Sheraton Hotel on your right.

From **north** of Milwaukee: Take I-43 south to Howard Avenue exit, then east three blocks to Howell Avenue; turn right (south) at Howell, drive south one mile, one block south of Layton, Four Points Sheraton Hotel is on the right.

Flying to General Mitchell Airport:

The hotel has a free, on-demand courtesy bus. Use free courtesy phone in the baggage area. They will pick you up. The hotel is less than a mile from the terminal.

Schedule Subject to Change

☐ = Included with Registration

☒ = SABR 31 Events at Additional Cost

	Wednesday, July 11	Thursday, July 12	Friday, July 13	Saturday, July 14	Sunday, July 15	
7:00 AM					Religious Services	7:00 AM
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