

# SABR Scouts' Comm. Newsletter

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## SABR 32

Things are rounding into shape for the 32nd SABR Convention on June 26-30 at the Park Plaza Hotel in Downtown Boston. The date and time of the Scouts' Committee meeting has not been finalized as yet but we have asked for two hours on the first day of the convention - Thursday morning. As soon as we have the final details, we'll get to you with those arrangements. In the meantime - call for your reservations at 1-800-225-2008 and identify yourself as a part of the SABR convention to get the guaranteed rate of \$99.00 plus tax - around \$111.00 total.

## ROLAND HEMOND AWARD

The recipient of the 2002 Hemond Award which goes to the major league executive who has made important contributions to both scouting and to the research into the history of scouting in the game will be Robert Howsam, the former president of the Cincinnati Reds who built his club into the Big Red Machine through reliance upon his veteran scouting staff. Mr. Howsam, a disciple of Branch Rickey, is currently retired from baseball, but will making the trip from his Arizona home to Boston to receive his award from Roland Hemond.

In addition, Mr. Howsam will be joining the scouts' panel on Friday morning and will give those in attendance the views of a long-time club president who built world champions at both St. Louis and Cincinnati on a foundation of solid scouting.

## SCOUTS' PANEL

Mr. Howsam will be joined on the scouts' panel by Paul Snyder, who spent 40 years with the Milwaukee/Atlanta Braves as a player, manager, scouting director, and special assistant to the general manager. Paul will explain scouting from the position of a man in charge of the daily scouting programs.

Also on the program will be Tom Moore, the assistant scouting director for the Red Sox, who will address many of the new procedures in scouting such as computerization, filming, videos, etc.. At least one other scout will join the panel and the possibility of an octagenerian sitting is remains possible. Your chairman will moderate for the panel and add the international flavor....and area which has become so important in the past 10 years. We'll have the final lineup for you in the next newsletter.

## TOM GREENWADE AWARD

This award, which goes annually to the person who identifies the most "who signed whoms" during the last year, will be decided after May 15. You have until May 15 to submit or up-date your lists. We'll announce the winner prior to the convention. Send your data to both Bill Clark and Rod Nelson. Directions later in the newsletter.

ROLAND HEMOND

Like Ol' Man River, he just keeps rolling' along.

First - at the annual baseball meetings last December, Roland was named "The King of Baseball." He said he wore the cape and crown even after he returned home. He was very proud - and he should have been.

Second - Roland has continued to inundate the Baseball Museum at Cooperstown with reports from all over the country. He collected reports from the late Leo Labossiere of Rhode Island (215 of them) and from Uncle Hughie Alexander of Oklahoma. Unfortunately, reports from the musty past written by both men have not been located and most are presumed lost.

Former Angel scouting director Bob Fontaine now works with Roland at Chicago (W/Sox) and he, too, has joined the parade. He's dug out reports from a number of scouts (including the late Nick Kamzic) from a dusty storeroom in Tucson...dating back to Denny McClain in 1959 and ending with Alex Rodriguez in 1993.

Third - in mid-January, Roland also was honored by the Boston Baseball Writers with the Emil Fuchs Award

It has been a rewarding year for Roland - and a rewarding year for the Hall of Fame Museum because of Roland. He said "It all started in Milwaukee last year with the SABR award being presented in my name." Couldn't happen to a better guy.

SCOUTS OF THE YEAR

Honored at the major league meetings as recipients of the "Scouts of the Year" were Al LaMacchia (Central), Rip Tudor (East), and Dick Bogard (West).

At their award dinner, Ted Spencer and Jim Gates of the Hall of Fame spoke and thanked everyone for the efforts being made to establish the scouts' wing in the museum.

REPORTING

To report your signing list - send a copy to:

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We'll be back to you with the final arrangements for SABR 32 as soon as possible. In the meantime, get that hotel reservation Dig deep and keep the data flowing. We're slowly getting there.