

SABR Scouts' Comm. Newsletter

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SABR 33

All the details for SABR 33, July 10-13, in Denver are on the following pages. Most of you have already received the same data as SABR members, but some who receive this letter are not SABR members - and we'd love to see you in Denver, too. Make your reservations now...

THE ROLAND HEMOND AWARD

The Third Annual Roland Hemond Award, which goes annually to the major league executive who best combines (or combined) a deep sense of baseball history and a deep feeling for the scouting profession, will be presented this year to Pat Gillick, the former general manager of the New York Yankees, Toronto Blue Jays,, the Baltimore Orioles, and currently the GM of the Seattle Mariners.

Pat will be on hand for the committee meeting on Saturday morning and will be honored at the annual awards luncheon at noon on Saturday.

Pat brings a deep background of scouting formed first with the Houston Astros when he wandered the prairies of Canada's central provinces. He has always had great respect for athletic ability and, in those formative years, he signed young baseballers like Clark Gillies and Bob Bourne, who went on to greatness in the National Hockey League, leading the New York Islanders to NHL's Stanley Cup.

We look forward to a Friday evening of Pat's tall tales and the opportunity to introduce him to all of you on Saturday morning. Roland will do the introduction honors at the awards dinner.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Your chairman will present two distinguished service awards at the annual committee meeting. The awards - which will carry no name at the current time other than "Distinguished Service Awards" - replace the Tom Greenwade Award, which was retired after the 2002 committee meeting.

The current awards, picked by your chairman at this time, will not be based on finding the most "who signed whoms," but on total research in the scouting field. In the future, at least one award will be made annually. Multiple awards will be forthcoming if and when necessary.

The 2003 recipients will be announced at the committee meeting.

THE COMMITTEE MEETING

Our committee has been given a 90-minute slot from 7:30 a.m. till 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 12. We asked for two hours, but were limited to 90 minutes. The place: Room 1. Not too hard to remember. The other committee meeting schedules are attached.

COMMITTEE AGENDA

A tentative agenda (and with 90 minutes, we can have little discussion):

1 - Introduction of Your Chairman, Co-chairman Rod Nelson, Roland Hemond, and Pat Gillick.

2 - Report from the chairman in regard to general direction, finances, etc.

3 - A lengthy up-date on the huge project of compiling the lists of scouts and their "who signed whoms" and all the problems of correcting and adding names to those lists.

4 - A review of the tremendous work done by Roland Hemond, most of it on a face-to-face basis, of getting verbal accreditation from players concerning exactly who signed them.

5 - Discuss where we go with all the data Rod has pulled together and how it will be integrated with data from other SABR projects.

6 - Review where we are with the committee project of a book of bios to be published by SABR.

7 - Review where we are in our co-operative project with the Hall of Fame Museum regarding a scouts' display in Cooperstown. We hope to have John Odell from the Museum on hand to update us.

8 - Twenty minutes with Pat Gillick...so bring your questions for Pat. He and Roland will have an all-too-short panel on whatever they decide to do.

9 - Presentation of the Distinguished Service Awards.

HUGE MAILING

Your chairman has just completed two mailings which totaled 800 letters to all the full-time scouts in baseball. The letter was two-fold in its direction. First - 600 area scouting supervisors, working at the amateur player level, received directions about how to join SABR and, even as non-SABR members, to be a part of the Hall of Fame Museum's project to develop a scouts' exhibit. The secondary thrust of the letter was to aid Rod Nelson in updating the "Who Signed Whom" list.

In a second mailing of 200, our committee contacted the veteran scouts who now mostly serve as scouting directors, special assistants, and those devoted only to major league and/or professional coverage. This group, with a long history of scouting, could be the most valuable to SABR.

The committee now owns an updated mailing list of almost 800 active, full-time scouts. Now let's hope at least a small percentage of this noble 800 will join us in SABR projects. You never know until you ask.

GREG WHITWORTH

The first input from the mailing of 600 was from Greg Whitworth of Mill Creek, Washington. He had compiled, as a personal project, a

huge amount of data concerning draft-era scouting - which is being integrated into Rod's storehouse of scouting data. Greg is now a member of our scouting committee.

PAPER PROOF

On the agenda for the committee meeting will be a review of Rod Nelson's project of an expanded "Who Signed Woms" which will include not only the signing scout or scouts, but also draft position (after 1964), college, signing year and first major league season, and a notation regarding the source of the information.

We'll have on hand at least one print-out of that pile of data, which may look like the national budget. That printout should give us an idea of the amount of data which has been compiled. OL' Clark, who still relies 100% on paper, looks forward to receiving his Sears Catalogue of Scouts.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

In case you missed them - or are not a SABR member - and are interested in other areas of research beyond the scouting world, here are the SABR committee chairs. I don't have their e-mail data - but a brief note to a person will bring that data to you.

SABR Committee Chairs

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Ballparks
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Boynton Beach FL 33437

Baseball Songs & Poems
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Washington DC 20006

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Vacant

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SABR 33 (July 10-13, 2003) Registration

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State ZIP: _____
E-mail or phone: _____

Registration	Before June 20	After June 20
Registration, member/family	\$75	\$95
Registration, non-member	\$95	\$115

Names of others registered on this form: _____

Convention and Optional Events

___ Taste of the Rockies Tour (Wednesday, 9:00am)	\$33*	\$ _____
___ Mile High City Tour, (Thursday, 1:00pm)*	\$29*	\$ _____
___ Coors Field Tour, (Friday, 1:00pm)*	\$4*	\$ _____
___ Tickets to Dodgers - Rockies Game, Coors Field (Fri, 7:05pm)	\$12	\$ _____
___ Awards Luncheon (Saturday, 12 noon - 3pm)	\$31	\$ _____
CHOOSE ONE		
___ Grilled Haddock Piccata		
___ Tuscan Chicken Roulade		
___ Special Dietary Needs (such as food allergies, religious needs), please specify:		
___ Salt Lake City Stingers v. Colorado Springs Sky Sox (Sat, 4:25pm)	\$34*	\$ _____
___ Estes Park Trip (Sunday, 8 am)	\$43*	\$ _____
___ Box Lunch for Este Park trip	\$15	\$ _____

* -- Cost includes bus transportation; 35 needed to cover costs

Please Tell Us

Will SABR 33 be your first SABR Convention? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Method of Transportation to SABR 33 ☐ Air ☐ Car ☐ Other Airline/other: _____
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 33, 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 the SABR Forums on the SABR web site.

Page 4 Four Easy Ways to Register

- Mail to: SABR33, 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.
- Register online at www.sabr.org

Additional Information and Instructions

1.) Complete the form to the left. Make checks payable to: "SABR" and mail to SABR 33, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115. Photocopies are acceptable.

2.) Registration must be postmarked by June 20, 2003, to receive the early registration discount.

Registration includes: SABR 33 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 19, 2003; 50% if received between June 20 and July 5. No refunds will be given if cancellation is made after July 5.

To cancel registration, call SABR at 216-575-0500.

5.) On-Site registration will be offered July 10-12th at the "after June 20 rate."

Reserve Your Room Today

Reservations must be received on or before Tuesday, June 17, 2003.

Hotel reservations can be made by calling 1-800-228-9290 or 303-297-1300. Mention that you are attending the Society for American Baseball Research 2003 Convention. All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit, or guaranteed with a major credit card. Room rate is \$105 a night plus state and local taxes (currently 13.45%) for a single, double, triple or quad. Hotel and Convention updates may be found on the SABR web site <www.sabr.org> (Click on Convention, in the green menu on the left side). Email info@sabr.org for more information.

Denver Marriott City Center

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Driving Directions

The east-west interstate highway is I-70. The north-south interstate highway is I-25.

From I-70:

To southbound I-25; I-25 to the Colfax Avenue exit; Left on Colfax and continue east; to Welton Street; Left on Welton to 18th Street; Left on 18th to California Street; Left on California; Hotel entrance will be on right; If you are traveling north on I-25 take the Colfax Street Exit. But make a right turn on Colfax. Once eastbound on Colfax follow the directions above.

PARKING

The Marriott offers valet parking, but it costs a minimum of \$10 to enter, and \$19-23 per night for overnight parking. However, there are three parking garages and five surface lots within two blocks on all sides of the hotel. The maximum per-day rates at these lots range from \$7 to \$12.

Schedule Subject to Change

☐ = Included with Registration

☒ = SABR 33 Events at Additional Cost

	Wednesday, July 9	Thursday, July 10	Friday, July 11	Saturday, July 12	Sunday, July 13	
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SABR 33 Committee Meetings (Tentative)

Thursday, July 10	Room 1	Room 2
8am	Minor Leagues	Baseball in the UK
8:30am		Oral History
9:00am		Asian
10:00am	Spring Training	Umpire & Rules
11:00am	Statistical Analysis	Pictorial History
5:30pm	19th Century	Latin American
6:30pm	Deadball	Women in Baseball
Friday, July 11		
8:00am	Biographical Research	Negro Leagues
9:00am	BioProject	Science & Baseball
1:00pm	Business of Baseball	Collegiate
Saturday, July 12		
7:30am	Scouts	Education/Youth
8:00am		Internet
9:00am	Baseball Records	
10:00am	Ballparks	
5pm	Music & Poetry	Dibliography

CO-CHAIRMAN

With permission from SABR's Board, your chairman will elevate Rod Nelson from Vice-Chairman to Co-Chairman. The reason? There is no vice (at this time, at least) in our committee, so there's no need for a chairman of vice. Ol' Clark, being an 11-year veteran of scouting in Latin America, can handle any vice which comes along.

Since Rod is the major worker in our group, he needs to share equally in the direction of the committee's business. Thus, he will become our co-chairman. If SABR resists such a move, we'll call on the Bush Administration to declare war.

YOUR (NOW CO-) CHAIRMAN

Since our last committee newsletter, Ol' Clark, the international director for the San Diego Padres, has been very busy doing non-SABR business. Since the Padres pay for the ~~groceries~~ we do have to spend some time on Padres' business. My travels have taken me to Australia, New Zealand, Mexico (three times), Curacao, Aruba, Venezuela, The Dominican (twice), Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, and spring training in Peoria, AZ. In the 3½ years I've been a Padre, I've been responsible for the signing of 110 players - 105 of them who speak Spanish. Which brings us to the next comment concerning the problems of "Who Signed Whom."

WHO DID SIGN WHOM?

Each year, I review the press guide for the Padres and make corrections regarding who signed whom. As the director, I use my name only where I was either the sole contractor or was deeply involved in the signing of a player. When the area scout was the person who found the player and did the negotiation, that scout was credited with signing the player. If a part-timer or an associate scout was the first to see the player and brought the player to the area scout, both receive credit for that player - as it should be. I make sure all credits are updated with our public relations department.

So what happens when I open the press guide for 2003? The updates had not been included. My usual nasty letter was fired off to the proper folks. We hope all will be made right in 2004.

But what about a researcher doing the San Diego whosigned whoms? His data for 2000, 2001, 2002, is not correct - though it is correct according to San Diego's Padres...until 2004. As Norman Macht said at the 2002 committee meeting - we're probably doing a never-ending job. But at least we're trying. There is one given fact - Major League Baseball will do damned little to help us...except for people such as Roland Hemond, Gary Hughes, Bob Howsam, Pat Gillick, Peter O'Malley and a small handful of others.

IN CLOSING

Get your hotel reserved pronto and enjoy July in Denver. We'll see you there. In the meantime - you can contact your co-chairmen at:

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