

SABR

MINOR LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTION

You are probably wondering ---who is this guy????

I “volunteered” for this assignment after seeing the need in a recent SABR newsletter.

Now you are wondering- What kind of fool is this guy????

Not sure if I can answer that one.

I have been a SABR member for a few years and know from my business experience that organizations such as SABR depend on Volunteers for survival. I decided to give it a shot.

I am a (semi) retired Executive Vice President of a major West Coast Bank and have always been involved in volunteer activities. Chairing a \$30,000,000 United Way, down to umpiring Little League.

My wife and I live in Scottsdale, a suburb of Phoenix. Baseball is live here with the Diamondbacks, Arizona Summer Rookie League, Arizona Fall League and Spring Training. More retired Major Leaguers live in Scottsdale than in any other city in the U.S. , so there is always something going on Baseball wise.

As a kid I grew up in Southern California and my fondest memories were going to see the Hollywood Stars and L.A. Angels in the old PCL and spring training in Palm Springs, where I lived, for the Seattle Rainers.

Minor League ball has been a passion of mine and I never miss the chance to attend a game regardless of league or city. Having traveled fore my Bank quite I bit I have been all over the US and Japan, being able to add many stops to my list. I just returned from a one day visit to Mexicali, Mexico to see a Winter Ball game as a side trip to see my mother in Palm Springs.

My other minor league connection is my involvement with the Everett Giants of the NorthWest League during the 1980s. They moved to Everett, Washington as I was taking a new assignment running a group of branches north of Seattle. Bob Bavasi, Buzzie's son, was the owner I had a great opportunity to spend a lot of time with Bob, watching him build a very successful franchise when Minor Leagues were just starting the re-birth process.

I was a high school journalist-sports writer so as they say in the newspaper world---

That's -30- for now.

Kurt Bloeser

Please contact me with corrections, omissions, ideas, complaints, etc. re my first attempt at this process.

USD- UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

Joe Naiman sent an article from USD's alumni magazine about USD alums in the minors. Covers five players Sam Assael, Mike McCoy, David Bagley, Joe Lima and Ricky Barrett. If anyone is interested let me know and I can forward the lengthy article to you.

BASEBALL IN EAU CLAIRE

Denver Howard sent in a post card showing the above name book is available from Jason Christopherson

N 49175 Tracey Valley Rd
Osseo, WI 54758

ISBN(book number) 0-7385-3162-6 \$19.95

QUESTIONAIRES---

It appears to be time for a new one. Trying to update interests, addresses, etc. Please give me your input on what info we should include. I will get a new questionnaire out with the next newsletter.

CALIFORNIA LEAGUE NEWSLETTER- submitted by John Pardon

A STRANGE NIGHT

On July 18, Lake Elsinore beat Lancaster 17-5. The Storm scored 5 runs in the top of the first, 3 in the second, 2 in the sixth, 3 in the eighth and 4 in the ninth. On the mound, Jon Huber no-hit the Jet Hawks for six innings, leaving after giving up a leadoff single to Danny Richard in the seventh. However, it was a confusing night for all concerned, especially home plate John Braymur.

The lineup presented by Lancaster had Sergio Santos batting sixth, Dan Uggla seventh, Travis McAndrews eighth. In the second inning, Uggla batted in the 6th spot and flied out for the second out and Santos struck out to end the inning. Lake Elsinore manager Jeff Gardner failed to notice the mistake at the time, when Lancaster came up to bat in the third, Braymur allowed Uggla to lead off the inning, followed by McAndrews. Both grounded out.

In the fifth inning, Braymur had Santos bat in his original sixth spot, followed by Uggla and the order remained the same for the rest of the game. So Uggla wound with hit 5 at bats vs those who preceding him having 4 at bats. The rule books states that once a team bats out of order and it is not detected by the opposing team at the time, for the remained of the game that bay in the order in which they originally came to the plate, so Lancaster in effect batted out of order four times.

BIG UNIT A BIG HIT

AZ Diamondback left Randy Johnson made a rehab start at Rancho Cucamonga July 15th and it was a success all around. Major Leaguers are frequently on rehab in the California League and usually don't draw a lot of attention. This time was different.

The 5 time CY YOUNG winner's appearance was well publicized and the game drew 5,314. Johnson pitched 6 innings, consisting of 84 pitches, 65 for strikes. He struck out 6, walked 0 and hit two batters.

He gave up 5 runs, 4 earned and 11 hits.

Dallas McPherson of the home team Quakes, high a two out three run homer off Randy in the third, followed by a RBI single in the 4th and was hit by a pitch in the 6th. Dallas was quoted," It was a great feeling. I can't describe it. It was definitely one the highlights of my career. I'm sure if I faced him enough times he would be getting me out. I guess I was lucky.

SUSQUEHANNA LEAGUE

Jimmy Keenan sent in the final standings for the 1924 season including a few box scores. If interested let me know and I can forward to you.

RICHMOND, INDIANA

Preston Triplett is working on a project chronicling the minor league teams of Richmond, Indiana.

1908 Richmond Quakers(Indiana-Ohio League)

1917 Richmond Quakers (Central League)

1930 Richmond Roses (" ")

1946-7 Rich. Roses (Ohio State League)

1948 Richmond Braves (Ohio-Indiana League)

1949 Richmond Robins (" " " ")

1950-1 Richmond Tigers (" " " ")

Preston's email is triplpr@earlham.edu

SPOKANE

Jim Price sent in a nice update on the 100th anniversary of the Spokane Indians. Peak Video has a nice DVD covering the history and their address is 2626 E. North Altamont Blvd Spokane, WA 99202

Phone 509 5551212----Price \$23 plus \$5 for shipping.

The 12 page Spokesman Review Newspaper section covering the history is also available for \$2.50- contact Dustin Stump, Circulation Manager of the paper at the following email---
dustins@spokesman.org.

AUBURN, INDIANA

There is a great collection of Northeast Indiana Baseball Association.
At the American Heritage Village Museum. Contact the DeKalb County Visitors Bureau for more information. 877 833-3282

QUEBEC PROVINCIAL LEAGUE

Christian Trudeau, email----- cricr@aei.ca, has info on this league for 1939, 1947 48 and 49.
Also has batting stats for the 1937 Trois-Rivieres and Sorel teams. He has lists of the players by team for 1935-38.

VANCOUVER CANADIANS 1989

Dave Wilfong, email _dsfonger@shaw.ca needs a roster for this team
He has a seat cushion with all of the autographs and is trying to find out who the signers are.
Please email him a roster if you have one.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Found information on this organization in the file I inherited.
If of interest you can contact them at www.minorleaguebaseball.com

1921 TEXAS-OKLAHOMA LEAGUE

1922 WEST TEXAS LEAGUE

Davis Barker has compiled the complete stats for the above, his info includes complete standings and a summary of each season.

PROJECTS

Thought I would list the projects that are underway from the info I received. It would be helpful if those involved sent me an update for future reporting

Bill McMahan is heading up the farm club project.

Jerry Jackson is heading up the managers project.

Reed Howard is trying to organize a 19th century sub-committee.

Dave Chase is in charge of the National Pastime Museum for Minor league Baseball.

Mark Okkonen is working on a book, "2000 Cups OF Coffee"

PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF ANY OMISSIONS OR ANY OTHER PROJECTS IN PROCESS AND OR ONES THAT SHOULD WE UNDERTAKEN. IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY ACTIVITY THAT WOULD BE NICE TO KNOW ALSO.

THE SABR GUIDE TO MINOR LEAGUE STATISTICS

Carlos Bauer's book is now available for sale thru SABR.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL CAPS

Found a site for unusual caps at www.SportsSection.com

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Corrections: Paul Shapiro's email is: paulshap@earthlink.net

STATS COMPILED

Carlos Bauer has compiled batting and pitching stats for the 1882 and 1912 California League

Bob Richardson has compiled the batting and fielding stats for the 1912 New England League. He needs the first names for the following three players:

Boyd 3b for Lawrence –had a trial with Yankees or Giants

Britton, A.A. (Ollie) P for Lynn From Reading PA, Played in Southern Assoc

Seneff(referred to several times at Sitton) P for Worceser, formerly played for Syracuse and Marion, OH

PHILIP J LOWRY

Phil is a new committee member and is interested in updating his Research Journal on the longest games for 1985. He is looking for info on ANY game at any organized level from high school up to the minors in 1985 that:

- a. lasted 20 or more innings
- b. lasted 6 or more hours
- c. concluded at 1am or later local time

Phil's email is PLowry1178@aol.com

CLOSING:

Please bear with me and give me your assistance in making each newsletter from this point forward YOUR newsletter. Criticisms, ideas, corrections, etc. will be taken gladly so that the next edition will meet YOUR needs.

Sincerely,
Kurt Bloeser

PS- the attached list of Minor League Player Deaths was omitted from the last newsletter. Please continue to keep Ray Nemecek informed.

Minor League Player Deaths reported through January 27, 2003 - Issue #10

Compiled by Ray Nemeč

Player	Span	DOD / POD	Informant
Acton, James R.	1940/1950	11/26/02, Midwest City, OK	Gene Wood
Arehart, Chester	1935/1936	1/19/03, Mogadore, OH	Jim Holl
Buck, Shaw S.	1932/1947	11/10/00, Taveres, FL	Shaw K. Buck, son
Burden, Randall J.	2002	12/6/02, Suffolk, VA	Clifford Otto
Cardinale, Rocco A.	1947/1951	1/12/03, San Rafael, CA	Bill Weiss
Charnofsky, Harold	1952/1960	12/21/02, Manhattan Beach, CA	Richard Bazzone
Cindric, John F.	1934/1942	3/22/02, Findlay, Ohio	John Husman
Connell, John James	1948	12/30/02, Port Townsend, WA	Joe Murphy
Coombs, G. Raymond	1953/1954	12/3/02, Orono, ME	Dave Kemp
Cooney, James W.	1939/1946	10/4/02, Warwick, RI	Steve Lawrence
Dickens, Guilford L.	1947/1960	1/4/03, Richmond, VA	David Riggs
Ditto, Raymond B.	1947/1950	12/5/02, Oklahoma City, OK	Gene Wood
Douthat, Robert P. (Dick)	1938/1947	12/27/02, Cumming, GA	Tom Hufford
Doxtator, Melvin W.	1949/1952	12/12/02, Green Bay, WI	Gene Wood
Ericksen, Ewin G.	1948/1953	11/18/02, Elkin, KY	John Hall
Fallon, Stephen P.	1941/1947	1/24/03, Bedford, MA	Chaz Scoggins
Farrell, Thomas P.	1953/1955	1/4/03, Long Branch, NJ	Ed Washuta
Gianesello, Richard P.	1954/1955	12/3/02, Middletown, CT	Richard Bazzone
Gold, Harold L.	1937/1942	11/4/02, Richmond Hts., MO	Bob Bailey
Hemple, Robert C.	1947/1949	1/7/03, Chicago, IL	Bill Weiss
Herr, Ronald L.	1960/1966	12/9/02, Sheboygan, WI	Bill Carle
Howard, James F. (Goldie)	1933/1947	12/21/02, Blue Springs, MO	John Hall
Hurley, Cornelius K.	1929/1930	8/19/02, N. Falmouth, MA	Joe Murphy
Jones, Donald Clayton	1949/1951	1/7/03, Seattle, WA	Marc Blau
Jones, Michael	1961/1963	10/8/02, St. Louis, MO.	J J Cooper
Kenaga, James A.	1952/1957	11/4/02, Ardmore, OK	Gene Wood
Klisura, Anthony J.	1942/1947	9/30/02, Santa Rosa, CA	Joe Murphy
Koenig, Anton	1935/1946	12/8/02, Canton, SD	Dave Kemp
Kress, Frank M.	1940	8/29/02, Lewiston, NY	Joseph Gusky
Labanz, Jerome J.	1953/158	11/23/02, Emmaus, PA	Bill Carle
Lightner, O. Alfred (Al)	1938/1942	9/20/02, Salem, Oregon	Jim Price
Maisch, Jack A.	1947/1949	12/29/02, Lima, Ohio	Mike Lackey
Mantle, Roy D.	1954/1956	8/6/01, Las Vegas, NV	SSDI
Mapes, Ronald R.	1956	10/15/02, Lyndonville, NY	John Schwartz
Minor, John E.	1961/1962	12/4/02, Erie, PA	Bill Schenely
Moran, Kendall A.	1937/1938	5/14/02, Federalsburg, MD	Richard Bazzone
Oppelt, Marion O.	1937/1946	1/3/03, Lakewood, WA	Marc Blau
Packham, Jimmie Dale	1947/1949	1/18/03, Oklahoma City, OK	Gene Wood
Panno, Anthony	1939	12/22/02, Bethlehem, PA	Ed Washuta
Perini, Edward P.	1948	11/9/02, Houston, TX	Bill Schenely
Peterson, Russell M.	1940/1947	5/27/02, Monrovia, CA	Dick Beverage
Radabaugh, Ralph	1935/1936	7/15/02, Sacramento, CA	John Husman
Ritchey, John F.	1947/1956	1/14/03, Chula Vista, CA	Bill Schenely
Schassler, Robert C.	1953/1957	3/12/02, Tomkins Cove, NY	SSDI
Stroble, Fred T.	1935/1948	11/23/02, Meridian, MS	Bill Carle
Tantillo, Edward J.	1937/1939	8/6/02, Irondequoit, NY	Sean Byan
Turk, John J.	1953/1959	10/4/02, Jacksonville, FL	Joe Simenic
Wietecha, Raymond W.	1953	12/14/02, Phoenix, AZ	Rich Topp
Yunker, Roy D.	1934/1948	2/4/02, Rocklin, CA	Dick Beverage