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Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter

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SABR 50 Annual Convention

August 17-21, 2022
Learn More [Here](#)



SABR/IWBC Women in Baseball Conference

Virtual, September 16-18
Register [Here](#)

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REST IN PEACE

Vincent Edward "Vin" Scully
November 29, 1927 - August 2, 2022
Vin Calls Henry Aaron's 715th Home Run

Welcome New Members:
Paul Schwarzenbart - Reedsburg
David Terevich - Wausau

Upcoming Events

Talking Baseball Get Together
Wednesday, August 10 @ 6:30 PM
Southshore Park Beer Garden

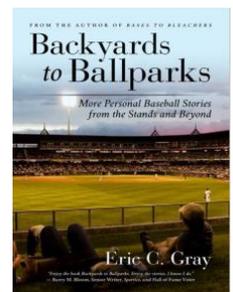
Join us to talk baseball in a casual get together on the lake at the [South Shore Park Beer Garden](#). Is it the Brewers, playoffs, Hall-of-Fame inductions, trading deadline or something else? Let's share a beer (or two) to discuss the game we all love, or other stuff, maybe even talk some smack. Contact [Dennis](#) if you have any questions.



Backyards to Ballparks

With Author Eric Gary
Thursday, September 1 @ 6:30 PM
McGinn's All-Star Sports Bar
5901 W Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee, WI

Author Eric Gary, the author of *Bases to Bleachers: A Collection of Personal Baseball Stories from the Stands and Beyond*, will be visiting Milwaukee to talk about his **new** book, *Backyards to Ballparks* as well as read selections from the book for discussing our personal connection to the game. We are meeting at [McGinn's](#) because we can meet inside or outside on the patio depending on the weather. If you have questions, contact [Dennis](#).



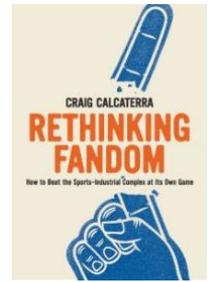
Recap Keltner Virtual Book Club Meeting

Rethinking Fandom: How to Beat the Sports-Industrial Complex at Its Own Game

With Author Greg Calcaterra



Greg Calcaterra, the author of [Rethinking Fandom: How to Beat the Sports-Industrial Complex at Its Own Game](#) joined the Keltner Book Club for a robust discussion of his book on July 6. He was critical about what he calls the Sports Industrial Network and how team owners are not interested in the same things as their fans because they try to monetize the fans passion to make more money. A good example is larger tax payer supported stadiums.



But, is deciding to tank, with the teams still enjoying strong earnings what fans want? No. You don't need to root for a team forever just because you grandfather may have or it's your hometown team.

Sports is entertainment and the fans have many choices besides the local team. Although it sounds negative, it's actually positive as you are finding your way to love the sport. Fandom does not need to be one way. Calcaterra suggests an alternative way for enjoying the game is meta fandom; fan of individual players (regardless of team), baseball cards or fantasy. It could be elements of the game like the World Series, All-Star games, streaks, etc. And don't forget (MLB hopes you will) that baseball exists outside of the majors, Little League, college, high school, etc. It's the game you love, find your way to do so.

The winner of Craig's book drawing was Mike Kaminski of Appleton.

Although we recorded the meeting, or at least thought so (usual excuse for user error), a copy does not exist. But we do have the Dusty Baker-Sacramento and Lefty O'Doul-Bay Area SABR chapters [June 7th video](#) for you to get to know Craig Calcaterra better.

Here is a [link](#) to Calcaterra's website with more info on the book including ordering it for only \$17.95.

We are looking for suggestions for our fall book club meeting. Have you read a good baseball book you think we may enjoy? Or, is there a new book or one that is highly recommended that you haven't had a chance to read yet? Let us know.

Please direct any Keltner Book Club questions, comments or book suggestions to [Mary Shea](#).



NLBM - Thanks a Million Buck Campaign



[Buck O'Neil](#) selflessly dedicated his life to teaching us about the heroes of the Negro Leagues and demonstrating to the world that you could get further in life with love than you could with hate.

Now, it's our collective opportunity to say, "thank you," to this legendary man. Join the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum (NLBM) as we celebrate baseball's greatest ambassador's long overdue induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame by supporting our "THANKS A MILLION, BUCK" campaign.

THE GOAL: Raise at least \$1 million between now and November 13, which would be Buck's 111th Birthday, by fans donating a Buck (or more) in support of the NLBM and the completion of the [Buck O'Neil Education and Research Center](#) at the site of the Paseo YMCA where the Negro Leagues were established in 1920 by [Andrew "Rube" Foster](#).

Listen to [Bob Kendrick](#) talk about his friend and mentor Buck O'Neil. Can you be one of the million fans to help the Negro League Baseball Museum complete the Buck O'Neil Education and Research Center?

[DONATE HERE](#)

Other Local Baseball Organizations

Milwaukee Braves Historical Association, [Facebook](#)
Old Time Ball Players of Wisconsin, [website](#), [Facebook](#)

Get to Know Francis Kinlaw

Francis never passes up an opportunity to tell the world that he had a hole-in-one on July 17, 2007. He also has another sports accomplishment, an unassisted triple play in an office softball game. As he likes to say, “Without boasting and certainly with more than a touch of humor, I humbly suggest that relatively few people have achieved that combination of feats during their lifetime!”

Francis Kinlaw was born in Detroit on November 25, 1944, the second child and first son of Harvey Council Kinlaw and Edna (Livingston) Kinlaw. Another sister and brother followed him. His mother was a high school teacher and his father an electrician for the Detroit Edison Company.

He lived in and attended elementary school in Belleville and Algonac, Michigan until he was nine years old when the family moved to Laurinburg, North Carolina in 1954, a few months after his father died from a stroke. The family moved to be closer to relatives because Francis’s parents were originally from North Carolina. In Laurinburg, Kinlaw continued his elementary school education at Central School before attending and graduating from Laurinburg High School in 1962.



Francis’s earliest baseball memories occurred while in Michigan, listening to Detroit Tigers games on the radio and occasionally watching games on television. He also has pleasant remembrances of attending a Tigers-Red Sox doubleheader in Briggs Stadium on June 6, 1953 when he was eight years old. “Although the Red Sox swept the twin bill, that day and that experience remain special to me because my father suffered a fatal stroke only three months later.” Attending a game later that same year on August 19 with his Little League team, he experienced another fond memory watching his Bengals break Cleveland’s [Early Wynn’s](#) personal 11-game winning streak against Detroit, as the Tigers defeated the future Hall of Famer, 4-2.

It is probably not a surprise that Kinlaw’s favorite baseball team was the Detroit Tigers. That didn’t change after moving to North Carolina at the age of nine, as he related, “I am almost certain that I became the only Tigers fan in my town of approximately 7,000 people.” As a youth, his favorite player was [Ray Boone](#), although others such as [Harvey Kuenn](#) and [Al Kaline](#) were high on Francis’s list, too. As the years passed, Kaline replaced Boone.

Francis baseball’s career lasted through the eighth grade; he did not play in high school or beyond. Living in North Carolina, he also loved to play basketball, and played tennis regularly from age 12 until his early 70s. And as we already know, he loves to golf and does so two or three times a week.

After earning a degree in political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1966, he worked for the National Security Agency (NSA) at Fort Meade, Maryland training to be a computer programmer

In January of 1968, Francis joined the U.S. Army. Like many of his generation, he served a tour in Vietnam from October 1968 to October 1969. Based in the Central Highlands with the Fourth Infantry Division, Sergeant Kinlaw served as an adjutant¹ (a position often held by officers) on combat firebases for three different battalion commanders, earning the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Army Commendation Medal.

Upon discharge, he returned to the NSA in December 1969 as a technical writer. The position was very productive personally...Francis met his wife Shirley (Lynch) Kinlaw who was a mathematician at the NSA (She was a teacher and Catholic school principal for many years afterwards.) Francis and Shirley have been married for 50 years and have four sons and ten grandchildren. After raising four sons, how many of the grandchildren are girls? Nine!

Earning a Master of Public Administration degree from American University (Washington, D.C.) in May of 1974, Kinlaw decided that he enjoyed working in government but preferred doing so at the local level. Upon leaving the NSA in July 1974, he accepted a position as the business manager for the Durham County Mental Health Center in Durham, NC. He worked there until March of 1977 when he took a position as the Assistant

¹ As an adjutant (aide) Kinlaw was responsible for handling all administrative matters requiring the attention of the battalion commander, and was expected to be aware at all times of the availability and placement of personnel in the battalion's five companies.

Tax Director in Guilford County, NC---which turned out to be a lifetime move. “My wife and I consequently moved to Greensboro, NC - where we have lived for 45 years.” In 2005 Francis was appointed Guilford County Tax Director serving in that position until retirement on June 30, 2009.

Kinlaw joined SABR in 1983 after seeing a reference in *The Sporting News*. “I have been extremely fortunate to have been able to attend 25 annual SABR conventions since my first one in 1986. I have enjoyed every one of them, and I am planning to add one more to the total by going to Baltimore this year.” Twice he gave oral Research Presentations at SABR conventions (1987, Washington, D.C. and 1997, Louisville). In addition, Francis received the USA Sports Weekly Award at SABR 46 in Miami for a poster presentation regarding [Gil McDougald's](#) line drive that seriously injured [Herb Score](#) in 1957.

In addition to attending and presenting at conventions, Francis has contributed numerous articles and poems to editions of *The National Pastime*, as well as an article “[The Trials, Tribulations, and Challenges of Al Kaline](#)” in the Fall, 2021 issue of *The Baseball Research Journal*. His poem “Enduring Memories of an Unforgettable Era”, his longest effort, appeared in the 2001 Milwaukee SABR convention publication *Baseball in the Badger State*. “I will always be grateful to editor Bob Buege for including my verse, despite its length!” His writing has included articles for SABR regional chapters including the Bob Davids Chapter, Washington D.C. (*The Squibber*); Maryland’s Babe Ruth Chapter; our *Keltner Hot Corner* and the *Tigers Stripes*, a monthly publication of the [Mayo Smith](#) Society that is familiar to many Detroit fans.

Coming soon to your mail box or digitally, the summer edition of *The National Pastime* will have a Kinlaw poem about the nicknames of 1971 minor league teams during the year of SABR’s birth. Also, another poem and an essay will be published by the SABR Baseball Arts Committee in a forthcoming edition of *Turnstyle*. And he has projects underway on several relatively brief articles about baseball in the 1950s, and a major project pertaining to college basketball in the years following World War II.

If the long-time SABR member could have a time-machine moment he had two scenarios. “If I could go back in time for a single afternoon, I would like to have witnessed Don Larsen’s perfect game against a Brooklyn Dodgers lineup filled with legendary players. But if I could go back to an entire season, I would like to experience the joy resulting from the Detroit Tigers’ 1968 season and World Series victory.” The reason, “I missed that entire season due to intense military training prior to my Vietnam tour. As fate would have it, my favorite team since boyhood captured its World Series title only nine days before I departed for Southeast Asia.”

We like to close with final words of wisdom and Francis replied “Pursue enjoyment from your SABR membership, no matter what your particular area of interest is.”

Note: If you are interested in expanding your baseball book collection, Francis may have a book or two you are looking for and is preparing a list of baseball books he will make available to SABR members. Contact Francis at francis.kinlaw@gmail.com.

Keltner Hot Corner Archives

You can now view or download past copies of the Keltner Hot Corner at: [Ken Keltner Badger State Newsletters](#)

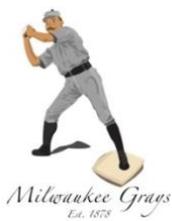
Use of Links

Links in the *Keltner Hot Corner* are used to enhance the articles with the majority going to players SABR [BioProject](#) and [baseball-reference.com](#) as well as other related sites.

Who is Ken Keltner? See his SABR [Biography](#).

Milwaukee Grays Vintage Baseball Club

By Dennis D Degenhardt



The [Milwaukee Grays Vintage Base Ball Club](#) consist of a group of dedicated individuals who enjoy baseball, history and the outdoors. We are not re-enactors! We play actual baseball but we prefer to play by the rules of 1860. We use wooden bats and lemon peel base balls. Our club has players of all ages and we love to compete. [From the Gray's Website]

I had the pleasure of attending the Grays vs the Filmore Fungi on July 16 at Estabrook Park. Although they often use the ball diamond near the beer garden, it was in use so they went to a field nearby. As you can see in Picture 1, the field was similar to what they may have used in the 1860s far from the perfectly manicured diamonds of today; the ground isn't even and there are obstacles to work around like trees.

Because the distanced traveled from Rushford, Minnesota (about 33 miles west of La Crosse) the Fungi's (yes, they have a mushroom on their blouses see Picture 2) they scheduled two games. Vintage Base Ball is a gentlemen's game. They initially were playing seven inning contests. But after finishing the first seven, they met to decide if they should go nine innings and they mutually agreed to do so. (see Picture #3). They also met before game time to adjust a basic rule. Since the grass was wet, rather than not being able to overrun first base, it was allowed so no one got hurt; the purpose of playing early base ball was exercise. The Grays will reciprocate and travel to Minnesota to play the Fungi on August 6.

Several things I noticed, the one-bounce rule, obstacles, nicknames and the gentleman's game. The ball caught on a bounce was an out and played a big role in the game. There were some interesting one-bounce outs in the outfield. SABR member Dave Heller (Picture 4) played catcher, some call it behind. And he was diving for one-bouncers catching several including a spectacular slide while reaching back to nab the ball for a hands-out.

Trees played a role especially in the outfield. For hard hit balls, deep center and right fields had a tree to play around it. One base hit was caused by the outfielder being on the wrong side of the tree. The left side of the field had several hazards. There was a tree/bush near third base and another tree in left field between the third sacker and the left fielder. The third baseman and occasionally the shortstop had to be ready for anything hit into the tree/bush because if the ball landed into the playing field, it was a fair ball. But if it was caught on one bounce, yes it was an out. See Picture 5 for the obstacles and notice the fans along the side lines.

By listening to the players calling out to each other, I noticed that many had nicknames. As Dave Heller explained, "I always say it's the only time you're allowed to give yourself a nickname because you do not want us to come up with one! When I began playing in 2008 I worked nights, thus stayed up late and Night Owl made sense and sounded different. Another, Cell Block D's, last name is actually Block (Dave Block), thus Cell Block D). We currently have Ace, Old Dog, Preacher, Maestro, Young Pup, Creamer, Banker, Big Cat, Sleepy and HR." Speaking to the Fungi, I picked up a few of their monikers. Their captain is Sauerkraut. Another is Kluck Kluck and their 13-year old leftfielder was Canon Ball. Smoke Feet related how he got his name, "I claimed I ran the bases so fast telling a young girl that my feet were smoking." Thus the name.

I mentioned some of the gentlemanly ways they made decisions but two instances stood out that I don't think we would see in today's game. The first occurred when Sauerkraut was pitching to a newer Gray, appearing in his second game. He told him to stand deeper at the plate so he could get better extension when swinging the lumber. Later there was a close play with a Fungi advancing to third base and the pitcher for the Grays calling him safe. Fair play is important to their game. Although they do not call balls and strikes, each team had a player act as umpire when they were at bat for calling fair or foul balls. And I didn't see any arguments or disputes. Heller again explained, "Beyond the rules - it's competitive but winning isn't the only thing. We're there to try and show how 1860 baseball was played, as best we can. And we have fun and make friends. I think we accomplish all three."

Talking to the players I heard some interesting stories. The Grays captain, Ace, makes some of the 1860's lemon peel baseballs because those balls aren't cheap and they are good for about one game, it softens the more it's used. The Gray's first baseman, Hands, got his sobriquet because he broke his left hand in one game and continued playing, he was able to catch with just his right hand and used a short bat, about the size of those small souvenir bats, to hit.

What did the players do between games? Stretching, pep talks, nap? Nope, they were by a beer garden so they took advantage of it.

If you have an opportunity, attend a vintage baseball game, it's fun. If so inclined, consider playing.
You still have an opportunity to enjoy a Milwaukee Gray's game!

Saturday, August 13
@ Greenfield Park - West Allis
Twin Bill vs. Milwaukee Cream Citys Game Time: **TBD**



Contribute to the *Keltner Hot Corner*

Do you have an article or topic you would like to publish in the newsletter? If so, that's great. Please contact [Dennis](#).

Membership Report

By Dennis D Degenhardt

Every July I have been looking at our membership mostly out of curiosity (and an excuse to use Excel). And this year, I've included SABR's Membership Report from their annual report.

SABR's membership is back over 7,000 and very close to the record high. As the report indicates, this is the third consecutive year of growth. Although the organization is in 29 countries, nearly 95% of the membership resides in the USA. I found it interesting that not only do we have 12 members from our founding year, 1971, but also at least one affiliation for every year since then. How does Wisconsin rank? We are 19th in membership with MN and NC just above us and MO close behind.

Much of SABR's growth is attributed to students and young professionals, an area our chapter has not seen as much. What can we do to attract these members in Wisconsin?

What do you find interesting in SABR's report?

On the following page, is a spreadsheet looking at Ken Keltner Chapter's membership. Breaking down where our members live, we currently have members from 26 states. Since 2019, we have increased our member count by over 31%, 32% outside the state. Our WI membership jumped the most in 2020, probably due to the pandemic and people needing more while stuck at home. I think we delivered. Our national membership has grown steadily most likely because of our Zoom meetings. A number not on this report, is we lost 18 members from July 2021 and I will be reaching out to them to learn why and see if they would like to return.

I also look at where our members live within WI and the southeast has half of the roster. But all parts of the state have seen some growth as well. Although Zoom has helped bring the other parts of the state into our meetings, we need to explore how we can do more away from Milwaukee.

What do you see in the Keltner study that you find interesting?

Membership Report

As of June 15, 2022, SABR's current membership stands at 7,194. This figure is an increase of about 4.5% year over year and is the third consecutive year that membership has grown. Much of the growth may be attributed to students and young professionals, as these groups now account for more than 1,000 members. New membership continues to be a strength: of current members, 1,633 have joined SABR in the last 12 months, which is around 40% higher than typical recent history. In addition, SABR has welcomed nearly 3,000 new members – who remain members – since July 1, 2019.

The SABR membership continues to be well educated and professionally diverse. Educators, lawyers, doctors, and accountants are well-represented in the SABR membership, as are writers and editors. Twelve current members joined in the initial year of 1971 and the organization has members that joined in every year since its inception. SABR has an international presence with members in 29 countries. The membership in the United States is centered in the Northeast and Midwest, but the membership is spread out throughout the country and includes sizable numbers of members located in Arizona, California, Colorado, Texas, and Washington state.

Current Members, by Membership Type		Current Members, by Country		Current Members, by U.S. State/Territory			
Standard:	2,648	United States	6,826	AK	2	MT	6
Senior:	1,482	Canada	233	AL	56	NC	141
Student:	766	Japan	32	AR	38	ND	6
Young Professional:	242	United Kingdom	27	AZ	166	NE	34
Three Year:	848	Australia	15	CA	670	NH	41
Three Year Senior:	791	Germany	9	CO	150	NJ	266
Three Year Young Prof.:	52	Taiwan	5	CT	111	NM	21
Five Year:	116	Mexico	5	DC	41	NV	37
Family:	25	Italy	5	DE	33	NY	540
Three Year Family:	2	Cuba	4	FL	270	OH	329
Lifetime:	29	Sweden	3	GA	144	OK	30
Monthly:	112	Venezuela	3	HI	11	OR	62
Monthly Young Prof.:	20	South Korea	3	IA	62	PA	410
Monthly Senior:	43	New Zealand	3	ID	15	PR	14
Organization:	15	Dominican Rep.	2	IL	341	RI	47
		Ireland	2	IN	109	SC	73
		Israel	2	KS	49	SD	9
		Netherlands	2	KY	84	TN	78
		Switzerland	2	LA	30	TX	334
		Czech Republic	1	MA	262	UT	15
		France	1	MD	251	VA	247
		Brazil	1	ME	34	VT	23
		Latvia	1	MI	163	WA	165
		Denmark	1	MN	143	WI	129
		China	1	MO	127	WV	11
		Argentina	1	MS	25	WY	2
		Singapore	1				
		Spain	1				
		U.A.E.	1				

Rob Rabinovitz - Jackie's Pen Pal Passed Away in April



It recently came to our attention that Rob Rabinovitz passed away on April 27, 2022 at age 76. Known as Jackie Robinson's pen pal, Ron was a Zoom guest on April 13, 2021 as we celebrated Jackie Robinson Day. The Sheboygan native had an interesting story that appeared in the [May 2021 Keltner Hot Corner](#).

Here is Ron's Star Tribune [Obituary](#). Rest in Peace.



Schabowski's Super Stumpers

By Rick Schabowski
August Trivia

Rick is back after two months of a guest stumper (thanks again Dave Klement) with some interesting questions. I got two and small parts of the other three. Anyone get all five, four?

1. Name the first team in modern era MLB to lose 110 or more games in a season and then have a nine-or-more-game winning streak in the next?
2. On June 15, 1957, the Milwaukee Braves traded for second baseman Red Schoendienst. Name the team he was acquired from, and the players the Braves gave up?
3. On August 30, 1982 the Milwaukee Brewers traded for Don Sutton. Name the team he was acquired from, and the players the Brewers gave up?
4. Joe Adcock was recently inducted into the Atlanta Braves Wall of Fame. Name the team that Adcock played for before he joined the Milwaukee Braves in 1953?
5. Under the modern rules of baseball who are the seven players to hit .403 in a season with over 150 PA?



Do you have a baseball trivia question or two, heck even 12, to stump Our Stumper? If so, send your brilliance to [Rick](#) to see if you can trip him up and he'll include it in a future *Keltner Hot Corner* giving you credit - bragging rights - for your stumper(s).

Trivia Answers are [here](#)



Watch a Preview of the Landmarks Committee's New SABR Baseball Map

The [SABR Baseball Landmarks Committee](#) has been hard at work compiling the most complete list of baseball-related sites across North America to include active and historic ballparks, statues, museums, historic markers, murals, graves, and other roadside attractions.

On Thursday, July 21, SABR officially launched the SABR Baseball Map, an exciting and powerful tool to help you plan baseball travel this summer and beyond. [A fabulous tool when traveling to see baseball sites on the road.]



- **Start exploring!** Visit [SABR.org/baseball-map](https://sabr.org/baseball-map) to learn more or to view the SABR Baseball Map

On your desktop or laptop computer, the SABR Baseball Map will allow you to explore and discover must-see places to visit along your travel route. On your smartphone or tablet, the SABR Baseball Map will give you turn-by-turn directions to each site at the tap of a button, from wherever you are.

[Click here](#) to watch a preview of the SABR Baseball Map in action, from Landmarks Committee chair John Racanelli.

Or [click here to watch the full tutorial video](#) on YouTube during its unveiling on July 21.

[I saw the rollout of this tool and this will be very popular with SABRen and not yet SABRen.]

SABR/IWBC Women in Baseball Conference Virtual - September 16-18

Early registration is now open for the 2022 SABR/IWBC Virtual Women in Baseball Conference. Registration is now open for the fourth annual SABR/IWBC Women in Baseball Conference, which will be held virtually on September 16-18, 2022. All baseball fans are welcome to attend!



This year's conference — co-sponsored by SABR and the International Women's Baseball Center, and hosted by Rockford University — will be a virtual event centered around the theme "Title IX and Women's Baseball: Where We've Been and Where We are Headed." Presentations and panels will take place on Zoom.

- **Register now:** [Click here to register for this event at SABR.org](#). Early registration is \$50, and includes Zoom access to all presentations and panels, awards ceremony, and virtual social hour. After September 7, regular registration is \$60.
- **Schedule:** Stay tuned for the full schedule of panels and presentations. Zoom sessions will be held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16; 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1:30-4:30 p.m., and 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 17, and 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 18. (All times listed are in the Eastern Time Zone.)

If you have any questions, please contact [Leslie Heaphy](#).

Visit [SABR.org/women-in-baseball-conference](https://sabr.org/women-in-baseball-conference) to learn more.



Bancroft Exhibit Runs in Superior

An extensive exhibit about Superior HOFer Dave Bancroft is underway at the Douglas County Historical Society's museum through Saturday, October 8. The museum is at 1101 John Avenue in Superior.

It's free and open on Wednesdays through Saturdays. The exhibit uses much of the Bancroft memorabilia of Keltner member Tom Alesia. Alesia's bio book — [Beauty at Short: Dave Bancroft, the Most Unlikely Hall of Famer and His Wild Times in Baseball's First Century](#) — spurred the exhibit. It's the first recognition of Bancroft in Superior, where he lived for more than 60 years until his 1972 death.

Plans are underway for a permanent marker in a Superior park. Also, Alesia will give a presentation at the museum on October 8, the exact date of the 100th anniversary of Bancroft's second World Series title with the New York Giants.

Through June and most of July, the Bancroft exhibit was displayed at the Sioux City (Iowa) Public Museum, which is in Bancroft's hometown. Sioux City declared July 1 as Dave Bancroft Day. Alesia spoke to a full house of more than 120 people that day, and threw out the first pitch at the Sioux City Explorers' game. Before the game, a permanent Bancroft plaque was unveiled at the team's Mercy One Field at Lewis and Clark Park.



If you're in Wisconsin's Northwoods or Duluth area this summer or fall, check out the exhibit. Alesia will be a guest on the podcasts [Baseball by the Book](#) and [Sports' Forgotten Heroes](#) in mid-August.



Attending SABR 50?



Are you attending SABR 50 in Baltimore? Currently nine Wisconsin members are. Please let [Dennis](#) know so we have an idea of Keltner members attending the event so we can answer your convention questions. I will be there finally, after waiting three years to do so.

If you are attending, my cell number is 262-339-9968.

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The Fascinating History of Baseball in Milwaukee Seminar

Bjorklunden Seminar Info - Oct. 2-7, 2022

Steven E. Landfried - Seminar Leader



The seminar will begin with a brief look at the early history of professional baseball in Milwaukee and an important little-known 1900 meeting including Charles Comiskey and Connie Mack that led to the incorporation of the American League. Next, we will survey the 51 year American Association history of the original Milwaukee Brewers. In particular, special attention will be given to

how Bill Veeck and managers Charley Grimm and Casey Stengel revitalized the interest in baseball in the 1940's . . . and how the building of Milwaukee County Stadium lured major league baseball to Wisconsin.

Special focus will be given to the economics and politics behind Lou Perini's decision to move his Boston Braves to Milwaukee in 1953. Then we will look at how players like Eddie Mathews, Warren Spahn, Hank Aaron, Lou Burdette and others quickly transformed the Braves into title contenders. Films of the 1957 and 1958 World Series and WTMJ radio broadcasts featuring Earl Gillespie and Blaine Walsh will share some excitement of those days. In turn we will examine how poor ownership decisions precipitated rapid attendance declines and a legal struggle that preceded the team's departure for Atlanta in 1966. Finally, we will review tireless efforts by Bud Selig and many others to return professional baseball to the city.

The last two days will spotlight Brewers highlights of the last 50 years. These will include: exploits of Bambi's Bombers that led to the 1982 World Series; successful seasons in the 1980's featuring Robin Yount, Paul Molitor, Cecil Cooper, Gorman Thomas, and Ben Oglivie; an overview of the franchise's malaise from 1994-2006; politics associated with getting tax-payer support for replacing of Milwaukee County Stadium; the on-field upsurge starting in 2008 that featured Ryan Braun, Prince Fielder, J.J. Hardy, Corey Hart, Ben Sheets and C.C. Sabathia; the role of David Sterns, Craig Counsel, and ever-changing rosters contributing to four straight post-season appearances; and successes of the current team.

Lastly, the reflections of seminar participants on their experiences as fans and opportunities to watch the October 2022 post-season playoffs on television will add to the excitement of the week

Seminar Leader Steve Landfried is seven-time Bjorklunden seminar leader and has been a fan of baseball since 1953—when he saw the Milwaukee Braves play the Chicago Cubs in April of the inaugural season of Milwaukee County Stadium. That experience inspired him for years as a ballplayer, sports writer, and fan. That interest expanded over the years and eventually led him to participate in two Brewers Fantasy Camps and two Senior Baseball World Series. He eventually journeyed for Induction ceremonies in Cooperstown, N.Y. and a chance to meet some favorite Hall of Fame baseball players Al Kaline, Denny McClain Ozzie Smith, and Robin Yount.

Björklunden Seminar Options

RESIDENTS

- For weeks ending Friday afternoon: \$950 per person, double occupancy; \$1,230 per person, single occupancy.
- This all-inclusive fee covers seminar tuition, lodging, and meals.
- Participants who register for a double occupancy room but do not specify a roommate will be paired with a same-gender roommate if possible. If the guest rooms fill up before a roommate can be assigned, participants will be charged the single occupancy rate.

COMMUTERS

- \$475 per person.
- This fee covers seminar tuition, Sunday dinner, and all lunches. Other meals are charged separately.
- \$390 per person.
- This fee covers seminar tuition only. Meals are not included with this rate.

HOUSEGUESTS

- For weeks ending Friday afternoon: \$690 per person, double occupancy; \$975 per person, single occupancy.
- For weeks ending Saturday morning: \$700 per person, double occupancy; \$1,050 per person, single occupancy.
- This fee covers lodging and meals only. First preference on housing is given to seminar participants.

Please note the following:

- Seminar participants choose only one seminar for each week of attendance.
- Class sizes are limited. Early registration will help ensure participants get into the seminar they prefer. **Once seminars have reached or are near capacity, they are no longer available for online registration. You may call the lodge to find out if any spaces remain open.**
- Registration is open to the general public – participants need not have a connection to Lawrence University in order to attend.
- Seminar participants may either reside at the estate or commute from the area. Houseguests who reside at the estate but do not participate in seminars are also welcome though first preference on housing is given to seminar participants.
- Participants may arrive for seminars after 4 p.m. on Sunday; seminars officially begin with dinner on Sunday evening. Instructors usually hold a “meet and greet” session with class participants after dinner on Sunday. Please plan accordingly.
- Classes typically meet on weekday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon, leaving the remaining time free. Instructors may offer optional afternoon or evening sessions and have the freedom to change the typical schedule if need be.
- Public events are often held at Björklunden on any given seminar week, which participants may be able to attend. Details about these events will be posted at the lodge and announced during Sunday dinner. Information about events will not be provided to seminar participants before arrival.
- Participants are invited to sample local cuisine on Wednesday evening, our chef’s night off – dinner will not be served at the lodge Wednesday evening. Please plan accordingly.
- Seminars end either Friday after lunch after breakfast.
- Participants are responsible for acquiring any seminar texts and/or materials and some seminars require a materials fee. The necessary information can be found within each course description and will also be sent to participants two months before the start date of their seminar. Please note that some seminar instructors may assign coursework throughout the week.
- Participants are responsible for bringing their own writing utensils, notebooks, folders, and any other items that will aid in taking notes and organizing class materials. Björklunden will not provide these items.
- Björklunden may take photographs, videos, audiotape recordings, and other images and sound-based media during courses and events and may use such media for educational, promotional, advertising, and other purposes.

For more information call: (920) 839-2216

Schabowski's Super Stumpers

August Answers:

1. 2022 Baltimore Orioles.
2. Ray Crone, Bobby Thomson, and Danny O’Connell.
3. Obtained from the Houston Astros in exchange for Kevin Bass, Frank DiPino, Mike Madden and cash.
4. Cincinnati Reds.
5. Rogers Hornsby, George Sisler, Ty Cobb, Joe Jackson, Ted Williams, Harry Heilmann — and Bob Hazle.

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