



# Rocky Mountain SABR Newsletter

July, 2023

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN SABR CHAPTER RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF FIVE CHAPTERS THAT EXCEEDED SABR'S STANDARDS IN THE LAST YEAR!!!

At Saturday's Awards Luncheon at the just completed SABR Convention in Chicago, the Rocky Mountain SABR Chapter was recognized as one of five chapters that exceeded SABR's standards in the last year, our All-Star Chapters. That's the upper echelon of the entire SABR universe!

Last year, under the guidance of our SABR Chapter liaison, Pete Cottrell, SABR began working with the 85 world-wide chapter leaders to further improve their operations by prescribing guidelines for governance, recruitment, research projects, events, infrastructure, and more.

Thanks to focused work to improve in specific areas that we previously did not qualify for, we were able to receive the prestigious honor from SABR national.

## JULY IN-PERSON SABR LUNCHEON

Members of the Rocky Mountain SABR Community, our membership has asked for nighttime sessions, and we listened.

On Wednesday evening, July 12th, we will have an in-person Rocky Mountain SABR gathering at Chopper's Sports Grill. Festivities begin at 5:30 PM and will go to about 7:30 PM. Chopper's is located at 80 S. Madison St., which is close to S Alameda and Colorado Blvd. There is a plenty of free parking, both on the street in front of the restaurant as well as a parking lot behind the building. This gathering will be in lieu of the usual monthly luncheon.

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## SPECIAL VIRTUAL EVENT WITH JOE POSNANSKI

**!!SAVE THE DATE!!**

**SUNDAY AUGUST 27TH @ 6PM MDT**

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a special virtual event the evening of Sunday August

27th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time.

Our special guest will be famous baseball writer and author Joe Posnanski. Joe Posnanski is the #1 New

York Times bestselling author of six books, including The Baseball 100, Paterno, and The Secret of

Golf, and has been named National Sportswriter of the Year by five different organizations. Joe will also

be releasing a new book in September entitled "Why We Love Baseball: A History in 50 Moments" and here is the link from Penguin Random House Publishing that gives more detail about it:

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/715577/why-we-love-baseball-by-joe-posnanski/>

So save the date and we look forward to seeing you all there!

## SABR ANALYTICS CERTIFICATION

Whether you are a student or professional looking to set yourself apart as you break into the ultra-competitive baseball industry, or a broadcaster, coach, scout, or fan interested in gaining a better understanding of the present state and future of the game, the SABR Analytics

Certification was created with you in mind.

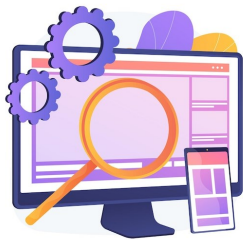
The SABR Analytics Certification program is an online, on-demand

curriculum offering professional development and learning opportunities for those interested in elevating their skills and knowledge relating to baseball analytics. The curriculum was developed by current baseball professionals, including employees of Major League Baseball and its clubs.

Click on a link to find more details on our first two courses available online:

[LEVEL ONE](#)   [LEVEL TWO](#)

Courses advance through progressively deeper dives into the world of baseball data and analytics, with virtual instruction provided by industry thought leaders and the opportunity to present your own analysis to be reviewed by esteemed professionals. Upon completion of each course, participants will **earn certification** recognition to illustrate their learned proficiencies



## NEW RM SABR WEBSITE

We are very excited about the work Joe Adona has done in creating a new "**Members Only**" section to the Rocky Mountain SABR website: <https://www.rmsabr.org/>

The section is our own private social network – similar to Facebook or LinkedIn – but completely customized and private to our chapter. If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to create a profile, allowing you to post comments or opinions, post photos and videos, share links, ask questions, even send private messages to another member or to a group of members.

The video linked below gives a detailed overview of the features in this section and how to use them as well as how to set up a profile and login.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPpQbZfU69c>



## 2023 RM SABR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The nomination period for election of designated Officer and At-Large Board positions on the Rocky Mountain SABR Board of Directors will begin in mid-August. This year, SABR members will vote for the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) At-Large Director Positions.

Further instructions will be provided on how to nominate individual members of RM SABR for the 2023 Officer and Board of Directors election from our Secretary and elections commissioner Alex Marks.

You will be able to submit one (1) individual for nomination to the respective Officer positions, and up to three (3) individuals for nomination for the At-Large Director positions. All nominated and elected officers and directors shall have been individual members of the Rocky Mountain Chapter continuously for one year prior to taking office and are in “good standing” with SABR, including the Rocky Mountain Chapter.

## FORMER MLB AND NEGRO LEAGUE PLAYERS GRAVESITE TOUR—SUNDAY JULY 16TH

The gravesites of approximately 15 former MLB and Negro League players’ gravesites have been located the Fairmount and Riverside Cemeteries. Rocky Mountain SABR member, David Wallack, is inviting members to join him this Sunday, July 16, at 10 AM for a bicycle tour of 14 sites. The gathering will begin at Fairmount Cemetery, which is a Alameda and Quebec and is entered on the east side of Quebec. Please remember to bring a bicycle, helmet and water.



## RM SABR LOGO

Rocky Mountain SABR is looking to re-design the current logo. We would like to encourage interested members to provide ideas or support in developing the new design.

## JERRY MALLOY NEGRO LEAGUE CONFERENCE

There’s still time to sign up for SABR’s annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference, which will be held on July 20-23, 2023, in Detroit, Michigan. All baseball fans are welcome to attend. Visit [SABR.org/malloy](https://sabr.org/malloy) to learn more or to register for the Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference.



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## BALLPARK FIGURES WITH SHAKEIA TAYLOR

Join us each month for SABR's **Ballpark Figures**, a new interview series hosted by Shakeia Taylor. The virtual Zoom event is free and open to all active SABR members. Not a SABR member yet? Visit [SABR.org/join](https://sabr.org/join) to sign up for a monthly or annual membership. Taylor is a Deputy Senior Content Editor at the *Chicago Tribune* and a Chicago-based baseball historian. Her work has appeared at SB Nation, FanGraphs, Baseball Prospectus, MLB.com, Yahoo! Sports, and other outlets. She was a recipient of the 2021 SABR Analytics Conference Research Award for historical baseball analysis/commentary.

**Coming Up**  
**August 3, 2023**  
**8:00 p.m. EDT**



**Jay Jaffe** is a senior writer for [FanGraphs](#), author of [The Cooperstown Casebook](#) and creator of the [JAWS \(Jaffe WAR Score\) metric](#) for Hall of Fame analysis. He previously was a guest of the Rocky Mountain SABR chapter on a virtual meeting. He founded the Futility Infielder website, was a columnist for [Baseball Prospectus](#), a contributing writer for [Sports Illustrated](#), and a contributor to more than a dozen books including Baseball Prospectus' *Extra Innings*. He has been a recurring guest on MLB Network, a member of the BBWAA since 2011, and a Hall of Fame voter since 2021. Follow him on Twitter [@jay\\_jaffe](#) and BlueSky [@jayjaffe.bsky.social](#).



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## NEW ROCKY MOUNTAIN SABR INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

We are pleased to announce we have launched our new Rocky Mountain SABR Chapter Instagram page and followed several baseball and Colorado-related IG sites. [@RockyMtnSABR](#) is the IG follow. Please follow and share as a result.