



Membership Handbook 2024

Society for American
Baseball Research

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community of baseball fans*

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Dear SABR Member,

Welcome to SABR — the Society for American Baseball Research. Founded in 1971, SABR (pronounced “saber”) is a nonprofit membership organization of more than 7,000 members whose goal is to foster the research and preservation of the history of the game. SABR is a place where passionate baseball fans join together to form a special community. Members voice opinions online, share stories and ideas at regional chapter meetings, as well as attend innovative member presentations at the annual convention.

What do you get for your SABR membership? You’ll receive SABR publications throughout the year, including two issues of the *Baseball Research Journal*, which features historical and narrative articles as well as statistical analysis; an expanded e-book edition of *The National Pastime*, released in conjunction with our annual convention; numerous free e-books from the SABR Digital Library; and “This Week in SABR” e-mails every Friday to keep you updated on all of the goings-on within SABR.

As a SABR member, you are eligible to participate in as many research committees as you like. More information on how to join these committees can be found later in this handbook. You can subscribe to SABR-L, our members-only listserv. You’ll have access to the SABR membership directory online; more than 97 percent of SABR members have e-mail addresses on file with SABR. Members also receive a discount on convention and other conference registrations SABR holds throughout the year.

Your membership dues provide the majority of the funding for our programs. If you are like most new members, you may be wondering “Where do I begin?” Hopefully this handbook will serve as a guide and reference. Please do not hesitate to contact someone at the SABR office for assistance. You will find our phone number and emails in the front and back of this handbook as well as on our website at SABR.org.

SABR is fundamentally a volunteer-driven organization. Its research committee and regional chapter structure is dependent upon members donating their time to fill leadership roles. The administrative staff consists of a Chief Executive Officer; Executive Vice President; Director of Editorial Content; Membership Services Manager; and Business Operations Manager.

What do you need to know to enjoy your membership? First of all, please note that SABR membership is based on a rolling calendar year. If you join on June 1, 2024, your membership will extend until May 31, 2025. You can begin enjoying all the benefits of membership immediately. Go to members.sabr.org and log in to access the Members' Info page.

We hope you will become an active member of SABR. Thanks for joining SABR and welcome to the SABR family!

— **Scott Bush**
Chief Executive Officer, SABR

Benefits of Membership

The first benefit of SABR membership is knowing you are contributing in your own way to helping people do baseball research and to make that research more accessible to others. In essence, you are helping to preserve baseball history. Without your support, SABR could not fulfill its mission. A second benefit is that you are now part of a group of the most knowledgeable and helpful baseball fans anywhere. But there are many other benefits as well. Here's a summary:

SABR Publications

Baseball Research Journal

Established in 1972, the *Baseball Research Journal* (BRJ) is SABR's flagship publication. Today, BRJ provides a unique mix of cutting-edge baseball research and historical articles. It is published twice annually (spring and fall) and all SABR members receive the BRJ as an e-book edition. If you wish to subscribe to receive the BRJ print edition in the mail, visit [SABR.org/subscribe](https://sabr.org/subscribe) and sign up for a discounted rate of \$7 per issue (\$11 for international members). Many past articles can also be found on our website — visit SABR.org and click “Research Collection” to find the [Baseball Research Journal Archives page](#).

The National Pastime

The National Pastime is SABR's convention journal, where SABR members contribute to baseball research about the region where that year's convention is being held. In 2024, the convention will be held in Minnesota and stories will be published about the Twins, St. Paul Saints, Minneapolis Millers, Negro Leagues, players from Minnesota, and many other related subjects. Convention attendees will receive a souvenir print edition of *The National Pastime* on-site. Members who do not attend will receive the e-book edition. You can access *TNP* archives at [SABR.org/the-national-pastime-archives](https://sabr.org/the-national-pastime-archives).

SABR Digital Library

For 50 years, SABR and its members have led the way in publishing the best baseball historical and statistical research. Our publications program is shifting to take advantage of new methods of publishing. In the SABR Digital Library ([SABR.org/ebooks](https://sabr.org/ebooks)), we publish new books like *Can He Play? A Look at Baseball Scouts and Their Profession* and *Inventing Baseball: The 100 Greatest Games of the 19th Century*, which showcase the best efforts of SABR's members, chapters and committees, but new technology also makes it possible for us to bring out-of-print SABR titles such as *Great Hitting Pitchers* (1979) and *Nineteenth Century Stars* (1989) back again. SABR members can download all Digital Library e-books for free or get discounted rates for the purchase of paperback editions. Learn more at [SABR.org/ebooks](https://sabr.org/ebooks).

Publishing Opportunities

Articles in SABR publications are written by members like you. If you are interested in having your work published by SABR, in print or online, you should contact Cecilia Tan, SABR's Publications Editor (e-mail: ctan@sabr.org). For general “how to get published by SABR” information, you can find material on our Publications page ([SABR.org/about/publications](https://sabr.org/about/publications)).

Online Benefits

New Member Experience virtual meetings

Each month, the SABR staff hosts a virtual orientation meeting with new members via Zoom. In this live training demo, we help new members navigate their SABR account, the SABR.org website and some of the most valuable benefits included in membership. There is also a chance to meet fellow members. Find details of the next New Member Experience meeting at [SABR.org/events](https://www.sabr.org/events).

Membership Directory

The SABR Membership Directory is one of SABR's most vital and basic tools, connecting you with any other SABR members. Visit profile.sabr.org/search to find the online directory.

This Week in SABR newsletter

Every week, the SABR office staff compiles news and notes that highlight what other members are doing and to keep you informed of the organization's goings-on. Members with an e-mail address on file will receive a "This Week in SABR" e-mail every Friday with SABR announcements, links to stories that appear on SABR.org and around the Internet, a calendar of upcoming regional events, and more.

Member Benefit Spotlight series

In our Member Benefit Spotlight series, the SABR staff takes a look at some of the key resources and benefits available to SABR members with video tutorials. Visit [SABR.org/benefit-spotlight](https://www.sabr.org/benefit-spotlight) to view the videos and learn more.

SABR-L

The SABR-L mailing list is a free, moderated forum which encourages and facilitates research and information exchange among SABR members. Since its founding in 1995, the list's subscriber rolls have grown steadily in number.

To subscribe to SABR-L, send an e-mail to the address:

LISTSERV@APPLE.EASE.LSOFT.COM

In the body of the message, put the line

SUBSCRIBE SABR-L Firstname Lastname

(using your name in place of 'Firstname Lastname'). Your request will be forwarded to the list maintainer, who, after verifying your SABR membership, will add you to the list.

SABR Store

The **SABR Store @ CafePress** (cafepress.com/sabrstore) is our online shop for members and friends to purchase SABR-logo apparel and gifts for themselves or the baseball fans in their life. Items will feature the full-color SABR logo and will be available for purchase throughout the year.

Research Resources

SABR offers many tools to help you do better research. For a comprehensive list of resources including searchable archives of past SABR publications, members-only resources, and public internet resources — visit profile.sabr.org/research-resources. Here is a sampling of what we offer to members:

The Sporting News archives

Log on to SABR.org/paperofrecord to access Paper of Record, which includes digitized editions of *The Sporting News* (1886-2003) and many other publications. There are more than 189,000 pages to read, providing an exhaustive research resource or simply the fun of learning more about baseball's rich past.

Newspapers.com World Collection

All SABR members now have free online access to the Newspapers.com World Collection, with more than 10,000 newspaper titles from the United States, Canada, and other countries, allowing you to explore full and partial runs of well-known regional, state, and small local newspapers dating back to the 1700s. Visit the [Research Resources page](#) and click the Newspapers.com button to start digging.

Historical Black Newspapers Collection (ProQuest)

The Historical Black Newspapers Collection, available through ProQuest, offers essential primary source content and editorial perspectives from 12 distinguished African American newspapers in the United States, including the *Chicago Defender*, *Kansas City Call*, and *Pittsburgh Courier*. Visit the [Research Resources page](#) and click the ProQuest button to learn more.

SABR Oral History Collection

SABR's Oral History Committee has compiled a list of more than 750 interviews with ballplayers (Majors, Minors, Negro Leaguers, AAGBBL), executives, scouts, authors, writers, broadcasters and fans. Visit sabr.org/oralhistory to listen to any interview in our collection or to learn more.

The Baseball Index

SABR's Bibliography Committee has compiled an expanding database of more than 260,000 citations for baseball articles and books. The Baseball Index is fully searchable online with results available in several formats. Visit the Baseball Index website at baseballindex.org.

SABR-L

The purpose of the SABR-L e-mail listserv is to get feedback from your fellow members on research topics. Ask for advice on where to look for information; ask for assistance in looking up material in a local newspaper; publish preliminary findings of your research to get feedback. SABR-L gets you in touch with hundreds of SABR members at a time. To learn how to subscribe to SABR-L, visit SABR.org/about/sabr-l.

Email discussion groups

At SABRgroups.org, you can subscribe to other email discussion groups set up by SABR's chapters and committees to help facilitate conversation around a particular area of interest. Active discussion groups include ones dedicated to biographical research, baseball records, the minor leagues, 19th-century baseball, and the Black Sox Scandal.

Regional Chapters

SABR is an organization driven by its members — our organization wouldn't exist without all the time and effort put in by regional chapter leaders and other volunteers. Most members of SABR are unable to attend the annual convention regularly, and therefore miss out on the research presentations, guest speakers, committee meetings and the chance to talk baseball with fellow members. SABR's regional chapters promote the Society's objectives by fostering increased contact among SABR members.

Visit SABR.org/chapters to find a chapter in your area.

To find out about upcoming meetings in your area, visit members.sabr.org and click "Join a chapter." You can sign up to receive announcements from as many chapters or committees as you like.

Some areas don't yet have a regional chapter ... but it's easy to start one. Check out SABR.org/chapters for more information.

Research Committees

To facilitate baseball research on specific topics, SABR has more than 30 research committees. **A full list can be found below or by visiting SABR.org/research/committees.**

SABR's Research Committees have helped make baseball reference materials more accurate, as in the case of the Biographical Research Committee, which continually updates birth and death dates and places for encyclopedias, and the Baseball Records Committee's efforts to make the record books more accurate; produced SABR publications (*Minor League Baseball Stars*, *The Negro Leagues Book*, *Nineteenth Century Stars*, *Deadball Stars of the AL/NL*, etc.); and improved the ease of baseball research (SABR's The Baseball Index and its research guides).

How Do I Join A Research Committee?

To join a Research Committee and receive e-mail announcements and newsletters, visit members.sabr.org and click "Join a committee."

Each committee produces a newsletter which helps to disseminate new information and network committee members to facilitate committee and individual projects. Every member of the committee receives a committee newsletter.

You can find all past committee newsletters by going to SABR.org/research/committees, finding the committee you want and clicking the tab that says "Newsletters".

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When do I start receiving SABR member benefits?

A: As soon as your membership application is processed by the SABR office, you can log into the Members' Info page at members.sabr.org by using your e-mail address and password. That page includes information on how to access the membership directory, how to subscribe to the SABR-L listserv, frequently asked questions, and more.

Please note that it may take about 24 hours for your membership to be processed. Then you can sign up for announcements from research committees and regional chapters, and access all members-only areas of the website.

Q: How long does my membership last?

A: SABR membership is based on a rolling calendar year. This means your annual membership begins the day you join and expires on the preceding day of the next year (For instance, if you join on June 1, 2024, your membership will expire on May 31, 2025.) Monthly memberships expire 30 days after you join. Please note: All SABR memberships auto-renew for your convenience. If you have any questions, call the SABR office at 602-496-1460.

Q: How much SABR e-mail can I expect to receive?

A: Every Friday, all members receive our weekly e-newsletter called [This Week in SABR](#). You'll also receive e-mail announcements from your regional chapter leader to notify you of upcoming SABR events in your area. (The meeting schedule varies by chapter; some chapters may meet once or twice a month, some meet 2-4 times a year.)

You can also sign up to receive monthly or quarterly newsletters from any of our 30+ research committees. (The publication schedule varies by committee.)

Our moderated e-mail listserv, SABR-L, is another key benefit of SABR membership, allowing members to post research questions and discuss baseball-related topics. Some say SABR-L is worth the price of a membership all by itself. Visit [SABR.org/about/sabr-l](https://sabr.org/about/sabr-l) to learn how to subscribe and details about posting etiquette.

Q: How do I log in to SABR.org?

A: You can log in to SABR's website by visiting members.sabr.org. Use your primary e-mail address and password.

Q: How do I reset my password? What if I forgot my password?

A: If you wish to change your password, click the "Edit My Profile" button at members.sabr.org. You will see a link in the center that will allow you to change your password.

Q: How do I subscribe to receive the *Baseball Research Journal* by mail?

A: All SABR members receive the *Baseball Research Journal* as an e-book edition twice annually (spring and fall). If you wish to subscribe to receive the BRJ print edition in the mail, visit SABR.org/subscribe and sign up for a discounted rate of \$7 per issue (\$11 for international members). Many past articles can also be found on our website — visit SABR.org and click “Research Collection” to find the [Baseball Research Journal Archives page](#).

Q: Can I order back issues of SABR publications?

A: Yes! Back issues of SABR publications, including the *Baseball Research Journal* and *The National Pastime* can be ordered at Amazon.com. All SABR Digital Library paperback editions can be ordered at the [SABR Store online](#).

Q: How do I submit an article for publication?

A: For your own sake, don’t go to all the trouble of writing an article before you touch base with the Publications Editors. Query first. E-mail your proposal, an outline or both, setting out your idea for an article to the Publications Editor at PubDir@sabr.org. SABR will give you an honest appraisal of your idea, perhaps some suggestions, and will tell you whether or not we’d like to see a complete manuscript.

Q: When will I get registration information about the next SABR convention?

A: Generally, registration is available online beginning in January or February of the convention year. The most updated convention information, including registration and schedule, is available on the SABR website at SABR.org/convention. In addition, check your e-mail for “This Week in SABR” every Friday for more updates.

Q: How do I make a presentation at the SABR convention or regional meetings?

A: Check the SABR convention page at SABR.org/convention for the latest updates.

Through on-site judging, the best presentations will receive the Doug Pappas Award for best oral presentation and the SABR Convention Poster Presentation Award for best poster presentation.

To make a presentation at an upcoming regional chapter meeting, contact the chapter leaders by going to SABR.org/chapters and finding the closest chapter near you.

For other general inquiries related to SABR membership and its benefits, log in to members.sabr.org and click on Frequently Asked Questions.

SABR Events

Visit [SABR.org/events](https://sabr.org/events) to find information on our annual events, such as the SABR national convention, Analytics Conference, Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference, Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference, SABR/IWBC Women in Baseball Conference, and SABR Day. You can also find an updated calendar of events, which includes all regional chapter meetings, research committee meetings, virtual Zoom meetings, author events, and much more.

All baseball fans are welcome to attend any SABR meeting, so feel free to come — and bring a friend! Please be mindful that SABR adheres to an [Event Code of Conduct](#) that ensures the safety and well-being of our attendees and guests.

SABR Analytics Conference

March 8-10, 2024, in Phoenix, AZ

We'll bring the top minds of the baseball analytic community to discuss, debate, and share insightful ways to analyze and examine the great game of baseball. The schedule will consist of guest speakers, panels and research presentations.

Registration and hotel information will be available at [SABR.org/analytics](https://sabr.org/analytics) in Fall 2023.

SABR 52

August 7-11, 2024, in Minneapolis, MN

SABR's annual convention is an annual gathering of writers, researchers, fans, players, executives, scouts and many others throughout the baseball community. Attendance is open to all, regardless of SABR membership. The convention includes five days of activities and excursions, including dozens of research presentations, panel discussions and group trips to major league and minor league ballgames.

Registration and hotel information for SABR 52 will be available at [SABR.org/convention](https://sabr.org/convention) in early 2024.

Meet the Staff

Scott Bush, Chief Executive Officer

Scott joined SABR as CEO in 2018 after serving as the Senior Vice President for Business Development with the Goldklang Group. His demonstrated commitment to creativity and his established track record of generating revenue, cultivating new markets, and collaborating with a wide range of stakeholders make Bush an ideal fit for the next stage of SABR's evolution within the baseball ecosystem. Since graduating from the University of Minnesota, Bush held positions with increasing responsibilities in both sports and media, including a five-year stint as Assistant General Manager for the St. Paul Saints, where he played a key role in establishing CHS Field in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Scott Carter, Executive Vice President

Scott joined SABR in 2020 after serving as the Director of Marketing and Corporate Partnerships at Camelback Ranch in Glendale, Arizona, the spring training home of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox. His career also includes lead marketing and event planning roles with decorated Minor League Baseball clubs, where his creative and collaborative strengths drove increased attendance and revenues for the Durham Bulls, Fresno Grizzlies, and Rancho Cucamonga Quakes. A graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara, Carter now resides in Gilbert, Arizona, with his wife, Kianey, and two sons.

Jacob Pomrenke, Director of Editorial Content

Jacob joined the SABR staff in 2011. He has been an active SABR member since 1998 and is the chairman and newsletter editor for SABR's Black Sox Scandal Research Committee. He is the editor of *Scandal on the South Side: The 1919 Chicago White Sox*, published by SABR in 2015, and the Eight Myths Out project in 2019. He has written about baseball scandals and has made appearances as a subject-matter expert on MLB Network, ESPN, PBS, Fox Sports, and many other TV, radio, and online media outlets. He spent 10 years working as a reporter, page designer, and editor at the *North County Times* and *San Bernardino Sun* newspapers in California, and *The Times* in Gainesville, Georgia.

Jessica Smyth, Membership Services Manager

Jessica Smyth joined the SABR staff in 2022 after serving as a Digital Coordinator with Heritage Werks, where she managed and maintained digital archives for corporate clients and institutions. She has a master's degree in public history from Middle Tennessee State University and a bachelor's degree in history from the University of West Alabama.

Ken Carrano, Business Operations Manager

Ken Carrano joined the SABR staff in 2023 after serving as Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Operations for Landscape Concepts Management, a large landscape services provider in suburban Chicago. He holds a master's degree in accounting and a bachelor's degree in finance from DePaul University in Chicago. A lifelong White Sox fan and SABR member since 1995, he has contributed to both the SABR Games and Biography Projects.

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