



Rocky Mountain SABR Newsletter

January 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO RMSABR MEMBERS!



On behalf of the Board of the Rocky Mountain chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year! I am very honored and excited to be serving as the Board president.

Recently, as I have been spending time trying to learn more about the organization that we are all a part of, I found myself digging into the SABR.org website. When I saw that *History* and *Forward Looking and Relevancy* were at the top of the list of the Guiding Principles and Values, I thought it was relevant and inline with how I view the work I need to do in my new role.

I think it is important for us to reveal, respect, and preserve the history of our Chapter just as much as we do with the game of baseball. I'd like to thank the outgoing members of the previous Board for their contributions, accomplishments and for the growth that occurred under their watch. As we look forward to 2024 and beyond, we will keep that momentum going and work to find more ways for our members to connect and gather, with the goal of enhancing and extending our community of baseball lovers.

All the best to you and your families in 2024!

Sincerely,

John Salvino



JANUARY SABR LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, January 17th, we will have an in-person Rocky Mountain SABR gathering at Chopper's Sports Grill. The luncheon will begin at noon and will go to about 1:30 PM. Chopper's is located at 80 S. Madison St., which is close to S Alameda and Colorado Blvd. There is plenty of free parking, both on the street in front of the restaurant as well as a parking lot behind the building. This is a great opportunity to discuss baseball with fellow baseball fans. Hope to see you there!

TODD HELTON— HoF ANNOUNCEMENT WATCH PARTY

Join us at the Cherry Cricket (Ballpark location) from 3:30pm on Tuesday January 23rd as we gather to watch the televised live announcement of the 2024 Baseball Hall of Fame inductees.

Rockie legend Todd Helton narrowly missed being voted in last year, but we are very hopeful this is the year he joins his former teammate Larry Walker in getting a plaque in Cooperstown.

The Cherry Cricket is located at 2220 Blake St, Denver, CO 80205 (right across from Coors Field).

[Map](#)



TRIO OF GREAT BASEBALL EVENTS ON JAN 27th

Baseball's offseason may be the most depressing of all the four major sports. All while players change teams via free agent signings and trades are three-plus months of dropping temperatures and an unforgiving winter before pitchers and catchers report to Arizona and Florida.

For the warmest days of the year, the Centennial State and the Rocky Mountain region comes alive during the baseball months with the Colorado Rockies, Pioneer League and various summer collegiate league games filling up the calendar.

However, the opportunities for new baseball experiences during this time of the year are typically limited to our gatherings for lunch on the third Wednesday of the month.

This year is a major exception. We start off 2024 with a bang thanks to three epic baseball events all on the same day.

Traveling to all three requires a minimum of two hours in the car and well over 100 miles, but with Opening Day not until March 28 and the first game at Coors Field not until April 5, how else can you get your baseball fix this winter?

FRIENDS OF BASEBALL BREAKFAST – JANUARY 27th

The morning begins with Darryl Strawberry as the guest speaker for the annual Breakfast of Champions in Greeley at 8 a.m. If that's not enough, you can stick around for the free card show in the lobby of the Island Grove Event Center as well.

<https://www.nocofriendsofbaseball.com/breakfastofchampions>



ROCKIES FEST 2024

Then it's the return of the first Rockies Fest since 2020. The event at Coors Field is advertised as having player/coach autograph sessions, Q&A sessions, behind-the-scenes fan experiences, a garage sale, kids activities, Rockies Family Feud, and many more exciting events and activities.

With 29 players from the 40-man roster on hand (including fan favorites Charlie Blackmon, Kris Bryant and Kyle Freeland) it'll be a nice re-introduction to the Denver nine.

More info about the event and ticket purchasing can be found here -

<https://kdvr.com/sports/colorado-rockies/baseball-season-to-kick-off-with-rockies-fest/>





THE SANDLOT 30TH ANNIVERSARY WITH THE CAST

Finally, head to Fort Collins for a special viewing of the iconic baseball movie The Sandlot at The Lincoln Center at 7 p.m. What makes this so unique are the appearances by some of the actual cast members. After the film, a panel composed of Smalls, Squints and Yeah Yeah will answer questions as well as share stories and anecdotes from the set.

Join the Cast of The Sandlot Movie for the 30th Anniversary (officially 31st Anniversary, but who's counting!).

Additional info and ticket purchasing can be found here—

<https://www.lctix.com/shows-tickets/the-sandlot-30th-anniversary-with-the-cast/?fbclid=IwARoEZJQIIzuIjCnenPvKH3GHjiT4YRu7ls4GZHBkhFF6S4wXhv6JuGfimLs>

2024 SABR DAY

Join us on Saturday February 3rd for our annual SABR Day Festivities starting at 9:30am at the Stanley Beer Hall in Aurora.

The day will begin with an open panel discussion featuring prominent Rockie media personalities followed by a trivia contest (all are welcome to participate). And finally will be our traditional game of catch on the lawn.

The Stanley Beer Hall is on the first floor of the Stanley Marketplace located at 2501 Dallas St #100, Aurora, CO 80010
[map](#)



ROCKIES JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Kris Bryant—Jan 4th (32)
Anthony Molina - Jan 12th (22)
Antonio Senzatella—Jan 21st (29)
Tyler Kinley—Jan 31st (33)

DID YOU KNOW?

Todd Helton (1,721) has the third most assists for a first baseman behind only Eddie Murray (1,865) and Joey Votto (1,758).



TRIVIA

Who was the first player to suit up for both 1993 Expansion clubs (aka Colorado Rockies and Florida/Miami Marlins)?

EMAIL your answer to - info@rmsabr.org
The first correct response wins a 2022 Coors Field SGA item.