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Welcome to both new SABR members and new members of the Scouts Committee.

SABRscouts ONLINE DISCUSSION GROUP

The SABRscouts eGroup is a restricted and unmoderated online discussion group for members of the Scouts Research Committee. Its purpose is to foster interactive communication regarding areas of interest about professional baseball scouts and player development personnel. Subscribers are also encouraged to post research requests as well as the URLs, titles and/or brief summaries of "Baseball Scouts in the News" articles that they believe would be of interest to other committee members.

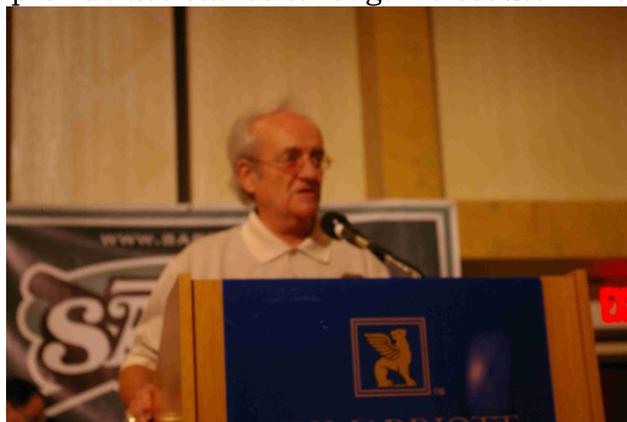
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***20 TO 80 IS A STANDARD SCOUTING SCALE**

SCOUTS IN THE NEWS

The Scouts Committee's own **Roland Hemond** will receive one of the highest honors baseball can bestow on July 23 when he will be honored with the **John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award** from the **Baseball Hall of Fame** in Cooperstown, New York. The award is presented to an individual for extraordinary efforts to enhance baseball's positive impact on society. Roland is the second recipient of this honor.

A three-time winner of MLB's Executive of the Year Award, Hemond has over sixty seasons of experience in the game including twenty-three as General Manager, first with the Chicago White Sox and later the Baltimore Orioles. Roland broke in with the Boston Braves farm system before assuming a front office position in Milwaukee and later filling the roles of Scouting and Farm Director with the expansion Los Angeles Angels. He currently acts as Senior Executive Vice-President for the Arizona Diamondbacks. He has served as the President of the **Association of Professional Baseball Players of America**, which provides financial assistance and college scholarships to current and former players, scouts and others connected with pro baseball. Roland helped found the **Professional Baseball Scouts Foundation**, designed to provide assistance to longtime scouts in need of special support.



Roland Hemond

The Goldklang Group continued its process of inducting scouts into their Hall of Fame, located at ballparks of the minor league clubs that are owned by the group. On March 14th Colorado Rockies scout **Jack Gillis** was honored with a ceremony at Ft. Myers Hammond Stadium.

Gillis, who has nearly 30 years of scouting experience, has worked as a professional scout for Colorado for the past eight years, and has also been an integral part of the Rockies' scouting in Latin America. Prior to joining the Rockies, he worked for New York Yankees, Tampa Bay and Toronto. Jack is credited with signing Jim Corsi, Dave Eiland, Mike Figga, Sterling Hitchcock, Joe Kennedy, Bob Tewksbury, and Turner Ward.

May 20th at Charleston **Mike Toomey** of the Kansas City Royals was honored. He previously worked for the San Francisco Giants, Texas Rangers and New York Mets. He is credited with signing Jamie Brewington, Cliff Brumbaugh, Ryan Glynn, Corey Lee, Kirt Manwaring and Mike Venafro. Honored at Hudson Valley July 2 was **Jim Howard** of the Baltimore Orioles. He is credited with signing Erik Bedard, Jim Hooey, Jim Johnson, Rick Krivda, John Parrish and Keith Reed. To be honored at St. Paul on August 25 is **Terry Reynolds** of the Cincinnati Reds. Terry previously worked for the Los Angeles Dodgers including time as their scouting director. He is credited with signing Chan Ho Park.

Lamar North passed away January 20th, 2011 in Rossville, Georgia. He was born May 20, 1929, son of John and Grace North. He was the founder of the Southeastern Professional Baseball Association. He was a Korean War Veteran, serving in the U. S. Army. North scouted for the Yankees from 1968-1971, the Dodgers from 1973-1975 and the Orioles from 1977-2006. He signed Ken Gerhart, Willie Harris, Jimmy Haynes, Ricky Jones, Stacy Jones, Ben McDonald, Augie Olson, Gregg Olson and Brian Roberts.

<http://www.baseball-reference.com/minors/player.cgi?id=north-001lam>

Joseph F. "Joe" Frazier Sr. passed away February 15, 2011 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born October 6, 1922 in Liberty, North Carolina. Frazier began his professional career in 1941 with Leaksville-Draper-Spray of the Bi-State League, continuing on to play 14 minor league seasons. Joe played 4 seasons as an outfielder in the major leagues, with Cleveland, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Baltimore. He served the Mets as a manager in 1976 and 1977. Frazier scouted for Houston from 1962-1965, the Mets in 1968 and 1980-1981 and St. Louis from 1982-1985.

<http://www.baseball-reference.com/players/f/frazierj01.shtml>

Hall of Fame player **Edwin "Duke" Snider** passed away February 27, 2011 in Escondido, California. He was born September 19, 1926 in Los Angeles, California. Snider was signed by Dodgers scouts Tom Downey and Clyde Sukeforth. He went on to an 18 season career, mainly with the Dodgers, hitting .295 with 407 home runs. Duke scouted for the Dodgers in 1965-1968 and the Padres in 1969.

<http://www.baseball-reference.com/players/s/snidedu01.shtml>

Robert L. "Bob" Bennett passed away March 4, 2011 in Duluth, Minnesota. He was born July 25, 1930 in Cicero, Illinois. He played three minor league seasons in the Dodgers and White Sox organizations. Bob after his playing career became a police officer, retiring as Chief of Police of Superior, Minnesota. Bennett scouted for Cleveland in 1963 and Baltimore in 1969. <http://www.baseball-reference.com/minors/player.cgi?id=bennet003rob>

Charlie Metro passed away March 18, 2011. He was born Charles Moreskonich April 28, 1918 in Nanty Glo, Pennsylvania and was signed by **Jack Fournier**. Charlie made his professional debut with Easton in 1937, playing 16 seasons in the minors. An outfielder Metro played parts of three seasons in the major leagues with Detroit and the Philadelphia Athletics from 1943-1945. He managed for 18 seasons in the minors as well. Metro also was a major league coach for 4 different seasons and managed the Cubs in 1962 and the Royals in 1970. Metro scouted off and on for the White Sox, Royals, Tigers, A's and Dodgers organizations and was an active member of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of SABR.

<http://www.baseball-reference.com/players/m/metroch01.shtml>

James "Lou" Gorman, a former major league General Manager and SABR member passed away April 1, 2011. He was born February 18, 1929 in Providence Rhode Island. Lou served 8 years in the Navy, including Korean War service and many more years in the Naval Reserve. He played one minor league season with the Providence Greys of the New England League. Lou earned Bachelors and Masters degrees before working in the Giants minor league operation and then with the Baltimore, New York Mets, Kansas City, Seattle and Red Sox organizations, the latter two serving as their general manager. He is credited with signing Roy Branch and Paul Splittorff.

<http://www.baseball-reference.com/minors/player.cgi?id=gorman002jam>

Ed "The Faa" Ford passed away April 12, 2011 in Jersey City, New Jersey. Ford was a high school coach, Director of a Department of Recreation and a sports columnist for his local newspaper. He scouted for the Angels in 1986, the White Sox from 1987-1990, Milwaukee in 1992 and the Cubs from 1993-1995. Ed signed Richie Barker, Joe Borowski, Bobby Jones, Rob Lukachyk, Bo Porter, Mike Porzio, Jon Ratliff and Jason Ryan.

Larry "Bo" Osborne passed away April 15, 2011 in Woodstock, Georgia. He was born October 12, 1935 in Chattahoochee, Georgia. Bo was signed by Tigers scout **Bill Pierre** and played 5 seasons with the Tigers and one with the Washington Senators. He was the son of major league pitcher Ernie "Tiny" Osborne. Bo scouted for Kansas City in 1970-1971 and Montreal in 1974 and for the Giants from 1994 till his passing.

<http://www.baseball-reference.com/players/o/osborbo02.shtml>

Reno Bertoria, a 10 season major leaguer, passed away April 15, 2011 in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. He was born in San Vito al Tagliamento, Italy January 8, 1935, immigrating to Canada with his parents when he was an infant. He was signed by John McHale Sr. Reno played infield for the Detroit Tigers, Washington Senators, Minnesota Twins and Kansas City Athletics. After his playing career ended he taught high school history for 30 years and scouted for Detroit from 1967-1974.

<http://www.baseball-reference.com/players/b/bertore01.shtml>

Richard "Dick" Wiencek was a super scout, ranking in the top three of most signings by an individual according to current information. He passed away May 15, 2011 in Rancho Cucamonga, California. Wiencek was born February 7, 1926 in Michigan City, Indiana. His family soon moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan. A World War II veteran, he served 31 months in the Navy. He attended Western Michigan University. As a shortstop Dick played 2 minor seasons before an injury ended his playing career and opened the door into the scouting profession.

Wiencek was honored with the George Genovese Lifetime Achievement award by the **Professional Baseball Scouts Foundation** in 2005. Dick worked for the New York Mets, Washington Senators/Minnesota Twins, California Angels, Detroit Tigers, Oakland Athletics Kansas City Royals and Milwaukee Brewers in his long and productive career.

Dick's signings rank in the top three in baseball history and include Vic Albury, Bernie Allen, Bob Allietta, Larry Arndt, Steve Baker, Bill Bathe, Ben Blomdahl, Bert Blyleven, Bruce Bochte, Darrell Brown, Steve Brye, Todd Burns, Greg Cadaret, Marti Castillo, Mike Chris, Tony Clark, Chris Codiroli, Dan Dobbek, Brian Dorsett, Brian Edmonson, Jim Eppard, Jerry Fosnow, Mike Gallego, Mike Garcia, Danny Goodwin, Tom Hall, Pete Hamm, Chuck Hensley, Donnie Hill, Jake Jacobs, Steve Jones, Jim Kaat, Jeff Kaiser, Steve Kemp, Steve Kiefer, Graham Koonce, Jack Kralick, Dave Machemer, Pete Magrini, Joe McCabe, Mark McGwire, George Mitterwald, Jack Morris, Rob Nelson, Graig Nettles, Jim Nettles, Chuck Nieson, Joe Nossek, Charlie O'Brien, Steve Ontiveros, Rick Peters, Dan Petry, Paul Powell, Tim Pyznarski, Frank Quilici, Jerry Remy, Rick Rodriguez, Dave Rucker, Bill Slaybeck, Reggie Smith, Dave Stegman, Terry Steinbach, Buzz Stephen, Phil Stephenson, Frank Tanana, Mickey Tettleton, Jason Thompson, Jose Tolentino, Alan Trammell, John Verhoven, Mike Warren, Mark Wiley, Dick Woodson and Curt Young.

<http://www.baseball-reference.com/minors/player.cgi?id=wience001r ic>

Carlos Pascual passed away May 12, 2011 in Miami, Florida. Carlos was born March 13, 1931 in Havana, Cuba. His brother is former major league pitcher and current scout **Camilo Pascual**. Carlos was signed by the legendary scout Joe Cambria in 1949 as an infielder. He started the 1950 season in the minors as an infielder and ended the season pitching two games for the Washington Senators! He played, both as a pitcher and infielder, 14 minor league seasons. Pascual scouted for the Twins from 1963-1977, Baltimore from 1978-1981, the Mets from 1982-1998, Kansas City 1999 until his passing. He signed Juan Castillo, Dwight Gooden, Joe Klink, Rey Ordenez and Edwin Rodriguez.
<http://www.baseball-reference.com/players/p/pascuca01.shtml>

Former White Sox Scouting executive **David Wilder** pled guilty to charges stemming from accusations that he took over \$400,000 in kickbacks from Latin American prospects as they were signed to professional contracts. 2 other former White Sox scouts are being investigated in this ongoing case. Major league baseball continues to investigate dealings with prospects in the Dominican and other Latin American countries where ballplayers are signed. Would the much talked about possibility of a world-wide draft solve this problem or make it worse? This could be an interesting topic for a future newsletter. If anyone is interested in this story, please contact newsletter editor **Jim Sandoval**.

The **Professional Baseball Scouts Foundation** held its 8th annual dinner January 15, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles, raising money to help scouts in need. Many attendees were honored at the event, including **Jim Fregosi, Sr.** who received the George Genovese Lifetime Achievement Award for excellence in scouting. He previously worked for the Giants and currently is with the Braves in the scouting role of Special Assistant to the General Manager.

Seven scouts were honored with the Legends in Scouting Award. **Paul Snyder**, the long-time scouting Director with the Atlanta Braves and a former scouts committee Hemond award winner was selected. He is credited with signing Joe Cowley, Steve Hammond, Derek Lilliquist, Bob Porter, and Larry Whisenton. **Bob Harrison**, worked for the Angels, Cardinals and Mariners in his long career, being credited with signing Jamie Allen, Buddy Black, Jim Bowie, Al Chambers, Darnell Coles, Ed Crosby, Alvin Davis, Carlos Diaz, Ken Griffey Jr., Lee Guetterman, Dave Henderson, Dave Hengel, Calvin Jones, Mark Langston, Mike Moore, John Moses, Jamie Nelson, Ricky Nelson, Spike Owen, Roger Salkeld, Paul Serna, Bob Stoddard, Garry Templeton, Dave Valle, Ed Vandenberg, Reggie Walton and Matt Young.

Former Dodgers and current Rays scout **Gail Henley** is credited with signing Sid Fernandez, Chris Latham, Bobby Mitchell, Eric Nolte and Royle Stillman. Orioles scout **Fred Uhlman, Sr.**, formerly with the Reds, is credited with signing Steve Finley, Ross Grimsley, Jay Howell, Bob Moose, Gregg Olson, Pete Rose Jr., Mike Smith and Scott Terry. **Grover "Deacon" Jones**, was a long-time advance scout for the Orioles. He will be featured in the upcoming Scouts Committee book. Dodgers Special Assistant to the General Manager **Ken Bracey**, formerly with the Brewers and Padres, is credited with signing Bill Almon, Steve Fireovid and Dave Wehrmeister. Rockies Special Assistant to the General Manager **Pat Daugherty** is credited with signing Doug Bochtler, Jeff Carter, Matt Holliday, F. P. Santangelo and Gabe White. **Lou Fitzgerald**, a former scout for the Atlanta Braves, Cincinnati Reds, Houston Astros and Baltimore Orioles is credited with signing Tom Kelley.

How A Boston Braves Scout's Jersey Made It Into The Hall of Fame

by **Bob Brady**

The Boston Braves Historical Association (BBHA) frequently receives email requests via its website (www.boston-braves.com) from family members or friends seeking information about someone who supposedly had been associated with the old Boston National League franchise. In some instances, the Association is able to confirm that the individual played for the Braves in the majors, in their farm system or served the Tribe in some capacity.

Other times, they must regretfully inform the inquirer that the tale is most likely apocryphal. Experience has shown that some of those stories evolved out of an actual incident in the distant past, such as attending an open tryout camp or baseball clinic, and then became embellished in each telling of the account.

Recently, a transplanted New Englander now residing in North Carolina sought the BBHA's assistance in his quest to confirm that a family acquaintance, Thomas E. Fitzgerald, had once served as a Tribe scout. As he explained to the Association, his pursuit arose from the fact that he was named after Tom Fitzgerald's brother, William, a very close friend of his grandfather. Having been exposed to this yarn in a number of family conversations, he took on the challenge of gathering evidence to support the claim.

Tom Fitzgerald had a brief professional baseball career. After graduating from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1925, he pitched in 24 games for the Portland Eskimos of the Class B New England League during the 1926-27 seasons. His manager in 1927 was Duffy Lewis, a famed Red Sox outfielder whose fielding exploits at his left field post resulted in the naming of a pre-Green Monster hill at Fenway Park, "Duffy's Cliff."



Tom Fitzgerald

More importantly for this exercise, this link at least established a possible future connection to the Tribe. Lewis served as a Braves coach in 1932-36 and was the team's long-time

traveling secretary through to its exodus to Milwaukee. There were also some indications that Fitzgerald later remained active in baseball at the semi-pro level in the Bay State.

Fitzgerald went on to a 36-year career as an educator and coach in the Brookline (MA) school system, retiring in 1965. At the high school level, he taught mathematics (concentrating on algebra and geometry) and served as a baseball and football coach. Fitzgerald died at 78 in 1988. The researcher had learned that Fitzgerald's surviving brother had found and donated to the National Baseball Hall of Fame a "Braves" jersey that his late sibling was thought to have worn as a scout. William Fitzgerald is now deceased and the investigator's source of Fitzgerald family history, Bill's widow, recently passed away.

The BBHA's initial research failed to turn up confirmation that Tom Fitzgerald was ever a member of the Boston Braves scouting department. Media guides from the mid-40's through to the last edition in the spring of 1953 did not contain a person by that name on the official scouting roster. Other sources did not reveal any clues. The Association informed the inquirer of the results of its research but asked that he attempt to obtain further information about the jersey donation from the folks in Cooperstown. At that point, the Association thought that the matter was closed.

However, the BBHA was proven wrong by the coalescence of two subsequent discoveries. First, the inquiring individual received confirmation from the Hall of Fame that William Fitzgerald had indeed been the donor of an authentic game worn Braves jersey. Secondly, the Association received a gift from the family of Boston Braves player (1925-28) and scout (1947-52) Walter "Doc" Gautreau of family-maintained files and photographs on Doc's lengthy career in the National Pastime. Gautreau was a Cambridge, MA native who went directly to the majors after graduating from Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA. Within one of the folios was a yellowed, brittle newspaper clipping that proved to be the "Rosetta Stone" that unlocked the answers to the Fitzgerald mystery.



Tom Fitzgerald's Hall of Fame display

In support of their corroboration of the Fitzgerald gift, the Hall of Fame sent along front and back photographs of the uniform top that resided in a display case featuring artifacts relating to the birth of major league night-time baseball. The jersey in question was one of the specially designed "sateen" uniforms introduced by the Braves to be worn under newly installed ballpark lighting. The reflective nature of the material was thought to enhance player visibility for the fans in the stands. The Braves lit up their home turf a year ahead of the neighboring denizens of Fenway Park and paraded around the Wigwam in the evening hours in these special togs starting in 1946.

The Gautreau materials further revealed that after the Braves had declared the sateen uniforms surplus by the end of the '40s, the club passed them on to scouts and minor league coaches. Gautreau and his assistants were frequently photographed at tryout camps and clinics in these uniforms right up until the team departed for Wisconsin. It was one of these pictures that fulfilled the Fitzgerald search. Standing beside Doc Gautreau in a matching sateen Boston Braves night uniform was Tom Fitzgerald. Described in the accompanying newspaper caption as "Tribal ivory hunters," the Braves scouts were at Buttonwood Park in New Bedford, MA conducting a "school" sponsored by the *New Bedford Standard-Times* and attended by a large group of young men. Other photos and materials in the Gautreau files revealed that it was standard practice for the Braves to augment their scouting staff with part-timers during the summer months to run such programs throughout the New England area.

These temporary employees were drawn from the coaching ranks of colleges and high schools. The Braves benefitted not only from the services provided by the moonlighting individuals but also from the expectation that the part-timers would continue to serve as bird dogs for the Braves upon returning to their regular jobs. Fitzgerald's appointment to the Braves post may have come about in this manner and/or through other links such as his earlier relationship with Duffy Lewis or by having crossed paths with Gautreau at the high school or college levels.



DOC GAUTREAU



Doc Gautreau

The newspaper clipping additionally showed that Tom Fitzgerald was a large man. Therefore, it was not a surprise to learn that he had selected the discarded uniform of a Tribe player nicknamed “Big Bill.” The Hall of Fame photo of the back of the jersey showed its numeral to be “96.” Today, such a high number tends to either be issued to an eccentric big leaguer or given out in spring training to a player with little chance of making the opening day roster.

However, in this case, the number was bestowed on pitcher Bill Voiselle, who hailed from Ninety-Six, SC. That association allowed the publicity-seeking Braves to secure permission from Commissioner Happy Chandler to issue what was then the highest number ever worn by a major leaguer.



Fitzgerald/Voiselle Jersey

While these unique night game jerseys now command a premium price in the sports memorabilia hobby, back then they were regarded as used goods of no real value, to be handed out to individuals low in the club’s pecking order, as scouts were during that era. There was little, if any, expectation of the tog’s return and many were kept and later discarded.

Now that efforts have been extended by **Roland Hemond** and SABR’s Scouts committee to highlight the significant contributions of scouts to the sport of baseball, perhaps it would be appropriate for the Hall of Fame to record in its annals that the uniform hanging in its display case was worn by pitcher Bill Voiselle *and scout Tom Fitzgerald!*

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Spotlight on a Scout: Chic Fraser

By **Jim Sandoval**

Chic Fraser, a former 14 season major league pitcher who threw a no-hitter served as a scout for 26 years with the Pirates, Dodgers and Yankees. Charles Carrolton Fraser was born August 26, 1873 in Chicago, Illinois

Chic began his minor league career in 1894 with Milwaukee and then Minneapolis of the Western League before his contract was purchased by the Louisville club of the National League in late 1895. His major league debut was on April 19, 1896. Fraser had a career record of 175-212. He was twice a 20 game winner in a season, the first with the Phillies in 1899 and again after he jumped to the Philadelphia Athletics for more money in 1901. His last major league game was May 3, 1909, his contract was sold to New Orleans but he chose instead to play independent ball in Los Angeles before returning to organized baseball with New Orleans in 1911.

Chic managed Decatur of the Three-I League in 1912. He then signed on as a scout with Pittsburgh in 1913, remaining in that role with the club until 1930. He also served them as a pitching coach from 1921 -1923. Chic managed Peoria of the Three-I League in 1931, scouted for the Dodgers from 1932-38 and the Yankees in 1939. Chic married Mima Gray, sister of teammate Fred Clarke's wife Annette Gray.

Fraser passed away May 8, 1940 in Wendell, Idaho and is buried in the Jerome Cemetery. His wife passed away a few years earlier. Chic is credited with signing Jim Bucher, Whitey Hilcher, Carmen Hill, Marty Lang, Ike McAuley, Les Munns, and Bill Wagner.

Author's note: the majority of contemporary sources and his tombstone spell the nickname Chic not Chick. <http://www.baseball-reference.com/players/f/frasech01.shtml>



www.findagrave.com

Any additions/corrections to this record please contact me at jrsandoval@aol.com

SABR ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 2011 SABR convention, celebrating the 40th anniversary of SABR, will meet at the Long Beach, California Hilton Hotel from July 6-10. The host of the convention will be the Allan Roth Chapter. The convention will include research presentations on a variety of topics, poster presentations, Medical, Media, and General Managers panels and a baseball film festival. Committees will hold their annual meetings and SABR will hold its annual Business Meeting.

Our Scouts Committee meeting will be Saturday

July 9, at 1 p.m., in the Catalina Room. Hope to see you there.

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This year's **Roland Hemond Award** recipient will be **Dennis Gilbert**, who will also be the speaker at the Annual Awards Banquet. Gilbert played two years in the minors before starting a highly successful insurance agency which catered to the entertainment industry. Gilbert also acted as a player agent, representing many of the top players in the game. Dennis has also raised millions for the **Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities** (RBI) program and for **the Professional Baseball Scouts Foundation**, which he created. In 2000, Jerry Reinsdorf recruited him to be his special assistant with the White Sox and Gilbert later became a part-owner of the club. <http://www.pbsfonline.com>

Previous winners of the Hemond Award are:

2010: John Schuerholz

2009: Dallas Green

2008: Mike Veeck and Tyler Tumminia

2007: Bill Clark

2006: Bob Fontaine, Jr.

2005: Paul Beeston

2004: Paul Snyder

2003: Pat Gillick

2002: Bob Howsam

2001: Roland Hemond

Information about the convention can be found on the SABR website at <http://sabr.org/convention> In 2012 we will visit Minneapolis.

SCOUTS COMMITTEE PROJECTS

One thing the committee would like to implement is a SABR website-based Scouts Committee Website. If anyone is interested in becoming our webmaster please contact either of the committee co-chairman. If there is something you would like to contribute or would like to see on the website please contact us as well.

SCOUTS BOOK PROJECT

is finally coming to a conclusion. Thanks to all of you that have contributed. We are still looking for pictures of the scouts whose bios are included in the book along with shots of scouts at work. Contact **Jim Sandoval** at casandman@aol.com or **Bill Nowlin** at bnowlin@rounder.com

The book should be made available late in the year as a SABR publication. It will be available as an e-book and through print-on-demand.

Work continues on the committee's major projects. The ***Who-Signed-Whom Database*** is integrated as part of SABR's Online Encyclopedia in the members-only area of the website at **www.sabr.org** and displays listings by Player and by Scout. **Rod Nelson** heads up this project and requests that if you have additional entries or corrections to submit, please send an email with all the particulars including a citation for your source.

The Scouting Roster now contains over 6,300 names of scouts and player development figures from baseball's history. **Jim Sandoval** is compiling this database. Eventually, this information will also be available online integrated by Team and by Year. Please send career information, such as year, title, territory and organization scouted for to Jim. Team media guides are a good source for this data, but the best source we have found for historical scouts data is old copies of the Baseball Bluebook.

We continue to look for biographical information on scouts. Birth, marriage and death information will help with the writing of scouts' biographies. It will also help complete a more accurate historical record for scouts who did not play in the major leagues and are not listed in baseball encyclopedias.

The committee has compiled a collection of obituaries which have been uploaded to **Frank Russo's** website at: http://thedeadballera.com/Obitlistings_Scouts.html

SCOUTS BIOGRAPHY PROJECT

Baseball scouts are colorful subjects for SABR's Biography Project. The committee has a system in place that we can easily work with. If you are interested in writing a biography of a scout, we recommend that you review their research tips, author's guidelines and the SABR style guide at: <http://www.bioproj.sabr.org/>

For more info, contact **Mark Armour** at markjane@comcast.net.

Also please let the co-chairs know so we can compile an updated list of who is working on what biography. The chairmen are committed to provide research assistance and reference material on scouts.

Any scouts-related research requests can be sent to **Jim Sandoval** to be included in a future edition of *20 to 80** or shared with the entire committee via the eGroup listed on page one. We encourage your submissions, anything from full-length articles to interesting factoids about professional scouting from members of the committee. If you would prefer a paper copy of this newsletter, please contact me at jrsandoval@aol.com or 256-721-7643. A paper copy will be mailed to anyone without an email address.

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