

Deadline for Board Nominations February 1

Consider contributing to SABR by running for, and being elected to, the Board of Directors, the governing and policy-making body of the Society.

Board meetings are normally held in January/February, again in the spring, at the convention, and in October/November at sites throughout the U.S. Meetings usually begin on Friday late afternoon or early evenings, run all day on Saturday, and conclude with a morning session on Sunday. Positions on the board open for nomination include the offices of the Vice-President, Secretary and Director.

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Chapter Unveils SABR 36 Logo

The Northwest SABR chapter unveiled its logo for the organization's 36th annual convention that will be held next summer, Thursday, June 29, 2006 through Saturday, July 1, 2006 in Seattle, Washington.

The logo, created by the Seattle-based Oxreider Design Group, encompasses a Northwest flavor by highlighting Mount Rainier with clouds and rain, adorned by a crown of sunshine. The Space Needle supports the Seattle locale, while the SABR logo on a baseball figure prominently in the middle of the design.



SABR 36 Logo by Oxreider Design Group in Seattle

MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO PRESENT THEIR RESEARCH

All members are invited to present their research to their colleagues attending SABR36. Oral presentations are anticipated to be limited to 20 minutes, followed by 5 minutes for questions-and-answers. Submission of potential poster presentations is very strongly encouraged. Submissions on all aspects of baseball are welcomed.

Abstracts/summaries of the proposed presentation should be no more than 500 words, including discussion of previous work on the topic and the expected contribution offered by this work, as well as a summary of the research methodology.

Along with the abstract, the author should indicate whether the work is to be reviewed as a poster or oral presentation (or both) and which medium is preferred. Anticipated audio-visual needs should also be described. All research submissions will be evaluated by blind review. Though it is not absolutely manda-

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Miles Wolff Keynote Speaker at Eighth Annual Seymour Medal Conference

Miles Wolff, selected by *Total Baseball* as the 79th most important person in the history of baseball, has agreed to deliver this year's keynote speech at the eighth annual Seymour Medal Conference, April 29- May 1 at the Radisson Hotel at Gateway in Cleveland, Ohio. In addition to being the former president and publisher of *Baseball America* for 18 years, Mr. Wolff is also the commissioner of two independent leagues and the owner of Les Capitales de Quebec and the Burlington (NC) Indians, the Rookie League Affiliate of the Cleveland Indians. He is also the author of *Season of the Owl*, a novel about minor league baseball, and served as co-editor of the *Encyclopedia of Minor League Baseball*.

Program details were not complete at press time, but plan to arrive no later

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Irvington, Fremont by Philip Holmes & Jill M. Singleton is not primarily a baseball book, but does include images of vintage baseball including Frank Chance.

The '27 Yankees by Fred Glueckstein is a detailed historical account of the championship team from Spring Training in St. Petersburg

through the World Series.

American Association Almanac Vol. 4, #4 by Rex Hamann is part 2 of a series featuring Kansas City's American Association Ballparks. This journal issue features Muehlbach Field.

International Journal of the History of Sport Vol. 22, #6 features articles, "Community America: Who Owns Wrigley Field?" and "Integrating America: Jackie Robinson, Critical Events and Baseball not Black and White" among other sports articles.

CPC Baseball Almanac (Parts I and II) by John Phillips are a collec-

tion of trivia.

It only Hurts When I Laugh by John Phillips is a booklet about oddball injuries.

The Story of Vern Stephen, The Story of Steve Gromek, The Story of Chief Sockalexis and The Story of Cy Young by John Phillips are booklets with stats and illustrations

The League Championship Series of 1892 and *The Temple Cup of 1894* by John Phillips are booklets with play by play, stats and stories.

Nelson Named New Research Services Manager

SABR announced in December that **Rod Nelson** of Denver, Colorado, 49, has been named its first-ever research services manager. His start date will be February 1, 2006.

"It is my hope that this will mark a new era for SABR," said Executive Director **John Zajc** regarding the announcement.

"Rod has an incredible knowledge of the baseball research world," said Zajc. "With his assistance, we will not only create a higher-end product for our audience who expects cutting-edge content from our publications and our Web site, but also a more effective outlet for our writers and researchers who contribute their valuable time and resources towards fulfilling SABR's mission."

As research services manager, Nelson will be responsible for working closely with SABR's research committee chairs and chapter leaders, as well as individual researchers, to help conceive, plan, and create innovative baseball research opportunities and products. He will also be responsible for making recommendations about what research tools might be created, used, or purchased for use by the membership. The end goal is to increase the quality and quantity of baseball research produced by SABR and its members.

"I'm thrilled to accept this challenging opportunity to serve my fellow researchers and look forward to playing a role in the future of the organization," said Rod Nelson.

A SABR member since 1992, Nelson has served SABR in a volunteer capacity as co-chair of the Scouts Committee, a member of the Internet Committee, and as an officer in the Rocky Mountain SABR chapter. As Scouts Committee co-chair, he has been primarily responsible for computerizing the "Who-Signed-Whom" project, started by founding committee chair Jim Kreuz. This data is now integrated into the SABR Online Encyclopedia.

In addition to his SABR service, Nelson has a professional background in printing and graphic sales and production. He holds a B.S. in technical management from Regis University and earned certificates in electronics technology and broadcasting.

There are many ways you can support SABR

1) Membership Dues

Encourage a friend to join, or buy him or her a gift membership

2) Make a donation to fund operations

SABR is a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization, and all donations are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

3) Make a donation to SABR's Endowment

The SABR Endowment Fund was established in 1997 through donations received during the renewal drives where the donor checked off the "For Endowment" box on the renewal form when giving a donation. All Memorial Gifts are also placed into the Endowment Fund. Among the Memorial Funds comprising the Endowment are The Bob Davids Memorial Fund and The Doug Pappas Memorial Fund. As of November 30, 2005, the SABR Endowment Fund stood at \$14,304. Per SABR Policy, none of the income generated by the Endowment Fund can be used for any purpose until the fund balance reaches \$50,000.

4) Keep SABR in mind when formulating your estate plans

There are many ways to help future generations of SABR members by bequeathing a portion of your estate to SABR.

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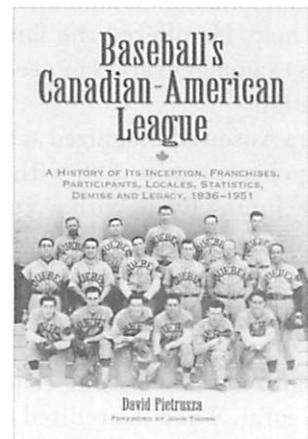
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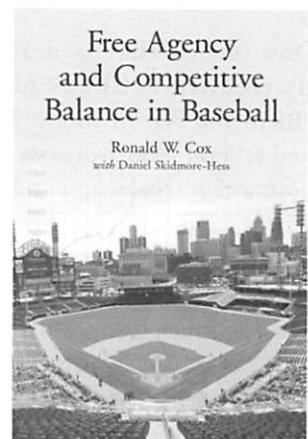
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BASEBALL RECORDS

The first two pages of the December Baseball Records committee newsletter consisted of an unofficial list of regular season records set or tied in the past season, along with some major individual accomplishments.

Also, according to the newsletter, there is a need for more work on 19th century hitters' stats. David Nemeč, himself a major contributor to 19th century research, believes that "there is a ton of work to be done," in this area and is seeking researchers willing to help. He offered the following cases as examples of areas in need of investigation.

1. Cap Anson is recognized as the NL batting champion in 1888 with a .344 average. Jimmy Ryan, with a .332 average is second, and King Kelly, with a .318 mark, is third. However, David believes a thorough investigation of that season would show that Kelly should be recognized as the batting champion.

2. George Wood is credited with a NL leading 7 HRs in 1882 and 69 runs scored, but only 29 RBI; two years later he had 8 HR, 79 runs and again only 29 RBI. While these RBI totals are possible, it does seem they are in need of confirmation.

3. One record that is definitely wrongly credited is Chub Sullivan's zero RBI in 166 AB in 1880. Nemeč examined several 1880 Worcester boxes at random a few weeks ago and found one RBI for him and a possibility of more. The record for most AB in a season with zero RBI thus belongs probably to Oscar Jones (1904) rather than Sullivan.

BUSINESS OF BASEBALL

The Business of Baseball committee website (www.businessofbaseball.com), features one of the latest and most frank interviews with former commissioner, Fay Vincent. In the interview, Vincent, addresses a number of issues ranging from Pete Rose, George Steinbrenner's banishment and the subsequent report to the Executive Council, the firing of Barry Rona, and exclusive comments

regarding a series of articles in today's issue of *ESPN the Magazine* in which the magazine reports a memo from Vincent regarding steroid use circulated amongst the clubs warning of the substance as early as 1991.

Featured quotes within the interview include:

On labor relations in baseball. "Selig, for the last 30 years, has been in charge of labor relations in baseball."

On Steinbrenner. "No sooner did he get out, then Jerry Reinsdorf and others told him he made a terrible deal. He realized that his whole life was baseball. Nobody cared about him as head President of a bankrupt shipbuilding company."

To read the rest of the interview, visit the committee's website at www.businessofbaseball.com.

BIOPROJECT

The Baseball Biography Project has recently uploaded six (6) new bios on their website:

Steve Brodie, by **William Akin**

Dick Conway, by **Charlie Bevis**

Red Downs, by **R. J. Lesch**

Win Mercer, by **William Akin**

Stan Pitula, by **Steve Smith**

Gus Zernial, by **Marc Aaron**

The bios can be found from this link: <http://bioproj.sabr.org>

If you are interested in taking part in this project, and submitting great work to stand along side their 328 biographies, please contact **Mark Armour** at markjane@comcast.net.

DEADBALL

As many members of the Deadball Committee prepare for "Boiling Out 2006," the third biennial celebration of all things Deadball and Spring Training. R.J. Lesch offers an explanation of, "Why Hot Springs?" in the November issue of their committee newsletter, *The Inside Pitch*.

According to Lesch, Hot Springs hosted 58 known spring training trips, by sixteen different ballclubs (ten ma-

major-league and six minor league), between 1886 and 1919. During the Deadball Era, Hot Springs hosted twelve different clubs on 41 visits. The nearest challenger seems to have been Macon, Georgia (eighteen spring training visits by six clubs during the Deadball Era, and only three known trips earlier). In 1910 alone, five major-league clubs trained in Hot Springs: Boston AL, Brooklyn NL, Chicago NL, Cincinnati NL and Pittsburgh NL.

Further, many ballplayers went to Hot Springs at their own expense, for some advance "boiling out." Cy Young made a practice of visiting Hot Springs every February, prior to reporting for his club's regular spring training.

Hot Springs, wrote Lesch, must be considered the queen of all Deadball Era spring training sites. To find out more about "Boiling Out 2006" contact R.J. Lesch at 515-360-3154 email: rjlesch_usa@yahoo.com.

MINOR LEAGUE

The Autumn Minor League Committee newsletter noted that the committee meeting at the Toronto convention was well attended. Some of the discussions included:

1 The Revision of the *Encyclopedia of Minor League Baseball* is still in progress.

2. **Bill McMahon** can still use help with his compilation of major-minor league affiliations.

3. **Bob McConnell** has proposed and will need help with a fourth volume of minor league stars. It was also thought a separate volume to include the statistics of the players of the combined four volumes be published.

Also, it was decided that the newsletter will include material from the independent leagues.



Upcoming Events

JANUARY 16

BOSTON, MA

The next Boston regional will be Monday, January 16 at Friends Meeting House, 5 Longfellow Place, Cambridge. Contact **Seamus Kearney** at seamus@cs.umb.edu or 781-321-0681.

JANUARY 22

TORONTO, ON

The next Hanlan's Point Chapter meeting will take place on Sunday, January 22, 2006 at Pauper's Pub, 531 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario. Contact **Maxwell Kates** at BUS79@sympatico.ca or 416-515-9578.

JANUARY 28

ARLINGTON, VA

The Bob Davids Chapter will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, January 28, at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn in Arlington, Virginia. **George Michael** is scheduled speaker. Contact **Barry Sparks** at 717-851-3151 or bsparks@wellspan.org.

FEBRUARY 4

CLEVELAND, OH

The Jack Graney Chapter will meet February 4, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Place to be announced. Former Negro League player, **Ted Toles, Jr.** will tell us tales from his baseball career. Contact **Steve Johnson** at sjiiioboh@aol.com or 440-775-0567.

SAN DIEGO, CA

The Ted Williams Chapter of SABR will meet Saturday, February 4. Details TBA. Contact **Tom Larwin** at lar.11@cox.net or 619-287-6474.

FEBRUARY 5

FISHERS, IN

The Oscar Charleston Chapter will hold its third annual Hot Stove Baseball Symposium at Conner Prairie in Fishers on February 5 at 1 p.m. Contact **Bill Madden** at Maddenmddg@aol.com or 317-417-2789.

MARCH 11

PHOENIX, AZ

The Flame Delhi Chapter/Arizona Chapter will hold its Annual Spring Training Weekend March 11 and 12. Contact **Bill Suphan** at GSuphan@aol.com

MARCH 23-26

HOT SPRINGS, AR

Deadball Committee presents "Boiling Out 2006" at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs. For more information contact **R.J. Lesch** at 515-360-3154 or rjlesch_usa@yahoo.com.

APRIL 29-MAY 1

CLEVELAND, OH

Join baseball writers and researchers for the Eighth Annual Seymour Medal Conference. For more information contact the SABR office at info@sabr.org or 800-969-7227.

MARCH 4

LITTLE FALLS, NJ

New Jersey Elysian Fields regional conference. Saturday March 4, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center. Contact **Sam Bernstein** at sammsw@verizon.net or 973-736-4040

JUNE 29-JULY 2

SEATTLE, WA

The SABR Annual Convention will be held Thursday, June 29 to Sunday, July 2 at the Seattle Renaissance Hotel on Madison Street in downtown Seattle. Keynote speaker will be former major league pitcher and noted author, **Jim Bouton**.

JULY 7-9

KANSAS CITY, MO

The dates for the 2006 Jerry Malloy Conference is July 7, 8 and 9 in Kansas City. Satchel Paige is the theme and his birthday is the seventh of July. For more information, contact **Larry Lester** at NoirTech@gbronline.com or 816-358-0475

Boxscores of Past Meetings

Cleveland, October 15

Chapter: Jack Graney Chapter.
Presenters: **John Heer**, lawyer for Ted Williams' oldest daughter, gave unique perspective on the suit brought by his client to prevent Williams from being frozen. **David van Gaasbeek**, "Bill Shea: The Man Who Brought National League Baseball Back to New York;" **Jim Holl**, "Solving Major League's Ills;" Panel discussion on the history of the Jack Graney Chapter with **Kevin McGraw**, **Morris Eckhouse**, **Jeff Wright** and **Jim Kastro**.
Tour: WRHS sports archives and library tour by **Scott Longert**.
Trivia winner: **Jeff Cranston**.
Place: Western Reserve Historical Society.

Cooperstown, October 22

Chapter: Leatherstocking Chapter.
Presenters: **Gabriel Schechter**, "8th Inning setup men: Do we really need them?," **Mike Hupert**, "NY Yankees economic history;" **Kelly Boyer-Sagert**, "Shoeless Joe Jackson;" **F.X. Flinn**, "Report from SABR HQ."
Award: **Gabe Schechter** received the Cliff Kachline award honoring active chapter members whose contributions to SABR and baseball reflect the achievements and qualities of SABR founding member and long-time Cooperstown resident **Cliff Kachline**.
Place: National Baseball Hall of Fame Giamatti Research Center.

Hamden, October 29

Chapter: Smoky Joe Wood Chapter.
Guests: **Bob Wood**, Smoky Joe's son, reminisced about his father. **Dan Gooley**, Quinnipiac head coach, **David Boyle**, New Haven Cutters owner, **Mike Church**, Cutters manager, participated in the Baseball and Academia Panel.
Presenters: **Richard Marazzi**, "Baseball Stars of the 1950's;"
Place: Quinnipiac University.

Pittsburgh, November 5

Chapter: Forbes Field Chapter.
Guests: Former Pirate Manager **Chuck Tanner** and Pirate General Manager **Dave Littlefield**.

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SABR NINE QUESTIONS

By Ryan Chamberlain

At age 27, right-hand pitcher **Jeff Bajenaru** is living the life most SABR members spend their time daydreaming about. A college All-American at Oklahoma University with a stint at Riverside Community College in California, Bajenaru joined the White Sox organization in 2000. After recovering from surgery in 2002 and paying his dues in the minors, Bajenaru made his big-league debut on September 4, 2004. After appearing in nine relief appearances with the Sox, Bajenaru ended the season 0-1 with a 10.80 ERA.

At the start of 2005, Bajenaru returned to Triple-A ball and pitched with distinction. His White Sox player bio recaps his 2005 season succinctly, "For the second straight season, the right-hander emerged as a standout closer at the Minor-League level. After saving 22 games for Double-A Birmingham and Triple-A Charlotte combined in 2004, Bajenaru earned International League All-Star status with Charlotte by posting a miniscule 1.41 earned run average over 61 games. He saved 19 and struck out 92 over 70 1/3 innings. Bajenaru pitched in four games for the White Sox, posting a 6.23 earned run average over 4 1/3 innings."

So what does the future hold for Jeff Bajenaru? Good things we hope. A SABR member since 2005, he displays the poise, presence and persistence that makes great things happen. We're happy to have the opportunity to chat with him in this issue's SABR Nine.

Who has been the biggest influence on your professional baseball career so far?

First of all I'd have to say my dad. Because when I was seven years old, I refused to play baseball. I literally remember hiding under the table refusing to play baseball. He said, "You're going to play one year, if you don't like it you don't have to play again." He's been the biggest influence on my life in regards to working with me, practicing with me, teaching me how to throw and all that stuff. On the [pro-

fessional] baseball side of it, it's been Dennis Rogers, the head coach at Riverside Community College in California. I transferred over there my freshman year of college from a D-2 school and he was unbelievable. He taught us about the mental side of the game and visualization...stuff I'd never even heard of. As far as that goes he was definitely by far the biggest influence in the game.

"If I get a chance to pitch, and pitch on a regular basis, I think I can be very successful. I do believe I'll get a shot whether it will be with the White Sox or any other team."

Has coaching and instruction in college and the minor leagues impacted your level of play?

I would have to say more so in college. Just because there's a little bit more teaching that goes on. I mean, don't get me wrong, in the minor league there is still teaching going on, but it's more maintenance...making little adjustments here and there and keeping you on the right track. I was a five year college student so I didn't need a ton of work as opposed to a guy in high school who may need a little more instruction.

What does it take to get noticed in college ball and in the minor leagues?

[Chuckling] I would have to say that you have to throw really hard or just have ungodly talent. When I was in college, I thought I was a pretty good hitter also and I didn't get one sniff. But I was on the mound in college and occasionally I would hit 94, 95 [mph] and that's what got me noticed. I mean, my sophomore year at Riverside I threw

like ten innings and I got drafted in the 13th round. I didn't do anything! It's tough to say, because I'm more of a self-made player...I don't have the outright talent, or the size that a lot of the guys have and I got overlooked a lot...especially like in high school and all that. So, it's tough. You just got to keep working hard and plugging away and someone may take a notice. But it is not one thing...I would have to say that persistence plays a lot in it. I know a lot of guys that got overlooked, never even got drafted, they're done with college and they still went to play independent ball. They just kept plugging and plugging and they got a shot.

What are some of the best and worst things about playing in the minors?

The worst thing I would have to say is that you're not in the major leagues. [Laughing] The bus trips, the travel, the hotels are just horrible sometimes. But those are some of the best things also. You're going through this terrible situation with 24 other guys and you're just miserable, but at the same time you're laughing about it...what a joke it is. So, those can also be pretty fun times. I enjoy traveling the country and seeing things. In the major leagues I guess you skip over a lot of that because you just hop on a plane and go.

Do you miss being able to bat?

Yeah. I mean it's been almost six years now so I've kinda gotten over it, but those first couple of years were tough. I knew I could go out there and still compete and put up decent numbers. I know I wouldn't have, you know, hit over .300 or anything like that, but I know I could have held my own. Because, like I said, I think I was more of a self-made player and I worked to get better...I wasn't just a good hitter.

In today's game, what in your opinion is the hardest thing about transitioning from Triple-A to the major leagues?

Personally, for myself, I would have to say...because I've had two little call-ups here now...haven't done great, obviously...I honestly think the hardest thing is adjusting to your role. Because I've always been a closer in the minor leagues, not always by choice, it's just the role I always seem to fall into. And when you get called up, you're the mop-up guy. There expecting you to come in and throw strikes. Well, you know, you're not used to coming in and just pumping strikes and trying to get out of a quick inning. You're trying to do a job and get out of things. It's tough, because you end up getting hit around and taking yourself out of your game and that's what I've experienced. In 2004 in September I was [called up], and in September 2005 I was [called] up. I honestly try to stay to my game and I don't try to change what I do. The only times that I got hit, both years, was when I was changing everything that I was doing. Like I'd get behind 2-0, and I'd pump a fastball down the middle which is totally not my game. I mean I'll throw an off-speed pitch to him, I don't care. I'd rather walk a guy once in awhile then give him a fat pitch to hit. Against Cleveland this year I did that twice...2-0 and a 3-1 count. Two home runs back-to-back, I think. So I would never normally do that. You're out there thinking, "I got to get through this inning."

Why did you decide to wait a year when you were drafted by Oakland in 1998?

Well, like I said, I only threw 10 or 12 innings that year and it was kind of a shock to me. I was going on a lot of recruiting trips to different schools and I was pretty much ready to go to college. I had been overlooked in high school and I didn't get any offers for anything. My dream at the time was pretty much to get a scholarship to college. Right at this point I was about to do that. So when I got drafted that was right out of nowhere. That was beyond my dreams. So I guess it would be harder to turn it down but at the same time

[you have to say], "I'm going to take this first step in getting a scholarship and going to school and see what comes out of that." I wanted my degree [in criminology and sociology] and I knew if I didn't go then it would be really tough to go back.

Do you have any memories about your first major league game that stick out in your mind?

Definitely, I think we were winning 7-2, [Mark] Buehrle had pitched an awesome game but Ichiro had gone 4-4 off him, and earlier in the game he threw an eephus pitch to him. I remember that...I thought that was hilarious. And then I came in so we were up 5 or 6 runs and I got the first guy out. Ichiro comes up and he just chopped one off the plate and it went over the first-baseman's head for his fifth hit. [Sarcastically] So that was great. He didn't hit me hard, but he's that good of a hitter he does what ever he wants with it. That's pretty much what I remember.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

I see myself being a middle reliever for some team. Either a middle reliever or a set-up guy. I feel that I will get my shot and get the chance to play a full season, which is what I need to succeed. It's tough pitching a month at a time, sporadically, once every two weeks or whatever. If I get a chance to pitch, and pitch on a regular basis, I think I can be very successful. I do believe I'll get a shot whether it will be with the White Sox or any other team. The White Sox always preach that you're not just pitching for us, you're pitching for 29 other teams so that's the mentality I take out there.

Editor's Note: Shortly before we went to press, the White Sox traded middle reliever Luis Vizcaino to Arizona, which may clear a spot for Jeff next season. Good luck, Jeff!

than 5 pm on Friday to enjoy all the conference activities. Friday night we are planning a fun event where attendees can get to know one another.

Saturday will be complete with presentations and the awarding of the Seymour Medal.

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The Texas Rangers visit Jacobs Field that weekend.

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Send proposals/questions to **Ryan Chamberlain** by e-mail at info@sabr.org or to SABR, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115. Check SABR's website (www.sabr.org) for continuing updates.

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Schechter Wins Cooperstown's Cliff Kachline Award



Chapter chair Dick Hunt presents Cliff Kachline Award (an engraved bat) to Gabe Schechter as Cliff looks on.

The Cliff Kachline Award, established by SABR's Utica-Cooperstown chapter in 2002, honors active chapter members whose contributions to SABR and baseball reflect the achievements and qualities of SABR founding member and long-time Cooperstown resident Cliff Kachline. Among contributions considered are ones connected to baseball research, baseball writing, and activities furthering the objectives of SABR in general and the

Utica-Cooperstown chapter in particular.

The award is presented every two years (or more or less often, at the discretion of the award committee) during the Hall of Fame Weekend meeting of the Utica-Cooperstown chapter.

Parker Receives Award at Rocky Mountain Banquet

Sixty members and guests gathered at the Denver Athletic Club on November 19 for the eighth annual banquet of the Rocky Mountain Chapter. SABR Executive Director **John Zajc** was on hand as a Special Guest to present the second annual "John Zajc Award" to this year's winner, Colorado Rockies Historian **Paul Parker**.

The two featured speakers at the event were Rockies radio voice Jack Corrigan and ESPN radio baseball analyst and Pittsburgh Pirates scout Ed Henderson. Keynote speaker Jim Burris, former Denver Bears GM, president of the Texas League and American Association and assistant to Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick regaled the group with tales from the old days.

Long Island Chapter Formed

SABR announced the formation of a new chapter in the greater Long Island region of New York in October.

Twenty-four members were present at their first organizational meeting on October 22 at the Old Bethpage Village Restoration Auditorium. By a vote of twenty-three to one, it was decided that the new SABR regional would be named the Ford-Harrelson chapter after Yankee Hall of Famer Whitey Ford (born in Astoria, Queens and longtime resident of Lake Success) and Mets Shortstop and Long Island Ducks co-owner and first base coach Bud Harrelson, also a longtime resident of Long Island.

Chapter Steering Committee Chair **Doug S. Jacobs** reported that Jeff Esposito, Media Relations Manager of the Long Island Ducks addressed the attendees and answered questions on the logistics of operating a successful independent minor league baseball team. Other presentations included one by Eric Miklich, who provided an overview of the history, rules and equipment of 19th century baseball and Lawrence Boes provided a chronology and legal interpretation of Major League Baseball's anti-trust exemption and the events that led to the advent of the current free agent system.

According to Jacobs, the chapter expects to meet again in the spring in conjunction with a Long Island Ducks game. They also will also hold their annual meeting next fall in conjunction with the Long Island Fair at Old Bethpage Village. That is also the weekend of the 19th Century baseball finals held at Old Bethpage.

For more information about the Long Island Chapter, please contact **Doug S. Jacobs** at dsjac@optonline.net or (516) 679-2767.

Halsey Hall Chapter Establishes Committee Overseeing Research

The Halsey Hall SABR Chapter has established a research committee, consisting of **Cary Smith, Tom Swift, Deano Thilgen, Dan Levitt, and Stew Thornley**. Among other things, they will be overseeing the research presentations at their semiannual chapter meetings. They also have scheduled a Research Roundtable for January 7 for anyone interested in discussing baseball research and hope to do these roundtables on a bi-monthly basis.

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Presenters: **Jim Haller**, "Virtual Tour of Braves Field;" Tom Baxter, "Pirates-Where are they Now?"
Place: Heinz History Center.

Boston, November 5

Chapter: Boston Chapter.
Guests: Bob Montgomery, former Red Sox catcher.
Presenters: **Mark Kanter**, "Return of the hero: Tony Conigliaro in '75;" **Sam Bernstein**, "1975 Red Sox Role Players;" Herb Crehan, "Spring Training Expectations."
Trivia Winner: **Bob Mazur**.
Emcee: **Seamus Kearney**
Place: Friends Meeting House of Cambridge.

Sacramento, November 5

Chapter: Sacramento Chapter
Presenters: **Sacramento Bee** sports reporter Jim Jenkins, "The mid-1970s Solons of the PCL;" **Greg King**, "A Look Back at the Brooklyn Dodgers World Series Victory in 1955."
Award: 2005 Woody Wilson Award given to local designer **Michael Kennedy** for his work to promote Sacramento area baseball.
Trivia Winner: Ray Anselmo
Place: Plaza Hofbrau

Grand Rapids, November 20

Chapter: Wally Pipp Chapter.
Presenters: None (annual post-season meeting)
Trivia Winner: **Jim Moyes**
Place: Tommy Brann's Steak House in Wyoming, MI.

Some random thoughts about the SABR scene at the end of 2005. Hope you all had a Happy Holiday season.

THE PRES BOX

The Board had its fall meeting in early November at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Seattle. Each year at this time the Board meets at the site of the next convention to get an impression of the hotel and its surroundings as well as getting a first-hand report from the local convention committee. I can tell you that everyone should be very pleased with the location. The Renaissance is in downtown Seattle, sitting on top of a hill near the Seattle Public Library. The views of the city and Puget Sound from this location are breathtaking. It is within walking distance of Safeco Field, albeit a long walk and the return to the hotel is up hill. We found a number of reasonably priced eating places fairly close to the hotel, and it isn't that far to the waterfront area as well. Seattle in the summer is a wonderful place to visit, and to have the SABR convention there is an extra bonus.

A good portion of the meeting was spent reviewing the 2006 budget proposal, as is always the case at the fall meeting. Other important business involved the establishment of two new policies. A general policy restates the long standing policy that only the Executive Director or the Executive Board may contract on behalf of SABR and refines it further by stating that only these

two entities may claim copyright in SABR's name or permit use of the SABR logo. Also included is the statement that commercial materials created by SABR chapters or committees should be arranged through the Society. The second policy is more specific. While SABR encourages the production and dissemination of baseball research by chapters, committees, groups and individuals, those wishing to do so using the SABR name or logo must seek the permission of the Executive Director.

What is the purpose of these policies, some have asked. Very simply, it is a matter of quality control. We don't wish to discourage original research by any means, but SABR's reputation for delivering accurate research and quality presentation is one of our greatest assets. A review of a proposal by the ED protects that reputation by assuring that the work in question meets the SABR standards.

Over the past several years SABR has become very web-centric, largely through the efforts of many volunteers. We've seen the addition of the SABR Encyclopedia, which includes the SABR Home Run Log, and player demographic data become available electronically and the addition of the Proquest service

for historical newspapers. Internet Committee Chairman, F. X. Flinn has recently prepared a fine overview of what SABR online resources are available, and it appears on the main SABR website. The easy access to this material has made electronic wizards out of many of us who were not previously so inclined. One discovery I've made while exploring the web looking for baseball sites is the existence of blogs. As I understand it, a blog is like a ship's logs, where you can post interesting material, photographs, etc. I discovered a blog developed by Carlos Bauer that is devoted solely to minor league research. Each day he posts bits and pieces from his own research on the early California League, statistics from various minor leagues that don't appear in the guides, and research that is sent to him by other researchers. It's very esoteric, but let's face it, much of baseball research can be described that way. And what I learned about this blog and others is that almost anyone can do one. The software necessary to set up the blog is said to be easy to use, and one can have his blog up and running in very short order. It is a very interesting concept, and I can foresee many baseball blogs run by SABR members with a multitude of interests. Take a look at the Bauer blog at www.minorleagueresearcher.blogspot.com as an example of what you can do to promote your own research interests.

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tory, we very strongly prefer that summaries be submitted electronically, either as plain text-mail or in a standard word processor format to sabr2006presentations@comcast.net

Through on-site judging, the best presentations will receive the Doug Pappas Award (courtesy of *USA Today Sports Weekly*) for best oral presentation and The *USA Today Sports Weekly Award* for best poster presentation. Submission deadline is March 1, 2006.

The email address sabr2006-presentations@comcast.net should be used for all research presentation submissions, as well as for questions and information requests about research presentations at SABR 36. Members who cannot submit their abstracts electronically should send them to Eileen Canepari in the SABR office with the

subject line "SABR 36 Presentation Abstract."

SABR36 will showcase the rich and illustrious history of baseball in the Pacific Northwest, which spans over 120 years. The three-day event will feature former New York Yankee and Seattle Pilot pitcher Jim Bouton. The knuckleballer and author of the renowned *Ball Four* and the recent book *Foul Ball* will deliver the keynote address, and participate in related convention activities.

SABR36 features the tagline, "*Diamonds in the Emerald City*." SABR's Pacific Northwest chapter encompasses Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and southwest British Columbia.

For more information on SABR36, go to: <http://nwsabr.sabr.org/convention.htm>.

SABR Member's Hot Stove League Meeting Helps Charity

SABR member Ron Salisbury, owner of the Cannery restaurant in Newport Beach, CA, has been holding unique Hot Stove League meetings every month since November. This year's line-up includes notables such as Doug DeCinces, Bobby Grich, Don Baylor, Jim Abbott, Mike Witt, Chuck Finley, Buck O'Neil and Buzzi Bavasi. The goal of these meetings are not only to enrich a passion for the game, but also provide funding for future generations who might otherwise not be able to play & grow in life as a result of it. This year's charity proceeds go the Angel Foundation and Reviving Baseball in the Inner City. The meetings are scheduled to run until February. For more information, call the Cannery at 949-673-0777.

2006: SABR Turns 35

It's a new year, and SABR is ready to continue improving its service to you, the lifeblood of the organization.

On August 10 of this year, SABR will celebrate the 35th anniversary of its founding in Cooperstown, New York. The past 35 years have been quite a trip for our founders: **L. Robert Davids** (deceased), **Robert McConnell**, **Cliff Kachline**, **John F. Pardon**, **William Gustafson**, **Thomas Hufford**, **Paul C. Frisz** (deceased), **Joseph Simenic**, **Raymond Nemec**, **Raymond Gonzalez**, **Keith Sutton** (deceased), **William Haber** (deceased), **Thomas Shea** (deceased), **Dan Dischley**, **Dan Ginsburg**, and **Pat McDonough** (deceased). We have gone from the 78 members who joined during 1971 to a high of 7,155 members in 1998. Last year we had our second highest membership total with 6,982 members, and we hope to exceed 7,000 members this membership year.

SABR has gone from a completely volunteer organization to one with an Executive Director (the first being **Cliff Kachline**, hired in 1983) and a staff that this year grows to four. It has gone from operating out of homes to a 1,300 square foot office in Cleveland.

The way baseball research is conducted and shared has also changed dramatically in the past 35 years. In the 1970s, members pored over reels of microfilm, finding phantom ballplayers, new ballplayers, and adding to and correcting the historical record. Members shared research over phone lines and via mail. Long distance rates were expensive then, and cell phones and the Internet did not exist.

In the 1980s, the statistical analysis of performance began its revival, building on the work done by Allan Roth, Branch Rickey and others.

The 1990s saw the personal computer become affordable and the computing power and storage explode. When I started in the SABR office, we had two IBM computers with hard drives of 20Mb. Today, SABR has a USB key that holds 512 Mb. The Internet became available to nearly all Americans, and SABR launched its web site, www.sabr.org, and SABR-L, an email list to share research. During this first decade of the new millenium, SABR has added to its web presence by subscribing to research tools such as ProQuest Historical newspapers.

In the past 35 years, SABR has produced more than 240 issues of *The SABR Bulletin*, and over 90 books/journals. There is much to look back on and be proud of, and there is even more to look forward to.

Thank you for playing your part in making baseball research and SABR so much fun!

John Zajc

Executive Director

SABR Adds The Chicago Defender to ProQuest

SABR is excited to announce that *The Chicago Defender*, a leading African-American news publication, is now in SABR's subscription to the ProQuest Historical Newspaper database. Current coverage is from 1935 - 1967, but Proquest will have the full range, (1905-1975) completed in 2006.

SABR's access to ProQuest is perfect for the research enthusiast with a hectic schedule. Now, instead of spending late nights or valuable weekend time at the library sifting through miles of microform on antiquated viewers, you can do the same research from the comfort of your own home computer via the Internet. Our online database offers full-text and full-image articles for newspapers dating back to the 19th century. For most titles, the collection includes digital reproductions of every page from every issue—cover to cover—in downloadable PDF files.

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Jefferey Samoray, 312 W Houstonia Ave., Royal Oak, MI, 48073-4054, 248-577-2901, jsamoray2562@wowway.com, seeks biographical information and photographic images of George Arthur Vanderbeck for an article. Vanderbeck established the Detroit Tigers franchise in 1894 and was owner through 1899. He is believed to be from California, and was head of the Los Angeles franchise in the California League until 1892. He may also have had some involvement with a franchise in Portland. He also may have moved to Toledo in the early 1900s. Anything on this elusive man will be greatly appreciated!

Ken Willey, 1417 Eagle Park Rd Apt 123, Hacienda Heights CA 91745, yajcssv@aol.com, seeks original source of a Bugs Baer

quote. The writer famously described a failed steal attempt by Ping Bodie as, "His head was full of larceny, but his feet..." Perhaps it was in a NY American Journal newspaper from 1917? I'd greatly appreciate knowing the paper, date, and page #, in which this quote originally appeared.

Jim Kalach, 81 Flagler Ave, Chesire, CT 06410, jkalach@earthlink.net seeks information on Hall of Famer Roger Connor and is particularly interested in locating oral histories or information leading to contact with any of his living relatives. Connor's career spanned from 1880 to 1897. He was known primarily for his play with the New York Gothams (Giants), his standing as the 19th century's home run king and for hitting the first grand slam on Sept. 10, 1881. He was born and died in Waterbury, Connecticut.

RESEARCH GRAPEVINE

ONE MILLION IMAGES AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Library of Congress Prints & Photographs Division is celebrating a new landmark: one million images from its collections are now available in digital form online.

The millionth image, appropriately enough for this newsletter, depicts Washington Senators baseball player Herman A. "Germany" Schaefer using a camera during a visit to play the New York Highlanders in April 1911. It is from one of the division's strong photojournalism collections, the George Grantham Bain Collection—an archive of more than 50,000 photographs from the first syndicated photo news service in the U.S. More than half of the images in that collection are now available online.

In a recent SABR-L post, Pictorial History Committee Chair **Bill Hickman** wrote that The Bain Collection of photos online at the Library of Congress website is indeed a promising source of images for researchers seeking baseball photos. "Unfortunately," he wrote, "as is the case with the Chicago Daily News Collection on the Library of Congress website, there are some errors and omissions in the identification of the players in the photos. Furthermore, the Bain Collection search engine does not bring up all the photos which are of a baseball nature. The Pictorial History Committee has had some discussions with the Library of Congress staff about initiating a project to improve the accuracy of the captions associated with the Bain Collection online photos. We will be waiting until an additional 12,000 photos are placed online before we begin our error correction project. The additional 12,000 photos are currently planned for online display in March. Once these photos are up, we will peruse all the photos to determine which ones are related to baseball, and after that, we will begin our project."

There is no comprehensive published catalog describing the Prints & Photographs Division's holdings of more than 13 million items. Many materials are cataloged in groups, with no itemized listing, and others are not listed in a catalog, but rather are made available through "browsing" files in the Reading Room.

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Birger, Jon: A look at John Henry. 5 pages. Text of article in *Fortune*, November 28, 2005, about the Red Sox owner.

De Vany, Arthur: Has home run hitting changed in major league baseball? 42 pages. A statistical study. The author is a professor emeritus in the Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Sciences, University of California, Irvine.

Engber, Daniel: Why not Sock? 2 pages. About the English language, not baseball: tells how Socks became Sox in team names.

Fatsis, Stefan: For the Black Sox, a new wrinkle. 5 pages. New research charges that baseball executives had warning of the plot to throw the 1919 World Series. Text of article in the *Wall Street Journal*, October 28, 2005.

Gilbert, Bill: Triple milestones, 2005. 7 pages. Players with at least a .300 average, 30 home runs and 100 RBIs.

Gilbert, Bill: Who were the most productive offensive players in 2005? 10 pages.

Grann, David: Stealing time: Why is Rickey Henderson a Surf Dawg. 7 pages. Photocopy of article in the *New Yorker*, Sept. 12, 2005, that follows Henderson as he plays for an unaffiliated minor league team and tries to get back into the majors.

Grossfeld, Stan: Still a hero in his hometown. 4 pages. A journalist takes a trip to Greenville, S.C., Shoeless Joe Jackson's hometown. Text of article in the *Boston Globe*, October 25, 2005.

Holl, Jim: A modest proposal to restructure major league baseball (or how I would save the national pastime). 4 pages.

Hundley, Tom: It just isn't cricket, Brits still sniff. 2 Pages. Text of article in the *Chicago Tribune*, November 2, 2005, about the White Sox-Giants world tour in 1912.

Lane, F.C.: Has the "lively" ball revolutionized the game? 7 pages. Photocopy of article in *Baseball Magazine*, September 1921

Parnis, Al: A game I'll never forget: 1947 Los Angeles Angels-San Francisco Seals playoff. . 6 pages. Includes photocopy of the scorecard.

Rhoden, William C.: Baseball pioneer finds his inner curmudgeon. 4 pages. Text of article in the *New York Times*, October 15, 2005, about George Crowe, a major leaguer in the early days of integration. 4 pages.

Selter, Rod: Evolution of Ebbets Field. 23 pages. Text and diagrams.

Stone, Larry: The art of baseball: A tradition of superstition. 10 pages. Text of article in the *Seattle Times*, Sept. 25, 2005, about ballplayers' superstitions.

Vincent, David: Career home runs by position. 5 pages. The top 20 career home run hitters at each position (30 for pitchers), plus DH, through 2004.

Yellon, Al: The Twenty-Ninth Annual Major League Baseball Bottom-of-the-Heap Awards. 4 pages. The "worsts" of the 2005 season.

Four articles from the Winter 2004 issue of Nebraska History, published by the Nebraska State Historical Society:

Louisa, Angelo J., and Robert P. Nash: Growing pains in the River City: The development of professional baseball in nineteenth-century Omaha. 8 pages.

Faling, Andrea I.: Local heroes: Nebraska hometown baseball. 17 pages. Brief introduction followed by illustrations.

Bond, Gregory: "Too much dirty work": Race, manliness and baseball in Gilded Age Nebraska. 14 pages.

Powers-Beck, Jeffrey: "A role new to the race": A new history of the Nebraska Indians. 18 pages. About one of the earliest barnstorming teams.

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All members with the requisite interest, skills and experience are encouraged to run. All Board members are reimbursed for Board-related expenses as approved by SABR policy and are insured against liability claims related to board action.

Nominees must prepare a Candidate Statement Form, following guidelines, which will be available from any Nominating Committee member, and must be received by the Nominating Committee chair no later than February 15, 2006.

Self-nominations are welcomed. If you would like to nominate yourself or another candidate or need more information about Board service, contact a nominating committee member.

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IN MEMORIAM

BOB BROEG

SABR and the baseball world were lessened by the passing of longtime SABR member and Spink Award winning (1979) sportswriter **Bob Broeg** on October 28.

Broeg joined SABR in 1973, and he would frequently mention SABR in his columns, helping the young organization grow in the 1970s. He was the author of 20 sports books and columns and game coverage filled the sports pages of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

According to his obituary, Broeg always said he wanted this to be his epitaph - "He was fair, as in just, not as in mediocre."

CLYDE MILLER

William Clyde Miller, of Lattimore, NC, passed away on March 22. He was 64.

A SABR member since 1980, Coach Miller was a collegiate baseball coach for 32 years having amassed 835 victories over that time. He retired from coaching in 2002 from Gardner-Webb University as the winningest baseball coach in the school's history. Coach Miller was a member of the following athletic Hall of Fames: Southeast Bulloch High School, Georgia Southern University, and the South Atlantic Conference.

ED WALTON

Edward Walton, of Fairfield, CT, died on November 14. He was 74.

His true passion was for baseball and the Boston Red Sox. He coached Little League in Fairfield for more than 15 years, was a member of SABR since and was a baseball historian. He was the only person to reverse a standing record in the Baseball Hall of Fame when he discovered that Tris Speaker had actually hit one more home run than he was officially credited for. He authored three books on the *Red Sox: This Date in Boston Red Sox History, Red Sox Triumphs and Tragedies* and *The Rookies* and was a frequent contributor to the Red Sox game programs as well as *Red Sox Magazine*. He was a

member of the Selection Committee for the Boston Red Sox Hall of Fame.

HERBERT "SHAN" HOFMAN

Herbert "Shan" Hofman, of Muskegon, MI, passed away in August of a stroke. He was 76.

A SABR member since 1986, Shan was born in Michigan but grew up in NY state. He graduated from Ohio University and served in the Korean war as a Lt. in Graves Registration and continued to serve in the Army Reserve where he reached the rank of Lt. Colonel.

At the time of his passing, he was a retired history teacher from Muskegon Community College.

An avid Tiger fan all his life, Shan had a near-photographic memory on many facets of baseball history, especially pitching, and would have held his own in SABR trivia contests had he attended annual conventions.

DIANE GLATT

Diane Glatt of Northridge, CA, died on August 28, 2005 from breast cancer. She was 61.

She loyally attended nine SABR conventions with her husband **David Holtz** starting with Oakland in 1985. While David attended research and panel presentations, Diane and other SABR spouses would explore the host cities' cultural and other attractions. She would however always attend the SABR banquet and ball game. Because of her frequent attendance Diane and her sunny disposition was known to many SABR members, especially spouses.

Diane taught English and Dramatic Literature on the college level for many years and in 1990 started Tender Care Agency for the placement of caregivers for the elderly and sick and nannies for children. She is survived by her husband and three children, Nathan, Stella and Julianna Glatt-Holtz.

SABR Season

January 16, 2006

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seamus@cs.umb.edu or 781 321-0681

January 22, 2006

Hanlan's Point Chapter Meeting, Toronto, CAN
Contact **Maxwell Kates** at BUS79@sympatico.ca
or 416-515-9578

January 28, 2006

Bob Davids Chapter Meeting, Arlington, VA
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bsparks@wellspan.org

February 4, 2006

Jack Graney Chapter Meeting, Cleveland, OH
Contact **Steve Johnson** at sjiiioboh@aol.com or
440-775-0567

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Ted Williams Chapter Meeting, San Diego, CA
Contact **Tom Larwin** at lar.11@cox.net or 619-
287-6474

February 5, 2006

Hot Stove Baseball Symposium, Fishers, IN
Contact **Bill Madden** at Maddenmddg@aol.com or
317-417-2789

March 11, 2006

Phoenix, AZ
Annual Spring Training Weekend, Phoenix, AZ
Contact **Bill Suphan** at GSuphan@aol.com

March 23-26, 2006

"Boiling Out 2006," Hot Springs, AR
Contact **R.J. Lesch** at 515-360-3154 or
rjlesch_usa@yahoo.com

April 29-May 1, 2006

Seymour Medal Conference, Cleveland, OH
Contact the SABR office at info@sabr.org or 800-
969-7227

March 4, 2006

Elysian Fields Chapter Meeting, Little Falls, NJ
Contact **Sam Bernstein** at sammsw@verizon.net
or 973-736-4040

June 29-July 2, 2006

SABR Annual Convention
Keynote speaker will be former major league
pitcher and noted author, **Jim Bouton**

July 7-9, 2006

Jerry Malloy Conference, Kansas City, MO
Contact **Larry Lester** at NoirTech@gbonline.com
or 816-358-0475

Submission Opportunities and Deadlines

2006 is shaping to be another great year for baseball and baseball research. It's not too early to think about participating in or attending some of the great conferences in the upcoming year. Here's an early list of the conferences and awards looking for submissions

SEYMOUR CONFERENCE

Honors the best book of baseball history or biography
Cleveland, OH - April 29-May 1
Deadline: February 18th
Contact: Ryan Chamberlain at
info@sabr.org or 800.969.7227

SABR 36

SABR's annual convention
Seattle, WA - June 29-July 2
Deadline: March 1
Contact: sabr2006-presentations@comcast.net

JERRY MALLOY CONFERENCE

Negro Leagues History
Kansas City, MO - July 6-9
Deadline: unknown
Contact: Larry Lester at
NoirTech@gbonline.com

MCFARLAND AWARD

Honors authors of best articles or papers, published or unpublished, on baseball history or biography completed the preceding calendar year
Deadline: February 15, 2006
Contact: Len Levin at
LenLevin5@hotmail.com

SPORTING NEWS AWARD

Honors those whose outstanding research projects completed during the preceding calendar year have significantly expanded our knowledge or understanding of baseball
Deadline: February 1
Contact: Steve Gietschier at
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In each *Bulletin*, this space will be devoted to recognizing SABR members who, on their own initiative or on request, have assisted other members in their research projects - what SABR is all about. The only source of names will be you, the membership. There will be no judges, no committees, no competition. All names submitted will be printed; their nominators will not be identified.

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Tracy Ringolsby wins Spink Award

Rocky Mountain News sports columnist **Tracy Ringolsby**, who has written extensively for 30 years about every aspect of professional baseball, was elected the 2005 winner of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award in balloting by the BBWAA.

A SABR member since 1985, he will receive the award that is presented annually to a sportswriter "for meritorious contributions to baseball writing" during the 2006 National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum induction ceremony July 30 at the Clark Sports Center in Cooperstown, New York.

Ringolsby received 225 votes from the 429 ballots cast by BBWAA members with 10 or more consecutive years' service in becoming the 57th winner of the award since its inception in 1962 and named for the first winner, the publisher of *The Sporting News*, known during his lifetime as the "Baseball Bible."

Joe Goddard, who spent three decades as a beat writer for the *Chicago Sun Times* covering the Cubs and the White Sox in alternate years, received 128 votes. The late Vern Plagenhoef, who covered the Detroit Tigers for Michigan's Booth Newspaper Group and was a former national secretary-treasurer of the BBWAA, got 76.

Ringolsby was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He came to the *News* in 1992 from the *Dallas Morning News*. He has covered baseball since 1976, is past president of the Baseball Writers Association of America and has twice served as master of the Hall of Fame ceremonies in Cooperstown, New York. He is co-founder of *Baseball America* magazine.

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SABR36 CONVENTION INFO & SABR ELECTION MATERIALS

Celebrate the Best in Baseball Research and Writing at the Seymour Medal Conference

Come to the Seymour Medal Conference in Cleveland April 28-29 to meet authors and other interesting speakers including **Miles Wolff**, **Peter Morris** (a two-time winner of historical presentations at SABR conventions) and **Bob Carson** of *Minor Trips*, an annual publication geared towards finding minor league baseball action across the country.

From a Friday evening night out in the Diamond Suite of Classic Park, where you can meet some of the writers of the best baseball books and take in a minor league game to Saturday's schedule of unique research-oriented presentations, you will have access to members and special guests throughout the conference.

The Seymour Medal is named in honor of **Dr. Harold Seymour** and **Dorothy Seymour Mills**, the first his-

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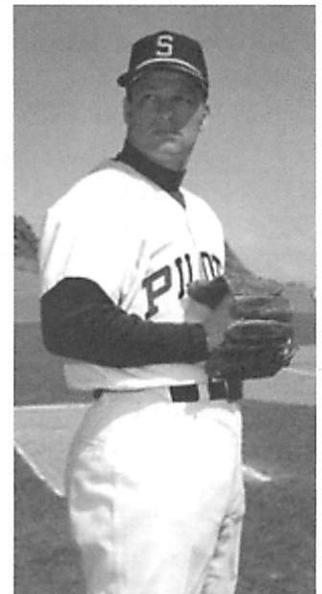
SABR 36 Registration Materials Enclosed

In the center section of this *Bulletin* you will find information about, and registration materials for this summer's annual convention held from Thursday, June 29 to Sunday, July 2 at the Renaissance Hotel on Madison St. in downtown Seattle.

The registration form is on the back page of this special pull-out section of *The SABR Bulletin*.

Highlighting the convention events will be the keynote address by former big leaguer and author **Jim Bouton**, as well as several panels, with panelists including 1974 Cy Young Award winner **Mike Marshall** and former general counsel of the MLBPA **Dick Moss**.

We expect about 536 members from around the world to attend what is shaping up as another excellent convention and incredibly fun baseball experience. We hope you will join us!



Former Seattle Pilot and author **Jim Bouton** is this year's keynote speaker.

SABR's Online Baseball Index Exceeds 220,000 Entries

The Baseball Index (www.baseballindex.org), the most comprehensive free online database of citations to baseball-related print media, recently grew to over 220,000 entries. Since its May 27, 2002 debut, the Web site has received over 100,000 hits, with over 70,000 in the past year.

The Baseball Index contains citations to books, articles, book sections, videos, art works, sound recordings and other items. The researcher may search it for references to a player, umpire, owner or executive. It may also be searched for terms, such as "Baker Bowl," "Cotton States League," or "umpire baiting." Over 2,000 separate terms are included as well as the names of leagues, stadiums and baseball groups. Since December, The Baseball Index received over 4,000 visits a month. In May 2005, the Web visits rose to over 6,000. The Index's inspiration and manager, **Ted Hathaway**, and **Andy McCue**, continue to oversee the project.

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The Boys Who Were Left Behind	J. Heidenry & Brett Topel	U. of Nebraska	0-8032-2428-1	\$29.95	hrdcvr
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Selected Summaries

Big League Trivia by Madison McEntire is written in easy-to-read detailed paragraph form rather than simple question/answer format.

Remembering the Montreal Expos by Danny Gallagher and Bill Young traces the teams history from the moment Mayor Jean Drapeau decreed that major league baseball should come to the city until the final out in 2004.

West Point's Field of Dreams: Major League Baseball at Doubleday Field by Mike Huber tells the history of West Point's partnership and rivalry with Major League Baseball. Available through the West Point gift shop.

Tris Speaker: The Rough-and-Tumble Life of a Baseball Legend by Tim Gay explores the colorful life behind the statistics, introducing readers to the complex Texan.

The Boys Who Were Left Behind: The 1944 World Series between the Hapless St. Louis Browns and the Legendary St. Louis Cardinals by John Heidenry and Brett Topel mines a treasure trove of coverage, including commentary Bob Broeg.

The Hardball Times Baseball Annual 2006 edited by Aaron Gleeman and Dave Studenmund contains a wealth of graphs, line drive stats, and Win Share breakdowns for each player.

The 2006 Bill James Handbook edited by Baseball Info Solutions. One of the best annual baseball reference guides.

Steal Away: Devotions for Baseball Fans by Hugh Poland features scripture combined with quotes or stories from baseball greats.

The Louisville Grays Scandal of 1877 by William A. Cook examines one of the crucial moments in the early years of the National League.

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Baseball's Most Memorable Collapse by John Rossi follows Gene Mauch, Chris Short, Jim Bunning and the boys as they stumble down the stretch.

"Ee-Yah": The Life and Times of Hughie Jennings, Baseball Hall of Famer by Jack Smiles is the first book-length biography of Jennings.

The Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, 2003-2004, edited by William M. Simons, presents the best papers given at the Symposia in 2003 and 2004.

When the Bucs Won It All: The 1979 World Champion Pittsburgh Pirates by Bill Ranier and David Finoli follows the We Are Family boys through the season and then presents profiles of the players and coaches.

Women Characters in Baseball Literature: A Critical Study by Kathleen Sullivan examines the various symbolic roles, from goddess to substitute mother, in baseball fiction.

Dottie Wiltse Collins: Strikeout Queen of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League by Carolyn M. Trombe is a rare biography of an AAGPBL player.

The Greatest World Series Games: Baseball Historians Choose 26 Classics by Warren Wilbert is exactly what it promises. Wilbert polled SABR members (the baseball historians) and came up with this list.

Teaching Hitting: A Guide for Coaches by Dirk Baker is exactly what the title says it is. It also includes a foreword by Mike Easler.

A History of the Baseball Fan by Fred Stein has this veteran SABR researcher delving back to the days before baseball became a spectator sport.

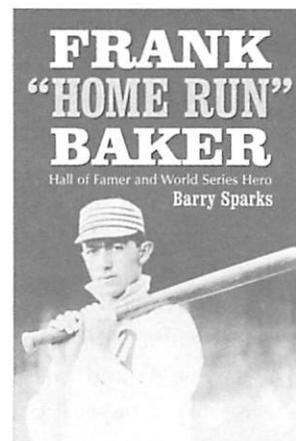
Dean of Umpires: Bill McGowan by Bob Luke is that rare biography of one of the men in blue.

Cap Anson: The Grand Old Man of Baseball by David L. Fleitz covers

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BUSINESS OF BASEBALL

A February update of the Business of Baseball Web site (www.businessofbaseball.com) includes an interview with Marlins president David Samson.

The interview focuses on the Marlins' efforts to get a new facility deal. Other topics include: the relationship between the former minority partners and Jeffery Loria during the ownership of the Expos; whether the Marlins are observing the lease negotiations in Washington, DC after relocation of the Expos; whether the Marlins are looking over their shoulder at other possible relocation candidates such as the Twins, A's and, possibly, the Royals; how player payroll could get back to its pre-2006 season levels; how Samson reacted to the Marlins winning the 2003 World Series; and movie-buff Samson's recommended baseball movies.

DEADBALL

A reminder to SABR members that *Boiling Out 2006* is coming soon and will be at the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, on March 23-26, 2006. (This will not conflict with the NINE conference, for folks doing both.)

The program is scheduled to include a presentation on music from the Deadball Era, Don Duren's Hot Springs ballpark sites tour, and a Robinson-Kell Chapter Meeting. Also scheduled is a Deadball Dice Baseball Tournament.

A tentative list of research presentations include: **Dave Anderson**, "Umpires During the Early Deadball Era," **Tim Gay**, "Tris Speaker," **R. J. Lesch**, "The Giants in Marlin," **Richard Smiley**, "The White Stockings in Hot Springs," **Tom Simon**, "What If Ban Johnson Hadn't Been So Freekin'

Ambitious: What the 1901-05 National League Standings Might Have Looked Like If All the Good Non-Pirates Hadn't Jumped," and **Fred Worth**, "A Necrological Travelog."

In the February issue of the committee's newsletter, *The Inside Game* features **Ron Selter's** look at Detroit's Bennett Park, Part 2 and "Remembering McGinnity and Merkle," by **Gabriel Schechter** and **David Stalker**

The newsletter also includes several book reviews including, *Touching Second*, reviewed by **Mark Dugo**, *Spitting on Diamonds*, reviewed by **Norman Macht** and *Bad Bill Dahlen*, reviewed by **John McMurray**.

NEGRO LEAGUES

The February edition of the Negro Leagues Courier announced that on February 26, ESPN Classic would be airing a baseball game from Rickwood Field in Birmingham, Alabama. The game was to pit the Birmingham Black Barons, made up of local players, against a "barnstorming team" from Bristol, Conn.

The Courier also announced that on August 19th, the state of Delaware and city of Wilmington will co-sponsor the eleventh annual Judy Johnson Night.

SPRING TRAINING

The December 2005 issue of Spring Flings, the committee newsletter, highlights several projects in the works that need help. **Rod Nelson** and **Bill Hickman** are still working on the Spring Training Players Inventory. This is a very important project, according to the newsletter. Anyone with a media guide and a baseball encyclopedia can make a contribution to the project. They are looking to identify non-roster players who were invited to spring training but never played in a regular season MLB game.

Rod is also working on reformatting the Spring Training Sites database that has already been started. As he does that, the plan is for other committee members to work on camp dates, the dates that each MLB team spent at the various sites that were used through-

out history. Chapter chair **Kevin Saldana** believes that teams spend a lot more time in the camps than they used to, so it might be interesting to see when this trend kicked in. Saldana also noted that he is still collecting sites both cities and ballparks for this database.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

The November 2005 issue of the committee newsletter, *By the Numbers*, includes a review of the recent bestselling book *Freakonomics*, which includes studies and methods of interest to sabermetricians.

The newsletter also features several articles including "World Series Hitting by Pitchers and Designated Hitters" by **Ray Ciccolella**. The article posits that conventional wisdom suggests that in the World Series, the National League pitchers should out-hit those of the AL, because they have more experience. And, the reverse should be true for DHs. In this article, the author examines some 30 years worth of World Series games to see if that is indeed the case.

Also in this issue is "More on OBP vs. SLG," by **Mark Pankin**.

In a previous BTN, an article by **Phil Birnbaum** presented a method for determining how much a point of OBP is worth (in terms of run scoring) compared to a point of SLG. In this, one of two studies this issue on the topic, Pankin presents a different method and obtains, according to the newsletter, a significantly different result.

This and other Statistical Analysis newsletters are available free on the Web site www.philbirnbaum.com.

WOMEN IN BASEBALL

The February committee newsletter announced that during the weekend of the Hall of Fame Game on May 15, this year Cooperstown will be unveiling a new statue honoring women's baseball.

The newsletter also suggests that 2006 promises to be another exciting season for women's baseball as they are gearing up and looking for new players. Check out www.baseballglory.com to find a team.

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MARCH 23-26

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Deadball Committee presents "Boiling Out 2006" at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs. For more information contact **R.J. Lesch** at 515-360-3154 or rjlesch_usa@yahoo.com.

APRIL 28-29

CLEVELAND, OH

Join baseball writers and researchers for the Eighth Annual Seymour Medal Conference. For more information contact the SABR office at info@sabr.org or 800-969-7227.

MAY 6

CLEVELAND, OH

The Jack Graney Chapter will meet May 6, 9:30-3:30pm at the Parma Snow Road Library. For more information contact **Steve Johnson** at sjiiioboh@aol.com or 440-775-0567.

PHILADELPHIA, PA

The Connie Mack Chapter will meet May 6th, at Citizen's Bank Park. For more information contact **Joe McGillen** at 215-698-0476 or jmcg2838@aol.com

MAY 13

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

The Halsey Hall Chapter will hold their spring meeting Saturday, May 13 at Davanni's. For more information contact **Stew Thornley** at stew@stewthornley.net or 651-415-0791.

MAY 20,

BOSTON, MA

The Boston Chapter will meet May 20 and will focus on Sabermetrics. For more information contact **Seamus Kearney** at seamus@cs.umb.edu or 781 321-0681.

MAY 21,

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

The Oscar Charleston Chapter will hold a meeting on May 21. For more information contact **Bill Madden** at 317-842-9856 or maddenmdd@aol.com.

JUNE 10

WATERLOO, IA

The next Field of Dreams Chapter meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 10 in the Waterloo area. For more information contact **Tim Rask** at timrask@worldnet.att.net or 319-351-6537.

JUNE 24

The Oscar Charleston Chapter will be on hand at the dedication of the Sam Thompson historical marker at Ellis park in Danville at 9:30am (see page 6). For more information contact **Bill Madden** at 317-842-9856 or maddenmdd@aol.com.

JUNE 29-JULY 1

SEATTLE, WA

The SABR Annual Convention will be held Thursday, June 29 to Saturday, July 1 at the Seattle Renaissance Hotel on Madison Street in downtown Seattle. Keynote speaker will be former major league pitcher and noted author, **Jim Bouton**.

JULY 7-9

KANSAS CITY, MO

The dates for the 2006 Jerry Malloy Conference are July 7, 8 and 9 in Kansas City. Satchel Paige is the theme and his birthday is the seventh of July. For more information, contact **Larry Lester** at NoirTech@gbronline.com or 816-358-0475

JULY 30

COOPERSTOWN, NY

The Leatherstocking Chapter will meet HOF induction weekend, Sunday July 30, tentatively scheduled for 6:30pm at Tillipaugh's Funeral Home on pioneer street. For more information contact **Gene Carney** at carneya6@adelphia.net or 315-732-6991.

Boxscores of Past Meetings

Toledo, October 22

Chapter: Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter.
Speakers: Pat Eaken, "2005 National Amateur Baseball Federation College Division World Series," **Craig Lammers**, "Revolution in the Heartland--Night Baseball Comes to Kansas," **Rich Adler**, "Minor League Ballparks in the Midwest," **John Husman** and Erik Ibsen, "2005 Mudhens Season."
Location: The Roost at Fifth Third Field.

Milwaukee, November 5

Chapter: Ken Keltner Chapter.
Guest: Brewers Former Director of Public and Media Relations.
Speakers: **Neal Pease** and **Matt Bednarski**.
Location: Long Wong's Sports Bar.

Boston, January 16

Chapter: Boston chapter (see pg. 15).

Toronto, January 22

Chapter: Hanlan's Point.
Speakers: **Allen Tait**, "State of the Chapter Address" **Jerry Amernic**, "The Meaning of Hanlan's Point Chapter" **David Matchett**, "Canadians Who Have Homered in Canada."
Trivia: **Richard Voldimer** (Gold), **James Leroux** (Silver), **John Starzynski** (Bronze).
Location: The Pauper's Pub, Toronto.

Des Moines, January 24

Chapter: Field of Dreams chapter.
Activity: SABR Booth at Iowa Cubs Fanfest and a discussion of creating a book on Iowa baseball history.
Place: Drake University.

Arlington, January 28

Chapter: Bob Davids chapter.
Guests: **George Michael** and **Justin Klem**, former major league umpire.
Speakers: **Bob Bloss**, **Mark Pankin**, **Tim Gay**, **Mark Millikin**, **Richard Hershberger**, **Bob Greenberg** and **David Smith**.
Place: Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge.

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Frostburg State University Hosting Baseball Conference

A four day baseball conference will be held in November at Frostburg State University in western Maryland. Its theme will be tracing the history of baseball as a mirror of America from its beginnings to the present. Frank Deford will give the keynote address on the evening of November 8, 2006. The conference will conclude on November 11 with a roundtable discussion on the game today, featuring notables of the game. In between these events, historians, journalists, broadcasters, informed aficionados, players, and managers will speak about how the game grew out of social changes in the nation and changed with the temper of the times. In addition to the panel of events during the day, a new dramatic play on baseball will premier during the conference.

Admission will be free for the day sessions. For more information about the event, please contact the conference director:

John Wiseman
History Department
Frostburg State University
Frostburg MD 21532
(301) 687-4215
jwiseman@frostburg.edu

New Vintage Baseball League Forming in the Pacific Northwest

According to a recent news release, **Alexander Joy Cartwright IV** is forming a Pacific Northwest Vintage Baseball League.

An initial meeting for interested parties was held at The Milton Tavern, 301 Porter Way, Milton, Washington on March 9th.

Alexander Cartwright is hoping to promote the new league to townships, city councils, homeowner associations, and other organizations. The region for the new vintage league will extend from Seattle, Washington to Eugene, Oregon. Cartwright expects to start 4 teams in 2006 and include teams from Portland, OR and Ft Vancouver, Washington in the league.

For more information contact:
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877-551-1023
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Jerry Malloy Conference Call for Papers

Proposals are still being accepted for the 9th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference in Kansas City, Missouri July 6-9, 2006.

The conference theme this year is "100 Years of Satchel Paige: Reality and Myth."

Papers can include all topics related to Satchel Paige, the Kansas City Monarchs, images and myths related to the Negro Leagues and all other Negro League topics. Papers are encouraged from all disciplines.

Proposals for individual papers should include an abstract of no more than 350 words, a brief curriculum vitae with contact information. Graduate students are encouraged to submit proposals.

All presentations will be considered and reviewed for possible publication after the conference.

Paper Proposals due March 17th, 2006

Poster Presentations proposals due March 17th, 2006

Proposals should be 150 words or less, explaining the main focus and intent of the presentation.

Please send three hard copies of your proposal and one disk, plus your resume to **Leslie Heaphy**, Kent State University, Stark Campus, 6000 Frank Rd., North Canton OH 44720.

Registration materials will be available soon. Questions about registration should be referred to **Lloyd Johnson** at lloydj@msn.com

Indiana to Celebrate the Legacy of Big Sam

The Indiana Historical Society is dedicating a marker to Samuel Luther Thompson, on June 24, 2006, in Danville, Indiana's Ellis Park at 9:00AM. All SABR members are welcome to attend.

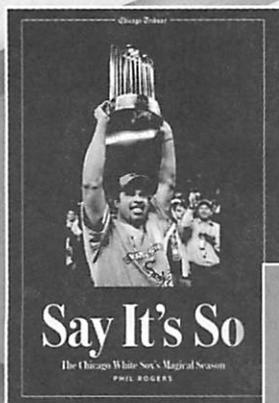
There will be a 19th Century re-enactment game played afterwards. Chuck Klein and Amos Rusie's great-nephews are scheduled to be in attendance.

According to www.baseballlibrary.com, at the end of the nineteenth century, Thompson sported the second-best lifetime slugging percentage (.504) and the third-highest RBI total (1,296) of any 19th-century player. In 1906, at age forty-six, Thompson attempted a brief comeback with the Detroit Tigers, whose roster included Sam Crawford and a 19-year-old Ty Cobb. The aged outfielder got in just eight games, hitting .226. He was elected to the Hall of Fame by the Committee on Baseball Veterans in 1974.

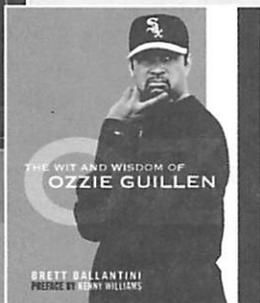
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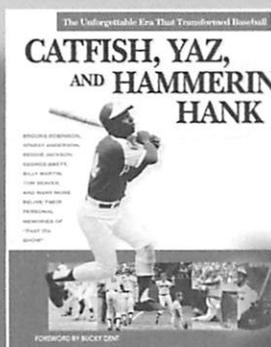
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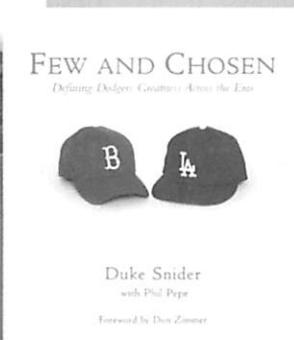
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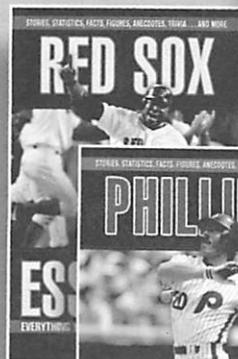
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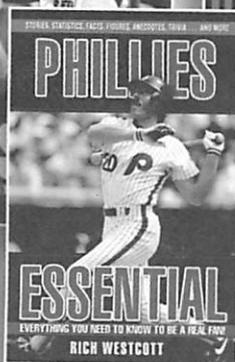


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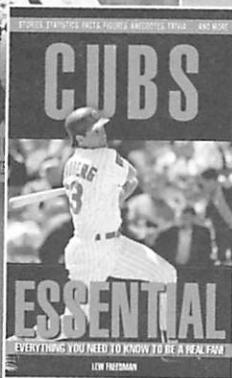
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SABR NINE QUESTIONS

By Ryan Chamberlain

*Love him or hate him, former big-leaguer and author **Jim Bouton** is sure to be remembered by historians as an icon of the game.*

*From his days as a professional baseball player, to his groundbreaking book **Ball Four**, Bouton has left his indelible mark.*

*In his most recent work, **Foul Ball plus Part II**, Bouton further chronicles his attempts to save **Waconah Park** in **Pittsfield, Mass.** against what he sees as culture of corruption among the city leaders of **Pittsfield**. The “plus Part II” edition also records his role in the discovery of a document that dates **Pittsfield’s** baseball origins to 1791. This document is believed to be the earliest written reference to baseball.*

*A SABR member since 2005, Jim Bouton will be keynote speaker at this year’s annual convention in **Seattle**. We’re happy to give you a preview of the fun in this edition of **SABR Nine**.*

Throughout your career in the majors and the minors, who were some of your favorite players to work with?

I loved my first manager in baseball, an elderly gentleman by the name of Jimmy Gleason. This was in Kearney, Nebraska. I had just signed a baseball contract and it was my rookie season when I reported to the team. I arrived at the hotel and went up to his room and knocked on the door. And he said, “Nice to meet you, Mr. Bouton, come on in.” He said, “I’m going to give you the first rule of baseball. Don’t knock on the manager’s door without calling first.” He said, “You never know who he may be entertaining. Don’t do it again.”

I’ve always liked my managers. I’ve never really had a manager that I didn’t like. And they mostly liked me. They liked me because I loved to play ball. I was always working harder than anybody else. If we were supposed to run 20 sprints across the outfield I would run 30. I was always wanting to throw

the ball. I was an annoyance to some of them because I wanted to pitch. You know, as with Joe Schultz, I was always throwing and trying to get in games. While that might have been annoying to Joe, he also understood that it was a small problem. There were enough guys who didn’t have that kind of dedication. Those were the real problems. So, I always got along well with my managers.

Coaches on the other hand...I loved Johnny Sain in particular. He was not just a great pitching coach, but a great man. Helping players not only with their pitching, but their life in general. His philosophies, his wonderful sayings: “Don’t be afraid to climb those golden stairs” or “the world doesn’t care about the labor pains, it only wants to see the baby.” You could live your life paying attention to John. There have always been some catty and annoying coaches along the way, because the coaches job is to curry favor with his drinking buddy, the manager. That’s usually how it works. They’re always in charge of those small things, like Frank Crosetti in charge of making sure you only take one ball out of the bag before you go out to the field. Stuff like having your hat on properly. That was with Eddie O’Brien of the Seattle Pilots. But I always thought that was more amusing than anything. Good subjects for books.

In your opinion, is pitching more of an art or a science?

I wouldn’t say it’s more of one than another. I’d say it’s both, it’s a combination. Science comes in the mechanics of making a ball do what you want it do. Art comes in the emotion and the mental aspects that allow you to play freely and confidently. And how you use your pitches. Using your instincts. You can do a lot of thinking and tinkering and working with your mechanics on the sidelines in between games. But once the game starts, you

have to put all that aside. Now the art takes over. Instinct takes over. Now you count on your body to tell you what pitch to throw and how to throw it. Not your mind. Get rid of your mind. Like an actor in rehearsal versus an actor on stage.

Who is a GM that you respect the most?

It was hard to have respect for general managers in my day because the job of the general manager was to basically screw the players, and use the unfair system against them. I mean, elemental fairness said that the players should’ve been making a better share of the money, and they weren’t. The general managers were part of the unfairness. Any of them who gave it a second thought realized that, too. Most of the players in **Ball Four** all have stories about how they were cheated and lied to by some owner or general manager. It was almost universal. I mean Ralph Houk was a perfect example. Here he was a field manager and all for the players. The guys loved Ralph. He was a great manager. He let us alone, he let us play ball. Always had a positive attitude. “partner,” he would call us. We were all “partners.” Then he became general manager and “partner” went out the door. He wasn’t interested in us. He was interested in saving money for the owner.

How important has persistence been a key to your success?

It’s the most important thing. It’s so easy to say, “I’ll get to that tomorrow.” In sports, it’s so competitive by the time you get to the professional level that only the most persistent guys really get to the top. Particularly if you don’t have a tremendous amount of talent, which I didn’t have. I made myself a good pitcher. I learned how to throw a curve ball when I was a kid, that helped. The fact that I was throwing overhand curves by the time I was 10 years old. You know, you learn to throw an overhand curve when you’re 10, you carry

it with you for the rest of your life. It's like learning how to play the violin when you're six. The only way you're going to play in a symphony orchestra or play in the big leagues is practicing that art when you're a young child. And I tell that to coaches. They say, "We don't want kids to throw curveballs, they'll get sore arms." I say if they're lucky they'll have 500 sore arms, just like me. Just like any guy who finally gets in the big leagues. Hundreds of sore arms over the years. So you don't pick up the ball for a couple of days. But if they don't get the mechanics of it, they're not going to learn. By the time you're 16 it's too late to be throwing curveballs. That's why most of these guys come along and don't have a curve ball, they have a slider. It's easier to teach a slider because it's basically an off-center fastball. But the mechanics of throwing an overhand curve, which is a devastating pitch, is something you need to learn at an early age.

***Foul Ball* is your first diary since *Ball Four*, how was the experience similar and different?**

I wrote *Foul Ball* for almost similar reasons. In the case of *Ball Four*, I really wanted to tell the story of what it's like to play in the big leagues. I was sort of bursting with this need to tell the story. *Foul Ball*, here was a story I felt I had a responsibility to tell. I had uncovered something really dirty and pretty disgusting and I needed to share that. I hope over time it gets the readership it should have.

[In regards to reactions after the book was published] The exact opposite has occurred with *Ball Four* and *Foul Ball*. When *Ball Four* came out, there was a tremendous controversy immediately. I was castigated by players, by the team owners, by the coaches, the managers, the baseball establishment and the sportswriters. I mean I was called a Benedict Arnold and a traitor, and a Judas, a social leper. Unbelievable! But the fans read it and realized all that stuff was nonsense. *Ball Four's* a funny book. It told the players side of the story. It isn't that controversial any-

way. They were just defending a turf that just simply didn't need to be defended. So there was a big controversy and lots of publicity. With *Foul Ball*, the community that's been affected is Pittsfield and there is a code of silence over the town. There's absolutely no recognition that this book has been written either in hardcover or paperback. It's a collective censorship on the city exerted by the power brokers who still run things in Pittsfield. Since *Foul Ball* first came out in hardcover in June of 2003 and the paperback update, which came out a few months ago, I've been on over 150 radio stations around the country doing interviews. Most of them phone interviews, some of them in-studio. Local stations, national stations and couple of stations broadcast to our armed forces overseas. None of those radio stations anywhere near Pittsfield, Massachusetts. So here's a story about the [Pittsfield] community, and a very revealing one about the problems of this community and none of the radio stations can have me on because they would lose their advertisers. They can't have me on there. The *Berkshire Eagle*, a major culprit, and one of the worst newspapers in the United States, has never mentioned it. They did respond to the first book with a couple of editorials, but other than that, nothing. No reviewing of the book, no independent review, nothing. The major radio station in Hartford, the area's only public radio station, has ignored it. I make an appearance in a bookstore in Pittsfield, and it's not in the newspaper that I'm going to be appearing. Or it will appear the day of the event in a little calendar note or something like that, when other author appearances are played up. So they're hoping that the book will just sort of go and fade away.

Do you think the socio-political problems that you faced trying to preserve the local baseball heritage of Pittsfield, including Waconah Park, are a microcosm of the issues threatening the integrity of professional baseball today?

I think what happened to us in Pittsfield is a microcosm of what's been happening to us all over the country, cities large and small, which is that a handful of power brokers in a community will force on the public a publicly financed stadium. If people had a chance to vote on these stadiums, they would vote against them. As Mayor Giuliani said so clearly when responding to the question of why shouldn't the people be able to vote on \$1.6 billion for the proposed stadium for the Mets and Yankees. Mayor Giuliani said, "Because they would vote against it." So it's just reaching into the public till by a handful of power brokers who want to get box seats to the game, locker room access and in some cases part ownership in the team. It's just awful and it happens in plain view, this bilking of the public. It's really been well-articulated in *Field of Schemes* by Neil deMause. It's just a devastating look at America. You have it in New York City. Here is New York City, they've got schools conducting classes in stairwells, in stairwells! Books that are outdated, ceilings crumbling in schools, and here the city of New York is going to spend \$300 million plus to upgrade the infrastructure around Yankee Stadium so that more than 4 million people can go to a ball game? That's just an outrage. An absolute outrage that the custodian of a ballpark like George Steinbrenner should have the right to tear it down, even with his own money. He shouldn't be allowed to do that. That's like saying whoever is pastor of a church should be able to tear the church down. It's just disgraceful. I'd like to see organizations like SABR, guys who understand the numbers, and understand the unfairness of it, throw its considerable intellectual power behind that argument. Because it does leech out into play on the field. One of the reasons why the players make so much money is because the owners make so much money and they're just getting their chunk of that. But the reason that these owners make so much money is because they're able to get these publicly-financed stadiums. So that's one of the reasons why the players association has

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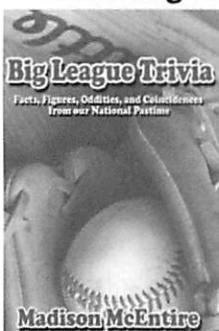
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never challenged the owners anti-trust exemption, only in the area of labor relations, but not in the other areas because they benefit from the anti-trust exemption. Their ability to keep out other competing leagues and to then use their monopoly power to bid one city off against another. That's one of the reasons why baseball is such a wealthy sport, because the public is indirectly financing the players' salaries.

In the larger sense, do you think *Foul Ball* can be seen as a guidepost for preservationists trying to protect historic stadiums and similar public landmarks in their region?

I think so. Because it shows that it's not enough just have a good idea or a good intention. You have to win battles, even something as obviously good for a community as a privately renovated ballpark. If that can't get done, than what hope is there? I think if you're a SABR member you would learn a lot

from reading *Foul Ball*. Anybody who's thinking about doing something similar should read it as a primer. To get ready for what might be coming.

Was there anything about your playing days that you wished you could have included in *Ball Four* or subsequent books, but couldn't fit it in for one reason or another?

Every once in a while a story will come to me that I remember happening and it's not in *Ball Four*, but not too often. Almost all of it got in there.

What do you expect from the 500+ SABR members you'll be meeting in Seattle and will you be keeping a diary?

I'm looking forward to not only being back in Seattle again, but to be in front of the SABR members. I've always had great affection for the organization. One of my personal friends, **Jim Charlton**, is in fact my oldest friend. We go back to college days in 1957, we had dormitory rooms next to each other and we've been friends ever since. I'm not a guy who walks around keeping a diary. There are certain things that happen in life that you have no choice but to start writing. I didn't go into Pittsfield with the idea of writing a diary, it was only after we had run into obstacles that I realized that here was a town whose baseball destiny was in the hands of a guy in Denver, Colorado, that the mayor was corrupt, and that the bank was working against the people. It was about that time that I started taking notes. But I was forced into taking notes by their behavior. I don't think that will happen at the SABR convention, but I'm not making any promises.

Editors note: to find out more information about Jim Bouton's current projects or to order a copy of *Foul Ball* plus Part II, please visit his Web site at www.jimbouton.com

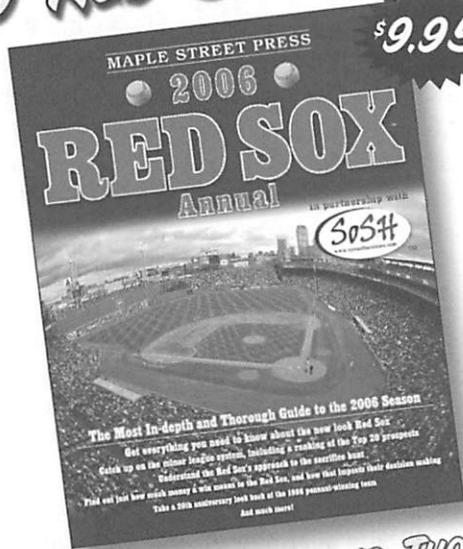
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Diamonds in the Emerald City

Bouton Slated as Keynoter; Marshall to Make Multiple Appearances

Jim Bouton, the author of *Ball Four* and *Foul Ball*, headlines the 36th gathering of SABR members, scheduled for June 28 to July 1 at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Seattle, Washington.

But Bouton is only one of many great guests the NWSABR Chapter has lined up for members.

Mike Marshall, the NL Cy Young Award winner in 1974 after an astounding 106 games and 208 innings pitched in relief, will make multiple appearances through the convention--at the Science in Baseball Committee meeting, on the Pilots Panel, and on the Collective Bargaining Agreement Panel.

Other exciting guests at the event will be Eddie Basinski, Dick Fitzgerald, Dick Moss, Jim Pagliaroni, Edo Vanni, and Andrew Zimbalist.

SABR36 Panel Discussions

The panel topics are set! The NWSABR chapter is rounding up some great guests to converge on the SABR36 Convention. Panelists and special guests who have committed thus far include:

Seattle Pilots' Panel

The 1969 expansion team only existed for one season, but what a season it was! The most controversial book ever written about baseball, "Ball Four," documents much of that memorable campaign. Panelists will include **Jim Bouton**, **Jim Pagliaroni** and **Mike Marshall**, with ESPN's **Jim Caple** moderating.

SABR Founders' Panel

Our remarkable organization was founded in August 1971 when sixteen baseball historians and researchers gathered together in Cooperstown. We will honor all of the original members by having those who are in attendance at SABR36 tell us how it all started. **Lyle Spatz** will be the moderator.

Pacific Coast League (PCL) Panel

Before Major League Baseball invaded in 1958, the Pacific Coast League was the premier league on the West Coast. It has a rich history unrivaled by any other "minor" league. Panelists will include **Eddie Basinski**, **Dick Fitzgerald**, and **Edo Vanni**, with SABR President **Dick Beverage** moderating.



Where Do I Stay?

SABR has arranged for rooms at several local hotels. Options include The Executive Pacific Plaza Hotel (400 Spring Street), The Silver Cloud Hotel (1100 Broadway), The Baroness (1005 Spring Street), and the host hotel, The Seattle Renaissance on Madison (515 Madison St).

See page 9 for more complete information about each hotel.

Renaissance Seattle is Home to Events

The Renaissance Seattle Hotel (515 Madison Street) is where all committee meetings, research presentations, panel presentations and luncheon events will take place. Meetings will take place on the Ballroom Level, the Second Floor, and the Third Floor.

How Do I Get There?

From the Airport to the Hotel

For those who won't rent a car, SABR recommends the Gray Line Shuttle (adults \$10.25 one way; \$17 round-trip) or Shuttle Express. Gray Line's Downtown Airporter departs daily from SeaTac Airport 5:30am to 11:00pm daily and from downtown 5:00am to 11:00pm daily. Call 206-626-6088 for more information or visit online at <http://graylineseattle.com/airportexpress1.cfm>. Shuttle Express stops at most of the SABR hotels and fares vary based on which hotel. Call (425) 981-7000 for more information or visit online <http://www.shuttleexpress.com>.

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Driving

Unless you have to drive, we recommend that you do not drive. The Renaissance is approximately 15 miles north of the Seattle-Tacoma Airport.

Driving Directions from the South (Airport or I-90): I-5 N.Bound to Seattle, take exit #164A-Madison St. Take left on Madison Street. Go straight ahead one block to hotel at the corner of 6th & Madison St. Other driving directions can be found on page 10.

Parking

On-site parking is \$21/day and valet parking is \$23/day. There are some lots across I-5 that are less expensive. More parking options will be noted on the web site as they develop.

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Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Panel

The CBA is the working agreement between Major League Baseball and the Players' Association. The first bargaining agreement was signed in 1968, and hammering them out has never been a simple matter. Both the history and future of the CBA process will be discussed. Panelists will include **Dick Moss**, **Andrew Zimbalist** and **Mike Marshall**, with ESPN's **Rob Neyer** moderating.

Committee Meetings

One important part of the convention is the opportunity for all of SABR's Research Committees to hold a meeting to report on committee activity of the previous year and to talk about committee plans for the coming year. It is also a way for registrants to look in on a committee that they have been considering joining.

The committee schedule was not complete at press time. Keep an eye on the SABR web site for information as it becomes available.

NWSABR Chapter Web Site Features Convention Information

Another place to turn for your convention information is the NWSABR Chapter's web site, <http://nwsabr.sabr.org/convention.htm>.

In addition to convention information, the local group is also keeping a blog to share information and keep everyone excited about how great a time will be had during the convention.

Research Presentations

The organizers of SABR 36 hope to bring you an exciting and varied line-up of over 3 dozen research presentations, all competing for the Doug Pappas Baseball Research Award, sponsored by *USA Today Sports Weekly*.

In addition to the oral presentations, there will be poster presentations competing for the *Sports Weekly* Award for the best poster presentation at SABR 36.

The deadline for abstracts was March 1 at which time a blind review of the potential presentations will begin. The schedule of presentations will be announced online at the convention pages of www.sabr.org.

A Call for Judges

In order to administer the awards funded by *USA Today Sports Weekly*, it is necessary to have onsite judges evaluating each presentation during the convention.

Here are the responsibilities involved in this activity:

- * Each onsite judge will be assigned to evaluate specified presentations given at the convention. Criteria and scoring sheets for the onsite evaluation will be distributed as well. We will establish a method for collecting completed forms.

- * The number of presentations you'll judge has not yet been determined ... it's a function of the total number of volunteer judges and the number of judges assigned to each presentation. Both oral and poster presentations will be judged, though it has not yet been decided whether to assign judges solely to one form or to both.

- * We will do our best to accommodate individual judges' needs in terms of days and times for judging, presentations they strongly desire to view, and subject matter preferences.

- * After all presentations have been judged, and scores have been entered in the algorithmic scoring spreadsheet, there will be a meeting of the onsite judges to decide upon the selections for the two awards. Both the objective scoring results and subjective discussions at that time will contribute to the final decision. There is no upper limit on the number of onsite judges. Obviously, only convention-attendees will be able to participate in the onsite judging, though first-time attendees and first-time judges are welcome. You CANNOT participate as an onsite judge if you make a research presentation (oral or poster) at the convention, though you are welcome to volunteer to be a judge if you plan to submit an abstract; accepted presenters will be removed from the list of judges. There is nothing to preclude an abstract reviewer/vetter from also volunteering to be an onsite judge.

If you'd like to participate as an onsite presentation judge, please let **Neal Traven** know as soon as possible by sending an email message to sabr2006-presentations@comcast.net. Be sure to include your name and preferred email address. Please be sure to send Neal such an email message EVEN IF YOU'VE PREVIOUSLY VOLUNTEERED, whether in person or via email.

Thanks in advance.

PLAYERS WANTED.

...FOR THE OPTIONAL Vintage Base Ball event at the 36th convention of the Society, to be held in Seattle. Interested parties, whether artists or muffins, should contact the organizer, Mr. Robert Tholkes, veteran manager of the Quicksteps, crack nine of the Society's Halsey Hall Chapter (Minnesota), by telegraph at rjtholkes@msn.com or by post at 3966 Reservoir Blvd., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55421. Further information will be provided. Persons who, when at base ball matches are accustomed to spitting, swearing, drunkenness, or gambling on the outcome, should not respond.

ALSO WANTED, an UMPIRE, a Gentleman or Lady, possessing suitable attire for the honor, conversant with the rules and capable of commanding the respect of the Players.

ROBERT THOLKES, MGR.

The SABR Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, June 28 at the Renaissance Hotel in the State meeting room. All members are invited to attend. Details on schedule and agenda TBA.

Registration will open at 3:30pm on the ballroom level of the Renaissance Hotel.

At 5pm, Research Committee Chairs will meet on the 28th floor in the Visions Meeting Room to discuss policy and procedures.

Immediately following in the same room, Chapter Leaders will meet to discuss issues related to SABR involvement on the local level.

At 8pm, the Annual Business Meeting will be held in the Washington Room on the second floor. Standing agenda items are reports from the President, Executive Director, Treasurer, and Publications Director.

For those in town early, there are several off-site events for you to sign-up for (see pages 6 and 7 for summary descriptions of all optional events; for a full description of the tours and to sign up, go to the SABR convention web site). Optional events include a Seattle city tour, a locks cruise, Safeco Field Tours, and a dinner excursion to Tillicum Village.

Ballpark Tour Information

Come and have a behind-the-scenes look at Safeco Field, the spectacular home of the Seattle Mariners. It is one of the most unique ballparks in the country and offers a traditional sports atmosphere melded with the best of modern technology. It boasts a state-of-the-art, rubberized sheet metal retractable roof that when closed is 665 feet and covers 8.9 acres. Amazingly, it takes only 10 - 20 minutes to open or close! This 19.59 acre outdoor baseball park features real grass and a fully retractable roof. Fans will have the chance to view the press box, broadcast booths, suites, dugouts, bullpens and more!

Since it opened in July 1999, Safeco Field has gained a reputation for its layout and excellent views from all angles. Fans can make a complete circle of the ballpark on the main concourse while always watching the game. There are numerous standing areas for viewing, including the patio in center field.

Tours of Safeco Field limited to SABR members and guests will be held Wednesday, June 28 and Thursday, June 29. For your convenience, we are offering round-trip bus transportation leaving the Renaissance Hotel at 1:15pm each day. **We need to give an accurate account ahead of time, so no on-site additions for the SABR tours will be accepted.**

Those who want to attend the tour without the bus transportation should meet at the Mariners Team Store at Safeco at 1:30pm. Safeco Field is approximately 1.2 miles from the Renaissance Hotel. Maps will be provided in your goody bags.

If you do not want to, or cannot, attend the SABR tour, public tours will be held 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm on days when there are no games. On days when there are games at 6 pm or later, only the 10:30am and 12:30pm tours will be given.

Tours are approximately one hour in duration and cover a walking distance of one mile. **Check in:** Tours depart from the Team Store (open daily) located on the First Avenue South side of Safeco Field. Tours are wheelchair-accessible.

Thursday begins with committee meetings and the opening ceremonies.

The Opening Ceremonies will update you on any last minute schedule or room changes and help orient you to the hotel. It is especially useful for those who are attending their first SABR convention.

Research presentations get underway in earnest at 11:30am. Presenters will be vying for the Doug Pappas Baseball Research Award, sponsored by *USA Today Sports Weekly*. Poster presenters will also be competing for The *USA Today Sports Weekly* Prize for the Best Poster Presentation.

Vintage Base Ball and Youth Clinic

Bobby Morris Field, 1635 11th Avenue (at Pine Street) will be the site of both a Vintage Base Ball game and a youth baseball clinic.

The youth baseball clinic will be for children of SABR members, ages 16 and under, boys and girls: a batting clinic conducted by a couple of former Seattle Mariners. Watch the web site for player announcements. Adults are welcome to watch.

See the ad on page 2 for the Vintage Base Ball game.

More details for both events can be found online.

Trivia Prelims

Members interested in testing their baseball trivia knowledge against other SABR members from around the world should gather Thursday at 5pm to take the preliminary exam--a written test of your baseball knowledge. The top 4 teams (of 4 persons each) will compete college-bowl style (1 v. 4; 2 v 3) in semi-finals on Saturday night (followed immediately by the finals). The top four individuals make it to the finals also on Saturday night.

Ebbets Field Flannels

Join us for a reception (6pm to 8pm) hosted by Ebbets Field Flannels, makers of historic baseball apparel. Located in the heart of Seattle's Pioneer Square (404 Occidental Ave S.), EFF provides its visitors with a unique look at baseball's past through its vintage jerseys, t-shirts, caps and jackets. Owner Jerry Cohen will also provide a brief history of the shop and his craft, exploring baseball's past through its uniforms.

Elliott Bay Books

Thursday evening (7:30 to 9pm) will also be the time for SABR members to attend a book-signing at Elliott Bay Book Company, at 101 South Main Street. Authors scheduled to be appearing include Rob Neyer, Jonah Keri, Jeff Angus, Mark Armour and Dave Eskenazi, and contributors to Deadball Stars of the American League.

Optional Events

Thursday's tours include a trip to Mt. St. Helen's, a Seattle City Tour, and a Locks Cruise. See page 7 for more information.

Friday, June 30

Friday is wall-to-wall with great baseball excitement, leading off with a Science and Baseball Committee meeting featuring Mike Marshall. Marshall has a Ph. D. in Exercise Physiology from Michigan State University and currently trains and instructs pitchers.

Pilots Panel

Scheduled to appear on the Seattle Pilots Panel will be Jim Bouton, Mike Marshall, and Jim Pagliaroni. ESPN's Jim Caple will moderate this panel that is sure to draw a crowd. You've read *Ball Four*, now hear what Jim and his teammates have to say more than 35 years later.

Bouton pitched in 304 major league games for the Yankees, Pilots, Astros, and Braves, compiling a 62-63 record with a 3.57 ERA.

Marshall pitched in 723 major league games (106 in 1974!) for Detroit, Seattle, Houston, Montreal, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Texas, Minnesota and the New York Mets. He compiled a record of 97-112 and an ERA of 3.14.

Pagliaroni a catcher for Boston, Pittsburgh, Oakland and the Pilots, appeared in 849 major league games over 11 seasons, hitting .252 with 90 career home runs.

Beyond their work on the diamond, each of these men have led fascinating lives outside of baseball.

Book Signing

Immediately after the Pilots Panel, you can buy your new copy of *Ball Four* (for friends and family) and *Foul Ball, Plus*

Part Two and have it signed by the author, Jim Bouton. Bouton will also sign after the luncheon.

SABR Awards Luncheon

The SABR Awards Luncheon, sponsored in part by the Louisville Slugger Museum, will honor the winners of the Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award, the McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Awards, the Roland Hemond Award, and SABR's highest honor, The Bob Davids Award.

The Bob Davids Award honors SABR members whose contributions to SABR and baseball reflect the ingenuity, integrity, and self-sacrifice of the founder and past president of SABR, L. Robert "Bob" Davids. Voluntary activities in the area of administration and research are among those contributions considered. SABR's highest honor, the Bob Davids Award was established by the Board of Directors in 1985.

In addition to the awards program, Jim Bouton will address the attendees and have a short question & answer session. **The luncheon space is limited to 340. We are setting a two (2) luncheon ticket per registrant limit. Once the space is filled, we will create a waiting list in case of cancellations.**

Northwest Baseball History Memorabilia Display

The East Room of the Madison Renaissance Hotel will feature a display of historical images and artifacts from SABR member **David Eskenazi's** collection. Enjoy the visual history of the Seattle Rainiers, Portland Beavers, Spokane Indians, Tacoma Tigers, Vancouver Mounties, Seattle Pilots, and a host of earlier teams, leagues and events, covering the Northwest's 116 year history in professional baseball.

Founders Panel

Immediately following the Awards Luncheon will be the Founders Panel. SABR will celebrate its 35th Anniversary in August and we will celebrate things early with a panel of the founders of SABR. We expect that at least 6 of the original founders will participate (**Dan Ginsburg, Bill Gustafson, Tom Hufford, Bob McConnell, John Pardon, and Joe Simenic**).

Hear the stories of SABR's founding and their views on the accomplishments SABR has made over the years.

Rockies v. Mariners at Safeco Field

Then on Friday night, over 600 SABR members and guests are expected to attend that night's Mariners game. The Colorado Rockies are the opponent during the convention weekend. See Ichiro up close if you buy the seats in the lower bowl (see "A Word About the Mariners Tickets").

We have arranged for bus transportation, but there are other options. The Renaissance is approximately 1.2 miles from Safeco Field. The walk to the ballpark is downhill, which means it is uphill on the way back. In addition to walking, there are cabs available at the ballpark after games. If you share a cab, you are likely to spend less on your transportation costs (and even if you don't share, you may spend less). However, the demand for cabs after a game is high.

Optional events

Friday sees tours of Underground Seattle, and bus trips to Tacoma or Snoqualmie Falls. See page 7 for more information.

A Word About the Mariners Tickets

For Friday night's game, SABR has purchased 280 tickets in sections 110-112. These are located in the right-field corner on the lower level. The regular single game price for these tickets (Field) is \$38.

Also for Friday night, we have also purchased 375 tickets in sections 319-321, which are View Reserved tickets in the Upper Deck with a regular single-game price of \$18. SABR is passing along a discount of \$3 for these upper-deck tickets.

Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. When you get your registration packet on-site, you will have a "chit" for the number, and type, of tickets you purchased. If you do not care who you sit next to, you can exchange your chits for tickets pretty much immediately. If you want to sit with certain friends, be sure to turn in your chits together so that you can get seats next to each other. **Chits must be exchanged for tickets no later than 5:35pm on Friday.**

On Saturday night, we have purchased 50 tickets that include a BBQ pre-game dinner out in center field. These tickets are also first-come, first-served and will use the chit system. **They must be exchanged by 4pm on Saturday.**

Donors will get a little bit of a break this year, as their annual breakfast will start at 8:30am on Saturday. Donors of \$100 or more are invited to get a report from SABR's Executive Director regarding SABR and its future, and will have the opportunity to ask questions. For more information on the SABR Donor Program, contact John Zajc at jjzajc@sabr.org or 1-800-969-7227.

PCL Panel

Before the Mariners, Seattle was a Pacific Coast League franchise, and we have invited several Pacific Coast League players to speak at the convention. Former Portland Beaver Eddie Basinski, left-handed pitcher Dick Fitzgerald, and former Seattle Rainier Edo Vanni have confirmed their participation at press time. We expect between one and three other former PCLers to join them. The panel will be moderated by PCL Historical Society founder and SABR President **Dick Beverage**.

CBA Panel

With the current Major League Baseball Collective Bargaining Agreement due to expire on December 19, 2006, what better time to get a historical look at the process with a panel at SABR 36.

Former MLPBA counsel and player agent Dick Moss, former Players' Association player and league representative Mike Marshall, and economist Andrew Zimbalist, author of *Baseball & Billions* and the recently released *In the Best Interests of Baseball: The Revolutionary Reign of Bud Selig*. A panelist with management perspective was still being lined up at press time.

Trivia Semis and Finals

The bragging rights get assigned Saturday night as the top teams and individuals square off in the annual SABR trivia contest.

Minor League Trip

See the Seattle Mariners' Triple-A team play the Fresno Grizzlies at Cheney Stadium, the original (1960) home of the Tacoma Giants. The first day of the Tacoma Giants ball was an April 1960 doubleheader, and the second game was won by future Hall of Famer Juan Marichal. Tacoma has been a member of the AAA Pacific Coast League continuously since 1960, and has been affiliated with seven teams. The 2006 season will be the 12th year of affiliation with the Seattle Mariners.

Rockies v. Mariners, Part 2

For those who find one game is never enough, we have a different experience in store for you on Saturday. There's no better place to watch batting practice at Safeco Field than the lower patio area just beyond the center field wall. SABR will have this area to ourselves from 5pm until just before the 7:05 game time for a barbecue, followed by lower-level seats for the game against the Rockies. **This event is limited to 50 people due to the size of this area, known as "Barbecue A."** The same chit system will be used for this game; exchange your chit for tickets by 4pm on Saturday.

In addition to all the great programming at SABR 36 and the optional tours designed to keep you and your family entertained, Seattle also offers many other interesting experiences.

For music fans, the Experience Music Project (EMP) is a must visit. Located at Seattle Center along with the Space Needle, Key Arena, The Pacific Science Center, The Science Fiction Museum, and The Children's Museum, the Experience Music Project is an interactive museum combining hands-on experiences with interpretive exhibits that tell the story of the creative process in American popular music. Learn more about what to do at Seattle Center at www.seattlecenter.com.

The Seattle Public Library Central Library Branch, opened in May 2004, is one block from the Renaissance and is has earned worldwide attention for its architecture. There are daily public tours at noon and an architectural tour on Friday at 12:30pm and Saturday at 11:30am and 1:30pm. General tours have a greater focus on the services of the library and the functions of the various floors and spaces, while architectural tours focus more on the structure and design of the building. More information can be found online.

Pike Place Market is one of the most famous symbols of Seattle and is located about 3/10ths of a mile from the Renaissance Hotel. See <http://www.pikeplacemarket.org> for more information.

There is lots of shopping to do in Seattle, even beyond Pike Place Market. Nearby is Pacific Place with shops, restaurants, and theatres.

There are many museums to visit, including Frye Art Museum, Seattle Art Museum, The Henry Art Gallery, The Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI), The Museum of Flight, and the Seattle Asian Art Museum. Ferry trips to places like Bainbridge Island are fun diversions.

The dining in Seattle is scrumptious with all kinds of cuisine featured. And, of course, there are a few coffee houses.

For complete information on Seattle attractions, see <http://www.seeseattle.org/visitors>.



1911 Seattle Giants, Northwestern League. (David Eskenazi Collection)

Vacation in Seattle and the Great Northwest Around the 2006 SABR Convention

Make your plans to bring your family to Seattle during SABR 36. While members attend the convention, your family will have many organized tours and trips to choose from. They will be open to both SABR family members and friends. These organized events will be offered not just before and after the convention, but also **during**. Your loved ones will not be left to fend for themselves and plan on their own, while you immerse yourself in baseball history. They'll be with other SABR family members on pre-arranged tours, showcasing the best the Northwest has to offer.

Of course, we'll also provide you with information and discounts on outings you may want to do on your own, from museum trips to the top of the Space Needle.

We will offer tours from Monday June 26 through Monday July 3, starting with a boat trip to Victoria, British Columbia on Monday the 26th (repeated on Monday July 3) and ending with a cruise to the San Juan Islands, for whale watching, on Sunday July 2. Late Wednesday afternoon, June 28, we'll be taking a cruise to Blake Island, for a salmon dinner and Coast Native American dance performance. What a great way to meet other SABR families on the eve of the convention's first full day!

Our Mt. Rainier trip will be offered both Tuesday June 27th and Saturday July 1. Other tours include a outings to Mt. St. Helens (Thursday) and Dale Chihuly's world-famous Museum of Glass in Tacoma (Friday). We will also have a SABR group departing from Seattle on a 7-day Alaska cruise Sunday afternoon July 2.

Some trips will be offered twice during the week, for your travel flexibility. **Details on the exact schedule and pricing are available on the web site**, under the convention link to **SABR 36 Optional Events**. There you'll find how you can sign up and pay for these trips since space may be limited. Prices will be surprisingly affordable and excellent values.

How close have you gotten to a whale or a glacier? The trip to SABR 36 in Seattle is not just for SABR members! It's for your wife (or husband) and kids too. Don't leave home without them! And you won't feel guilty during the convention, because they'll be having as good a time as you'll be having. Plan to find your **Diamonds in the Emerald City** and surrounding areas.

Steve Steinberg ssteinberg@trinorth.com
Tim Herlich

Monday, June 26

Boat Trip to Victoria, British Columbia, 7:30am to 8:15pm

From Seattle, guests will board the Victoria Clipper and sail to the downtown harbor of Victoria, where they'll spend the day exploring British Columbia's most charming city. There's much to see and do in Victoria: the Parliament Building, the Royal BC Museum, Afternoon Tea at the elegant Fairmont Empress Hotel, Crystal Gardens, and, of course, the famous Butchart Gardens.

Tuesday, June 27

Day Excursion to Mt. Rainier, 7:45am to 5pm

Enjoy a drive through the countryside to Mount Rainier National Park, elevation 5,400 feet, with its easy hiking trails that pass waterfalls, massive glaciers and fields of wildflowers. Guests will stop at the informative Visitor Center boasting panoramic views and slide and movie presentations on the park and its history. Guides will help you make the most of your time spent in this scenic park. A jacket and sturdy walking shoes are recommended.

Ferry Trip to Bremerton Naval Shipyard, 9:30am to 4pm

A NWSABR representative will lead the group from the hotel lobby down to the foot of Madison Street to board a Washington State Ferry. A beautiful one-hour ferry trip across Puget Sound brings you to the Bremerton Naval Museum. After spending time at the Bremerton Naval Museum, head out to visit the U.S.S. Turner Joy, most remembered for her part in the Gulf of Tonkin incident. A must-see before departure is the All Veteran's Memorial, commemorating the Vietnam POW's.

Wednesday, June 28

Seattle City Tour, 8:30am to 12:30pm

Drive by Seattle's Waterfront, stop at historic Pioneer Square, Seattle's oldest residential area, now a major visitor attraction. Head to the heart of Seattle's Asian community, the International District; a vibrantly eclectic part of Seattle. Stop at the Chittenden Locks, made up of 2 navigational locks, a dam and spillway, a fish ladder, a botanical garden, and a regional visitor center, to see how the area's fresh and salt waters meet. Enjoy the underwater viewing at the adjoining salmon ladders. The last stop will be Pike Place Market, known for its exciting sights, sounds and aromas. Nearly a century after its founding, the Market remains a vital part of Seattle's social fabric and one of the greatest public markets in the world. There will be time to shop and explore this fascinating area, and easy-to-read maps will be provided for those who wish to linger on their own.

Cruise the Locks, 12:30pm to 3:30pm

The Hiram Chittenden Locks, as important for Seattle and Puget Sound as the Panama Canal was for the Western Hemisphere, link Elliott Bay, a port for ships from around the world, with Lake Union and Lake Washington. These two lakes are frequented by work boats and pleasure boats of every description. Since 1963, locals and visitors alike have enjoyed the 2 1/2 hour Locks Tour. Enjoy live narration of Seattle's history, while viewing the historic waterfront. View the spectacular city skyline one of the world's largest shipping terminals, the majestic Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges and the "Sleepless in Seattle" houseboat community.

Tillicum Village Dinner, 4:00pm to 8:30pm

Tillicum Village provides the perfect location to celebrate the Northwest Coast Native American culture. Following a scenic 60-minute cruise to Blake Island, which includes a narrated tour of Seattle's Elliott Bay, you are welcomed to Tillicum Village with an appetizer of freshly steamed clams and hot clam nectar. You'll then make your way up to the longhouse along the pathway strewn with clamshells bleached by the sun.

Following a delicious salmon dinner in an authentic cedar longhouse featuring artifacts and woodcarving displays, you will enjoy a program of Native American songs and dances from various Northwest tribes. The highly-acclaimed show leads visitors through a tour of the customs, beliefs and dances of the Northwest Coast Indians. After

2006 SABR Voter's Guide and Ballot

Thank you for reading the 2006 SABR Voter's Guide.

On the following pages you will find the statements of the candidates for the office of Vice-President, Secretary, and Director (3 slots). In the pages following the candidates' statements are the candidates' responses to the two questions posed by the Nominating Committee that attempts to allow the SABR membership to get a better idea of who the candidates are and what each stands for. These are grouped by question and by office so you can easily compare the candidates and make a more informed decision. You are also encouraged to contact the candidates directly to ask them any questions that will help you decide your vote. To facilitate this, an e-mail address is given for each candidate at the top of his biographical section.

Printed below are the functions of each office according to the current SABR By-laws.

ARTICLE III — OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

3.1. Officers and Directors. SABR's elected officers shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who along with four Directors shall collectively comprise the Board of Directors. All elected officers and directors shall have been individual members of the Society continuously for four years prior to taking office. No person may hold more than one seat on the SABR Board. Any incumbent officer or director elected or appointed to a second office or director's position shall be deemed to have resigned the first office immediately upon assuming the second position.

3.3. Vice President. The duties of the Vice President, who shall be elected in even-numbered years to a two-year term, shall include:

(a) Assuming all duties of the President in the absence of the President or in the event that the President is unable to accept or perform his or her responsibilities and duties.

(b) Chairing the Chapter Development Committee and, in this capacity, submitting an annual written report to the membership.

(c) Such additional duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors.

3.4. Secretary. The duties of the Secretary, who starting in 2006 shall be elected to a three-year term, shall include:

(a) Taking minutes at the annual meeting and at all Board of Directors meetings, distributing these minutes promptly to all Board members and making them available to the membership.

(b) Maintaining and recording all changes in the policy manual.

(c) Maintaining corporate files and records, either directly or by supervisory authority at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

(d) Having the authority to certify the bylaws, resolutions of the members and Board of Directors and committees thereof, and other documents of the corporation as true and correct copies thereof.

(e) Such additional duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.6. Directors. The four Directors, who starting in 2004 shall be elected to three-year terms, shall serve on the Board of Directors and perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors.

On the last page of this Voter's Guide is the ballot. Vote for or against by-laws changes by making a mark next to the appropriate vote. SABR now uses preferential voting. You are to rank the candidates by checking off the circle corresponding with your first choice for each office, then your second choice, etc.

You are provided with a space to cast any write-in vote you wish.

The deadline for your vote to be received is June 6, 2006.

For Vice-President

Bill Nowlin

Member Since: 1994

E-mail: billn@rounder.com

SABR Experience: Current Vice President of SABR. Active member of Boston chapter. Served on local convention committee 2002, helping host the Boston convention, securing all the speakers and panelists. Vice-chair of Oral History Committee. Organizer and co-editor of *The Fenway Project*. Editor of *THE KID: Ted Williams in San Diego* and co-editor of the 2005 Boston chapter publication '75: *The Red Sox Team that Saved Baseball*. Participated with Ted Williams Chapter in San Diego to help moderate during March 2003 regional, and with Boston chapter for several regionals. Member of other SABR committees.

Other Relevant Experience: Author or co-author of more than a dozen baseball books and over 100 articles on baseball. Researcher for the Library of Congress Bicentennial Local Legacies initiative, resulted in the book *Fenway Lives*, on the people who work in and around Fenway Park. Co-founder (in 2004) of Rounder Books, and original co-founder (in 1970) of Rounder Records, which has produced and released over 3,000 albums of roots music and folk heritage.

Board of Directors, Passim Folk Music and Cultural Center. Former member, Board of Governors, Texas Chapter, National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. Lifetime .333 average at Fenway Park, in charity softball competition.

Education: Ph.D., Tufts University, M.A. 1980, University of Chicago; BA, Tufts. (political science)

Occupation: Publisher, Rounder Records and Rounder Books

Candidate Statement

After spending the last 18 months on the current board of SABR, I have been very impressed with my colleagues on the board and the direction the organization has taken. I believe that the board as constituted is doing excellent work and I would be glad to have another term as vice president to help continue to see SABR along its present path.

The fellowship and serious commitment to research amongst SABR members continues to inspire me; it inspires me both in its own right and it inspires me to do more of my own research. I have very much enjoyed collaborating with others, as in the three book-length chapter publications that have already been published and in the others currently in the works.

Many members have helped me over the last few years, with one research question or another, and I am grateful. I want to try to strengthen and give back to this Society to which we all belong.

In my role as chapter liaison, I hope to help inspire others as I have in turn been inspired, through the work that various chapters can do.

It continues to disappoint me that this large and dedicated organization I feel so strongly about appears to be so little known in organized baseball circles. One of the goals I have is to build stronger links and mutual respect between our members and baseball clubs of every level. In many cases, ballclubs can truly benefit from our assistance, and individual members will no doubt often enjoy working hand in hand with nearby organizations.

Mainly, I want to focus on broader and more productive participation by the membership in general. There's room for everyone, each one of us with our own particular talents and enthusiasms. I would like to help encourage, stimulate and channel our energies towards more productive research - and more projects that are fun - in the process helping SABR become more attractive to other fans and researchers who love the game as much as we do.

For Secretary

Neal Traven

Member Since: 1984

E-mail: beisbol@alumni.pitt.edu

SABR Experience:

- SABR Secretary (2002 -)
- Co-chair, Statistical Analysis Committee (1996 -)
- Member, *The Sporting News*-SABR Baseball Research Award committee (2000-2003)
- Local convention committee - Pittsburgh (1995), Boston (2002), Seattle (2006)
- Chair, convention research presentations committee - Boston (2002), Seattle (2006)
- Wrote "Sabermetrics" chapter in SABR's *How To Do Baseball Research* (2000)
- Charter member of SABR Boston chapter
- Charter member - Business of Baseball Committee, Science & Baseball Committee
- Research presentations at national and chapter meetings

Other Relevant Experience:

- Listowner of STATLG-L, the "baseball (and lesser sports) discussion list", for well over 10 years
- Present at the birth, still a participant in, Retrosheet
- Essay on OPS in *USA Today* (May 18, 2004)
- Essays on the Hall of Fame and Veterans Committee, BaseballProspectus.com
- Player essays in *The Great American Baseball Statbook* (1988)
- Secretary of condominium association
- Vice Chair of legislative district political organization
- Numerous *ad hoc* professional and research strategy committees
- Author or co-author, over 20 peer-reviewed research papers

Education: Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh (epidemiology); A.B., Dartmouth College (chemistry)

Occupation: currently unemployed; formerly Senior Health Services Research Associate in Medicare quality improvement

Candidate Statement

It has been my privilege to serve as your Secretary for the last four years, and I would be honored if you were to elect me to a second term of office.

While a number of specific duties of the Secretary are described in our By-Laws - taking and distributing meeting minutes, maintaining the Policy Manual and corporate records, certifying and validating various documents relating to the organization - by far the most important attribute of the position is the opportunity to participate as one of the eight SABR members jointly responsible for leading our organization's direction into the future.

During the years I have been a member of SABR, I have seen the organization from many angles. For my first several years, my only exposure to the organization was as a consumer - reading publications and attending the occasional local meeting. I went to my first convention only because I wasn't doing anything else when someone suggested driving to nearby Cleveland in 1990. That experience spurred me to become more and more involved ... to work on the Pittsburgh and Boston conventions, to co-lead the Statistical Analysis Committee, to take an interest in SABR's governance, to run for Secretary in 2002.

Now, after four years on the Board of Directors, I am eager to continue participating in leading SABR. While I've been in office, SABR has stabilized its administration, built infrastructure that will enable it to respond to opportunities that may arise, built up its stature in the baseball world and in the popular media. Not only that, the last several years have been remarkably free of the discord between membership and leadership that has shaken SABR on more than one occasion in previous years.

In 2002, I wrote in the equivalent to this space that "rational discourse, open dialogue, and high quality are my watchwords". I believe that my tenure on the Board of Directors has demonstrated that those values were and still are important in leading today's SABR. And I will continue to stand behind those words during my next term as your Secretary.

For Director

Maury Brown

Member Since: 2002
E-mail: maurybaseballcrazy@yahoo.com

SABR Experience:

- Currently Co-Chair of the Business of Baseball committee;
 - Vice President (will be President in 2007) of the NWSABR Chapter;
 - Webmaster for the Ballparks committee;
 - Webmaster for NWSABR;
 - Member of the SABR36 Local Convention Committee;
 - Member of the Internet Committee;
 - Member of the 19th Century Committee;
 - Member of the Oral History Committee;
 - Member of the BioProject committee.
- Publisher of <http://www.businessofbaseball.com>

Other Relevant Experience:

- Serve, on occasion, pro bono as the Information Director of the Oregon Stadium Campaign.
- Staff member of The Hardball Times
- Editor of online blogzine The Baseball Journals
- Editor of the Business of Baseball Blog for Baseball Think Factory

Education: Some College. Much technical IT training.

Occupation: Senior Software Test engineer.

Candidate Statement

SABR is a great organization. From the top to the newest member, it continues to be a vibrant and growing research group. In my co-chair capacity I have seen the incredible amount of time and energy put into research projects to further educate, enlighten and entertain those of us that dwell within our National Pastime.

I should say that I have nothing but the deepest abiding respect for the current leadership within SABR. I am running, not due to any opposition to the current Director's leadership, rather to extol the virtues that Mr. McCue has done and look toward the future with some ideas that could strengthen communication and accessibility to the great works of our membership.

The Internet is a great tool. It allows accessibility from a single point to thousands – perhaps millions – of users. To that extent I would advocate having each committee with its own website with SABR.org acting as a portal. Already I have seen the value in this with the BioProject, Business of Baseball.com and other sites, as well. Also, the use of e-Groups that some committees are using now. The use of these groups allows for widespread discussion and peer review of work submitted by the membership.

How about digitizing all the oral histories currently on tape? This would allow any member with a multi-media computer to listen to the vast collection of interviews in SABR from anywhere in the world via the internet.

Maybe a digital library of documents for researchers by scanning as many as is affordable and practical? This would be done to augment the outstanding additions of the online tools we currently have.

I hope that the movement of chapters developing their own publications will continue. It would be wonderful to see each chapter work on a book to expand all of our horizons.

Lastly, I view SABR as the definitive resource on all manner of baseball. SABR's volume of membership and the quality of the research backs that assertion. Let's work toward those in media seeing us in the same light. That expanded coverage will surely help us grow.

Mike Emeigh

Member Since: 1996
E-mail: piratefan1@nc.rr.com

SABR Experience: President, Carolina regional chapter, 2004-present; List Administrator for SABR-L; Member, Statistical Analysis Committee and Internet Committee

Other Relevant Experience: Baseball Think Factory contributing author and editor, Notes in a Minor Key Weblog

Education: Carnegie-Mellon University, Bachelor of Science

Occupation: Consultant for FDA-regulated companies on regulatory compliance and computer systems validation

Candidate Statement

When I joined SABR nearly 10 years ago, SABR was in a "crisis-of-the-month" mode, reacting to short-term issues and problems rather than building for the future. That pattern has definitely changed, and we've made a lot of progress over those 10 years. As an organization, we should be proud of what we've done.

Now that we seem to have our internal house in order, I think it is time to look at the direction that we are headed, and ask ourselves if we are doing everything that we should be doing to advance baseball research. SABR should focus on getting the research that we do into the hands of the large number of consumers of baseball research who are not SABR members, and to get more tools and data into the hands of the community of baseball researchers, including those who might become SABR members. SABR has been perceived in the past as being something of a "closed shop", jealously guarding its data and its research from those outside the organization. I think that attitude is no longer prevalent in SABR (if it ever was), and it's time to get that message to the larger community outside SABR. It is my belief that SABR needs to do everything it can to be an "open-source" research house, and it is with that goal in mind that I have chosen to run for a Director's position this year.

Andy McCue

Member Since: 1982

E-mail: agmccue44@earthlink.net

SABR Experience: Director since 2002. Bibliography Committee chair since 1992. President and lesser offices at Alan Roth Chapter (Los Angeles). Have also served on the convention committee, the L. Robert Davids Award Committee, the committee which recommended creation of the Research Services Manager position, the nominating committee and, inevitably, the committee on (research) committees.

Other Relevant Experience: Have won the SABR-Macmillan Baseball Research award and the Doug Pappas award for best oral presentation at a convention. Have had five articles in various SABR publications as well as the chapter on using books in How to Do Baseball Research. Half of team which managed the creation of The Baseball Index.

Education: B.A., Political Science, UCLA, M.A., Chinese Studies, University of Washington, M.S.J. Columbia University.

Occupation: Manage a university research institute which studies suburban issues.

Candidate Statement

I have served on the board for the last four years. In that time, the board has accomplished a good deal. I haven't; the board has. But, I believe my input has been useful in those decisions. Otherwise, I wouldn't run for re-election.

The most important things we have done are to establish financial stability and to begin to establish a more productive relationship with the Executive Director.

When I joined the board, we were budgeting for deficits. Now, we are figuring out how to best spend surpluses. We have raised dues, but I believe we have also proven to the membership that we can manage that money well.

With the Executive Director, we have begun to establish a relationship where the board really does only make policy and John Zajc is responsible for execution. This relationship needs to be established more firmly, but we have made a start.

These two fundamental changes have allowed the board to add benefits that we only dreamed about a few years. The most obvious of these are the ProQuest access through the SABR website and the creation of the Research Services Manager position. The first came about because a member (Paul Haas), another board member (F.X. Flinn) and John Zajc were alert to the possibilities. But the board moved quickly. The second was possible because financial stability had been established and the dues increase and a successful member donations campaign had created funds which the board could use to help fulfill our organizational mission.

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What are your goals for our organization over the next two or three years? Are there specific things we need to do in the short term to realize these goals and how do you see yourself contributing?

Bill Nowlin

The current board is an active one, with spirited debate over direction but able to come together after discussion and move forward with decisions. The growth of SABR's online tools such as ProQuest has been of great use to researchers. The board has begun exploring partnerships with other non-profit organizations to make even more tools available to our membership.

Though the benefits will only become clearer as 2006 progresses, the decision to hire a full-time Research Services Manager (RSM) represents a great leap forward in the Society's commitment to research. That this board was able to debate the issue, determine to proceed, and urge Executive Director John Zajc to fill the position indicates one recent example of the board's ability to get things done and move ahead.

I believe that SABR is both holding true to our mission and expanding upon it, and that we are very much on the right path. The addition of the RSM will help greatly in this regard. At times in any organization's evolution, change is essential. At this point in time, though, I feel that continuity is beneficial and I take it as a good sign that all three officers whose terms expire this summer have put themselves forward for reelection.

I hope I can continue to offer my own contributions in the area of chapter development, and providing some strong background as a business leader with particular expertise in the area of publications.

What do you think is the role of the regional chapters in the SABR member experience? What can/should be done at the national level to enhance this experience?

Bill Nowlin

I have been gratified to see several new chapters form over the 18 months I have been on the board. The kind of grassroots interest in organizing at the local level offers important social and research possibilities. We have seen chapter projects bear fruit in publications both from San Diego and Boston chapters, and a number of other chapters such as Iowa, Montreal, and Washington DC are currently looking at publication projects. This sort of initiative is exciting.

We have had new chapters form in Puerto Rico, Montreal, Connecticut (two chapters in different parts of the state), and in New Jersey, on Long Island, and in Central Texas. That is an impressive growth in the number of new chapters for as mature an organization as SABR is today.

Most chapters offer research presentations or speaker at their regional meetings (a new idea at the Boston chapter early in 2006 was the 10-minute "research capsule" wherein members can present brief research tidbits without having to worry about exhaustive preparation), but equally important for many is the social function that getting together with fellow baseball fans provides – yes, even with fans of rival teams!

The hiring of the Research Services Manager will help enhance the activities within the regionals and I personally hope to continue to share ideas from chapter to chapter so that activities in one area might inspire activities in another.

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What are your goals for our organization over the next two or three years? Are there specific things we need to do in the short term to realize these goals and how do you see yourself contributing?

Neal Traven

In recent weeks, SABR has undertaken a most ambitious venture. In hiring a Research Services Manager, we have not merely increased the size of our staff and devoted considerable organizational resources, we have also shown our serious commitment to strengthening and enhancing the research projects we undertake. As members delve more deeply into research topics, the wide dispersal of documentation and source materials is increasingly evident. Even as the world becomes more connected, it remains difficult to connect investigators with the materials they might need. No one – including the RSM himself — is completely clear how the Research Services Manager will facilitate SABR research opportunities, but SABR's intentions in creating the position speak volumes.

While there is uncertainty about what the RSM will do and how he will do it, I am confident that he will have an infrastructure of information tools and capabilities at his disposal to perform his mission. Having the RSM in place will test the capacity of the many tools constructed in recent years under the auspices of the Internet Committee and our data management team. It will be important to monitor the use of those tools, and to be organizationally nimble enough to respond to shortcomings in them.

A robust web presence is increasingly essential to a viable 21st century organization. Though we have significantly improved SABR's website, it is still far from sufficiently exciting and enticing to nonmembers who might wish to join. I've written a (non-baseball) blog for several years, and that effort has opened my eyes to the myriad ways in which the web can be a tool supporting SABR's mission. I welcome the web and internet ideas of all SABR members ... who knows where the seeds of a transformative concept, an invaluable technology, an eye-opening methodology might come from?

Bright ideas usually require money. We expect to temporarily operate at a deficit while the RSM's role is defined and elaborated, but we also hope the position will become a net positive in short order. Revenue-enhancing opportunities, external *and* internal, need to be actively pursued.

Should SABR actively try and expand its membership? If so, how? Do you believe there *specific* constituencies (e.g. young fans, sportswriters and TV analysts, ex-players, statistically sophisticated web commentators, etc) that we should target? Again, if so, how?

Neal Traven

If what is meant by "actively try" is allocating resources (time, money, and effort) in a targeted attempt to recruit large numbers of people to join SABR, my answer is definitely NO. It has often been suggested that SABR could greatly increase its membership if only we would do X or Y or Z. None of those tactics ever seemed to produce very much. Even if membership temporarily increased, most of those new members disappeared in a year or two.

Really, the only rapid increase in SABR's membership that has ever "stuck" occurred about two decades ago, when Bill James regularly touted the organization and urged his burgeoning readership to join. That's how I, and many others, got here. SABR's membership more than tripled in the mid-80s, but hasn't changed much (despite repeated campaigns) in the last decade or so.

Rather than membership campaigns, I subscribe to something like W.P. Kinsella's "if you build it, they will come". Let's strengthen SABR – its research quality and quantity, its programs and tools for members, its position as the preeminent resource for seekers of accurate and valid baseball information, its financial health, its state-of-the-art leadership in baseball analysis of all types. Creating the best product we can, letting the world see what we've got through a rich-featured and innovative website, and spreading our message through the product we've constructed and the members we've already attracted, we'll find ourselves sought out by the sorts of people who will become (and remain) "real" SABR members.

Something of that sort has happened in recent years in the sabermetric community. Where many web-based sabermetricians used to disdain SABR, there is now a ferment, an eagerness to participate in SABR activities. In no small measure this phenomenon arises from the great good fun of attending the convention, but the opportunity for face-to-face socializing has also brought us a legion of exciting researchers, sharing their work and learning from each other.

That sort of membership enhancement – because of who we are and what we do, not through some marketing gimmick – is what SABR needs to do.

What are your goals for our organization over the next two or three years? Are there specific things we need to do in the short term to realize these goals and how do you see yourself contributing?

Maury Brown

One goal that I believe will benefit new member growth is a redesign of SABR.org to show all the options that are available to members, while not allowing non-members to access these functions until registered. I have received comments from non-members that when going to SABR.org they do not see the benefits of the site, and therefore are hesitant to join SABR. By exposing the visibility of great additions such as ProQuest to non-members, while adding security to those links so that they cannot be fully accessed unless a member joins SABR, we show all that the site has to offer.

I also would encourage Chapters to publish their own print publications as we have seen with Boston Chapter and their fine book on the '75 Red Sox.

Mike Emeigh

As I indicated in my candidate statement, I believe that SABR's #1 priority should be facilitating access to baseball research. To this end, I have three specific goals in mind:

1. Making published research more readily available.
2. Making more research tools available.
3. Making SABR membership – and the benefits thereof – more accessible to those who are currently not members of SABR.

Specific things that can be done, over the short term, toward meeting the above goals:

1. SABR should convert the Member Research section of the Web site into a blog format, make it a prominent link on the front page of the site, and allow all members to post original articles directly to the blog.
2. Software companies, including giants like Microsoft, provide reduced-price licenses to their software packages for “educational or research purposes” only. SABR should attempt to negotiate similar licenses with companies like STATS Inc., Baseball Information Solutions, Tendu, and MLB Advanced Media, to gain access to the detailed game data that those companies provide, and to make that data available to researchers.
3. SABR should establish 30-day or 60-day “trial memberships”, where people who have a potential interest in SABR can sample the benefits of membership without have to make a full financial commitment to the organization. SABR should also explore the possibility of opening the SABR Lending Library to non-members. Finally, assuming we do establish a research blog as I suggest above, SABR should provide a mechanism for non-members to have original research articles posted there.

I see my primary contribution as helping to get a Weblog established, and to help develop the business case for an academic license to detailed game data.

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What are your goals for our organization over the next two or three years? Are there specific things we need to do in the short term to realize these goals and how do you see yourself contributing?

Andy McCue

The organization should increase its financial stability and reduce its dependence on dues.

The organization should continue to find ways to identify and finance the creation of tools which could be of use to SABR researchers.

The board should continue to focus on long-term issues and continue to resist the temptation to get involved in the day-to-day decisions of running the organization.

To realize the first two goals, we need to improve both the number of members who donate to SABR and the amounts they donate. We need to find ways to work with partners in the foundation and baseball communities to create vehicles for projects such as digitizing old baseball publications, and placing them on the web in a searchable format. We need to better explain to possible donors what we are doing and make clearer the connection between their donations and the resulting baseball research tools.

A board member's role in this is to reinforce the organizational goals through his contact with members and non-members. Our ideas on these subjects can be discussed in board meetings or passed on to John Zajc, as seems appropriate. If we have particular expertise in an area, John can call on us.

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In the last few years, SABR has invested in baseball research in several ways, among them making subscriptions to several ProQuest Historical Newspapers a member benefit and announcing the establishment of a full-time Research Services Manager. What would you suggest we do (and perhaps not do) in this area during the next few years?

Maury Brown

Both the additions of the ProQuest subscriptions, as well as the addition of Rod Nelson in the capacity of Research Services Manager were an outstanding benefit to members. I believe that moving on additional tools to add to these resources would enhance the value afforded to members. If affordable data were made available to enhance the SABR Encyclopedia of Baseball, I would see it as a wise investment

Mike Emeigh

I covered this to some extent in my response to question #1 above, but expanding on that response:

Without question, the most important thing that SABR can do to invest in baseball research over the next several years is to negotiate a license with at least one company to make detailed game data available for research purposes.

One need only look at The Hardball Times, or to read David Pinto's excellent Baseball Musings blog, to realize the number of possibilities that having access to detailed game data opens to the research community. Sadly, the cost of such access is typically beyond the means of the average SABR member. But it seems to me that the software community's "academic license" model could be applied here to make data more accessible to those in a position to use it – and more importantly from the point of view of the companies that generate the data, to continue to use that data, and the recommend its use to others, as they move beyond the research arena.

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Andy McCue

The board is already seeking ways to find partners to help in digitizing Sporting Life, the parts of Baseball Magazine that haven't been digitized and perhaps old guides. I think these should be priority programs, especially for the Research Services Manager.

We should continue to work to integrate our data (whether it is the Who Signed Who database of the Scouts Committee, or The Baseball Index, or the data from The Bibliography Committee) with the work of Project Retrosheet, the Minor League Encyclopedia group and others. We are The baseball research organization and we should offer The baseball research website.

We have reorganized our finances to create the RSM position, but we need to recognize that the opportunities are far beyond the capacity of a 40-hour week. As with such efforts as Retrosheet and TBI, we will need large amounts of volunteer time to bring the full possible list of ideas to fruition.

While doing this, we must not lose sight of our print publications. These need to be improved in terms of accuracy and timeliness. More thought needs to be given to including research tools, such as indexes. But, BRJ, TNP and the annual additional publications remain our most visible work.

Electronic sources offer enormous promise for creating research tools, and should be a high priority. But the results from those research tools are most likely to create interest in our printed publications.

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**Official
2006 SABR Election Ballot**

For Vice-President (2006-2008)

*elected to a term of two years,
beginning at the conclusion of the business meeting at SABR 36 to
the conclusion of the business meeting of 2008*

	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Bill Nowlin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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For Secretary (2006-2009)

*elected to a term of three years,
beginning at the conclusion of the business meeting at SABR 36 to
the conclusion of the business meeting of 2009*

	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Neal Traven	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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For Director (2006-2009)

*elected to a term of three years,
beginning at the conclusion of the business meeting at SABR 36 to
the conclusion of the business meeting of 2009*

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice
Maury Brown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mike Emeigh	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Andy McCue	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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**Voting Instructions
for 2006 Elections**

Ballot Printed To the Left

1.) For each office for which more than two candidates are running, rank the candidates in order of preference. Check the circle under "First Choice" for your first choice of candidate, "Second Choice" for your second, and so on. **You do NOT need** to rank every candidate. If you only are comfortable voting for one candidate, mark only the first choice for him/her.

Example:

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice
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Mickey Mantle	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Babe Ruth	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2.) Only votes submitted on official ballot (printed to the left) will be counted; **reproductions are not acceptable.**

3.) Ballots must be placed in an envelope and **your name must appear on the outside of the mailing envelope (so we can check eligibility)**. If you wish to ensure the confidentiality of your vote, place your ballot inside a blank envelope and place both inside the mailing envelope. **Only members who have paid 2006 dues are eligible to vote.**

4.) Ballots must be **received** by 7am, June 6, 2006. (SABR cannot be responsible for any ballots not received as indicated.)

5.) Ballots must be sent to: Tellers Committee, c/o SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101.

6.) Be sure to affix proper postage when mailing your ballot.

Results will be announced at the National Convention in Seattle and published in the July-August SABR Bulletin.

*Unofficial results
will be posted online as soon as they are known.*

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the show, watch carving demonstrations or browse the gift shop. The perfect ending to this memorable day is the magnificent view of the Seattle skyline from the water on your return cruise.

Thursday, June 29

Mt. St. Helens, 7:30am to 5:30pm

This enchanting Northwest experience takes you to the Coldwater Ridge Visitor Center, which offers a variety of interactive displays and interpretive programs. You will also visit the Johnston Ridge Visitor Center, where you enjoy one of the best views of the mountain and what was once the beautiful Spirit Lake. Learn about the processes and mysteries of this unpredictable volcanic mountain in the Cascade Range, what happened on the day of its massive eruption, and the recent activity that awoke Mt. St. Helens to be put back on the active volcano list. A boxed lunch is included.

Seattle City Tour, 8:30am to 12:30pm

See Wednesday's description.

Cruise the Locks, 12:30pm to 3:30pm

See Wednesday's description.

Friday, June 30

Underground Seattle, 9:30am to 11:30am

No visit to Seattle is complete without a visit to the spooky, unrestored city that lies beneath the present day streets. On June 6, 1889 the Great Seattle Fire purportedly began when a carpenter's assistant started a glue fire at about 2:40pm. After the fire, Seattle set about rebuilding, deciding shortly thereafter to raise the roads to above the first story of buildings that had already been completed . . . hence, creating an "underground city" that is now the subject of the fascinating Underground City Tour, a walking tour along and underneath the sidewalks of Pioneer Square.

Following the Underground Tour, you can explore the Klondike Gold Rush Museum (free), in its new location at Second and Jackson. Also nearby, at 2nd and Yesler, is the **Smith Tower**, Seattle's first skyscraper (1914). The 35th floor Observation Deck offers some of the best views in the city. The Smith Tower is open from 10am to sunset, 7 days a week. **Mention SABR and receive a discount** from the regular rate. Your price will be only \$4 for Adults and \$3 for kids and seniors. This is an inexpensive way to get a panoramic view of the city, traveling up on the manually-operated brass and copper caged elevators.

Tacoma's Museum of Glass, 12:30pm to 5:30pm

This tour takes you to Tacoma to visit both the Tacoma Art Museum and Tacoma's Museum of Glass. The Tacoma Art Museum presents art from the 18th century to the present, balancing a Northwest focus with exceptional traveling shows. The museum's rich collection contains more than 3,200 significant works and key holdings in nineteenth-century European, twentieth-century American, modern and contemporary Northwest, and Asian prints.

A visit to Tacoma's Museum of Glass, takes you through Dale Chihuly's Bridge of Glass, a 500-foot-long pedestrian overpass that links the Museum to downtown Tacoma and its developing cultural corridor. The bridge takes pedestrians through a tunnel of brilliant light and color created by Chihuly's glass forms. Besides the amazing Bridge of Glass, your guests will see the Museum's Hot Shop and many galleries. Designed by internationally renowned architect Arthur Erickson, the distinctive profile of the Museum of Glass is immediately identifiable cultural landmark for the Pacific Northwest region.

Eastside Highlights Tour, 12:30pm to 5:00pm

Just 25 miles east of Seattle is Snoqualmie Falls, a 270-foot cascade through a spectacular rock gorge into a 65-foot deep pool. On top of the falls sits the Salish Lodge, whose exterior may look familiar, as it was featured in *Twin Peaks*. At Snoqualmie Falls, take pictures from the observation deck and tour the gift shop. Following the Falls, travel to the nearby town of Issaquah and Boehm's Candy Kitchen, known throughout the Northwest for their fabulous Swiss chocolates.

A quick drive across sparkling Lake Washington brings you to the beautiful Bellevue Botanical Gardens, 36 acres of rolling hills, undisturbed woodland, meadows, pristine bogs, and display gardens offering an ever-changing panorama of greenery and color. Stroll the gardens, visit the botanical library, and browse in their garden shop.

Saturday, July 1

Mount Rainier Trip

See Tuesday's description.

Northwest Winery Tour, 12:30pm to 4:45pm

Washington State has a growing wine industry that is winning prestigious awards throughout the world. Learn more about Northwest wines at two popular local wineries, the Columbia Winery and Woodhouse Family Cellars. You will also visit the Redhook Brewery.

Sunday, July 2

Whale Watching Excursion, 7:45am to 7:15pm

The San Juan Islands are world-renowned for both the resident pods of orca whales, as well as the migratory pods that feed in the area. Keeping in close contact with a local spotting service, the location of any whales in the area can be determined. In addition, eagles, seals and sea lions are just some of the other wildlife you may spot. This whale watching excursion leaves from Seattle onboard the Victoria Clipper and travels to the San Juan Islands. Enjoy the cruise to the San Juan Islands, whale watching, time on your own in Friday Harbor, and a return cruise to Seattle.

REI Flagship Store and Tour, 9:30am to 11:30am

Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI), the outdoor specialty retail chain, is the nation's largest consumer co-op, with more than 2.5 million active members. Its web site states that REI is "dedicated to inspiring, education and outfitting our members, customers and the community for a lifetime of outdoor adventures." Here's your chance to get a sense of what REI is all about. The company's flagship store is an impressive tourist attraction, and offers a huge selection of gear. Among other features, the store has a 65'-climbing wall and a mountain bike trail. Take a short tour of the store and then have time to browse and shop. The store is near downtown, a 10-minute ride from the Renaissance.

Monday, July 3

Boat Trip to Victoria, British Columbia, 8am to 8:30pm

See Monday's description.

For a complete description of each tour and how to register for them, go online to the SABR web site (www.sabr.org) or the NWSABR web site (<http://nwsabr.sabr.org/convention.htm>). For those without Internet access, contact the SABR office to get a packet of information.

Frequently Asked Questions

Must I pre-register?

You do not have to pre-register, but it is a **VERY good** idea. First, you save some money if you register before May 30. Second, not pre-registering cuts into the time you get to spend having fun. Third, your name badge doesn't look nearly as nice as everyone else's.

Do I get a confirmation of my registration?

While an attempt will be made to send confirmations to everyone (especially through the use of email), the only way to guarantee a confirmation of your registration is to send a SASE with your registration.

What do I do when I get to the Renaissance?

The SABR 36 registration desk will be located on the ballroom level. It will open beginning at 3:30pm on Wednesday, June 28. You should head to the SABR Registration Desk as early as it is feasible for you. Once there, you should find the proper alphabetical line (A-K, L-R, etc.) and tell the person working the desk your name. He or she will give you your SABR 36 name badge (don't lose it!), your tickets for the luncheon and chits for game tickets (assuming you have ordered them), and goody bag (which contains your convention program, convention publication and other "goodies," many donated by baseball clubs and baseball organizations throughout the country). You are now ready to have fun!

Is there a dress code?

The SABR convention is an eclectic, mostly casual affair and has no dress code. For Research Presentations, Player Panels and general scouting of the convention, wear something comfortable. Shorts, jeans, slacks, polo shirts, T-shirts, whatever you are most comfortable in. At the Awards Luncheon, you will find members dressed from a suit and tie down to a t-shirt and shorts, although the majority of members at the food functions wear either "dress-casual" or suit and tie.

What about autographs?

In order to keep an orderly flow to the program, there will be no autographs given in the meeting rooms. We will have an area set up specifically for this activity. While many of our guests in the past have been kind enough to stick around after their talk to sign autographs, there is never any guarantee of autographs made by anyone and the key is to **remember to respect the player or panelist as well as other members**. Many conventioners use their convention program for an impromptu autograph book.

Are there exhibitors?

There is a Vendors Area at every SABR convention, so be sure to budget some spending money. Exhibitors include baseball book publishers and book dealers/sellers. SABR also has a limited number of hours at its table where you can pick up your favorite SABR merchandise.

The vendor area is a good place to hang out during the convention; lots of good conversation and networking take

place. Plus, many vendors sell at a discount.

One travel tip is to bring an empty suitcase with you to fill and bring home with you.

How do I enter the trivia contest?

Show up for the preliminaries on Thursday at 7:00pm in the proper room and follow the directions given to you by trivia master, **Al Blumkin**.

My wife only wants to come to the ballgame; must she register?

Spouses, children, or friends who will attend only fee events that are NOT included in registration (ballgames, awards luncheon) may pay for those events only and need not register for the convention. If they will attend any programming included in the registration, they must register.

How do I register for the optional tours?

The tours described on pages 6 and 7 are open to SABR family members, relatives, and friends. They will continue right through the convention sessions. Some events are repeated during the week, to offer choices for people with different schedules. You will need to either download the information and/or registration forms online. If you do not have Internet access and need these forms, contact the SABR office. To assure a place in a tour, **make reservations for all tours at least 30 days before the convention, by May 25.**

TIPS FROM MEMBERS:

Hang out. While the formal affairs are usually wonderful, make sure you spend plenty of time wandering around listening and talking to people. The informal gabfests are always the most fun and the most interesting, and sitting in your room looking at your goody bag is a drag.

Attend as many presentations as possible. It is amazing what people have discovered.

Supporters of SABR 36 include:

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The 2007 Convention will be held in
St. Louis, Missouri
dates to be determined
after the MLB schedule is set

The 2008 convention city will be announced later this year.

Information on how your city can be considered to host a future convention can be requested from the SABR Office

Hotel Information

The Renaissance Seattle Hotel on Madison Street is the site for all SABR committee meetings, research presentations and panel presentations. At press time, only sleeping rooms at \$240/night remained available.

If you already have a room at the Renaissance and need to cancel it (before May 15), please contact the SABR office (1-800-969-7227) and we will transfer the name on the reservation to another SABR member. If you cancel the room through the hotel, that room is lost to SABR and the original SABR rate of \$99/night.

SABR will be collecting information from members who are willing to share their rooms, both online at the SABR Classifieds, and a master list kept at the office (see registration form on page 12). Sharing rooms is a good way to save money on your convention experience.

We have arranged for auxiliary hotel rooms at several nearby hotels, The Executive Pacific Plaza, The Silver Cloud Hotel, and The Baroness Hotel.

The Executive Pacific Plaza Hotel (400 Spring Street) is offering rooms for \$99 (double-double or queen), \$109 for business queen, or \$119 for King. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-426-1165 and identifying yourself as part of the SABR group.

We also have arranged for sleeping rooms (through April 27) at the Silver Cloud Hotel (1100 Broadway) for \$139/night for a standard king or double-queen. Breakfast and a downtown shuttle is complimentary at the Silver Cloud. Make your reservation directly with the Silver Cloud Reservations Department by calling 1-800-590-1801 or 206-325-1400. Please give the name of the group (SOCIETY-AMERICAN BASEBALL GROUP) and ask for the group rate. Notice of cancellation must be received by the hotel 72 hours prior to the date of arrival, otherwise the first night's accommodation (room and tax) will be charged to your credit card. A cancellation number is provided for each reservation. Please retain this for your records.

The Baroness Hotel (1005 Spring Street) is another auxiliary hotel that may serve your sleeping room needs for SABR 36.

Make your reservations early to ensure a room.

The Executive Pacific Plaza, 1-800-426-1165

2-3 blocks from Renaissance

\$99 Queen or Double-double; \$109 Business Queen; \$119 King

No rollaways due to fire code.

Say you are with the SABR Group.

The Silver Cloud-Broadway, 1-800-590-1801

.7 miles from the Renaissance

\$139 for 2 Queen Beds or King (through April 27)

\$169 for 2 Queen Beds or King (after April 27)

Hotel offers free downtown shuttle and complimentary breakfast. Please give the name of the group (SOCIETY-AMERICAN BASEBALL GROUP) and ask for the group rate.

The Baroness Hotel, 206-624-0787

5 blocks from the Renaissance

*Smaller and older limited-service hotel, with in-room kitchens

*A wide range of reasonably-priced rooms, ranging from \$58 to \$92 (the medical rate), the special medical rate (hotel is near three large hospitals on "First Hill" (also known as "Pill Hill"))

*Suites with rollaways are \$85-\$92 (the medical rate) and can sleep more than two, rollaways are available (and are free)

*Call and ID yourself as "SABR" and mention that you should get the "medical rate." Discuss your room needs with the hotel (rather than going over the 7 types of rooms). Web site does a good job of presenting the different room types

*No Parking or AC (AC usually not necessary, esp. in June)

The Renaissance Seattle Hotel

Host Hotel, 515 Madison St

At presstime, only \$240/night rooms remained. Those with reservations at the Renaissance who need to cancel their reservations prior to May 15 are asked to notify the office so that rooms can be transferred to other SABR members at the SABR rate. We will need the name the reservation was made under and the confirmation number.

If you are interested in being on the waiting list for any canceled rooms, please contact John Zajc at jzajc@sabr.org or phone 1-800-969-7227.

If you have any questions about housing at the SABR convention, feel free to contact SABR Executive Director John Zajc at jzajc@sabr.org or 1-800-969-7227.

Renaissance Seattle Hotel on Madison

515 Madison St
 Seattle WA 98104
 Phone:
 Fax:

Driving Instructions

From the Airport/South: I-5 N.Bound to Seattle, take exit #164A-Madison St. Take left on Madison Street, Go straight ahead one block to hotel at the corner of 6th & Madison St.

From the East

After crossing Lake Washington and the tunnel into Seattle, follow signs to I-5 north. Shortly after making the swing to the north, take the Madison St. exit. Follow directions listed "From the Airport/ South."

From the North I-5 south.Bound to Seattle, take exit #165B-Turn right onto ramp; road name changes to Union St; turn left (South) onto 5th Ave Go 5 blocks (south) to Marion (1 block past Madison). Make a left up to 6th and another left 1 block to the hotel, at the corner of 6th and Madison.

Schedule Subject to Change



= Included with Registration



= SABR 36 Events at Additional Cost

	Wednesday, June 28	Thursday, June 29	Friday, June 30	Saturday, July 1	
8:00 AM		Committees	Committees	Committees	8:00 AM
8:30 AM		Opening Ceremonies	Pilots Panel	Presentations	Donor Breakfast 8:30 AM
9:00 AM		Committees	Book Signing	PCL Panel	9:30 AM
9:30 AM			Committees		10:00 AM
10:00 AM					10:30 AM
10:30 AM					11:00 AM
11:00 AM					11:30 AM
11:30 AM					12:00 PM
12:00 PM					12:30 PM
12:30 PM					1:00 PM
1:00 PM	Safeco Field Tours, 1:15 to 3pm (also same time on Thursday)	Presentations	Awards Luncheon	Presentations	1:30 PM
1:30 PM					2:00 PM
2:00 PM					2:30 PM
2:30 PM					3:00 PM
3:00 PM					3:30 PM
3:30 PM			Founders Panel	CBA Panel	4:00 PM
4:00 PM					4:30 PM
4:30 PM					5:00 PM
5:00 PM			Committees	Presentations	5:30 PM
5:30 PM					6:00 PM
6:00 PM	Regional Chairs Meeting				6:30 PM
6:30 PM					7:00 PM
7:00 PM	Research Chairs Meeting				7:30 PM
7:30 PM					8:00 PM
8:00 PM					8:30 PM
8:30 PM	Annual Business Meeting		Rockies v. Mariners, 7:05pm start	Trivia Finals	9:00 PM
9:00 PM					9:30 PM
9:30 PM					
		Reg Desk Open, 7:45 to 6:15	Reg Desk Open, 7:59 to 11:35	Reg Desk Open, 8:30 to 4:30	
			Reg Desk Open, 3:00 to 5:50		

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The Seattle Mariners welcome SABR members to Seattle and Safeco Field.

Awards Presented at SABR 36 are brought to you by:
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SABR/Broach Sports Tours Pre-Convention Baseball Tour

Broach Sports Tours is once again pleased to offer a pre-convention baseball tour. The itinerary includes:

Fri, June 23	Angels @ Arizona
Sat, June 24	Seattle @ San Diego
Sun, June 25	Pittsburgh @ Dodgers
Mon, June 26	Colorado @ Angels
Tue, June 27	Ride Coastal Starlight Train from LA to SF
Wed, June 28	Texas @ San Francisco
Thur, June 29	Fly to Seattle (arrive around lunchtime)

Cost would be \$1290 per person (based on double occupancy). At this cost we can donate 5% of sales to SABR. Single supplement is \$270.

Pre-convention package includes:

- +Deluxe motorcoach (in Arizona & California)
- +Coastal Starlight train from LA to SF
- +Hotels (good budget hotels like Hampton Inn, Sleep Inn, etc.)
- +Game tickets (usually lower level seats)
- +City tour in LA & SF
- +Tour of Dodger Stadium
- +Airfare from SF to Seattle
- +Airport transfers

DEADLINE: Reservations must be made by April 23, 2006. Fifteen registrants is the minimum number needed to make this tour happen.



Paul Snyder (left) accepting the Roland Hemond Award from Roland Hemond (right) at the SABR 34 Awards banquet. Emcee Kevin Grace is in the foreground. (photo by F. X. Flinn).

Notice of Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Society for American Baseball Research, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, will be held Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at 8pm in the Washington Room of the Seattle Renaissance Hotel, 515 Madison Street Seattle, Washington.

An agenda will be distributed at the meeting.

SABR 36 Registration (June 28-July 1, 2006)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

Phone or e-mail: _____

#	<u>Full Registration</u>	<u>Before 5/30</u>	<u>After 5/30</u>	\$
___	Registration, Member/family	\$84 each	\$129 each	_____
___	Reg., under 18 w/ registered adult	FREE	\$19	_____
___	Registration, non-member	\$109	\$169	_____

Names of others registered on this form:

Need A Roommate?

Fill out the form below completely and mail to the SABR office with a SASE, so it arrives no later than May 15. We will share this information with others who have completed this form. **SABR cannot guarantee anyone a roommate and is not responsible for any problems you may encounter.**

Please check one:

- I have a room that I am willing to share
- I have no room, but would like to share with someone who does.

Any preferences (smoking, non-smoking, night-owl, early riser, etc.)?

Other Information

See page 9 for detailed information on the hotel situation as it was known at press time. Consult the SABR web site, www.sabr.org (click on "Convention") for other more up-to-date information. You can also call the SABR office if you do not have Internet access.

Check the SABR web site Convention pages for price and reservations details of the tours on pages 6 and 7 that are not handled by SABR on this registration form.

1) Complete the form to the right. Make checks payable to: "SABR" and mail to SABR 36, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115. **Photocopies are acceptable.**

2) Registration must be postmarked by May 30, 2006, to receive the early registration discount.

Registration includes: SABR 36 Convention packet (printed program; convention publication; & other "goodies, access to panels, trivia contests, committee meetings, and research presentations.

3) To **ensure** a confirmation, you **MUST** send us a SASE.

4) **Cancellations & Refunds:** A full refund is available if cancellation is received by June 1, 2006; **50%** if received between June 2 and June 16. **No refunds will be given if cancellation is made after June 16.**

To cancel registration, call SABR at 1-800-969-7227 or email execdir@sabr.org.

5) On-Site registration will be offered June 27 to 30 at the "after May 30 rate."

Photocopies of this form are acceptable.

Other Convention Events

___	Safeco Field Tour, w/ RT bus Adult (over 12), Wed , 1:15-3pm	\$16	\$	_____
___	Safeco Field Tour, w/ RT bus Child (3-12), Wed , 1:15-3pm	\$13	\$	_____
___	Safeco Field Tour, no bus, Adult (over 12), Wed , 1:15-3pm	\$6	\$	_____
___	Safeco Field Tour, w/ RT bus Adult (over 12), Thur , 1:15-3pm	\$16	\$	_____
___	Safeco Field Tour, w/ RT bus Child (3-12), Thur , 1:15-3pm	\$13	\$	_____
___	Safeco Field Tour, no bus, Adult (over 12), Thur , 1:15-3pm	\$6	\$	_____
___	Awards Luncheon (Friday , 12 noon - 3pm)	\$45	\$	_____
___	Roasted Chicken w/ Lemon Garlic Butter, salad, Washington Apple Tart			_____
___	Grilled Northwest Salmon, salad, Washington Apple Tart			_____
___	Special Dietary Needs (such as <u>food allergies</u> or religious needs), please specify:			_____

SABR Mariners Tickets, Friday, June 30

___	Field Box Tickets to Rockies - Mariners Game (Fri, 7:05pm)	\$38*	\$	_____
___	View Reserved Tickets to Rockies-Mariners Game (Fri, 7:05pm)	\$15	\$	_____
___	Round-trip bus transportation to Safeco Field	\$13	\$	_____

Saturday, July 1

___	Field Box Tix (COL-SEA) w/ pre-game BBQ; limit 50 (Sat, 6pm)	\$63	\$	_____
___	Bus to Cheney Stadium + Rainiers Tickets; limit 47 (Sat, 5:30pm)	\$22	\$	_____

Please Tell Us

Will SABR 36 be your first SABR Convention? Yes No

Method of Transportation to SABR 36 Air Car Other

Airline/other: _____

If Car, are you car or van-pooling? Yes No

Renting a Car? Yes No

Rental Car Company: _____

Are you planning to stay in the area before or after the convention? Yes No

If yes, how long: _____

Payment Information

Check Enclosed Visa Mastercard Discover Card

In the amount of: \$ _____

Card# _____ Expiry Date _____

Signature _____

Mail to: SABR 36, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115

* -- If you buy the \$38 tickets and none remain and paid by credit card you will receive the \$15 tickets and be charged the correct amount, if you paid by check, you will receive the \$15 tickets and the difference will be donated to SABR.

New from the Kent State University Press

The Cleveland Indians

Franklin Lewis

Foreword by Russell Schneider

This early team history covers such Cleveland legends as Cy Young, from his days in Tuscarawas County and Canton and his time with the Cleveland Spiders; Bob Feller, his discovery and development; and Larry Doby, the second African American to play in the major leagues and the first to play in the American League. It also delivers such forgotten and lesser-known stories as professional baseball's first-ever perfect game, thrown by John Lee Richmond of Worcester against the Cleveland Forest Citys on June 12, 1880; the acquisition of Napoleon Lajoie and the city's vote to change the team's name to the Napoleons (Naps) in his honor; and Charles W. Somers and John F. Kilfoyl and the birth of the American League.

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The Cincinnati Reds

Lee Allen

Foreword by Greg Rhodes

The Cincinnati Reds chronicles each season from the organization's early years, most notably the 1882 American Association pennant and the 1919 and 1940 National League pennants and World Series championships, including the infamous Chicago White Sox scandal. Allen retells many of the early Reds stories likely forgotten or unknown by today's fans. This book is as thorough as it is absorbing and will be enjoyed by those interested in the early days of America's favorite pastime.

Writing Sports Series #2

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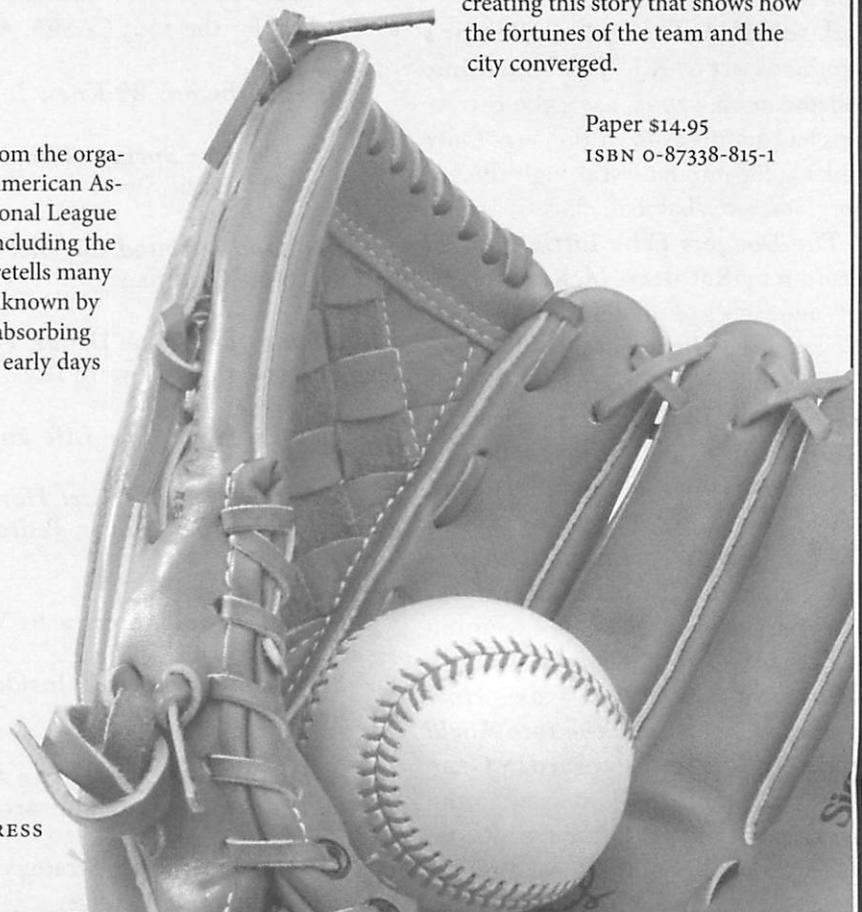
Also available:

Opening Day: Cleveland, the Indians, and a New Beginning Jonathan Knight

Opening Day is sportswriter Jonathan Knight's inning-by-inning look at the opening day at Jacob's Field on April 4, 1994. New home to the Cleveland Indians, "The Jake" was for fans symbolic of the team's turnaround. Knight skillfully recaptures memorable moments from opening days of the past, creating this story that shows how the fortunes of the team and the city converged.

Paper \$14.95

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TBI, cont'd from pg. 1

Joe Murphy, Steve Milman and Brad Sullivan were major volunteers in cataloging and providing new items for the database. **Bernie Esser, Steve Milman, Fred and Alma Ivor-Campbell, Terry Sloope and Tim Cashion** have also continued their positive influence on the project. In addition, new volunteer **Tom Zocco** began to make substantial contributions.

Bookshelf, cont'd from pg. 3

Wilson provides profiles of players decade by decade from 1900-40s.

The International League: Year-by-Year Statistics 1998-1953 by **Marshall D. Wright** contains brief annual summaries of each season covered, plus tables listing team statistics.

Frank "Home Run" Baker: Hall of Famer and World Series Hero by Barry Sparks is the first full-length bio of the 1911 World Series notable.

Cecil Travis of the Washington Senators by Rob Kirkpatrick is the first book-length bio of the all-star.

Baseball Autograph Collector's Handbook #13 by R.J. "Jack" Smalling. Updated in May 2005, has 4,500 corrections and additions to edition #12. Only available for purchase through the author. See www.baseballaddresses.com.

The Dodgers Fan's Little Book of Wisdom by Kathleen McKernan collects odd facts and quotes from the long history of the Dodgers

Elysian Fields Quarterly (Vol. 22 #4) edited by Tom Goldstein features article *Nothing but the Truth: The Untold History of the "Curse"* by Glenn Stout.

American Association Almanac (Vol. 5 #1) edited by Rex Hamann features (part one) of 20+ game winning pitchers between 1901-1911.

Burying the Black Sox: How Baseball's Cover-up of the 1919 World Series Fix Almost Succeeded by Gene Carney is the first book to focus on the cover-up that kept the plot from the American public until almost another whole baseball season had been played.

Monarchs Chapter Grave Marker Project

Long time SABR member **Harold Dellinger** suggested last fall that the Kansas City Chapter of SABR buy a grave marker for Americus V. McKim, the man that originally brought major league baseball to Kansas City.

When Harold presented the topic at their December gathering, the project quickly gained support of those gathered. They already have collected money and received pledges for \$170, which is slightly more than half of the total costs of the project. They are hoping to get ten members from the area to contribute \$15 each to complete the project. They would then gather for a dedication ceremony in late April or early May at the gravesite in Elmwood Cemetery, then adjourn to toast McKim.

For more information about the McKim project, contact KC SABR Attn: **Lloyd Johnson**, 205 West 66th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64113.

WHO WAS AMERICUS V. MCKIM?

McKim was the owner of 1884 Kansas City Cowboys in the Union Association, the first major league team in Kansas City. If you don't consider the Union Association a real major league, he was also the owner of the 1886 Kansas City Cowboys in the National League.

McKim was born in 1840 in Belmont County, OH, and attended Franklin College in Athens, Ohio. He moved to Kansas City in 1868, and by 1876 he was a major figure in Malt and Grain business in Kansas City. He was an important backer of professional baseball teams in Kansas City, and engineered the city's entry into both the Union Association and National League. In 1885 he was the president of the Western League. He passed away in 1910, virtually penniless, and was buried in a pauper's grave in Elmwood Cemetery.

Spitball Announces Casey Finalists

Spitball: The Literary Baseball Magazine has announced the following books as Finalists for the 2005 CASEY Award:

- *Baseball Before We Knew It* by David Block
- *The Boys of Spring: Timeless Portraits from the Grapefruit League, 1947-2005* by Ozzie Sweet
- *Diamonds Around the Globe: The Encyclopedia of International Baseball* by Peter Bjarkman
- *Juicing the Game: Drugs, Power, and the Fight for the Soul of Major League Baseball* by Howard Bryant.
- *Luckiest Man: The Life and Death of Lou Gehrig* by Jonathan Eig
- *Now I Can Die in Peace: How ESPN's Sports Guy Found Salvation, With a Little Help from Nomar, Pedro, Shawshank and the 2004 Red Sox* by Bill Simmons
- *Satchel Paige's America* by William Price Fox
- *Smithsonian Baseball: Inside the World's Finest Private Collections* by Stephen Wong
- *A Tale of Two Cities: The 2004 Yankees-Red Sox Rivalry and the War for the Pennant* by Tony Massarotti and John Harper
- *3 Nights in August: Strategy, Heartbreak, and the Joy Inside the Mind of a Manager* by Buzz Bissinger

Seymour, cont'd from pg. 1

torians to write baseball history. Awarded by the Society for American Baseball Research to the best book of baseball history or biography first published in the preceding year, the Seymour Medal has been awarded annually since 1996.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel rooms at the Radisson will be \$89 a night plus tax. Call 216-377-9000 to make your reservations before the deadline of March 30. If you would like to make reservations on the internet, please follow the instructions below:

1. Go to www.radisson.com/clevelandoh_gateway
2. Go to 'make reservations' tab at top.
3. Your dates
4. Type in the promotional code area: MEDAL.
5. Book the reservation on-line.

The Texas Rangers visit Jacobs Field that weekend.

WHY IS THE CONFERENCE HELD IN CLEVELAND?

Dr. Harold and Dorothy Seymour (now Mills), for whom the award is name after, have a Cleveland connection. Dr. Seymour taught at Fenn College (now Cleveland State University) in the 1940s and later was vice president of the Cleveland Better Business Bureau. Dorothy attended Fenn College before graduating from Flora Stone Mather College of Western Reserve (now Case Western Reserve University) in 1950. She then began teaching in the Cleveland School System while studying for her master's degree, which was awarded in 1952.

THE SEYMOUR MEDAL CONFERENCE IS SPONSORED BY THE CLEVELAND INDIANS BASEBALL CLUB.

Seymour Conference Tentative Schedule

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

4:45pm
Transportation leaves from Radisson Hotel

5:15pm
Meet at Classic Park

5:30pm - 6:00pm
Peter Carfagna
Owner of the Lake County Captains, a class-A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians. Mr. Carfagna is also former general counsel to the International Management Group, one of the nation's leading sports marketing and representation firms and also owns the Everett AquaSox (Seattle Mariners Class-A affiliate) and the Lancaster (Calif.) JetHawks (Arizona Diamondbacks Class-A affiliate).

6:00pm - 7:05 pm
Pre-game mixer in the Captains Diamond Suite (Snacks and refreshments will be served)

7:05 pm
Captains vs. Delmarva Shorebirds in the Diamond Suite

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Radisson Hotel at Gateway

9:15am-12:45pm
Research Presentations

12:45-2:00pm
Lunch on your own

2:05-4:00pm
Research Presentations

4:00-4:50pm
Keynote Address: Miles Wolff
In addition to being the former president and publisher of Baseball America for 18 years, Mr. Wolff is also the commissioner of two independent leagues and the owner of Les Capitales de Quebec and the Burlington (N.C.) Indians.

5:00pm - Medal Presentation

EXPECTED RESEARCH PRESENTERS

Peter Morris - Cleveland Baseball's First 'Annus Horribilis'

Bob Carson - MINOR TRIPS : A Traveler's Guide to Minor League Baseball (www.minortrips.com)

G. Michael Greene and Roger Launius - "Yes, it sucks. But Charlie's the boss.": Charlie O. Finley Versus his Field Managers

Dave Anderson - Umpires from the Deadball Era

Gene Carney - Eight Myths Out

The 2006 Seymour Medal Conference is brought to you by the Cleveland Indians Baseball Club.

Seymour Medal Conference Registration (April 28-29, 2006)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

E-mail or phone: _____

Registration

___ Registration \$49 \$ _____

Names of others registered on this form:

Payment Information

Check Enclosed Visa Mastercard Discover Card
In the amount of: \$ _____

Card # _____ Exp Date _____

Signature _____

Mail to: SABR Seymour Medal Conference, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115

This issue, SABR President Dick Beverage is turning over his Pres Box to **Rod Nelson**, SABR's new (and first) Research Services Manager. Rod will be the SABR staffer who members can turn to when they have research needs and/or ideas on how improve to our publications and website. A native midwesterner, Rod has been a SABR member since joining at SABR22 (St. Louis) in 1992, which was a stop on his first roadtrip to Wrigley Field suggested by online fantasy league pal **Ted Knorr**. He's been extremely active on many SABR research committees, including co-chair of the Scouts Committee. Baseball research has been good to him, except in the case of **Max Marshall**, who for years was listed as the only major leaguer born in his hometown of Shenandoah, Iowa. Unfortunately for him and the good people of Page County, new information turned up by noted PCL researcher **Mark Macrae** and reported by Beverage to the SABR Biographical Committee, Marshall was actually born in Fremont County near Randolph, Iowa, thus depriving Rod's hometown of a major league native son. We are pleased to add Rod to the SABR staff, and believe that he will add much to the SABR experience.

THE PRES BOX

Dear SABR Members:

The creation of this new full-time position represents a watershed moment in the history of SABR, an exciting new direction that I feel is my privilege to help guide. Like all SABR members, I have an abiding passion for reading about and researching many aspects of game. My involvement with the SABR33 convention planning committee was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. That exposure gave me a great perspective of the diversity of our organization, as well as an appreciation for the thousands of great people in our membership. I'm looking forward to serving my fellow researchers and readily accept this challenge to play a vital role in the future of the Society. After a dozen years of hustling commercial printing up and down the streets of Denver, I'll thrive in an office environment where the primary focus is to support baseball research. For me to interface with members in an official capacity and have access to the multitude of resources is incredibly stimulating, it's truly my dream job.

That said, I want to make an appeal to the membership right from the outset. In the research grapevine section of this issue, you'll find the position summary as written by the Executive Director and Board of SABR. It describes the role that I'll play and the relationship that I'll have with the research committees, regional chapters, publications director and membership at-large. It's my plan to enhance our Web site by adding original and archived content, developing additional research tools, integrate new proprietary databases into the Online SABR Encyclopedia and turning our online membership directory into an interactive knowledge base. I hope to involve more people in SABR's publications process and give every member a reason to make SABR.org their favorite destination on the web. I can do none of this without the full support and encouragement of members like you. Please feel free to drop me a line or call anytime if I can be of assistance. After all, I'm here to serve you.

Rod Nelson
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Regional, cont'd from pg. 5

San Diego, February 4

Chapter: Ted Williams Chapter.
Program: A special showing of "Up for Grabs" a documentary about the chase for ownership of Barry Bonds' 73rd home run ball, followed by a discussion.
Panelists: **Andy Strasberg**, emcee and former Padres executive; **Jim Holtzman**, former TV news executive; **Peter Rowe**, writer for *San Diego Union-Tribune*; **Peter Nunez**, former U.S. Attorney; **Fred Rodgers**, former baseball news publisher; and **Dick Dent**, former Padres trainer.
Trivia Winner: **Dan Boyle**.
Place: San Diego Hall of Champions

Cleveland, February 6

Chapter: Jack Graney Chapter.
Guests: **Chris Antonetti**, assistant general manager of the Indians and **Ted Toles**, who played in the Negro Leagues for the Pittsburgh Crawfords, Newark Eagles and Cleveland Buckeyes.
Speakers: **David Fleitz**, "Adrian 'Cap' Anson," **Jeffrey Cranston**, "The Player's League of 1890."
Location: Jacobs Field Media Room

EFQ Announces Dave Moore Award Finalists

Elysian Fields Quarterly recently announced the finalists for their seventh annual Dave Moore Award, which will honor the author of the "most important book on baseball" published in 2005. The winner shall be revealed on or about April 1, 2006, and profiled in the Spring 2006 issue of EFQ.

David Block, *Baseball Before We Knew It* (Univ. of Nebraska Press)
Jonathan Eig, *Luckiest Man: The Life and Death of Lou Gehrig* (Simon & Schuster)
William Price Fox, *Satchel Paige's America* (Univ. of Alabama Press)
Steven Goldman, *Forging Genius: The Making Of Casey Stengel* (Potomac Books)
Jonathan Mahler, *Ladies and Gentlemen, the Bronx Is Burning* (Farrar, Strauss, and Giroux)
Bob McGee, *The Greatest Ballpark Ever: Ebbets Field and the Story of the Brooklyn Dodgers* (Rutgers University Press)

Congratulations to the authors and publishers. **Peter Schilling** of mudvillemagazine.com served as a reader of this year's nominated books.

Dave Moore, who was a longtime SABR member, served as a news anchor for WCCO Television in Minneapolis for almost forty years. Because Dave Moore was not afraid of supporting unpopular causes and willing to embrace the underdog, particular consideration will be given to emerging authors, especially those published by the small press.

Museum of the City of New York Needs Your Baseball Story

In the Spring of 2007, the Museum of the City of New York will present a landmark exhibition *The Glory Days: New York Baseball, 1947 - 1957*. It tells the story of 11 remarkable seasons, when New York City dominated major league baseball with three teams, nine World Series victories, and seven all-New York Series. Throughout the decade, baseball fever gripped New York, helping to shape journalism, popular culture, and the spirit of the city itself as never before or since.

They invite you to help the Museum plan this exciting exhibition by telling them your stories and lending them your photographs, objects, and memorabilia.

Please contact Susan Johnson by e-mail at sjohnson@mcny.org or by mail at the Museum of the City of New York, 1220 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10029 (email preferred). Please do not mail or deliver any material without contacting the Museum for permission.

Baseball Reliquary Announces Candidates for 2006 Election of the Shrine of the Eternals

This year marks the eighth annual election of the Shrine of the Eternals, which has become a major national component of the Baseball Reliquary, a Southern California-based organization dedicated to fostering an appreciation of American art and culture through the context of baseball history. Individuals previously elected to the Shrine of the Eternals are, in alphabetical order: Jim Abbott, Dick Allen, Moe Berg, Ila Borders, **Jim Bouton**, Roberto Clemente, Rod Dedeaux, Dock Ellis, Mark Fidrych, Curt Flood, William "Dummy" Hoy, Shoeless Joe Jackson, Bill "Spaceman" Lee, Marvin Miller, Minnie Minoso, Satchel Paige, Jimmy Piersall, Pam Postema, Jackie Robinson, Lester Rodney, and Bill Veeck, Jr.

The Shrine of the Eternals is similar in concept to the annual elections held at the Baseball Hall of Fame, but differs philosophically in that statistical accomplishment is not a criterion for election. Rather, the Shrine's annual ballot is comprised of individuals - from the obscure to the well known - who have altered the baseball world in ways that supersede statistics.

On a procedural level, the Shrine of the Eternals differs significantly from the Baseball Hall of Fame in the manner by which electees are chosen. While the Baseball Hall of Fame's electees are chosen in voting conducted by a closed group of sportswriters or committees, the Baseball Reliquary chooses its enshrined by a vote open to public membership. A screening committee appointed by the Reliquary's Board of Directors prepares an annual ballot consisting of fifty candidates, on which the membership votes annually. The three candidates receiving the highest percentage of votes gain automatic election.

Among the fifty eligible candidates for 2006, twelve individuals appear on the Shrine of the Eternals ballot for the first time. The newcomers, in alphabetical order, are: Ping Bodie, Rocky Bridges, Ryne Duren, Mike Marshal, Pepper Martin, Gene Mauch, Max McLeary, John Meeden, Bobo Newsom, Hal Richman, Johnny Sain and Rusty Staub.

The three new inductees will be announced in May, with the Induction Day ceremony scheduled for Sunday, July 23, 2006 in Pasadena, California. In addition to the presentation of plaques to the 2006 inductees, this year's ceremony will honor the recipients of the 2006 Hilda Award (acknowledging the dedication of a deserving baseball fan) and the 2006 Tony Salin Memorial Award (honoring individuals dedicated to the preservation or presentation of baseball history).

For additional information on the Shrine of the Eternals, visit their Web site at www.baseballreliquary.org or contact **Terry Cannon**, Executive Director of the Baseball Reliquary, at P.O. Box 1850, Monrovia, CA 91017; by phone at (626) 791-7647; or by e-mail at terymar@earthlink.net.

Report from SABR Boston

SABRBoston's annual Martin Luther King Holiday Regional Meeting hosted 39 baseball folk who enjoyed an eclectic and informative program. Ranging from Red Sox scout Ray Fagnant to the story of an alleged explosion of a vat of baked beans in Boston, the program reportedly wowed a receptive and satisfied audience and warmed them with laughter and ballpark fare on an especially cold Holiday Monday.

Ray Fagnant recounted his experience as a former major league prospect and current major league scout. The Red Sox Northeast Regional Scouting Supervisor told the regional group what he looks for in his pursuit of players for the team.

Authors **Peter Nash** (*Boston's Royal Rooters*) and **Tim Gay** (*Tris Speaker*) bookended each other. Nash recounted an early history of the Boston fanhood that reminded the group that the loyalty of today's Boston baseball fans owes fealty to the fan legends of the past, Nuf Ced, Hi Hi Dixwell, HoneyFitz, Lib Dooley. He displayed some artifacts from his Baseball Fan Hall of Fame: McGreevey's portrait from the 3rd Base Saloon, the "First Pitch?" ball from Fenway Park 1912, and the ball that clinched the 1897 NL pennant with the glove that caught it [First baseman Fred Tenney kept the ball but the team didn't ask for it back].

Gay proved he was in the manner of DeWitt Hopper as he regaled the group with a fascinating account of Tris Speaker's Red Sox and the 1912 World Series.

Mike Fields opened the meeting with his project for the Sabermetrics course at Tufts, a study of the effects of *Moneyball* on free agency signings. .

The program also included several 10 Minute Presentations.

The next meeting of SABRBoston will be on May 20 and will focus on Sabermetrics. Scheduled to speak at the event are **Bill James** and **John Thorn**.

- Contributed by **Seamus Kearney**

Lew Paper, 8701 Snowhill Ct., Potomac, MD 20854, (301) 983-4144, lewpaper@comcast.net seeks information on members of Sandy Amoros's and Junior Gilliam's families for a book about the 1950's Dodgers.

Larry Tye, satchbook@aol.com is an author/journalist, beginning research for new book on Satchel Paige. Seeks two kinds of help: 1) Anyone willing to share information on Satchel, living Negro Leaguers who might have played with him, and other places an intrepid author should be looking to make this book as thorough and illuminating as I hope it will be. 2) A seasoned researcher who, for the modest fee of \$10 an hour, is available to help with library searches and other basic book research

RESEARCH GRAPEVINE

With the installation of **Rod Nelson** as a full-time research services manager (RSM) to the SABR administrative office, here is a detailed overview of how SABR members can work with Rod to network their research and ideas. The research services manager fills two primary roles: (1) envisioning and developing the Society's research support and publications (print and electronic) dissemination program; and (2) implementing that program.

To fulfill the first role, the RSM is responsible for:

- Consulting regularly with SABR members, SABR committees, and SABR projects to elicit their needs, expectations and evaluations of the research support and publications program;
- Identifying unmet needs and developing strategies to meet the needs gap;
- Creating and maintaining a "research assets" inventory that documents the SABR research tools and resources (physical, technical, human) portfolio;
- Developing written procedures to inform SABR members how the RSM's office will proceed with aiding research committees, projects and individual researchers and how research materials will be integrated into the organization's publishing program. Recommending to the board policy changes which will help to implement these procedures;
 - procedures and protocols for the research support and publications dissemination program that are aligned to the SABR mission and its governance structure;
 - Responding to media requests for baseball research information and expertise referrals;
 - Surveying the external environment for ideas on how to improve and expand SABR research tools, content and products to support SABR marketing and SABR membership services;
 - Presenting to the SABR Board for its approval each year an annual and a five-year plan for maintaining, improving and expanding the Society's research support and publications dissemination program; and
 - Providing to the SABR Board an annual report on progress made (challenges and opportunities, successes and failures) in the preceding fiscal year.

Other Duties as assigned.

To fulfill the second role, the RSM is responsible for:

- Cultivating and stewarding relationships with SABR research committees, SABR regional chapters, SABR projects and individual SABR members to solicit input on the best research being conducted within the organization and finding appropriate ways to get it published;
- Aiding SABR research committees and projects in visioning and organizing their respective research efforts;
 - Developing new content and research tools/products for dissemination via print and/or electronic media;
 - Working collaboratively with the Executive Director, the SABR Board, designated fundraising advisors, and others to raise money to fund projects; and overseeing the production of SABR research publications, which involves coordinating and integrating the efforts of volunteers, other SABR employees and SABR subcontractors with the work of the RSM in developing and producing both print and electronic publications.

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——: Why the Red Sox brand keeps hitting home runs. 5 pages. Text of article by the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, published October 19, 2005, about the Red Sox' success at branding.

Baldas, Tresa: Technology changes rules of the game. 4 pages. Copy of article in the National Law Journal, March 4, 2005, about intellectual property issues affecting baseball.

Bannatyne, Lesley: The dirt on baseball. 1 page. Photocopy of article in the Christian Science Monitor, October 18, 2005, about the dirt used to groom basepaths and pitcher's mounds and to rub up baseballs.

Berkow, Ira: Manager goes long and keeps going. 6 pages. Photocopy of article in the New York Times, Dec. 7, 2005, about Wayne Terwilliger, 80-year-old ex-major leaguer, who was still managing in 2005.

Beverage, Richard and Terry O'Neil: Over 40 and loving it. 2 pages. A rundown of Pacific Coast League players who played in their 40s.

Cely, Monte A.: The Cy Young Award – individual or team recognition? (National League Edition). 7 pages. Examines whether the Cy Young Award is individual or team recognition.

Chamberlain, Kathleen R.: Hugh S. Fullerton and the Jimmy Kirkland series. 5 pages. Photocopy of article in the May-June 1994 issue of Newsboy, the Horatio Alger Society's publication, about Fullerton, who besides being a journalist, wrote three baseball novels for boys.

Coffey, Wayne: Long road of Billy the Kid. 4 pages. A look at the life of Billy Wagner. Copy of article in the New York Daily News, January 15, 2006.

Crepeau, Richard C.: A look at Vic Power. 3 pages. A black ballplayer's encounter with the white establishment. From the Sport and Society Web site, December 2, 2005.

Gilbert, Bill: Rating the 2006 Hall of Fame candidates based on win shares. 3 pages.

Gilbert, Bill: Win shares and the Hall of Fame – 2006 update. 2 pages. A post-election analysis.

Hageman, William: Explaining PECOTA. 3 pages. Text of article in the Chicago Tribune, January 4, 2006.

Jones, Tom: The fine art of pitching and those who mastered it. 6 pages. Describes the various pitches, including those no longer use. Copy of article in the St. Petersburg Times, May 17, 2005.

King, George: Hero for a day, legend for life. 1 page. Photocopy of article in the New York Post, March 31, 2005, about Johnny Podres.

King, George: Doc wonders what might have been. 1 page. Photocopy of article in the New York Post, March 31, 2005, about Dwight Gooden.

Matchett, David: Homering in the homeland: Major leaguers born outside the U.S. who homered in their country of birth. 15 pages. Exhaustive analysis. Most of the players are Canadian, but Mexico, Japan and Puerto Rico are also covered.

McDonough, Don: One boy's unforgettable moment. 2 pages. Photocopy of article in Legion magazine for July 2005 about a youngster's brief encounter with Babe Ruth at an American Legion All-Star Game in 1947.

Robinson, Ray: Lou Gehrig after the ball game was over. 6 pages. Gehrig between retirement from baseball and his death. Photocopy of article in Columbia, the Magazine of Columbia University, April-May 1989.

Schoenfeld, Bruce: Baseball's new breed. 6 pages. Photocopy of article in Cigar Aficionado magazine, December 2005, about the rising crop of young front-office executives.

Smith, Dale B.: Max Bishop, camera eye. 3 pages. Photocopy of article in Along the Elephant Trail, the newsletter of the Philadelphia Athletics Historical Society, Issue 59, 2005.

Treder, Steve: Jim Bouton interview. 5 pages. An interview on the Hardball Times Web site with the former player and current SABR member who will speak at the next SABR convention.

Vaccaro, Frank et al: Game scores, 1871-1924. 224 pages. Expanded version of earlier compilation. Lists game scores for all the major professional leagues of the 19th century and through 1924, including the League Alliance, the National Association, the International Association, the American Association and the Western League. Compiled by Frank Vaccaro with the assistance of 24 other SABR members and Retrosheet. Includes date, score, starting pitcher, winning pitcher and other information, plus a section on how to use the charts. \$20.00 for copying and mailing.

Yellon, Al: Team all-time records complete through 2005. 3 pages. Composite standings of existing and defunct teams. A yearly update.

Young, Bill: Going long in Thetford Mines. 4 pages. About a legendary 20-inning game in the Eastern Townships Independent Intermediate League in Quebec. Text of article in the Sherbrooke (Quebec) Record, October 2004.

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IN MEMORIAM

GEORGE KLINK

George R. Klink Jr., of West New York, New Jersey passed away on November 5, 2005.

A SABR member since 1984, George was a member of many of the greater New York SABR chapters. He also served on SABR's Risk Management committee in addition to several research committees. He enjoyed book collecting and was a New York Mets fan.

ARTHUR WILLNER

Arthur Willner, of Bradley Beach, New Jersey passed died on December 25, 2005.

A SABR member since 1985, Arthur enjoyed book collecting and was a member of the Ballparks and Minor Leagues research committees.

BARRY HALPER

Barry Halper, of West Caldwell, New Jersey passed away on December 18, 2005

A SABR member since 1978, Barry

assembled the world's largest and most significant private collection of baseball memorabilia, an achievement which Sotheby's recognized as being "ranked with the best American collections" of the 20th century. A portion of his collection is on display at the Barry Halper Gallery at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. Barry's love for baseball led him to become a limited partner of the New York Yankees, a team which he loved with his heart and soul. He began his life in baseball as a pitcher for the University of Miami.

RENALD PERILLO

Renald S. Perillo, of Portland, Maine passed on unexpectedly on October 13, 2005.

A SABR member since 2002, Renald was a Portland history docent for Greater Portland Landmarks, he loved giving tours of historic downtown Portland area. He enjoyed puzzles, golf, reading, movies, sports (especially

baseball). He enjoyed reading about the St. Louis Cardinals.

CARL DESENS

Carl Desens, of Rochester, New York passed away September 27, 2005.

A SABR member since 1980, Carl's research expertise included the minor leagues and the National Baseball Hall of Fame. He was also a member of the Ballparks and Baseball Records research committee.

ROBERT PETERSON

Robert Peterson, of Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania died on February 16, 2006.

A SABR member since 1985, Peterson was a pioneering Negro Leagues historian who was best known for his book, *Only the Ball Was White*.

Robert was named to the 12-member unit that was to vote February 27 on the possible induction of additional figures from black baseball into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

St. Louis Regional to Start Historical Marker Project

The Bob Broeg Chapter has embarked on a project to have historical markers created for several St. Louis ballparks from the 19th and early 20th centuries.

According to their chapter weblog, the first marker to be placed will be for Robison Field (which was the Cardinals' ballpark from 1893-1920). They have the approval to place the marker (at Beaumont High School) and are now raising funds for the marker. A book sale was held at the meeting (with baseball books donated by Rick Salamon) which raised a substantial sum toward the marker cost.

For more information on this project contact **Joan Thomas**, 323 S Jefferson Ave, Saint Louis MO 63104, or **Barbara Sheinbein** homeplate9@sbcglobal.net.

Iron Man McGinnity to Be Honored this May

A major ceremony is in the works to honor hall of famer Joe McGinnity on May 9, 2006 at his gravesite in McAlester, Oklahoma. Plans are to rededicate the gravesite and renovate the marker. According to **Gabriel Schecter**, who has been in communication with a decedent of McGinnity from his wife's family, renovation has already begun on his grave marker. They are adding baseball bats on each side in the front and 5 baseballs below his name, baseball shoes on one side and a glove on the other. On the back, they are adding a design and including NBHF in addition to his parents' and grandparents name. Then a poem with the family crest.

If anyone is interested in contributing toward this effort and/or attending the ceremony, please get in touch with Gabriel Schecter by email at: gschechter@baseballhalloffame.org.

According to his bio on the National Baseball Hall of Fame Web site, Joe McGinnity was nicknamed "Iron Man" because he worked in a foundry during the off-season, but the moniker eventually came to describe the way he pitched. He was famous for starting both ends of a doubleheader, and in 1903, he pulled off the feat three times in a single month, winning all six games. McGinnity was a key cog of pennant-winning teams with Brooklyn in 1900 and the New York Giants in 1905. Following his major league career, he pitched in the minors until he was 54 years old, retiring with nearly 500 wins as a professional. He was elected as a player to Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee in 1946.

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May 6, 2006

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May 21, 2006

Oscar Charleston chapter meeting, Indianapolis, IN
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SPIRIT OF SABR SALUTE

In each *Bulletin*, this space will be devoted to recognizing SABR members who, on their own initiative or on request, have assisted other members in their research projects - what SABR is all about. The only source of names will be you, the membership. There will be no judges, no committees, no competition. All names submitted will be printed; their nominators will not be identified

Dick Beverage, Placentia CA

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Errata

In the January/February SABR Bulletin, the dates for the Seymour Medal conference were incorrectly printed as April 29-May 1st. The actual dates for the conference are April 28-29. See page 1 of this issue for more details about the conference.

On page 10 of the January/February SABR Bulletin the contact email for annual convention presentation submissions was incorrectly listed as:

sabr2006presentations@comcast.net.

The correct address is:

sabr2006-presentations@comcast.net

On page 2 of the January/February SABR Bulletin, the email address for McFarland Publishers was incorrectly listed as: www.mcfarlandpub.com. The correct email address for McFarland is www.mcfarlandpub.com

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Baseball Conference on Asian Baseball to be Held at Michigan State University

The Asian Studies Center at Michigan State University will hold a one-day baseball conference April 1, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. The conference will focus on the importance of baseball in Japan, and on the growing influence of Japanese players in Major League Baseball. This conference will highlight the common love of baseball shared by Japanese and American fans alongside the different ways the game is played on and off the field. The aim is to give attendees a greater understanding of the globalization of the "national pastime" and to use baseball as a vehicle for understanding cultural similarities and differences.

Scheduled participants include:

Robert Whiting - Author of *You Gotta Have Wa*, and *The Meaning of Ichiro*.

Robert Fitts - Author *Remembering Japanese Baseball: An Oral History of the Game*, and a forthcoming biography on Wally Yonamine.

Robert Smaal - Producer and director of a forthcoming documentary on Wally Yonamine's baseball career.

William Kelly - Author of *The Hanshin Tigers and the Practices of Professional Baseball in Japan*.

Sayuri Shimizu - Author of *The Transpacific Field of Dreams: Baseball in U. S.-Japanese Relations and the Making of a Transnational Sporting Fraternity*.

Peter Bjarkman - Author of *Diamonds Around the Globe*.

For further information on the conference, contact **Mike Malloch** at 517-353-1680 or mallochm@msu.edu.

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Great Optional Events Highlight SABR 36

With great guests, interesting panels and notable speakers, the annual convention scheduled for June 28 to July 1 at the Renaissance Hotel on Madison Street in downtown Seattle, Washington is sure to be a great experience.

The March/April issue of The SABR Bulletin contained the information and registration forms for the 2006 SABR Convention in Seattle. Also, complete information on the convention can be found on www.sabr.org by clicking on "Convention."

One of the great things available to members this year is the many optional events surrounding the convention. These optional events include such things as:

- Tacoma Museum of Art & Glass
- Whale Watching
- Northwest Wineries Tour
- Mt. Rainier National Park

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Maples Wins Member-Get-A-Member Campaign

Christopher Maples of Reno NV, was the winner of the random drawing at the culmination of the member-get-a-member campaign. Christopher gets his choice of all convention registration and events paid for at SABR 36 in Seattle, or a three-year extension to his membership. Christopher also referred the most new members, six.

Once again, the campaign was successful, with 44 new members referred by 37 existing members.

Thank you to all who participated in the member-get-a-member campaign!

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New Chapters Creating a Buzz in SABR

With the same exuberance that is captured in every new baseball season, many SABR members are taking advantage of the friendship and camaraderie that the organization has always strived to foster with the formation of regional chapters.

Now members in Puerto Rico and South Texas can join in on the experience. On the heels of April's Executive Board Meeting in Cleveland, SABR announced the formation of the Orlando Cepeda chapter in Puerto Rico and the Rogers Hornsby chapter in Austin, Texas.

The Cepeda chapter marks the fifth active SABR chapter outside the contiguous 48 states, joining Quebec, Toronto, UK and Tokyo chapters. **Edwin Fernandez-Cruz** is the chair of the steering committee. Those interested in finding out more about the chapter are encouraged to contact him at mapa0329@prtc.net or 787-723-5029.

The Hornsby chapter will include San Antonio and South Texas extending to the border with Mexico. Previously considered a satellite area of the Larry Dierker chapter in Houston, for the past two years a group of SABR members in the Austin area have been regularly meeting, usually for lunch, to talk baseball and discuss baseball research efforts. According to **Bill Gilbert**, the steering committee chair, the chapter formation is a natural outgrowth of these meetings. Bill can be contacted at billgilbert@sbcglobal.net or 512-261-0516.

The formation of new chapters has been reenergizing regional activity in SABR. **Sam Bernstein**, chair of the Elysian Fields New Jersey chapter, recently helped coordinate their inaugural meeting held March 4 at the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center in Little Falls. He reported that the near-capacity audience was entertained by a marvelous rendition of *Casey at the Bat* by "Brooklyn" **Bradley Shaw**, founder and captain of the Flemington Neshanock vintage team. The keynote speaker for their meeting was journalist Phil Pepe who talked about his issues with elections to the Hall of Fame and about his research into baseball in the 1970s. Other guests included John Brandt, General Manager of

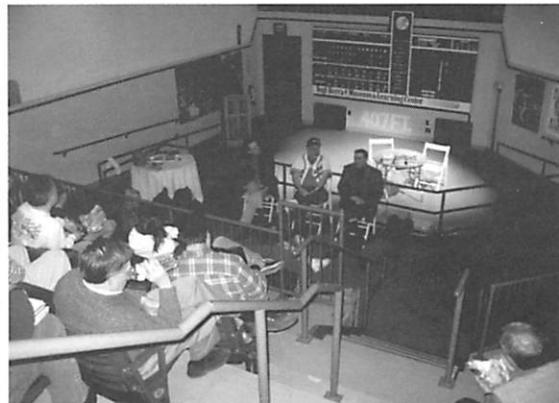
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"Baseball Before We Knew It" Wins Seymour Medal

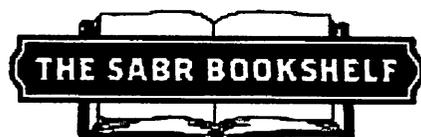
Baseball Before We Knew It: A Search for the Roots of the Game (University of Nebraska) by **David Block** was selected to receive the Seymour Medal, which honors the best book of baseball history or biography from the preceding year.

"*Baseball Before We Knew It* is a ground breaking and scholarly piece of work," said the judges. "Block's literary gem will stand strong with previous research conducted by Seymour, Henderson and Thorn."

Block received the medal at the Eighth Annual Seymour Conference, which was held at the Radisson Gateway in Cleveland on April 28-29 and was sponsored by the Cleveland Indians. A recap of the conference will be in July/August issue.



Bob McGee, Andy Mele and Dan Schlossberg discuss the ins and outs of publishing with the Elysian Fields chapter



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Home Plate Don't Move by **Eric Zweig** is a collection of over 400 baseball quips and quotes, and contains photographs of both past and present baseball stars.

A Game of Inches by **Peter Morris** explores the origins of numerous aspects of baseball, including basic rules, playing techniques, umpires and equipment.

The Story of Dale Mitchell, The Night the Senators Died, The Story of Patsy Tebeau, The Story of Larry Lajoie, and The Story of Eddie Mayo by **John Phillips** can be obtained by emailing the author at jphil36@yahoo.com.

Sayonara Home Run! by **John Gall** and **Gary Engel** is a collection of Japanese baseball cards from the early 1900s through the 1960s. Through the use of the cards, the authors show how baseball has become an important part of Japanese culture.

Management by Baseball by **Jeff Angus** shows how the techniques used by some of the best managers in baseball can be applied to running a successful business.

Game of My Life by **Chaz Scoggins**, has some of the most famous players in the last 80 years of Boston Red Sox history recalling their times with the team. The book begins with Hall of Famer Bobby Doerr, and includes a foreword by Johnny Pesky.

Bury My Heart at Cooperstown by **Frank Russo** and **Gene Racz** tells about the unusual and sometimes bizarre, deaths of hundreds of baseball players.

The Official Rules of Baseball Illustrated by **David Nemeec**. This 2006 edition has been updated to reflect the present-day rules, it also presents how today's rules evolved, and how rules have affected major outcomes in baseball history. Includes a foreword by Jim Evans.

In the Best Interests of Baseball? by **Andrew Zimbalist**, explores the decisions and controversies surrounding Bud Selig during his tenure as commissioner of baseball.

Making Airwaves by **Milo Hamilton** and **Dan Schlossberg** with **Bob Ibach** recounts Milo Hamilton's 60-year career as a baseball broadcaster. Includes foreword by Nolan Ryan.

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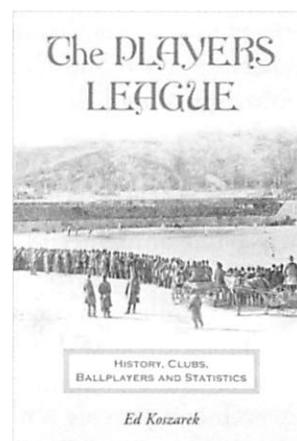
The Mind of Bill James by **Scott Gray** tells of how sabermetrician **Bill James** became baseball's foremost analyst. Included are excerpts from interviews and from many of James' writings.

The Unforgettable Season by **G.H. Fleming** recalls the excitement of the 1908 National League pennant race as told by the sportswriters of the day. Includes a foreword from Lawrence Ritter (reprint of the 1981 classic).

The Only Game in Town by **Fay Vincent**. Taken from an oral history project Vincent did with the Baseball Hall of Fame, ten famous players remember baseball as it was played in the 1930s and 1940s, and recall how World War II and integration changed baseball.

Tom Browning's Tales from Reds Dugout by **Tom Browning** with **Dann Stupp** is a collection of anecdotes from Browning about his days as a Cincinnati pitcher. Includes a foreword by **Joe**

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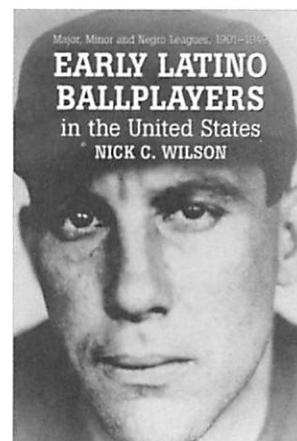


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BASEBALL RECORDS

The April Baseball Records Committee newsletter announced the formation of a new Yahoo! eGroup set-up strictly for its members and potential members. Hopes are that it will be a great way to facilitate communication, foster research and provide a place to just ask questions or sound off about Records Committee topics. According to the newsletter, the purpose of the eGroup will be to:

- 1) Discuss happenings in the Records Committee (information on the convention, newsletters, etc.).
- 2) Provide a place for SABR members to send in, keep track of, seek assistance with, or inquire about possible errors in the historical record and various record-setting and record-tying achievements in Major League Baseball.

The only requirement for joining the eGroup is to be a member of SABR. If you have an interest in baseball records, but have not yet joined the committee, this is a great way to see if you would like to be active in the Records Committee in the future.

Trent McCotter, whose idea it was to set up this eGroup, has agreed to run all the technical aspects involved. To join, you must have a Yahoo! ID and password (which are available free of charge from Yahoo!), and just go to http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/SABR_Records/ and click

"JOIN THIS GROUP"

To speed up the joining process, please include your first and last name in the comments section when you sign up for the eGroup. If you have any questions or problems in signing on, please address them to Trent at treant985@triad.rr.com.

Once he confirms that you're a SABR member, you'll be added to the group, and can immediately partake in discussions about anything having to do with the SABR Records Committee!

BIOPROJECT

One of the more recent additions to the BioProject is the biography of William Arthur "Candy" Cummings by **David Fleitz**.

About the former major leaguer, Fleitz wrote, "Candy Cummings, at first glance, appears to be one of the least qualified pitchers in the Baseball Hall of Fame. His major league won-lost record is usually listed as 21-22, because most career totals begin with the formation of the National League in 1876. Cummings earned his stardom in amateur play during the late 1860s and in the National Association, precursor to the National League, in the early 1870s. He enjoyed great success, but threw his last major league pitch when he was only 28 years old. However, Cummings, despite his short career, was one of the most influential pitchers in baseball history. He was selected for Cooperstown immortality because he, according to most baseball historians, was the man who invented the curveball."

To read the rest of this and other bios, log on to the <http://bioproj.sabr.org>.

BUSINESS OF BASEBALL

The Winter 2006 edition of "Outside the Lines" highlighted recent additions on the Business of Baseball Web site including an interview with Earl Santee of ballpark designers HOK Sport, which is a division of Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum.

According to the Web site, Santee has worked on more than 18 Major League

Baseball parks and 40 minor league and spring training baseball projects, including the successful completions of PNC Park, Minute Maid Park and Angel Stadium of Anaheim. His responsibilities include design, project direction, interior architecture, cost estimating, feasibility studies and master planning.

NEGRO LEAGUES

The SABR Negro Leagues Committee presents the 9th Annual Jerry Malloy Conference July 7, 8 and 9 in Kansas City. Satchel Paige is the theme and his 100th birthday is July 7.

Full registration includes Admission to NLBM, Conference Publications, Research Presentations, Paige Family Panel, Educational Roundtable, Legends Luncheon, Awards Banquet, TOR vs KC ballgame and more.

For hotel reservations, call the Hyatt Regency at Crown Center at 800-233-1234. Register online at the SABR Store. For more details, contact Lloyd Johnson at lloydj@msn.com or 816-651-7118

MINOR LEAGUE

Marc Okkonen (OkkonenM@aol.com) has completed his 1900-1910 Minor League Rosters project, an amazing 65,000 records which is available for download from the SABR website.

Also, an online forum has been set-up to foster interactive communication between members regarding research projects, historical and statistical areas of interest and current news topics related to MiLB.

To join, send an email to: SABRminorleagues-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

ORAL HISTORY

David Paulson, chair of the Oral History committee reported that some of the recently obtained interviews included a transcript of Earl Santee (see Business of Baseball, above), Boo Ferris audio plus transcript, Memo Luna (a Mexican ballplayer; audio in Spanish plus an English transcript), George Genovese and Jose Santiago plus transcript.

Upcoming Events

MAY 13

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

The Halsey Hall Chapter will hold their spring meeting Saturday, May 13 at Davanni's. For more information contact **Stew Thornley** at 651-415-0791 or stew@stewthornley.net.

MAY 20

MILWAUKEE, WI

The Ken Keltner/Badger State Chapter will meet on Saturday, May 20, 11:00 a.m. at Long Wong's Chinese - American Sports Bar. Contact **Rick Schabowski** at 414-769-7944 or RICKIU76@aol.com.

BOSTON, MA

The Boston Chapter will meet May 20 and will focus on Sabermetrics. For more information, contact **Seamus Kearney** at seamus@cs.umb.edu or 781-321-0681.

JUNE 3

DAYTON, OH

The Dayton Chapter will meet Saturday, June 3, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at 5/3 Field. Plans are to attend the Dayton-Peoria game at 7:00 p.m. Program for the meeting is still being formed. For more information, contact **John Schleppe** at 937-294-1137 or John.Schleppe@notes.udayton.edu.

JUNE 10

WATERLOO, IA

The next Field of Dreams Chapter meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 10 in the Waterloo area. For more information contact **Tim Rask** at timrask@worldnet.att.net or 319-351-6537.

JUNE 24

DANVILLE, IN

The Oscar Charleston Chapter will be on hand at the dedication of the Sam Thompson historical marker at Ellis Park in Danville at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact **Bill Madden** at 317-842-9856 or maddenmdd@aol.com.

JUNE 29-JULY 1

SEATTLE, WA

The SABR Annual Convention will be held Thursday, June 29 to Saturday, July 1 at the Seattle Renaissance Hotel on Madison. Keynote speaker will be former major league pitcher and noted author, **Jim Bouton**.

JULY 6-8

KANSAS CITY, MO

The Ninth Annual Jerry Malloy Conference will take place in Kansas City July 6-8. Satchel Paige is the theme and his birthday is the seventh of July. For more details, contact **Lloyd Johnson** at lloydj@msn.com or 816-651-7118.

JULY 22

TOKYO, JAPAN

The Tokyo Chapter of SABR will meet on Saturday, July 22. Place and time to be determined. For more information contact **Haruko Hasumi** at mhgo2576@jcom.home.ne.jp

JULY 30

COOPERSTOWN, NY

The Leatherstocking Chapter will meet HOF induction weekend, Sunday July 30, tentatively scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Tillipaugh's Funeral Home on Pioneer Street. For more information, contact **Gene Carney** at carneya6@adelphia.net or 315-732-6991.

OCTOBER 14

CLEVELAND, OH

The Jack Graney Chapter will hold its fall meeting on Saturday, October 14 at the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland. For more information contact **Steve Johnson** at sjiiiboh@aol.com or 440-775-0567.

Boxscores of Past Meetings

St. Louis, January 21

Chapter: Bob Broeg Chapter.
Presenters: Jack Clark on his baseball career; Jay Randolph on his broadcasting career; Rick Hummell, *St. Louis Post Dispatch* writer, an upcoming season overview; **Bill Jennings**, former St. Louis Brown, on his

minor and major league career; **Barbara Sheinbein & Joan Thomas** on the status of the ballpark marker project for Robison Field; **John Zajc**, SABR executive director, on SABR 36 and **Bob Tiemann**, "1908 St. Louis Brown Pennant Run."

Award: **Rick Salamon** and **Bob Tiemann** received meritorious service awards
Trivia Winner: **Dennis Stegmann** won with **Vic Witte** finishing second.
Place: Mike Shannon's Steaks and Seafood.

Little Falls, January 21

Chapter: Elysian Fields Chapter.
Milestone: The chapter's first meeting.
Guests: "Brooklyn" **Bradley Shaw** performed "Casey at the Bat;" Journalist **Phil Pepe**; **John Brandt**, G.M. of the Newark Bears and promotions director **Mike Collazzo**.
Panels: **Bob McGee**, **Andy Mele** and **Dan Schlossberg**, "Authors Panel;" **Larry Berra**, **Pamela Irvin Fields**, **Arlene Howard** and **Carmen Berra**, "Sons, Daughters and Wives Panel."

Presentations: **Bob Golon**, "New Jersey Minor League History;" **Robert Bailey**, "History of the 1932 Junior World Series;" **Dick Burnon**, "St. Louis Browns During WWII;" and **Ray Zardetto**, "Law of Bad Timing."

Place: Yogi Berra Museum.

Hamden, February 18

Chapter: Smoky Joe Wood Chapter.
Guests: **Bob Wirz**, "KC Royals, Commissioner's Office, and New Haven Cutters."

Presenters: **Mike Roer**, "Jim Orator O'Rourke;" **Rich Marazzi**, "Ruleball;" **Mike Dempsey**, "Waterbury Hall of Fame."

Trivia Winner: **Tom Zocco**.

Place: Quinnipiac University.

Pittsburgh, April 1

Chapter: Forbes Fields Chapter.
Guests: Former major leaguer **Frank Thomas** and **Brian O'Neill**, of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. **Rod Nelson**, SABR research services manager.

Presenters: **Denis Repp**, "Pirates Uniforms;" **Greg Spalding**, "All-Star Games in Pittsburgh;" **Bob Sproule**, "Satchel Paige's Rules for Staying Young."

Place: Heinz History Center.

SABR NINE QUESTIONS

By Ryan Chamberlain

At age 30, it would seem that Golden Baseball League CEO and Founder **Dave Kaval** has spent most of his adult life making his dreams come true.

After earning a BA from Stanford University, Kaval and friend Brad Knull embarked on a baseball odyssey in 1998 like few others--to see a baseball game in all 30 ballparks in 38 days. He and Knull chronicled their adventure in the book, **The Summer that Saved Baseball**.

Subsequently earning his MBA from Stanford as well, Kaval was able to turn a class project into reality, and thus the eight-team Golden Baseball League was born.

One of the unique aspects of the league is its single-entity ownership model, where the league owns all the teams. This is designed to provide stability and "sort of align incentives in the early years," according to Kaval.

The league, now in its second year of play, enjoyed an encouraging season in 2005. One of the noteworthy events of that season was the formation of the Samurai Bears, the first all-Japanese born team to play in an organized American league. Although the team folded after the 2005 season, it showed the possibilities of what professional international baseball has to offer an American audience.

In the end, Kaval's vision is to make professional baseball fun and accessible to communities across California and Arizona. A SABR member since 2004, Kaval has worked with members of the San Diego Chapter to record the development and progress of the league and archival material that can be useful in the future for historical research purposes. We hope it's the start of a long and fruitful partnership.

What inspired you to start the Golden Baseball League?

Growing up in Cleveland in the 1980s, I saw first hand how a professional sports team like the Browns or Indians could bring a community, and in my case a family, together. I spent

many evening on the shores of Lake Erie at old Municipal Stadium watching Cory Snyder and Andre Thornton hit home runs towards the Dawg Pound. The team usually lost but the hours of conversations and shared experiences with my father, grandfather, and brother were some of my best memories as a child. It is this magic of baseball and how it creates a bond in families and in a community that inspired me to start the Golden Baseball League.

My baseball trip in 1998 to see a baseball game in all 30 MLB ballparks in 38 days also contributed to my passion for baseball and desire to start the Golden Baseball League. The wonder and thrill of traveling the country for six weeks and seeing a ball game almost every night was a life changing event. Plus, it was a ton of fun. The ambience of each ballpark combined with the unique fans from Montreal to Chicago rekindled my boyhood love of the game and its power to make a positive impact on people's lives. Following the dramatic home run chase between McGwire and Sosa first-hand on our trip was an unexpected bonus that signified a rebirth of the game after the terrible 1995 strike. Our subsequent book, **The Summer That Saved Baseball**, put us in the middle of the great debate on the best ballpark in MLB. Brad and I choose Fenway with Wrigley close behind. The trip clearly demonstrated to us that ballparks are truly the modern day cathedrals that serve as village greens for their respective communities. In founding the Golden Baseball League, I wanted to create that same feeling that we experienced in the stands of Wrigley, Jacobs Field and Yankee Stadium across cities in the west.

What is your role as CEO of the Golden Baseball League?

As CEO of the League, I oversee all business functions for the Golden Base-

ball League and serve as one of the four managing partners of our ownership group. Since we operate as a single-entity League, my business oversight extends to all the teams as well as League matters. At this point of the League's development, I am focused on sponsorship and expansion markets.

However, as a founder I am involved in all aspects of the company. For instance, I worked with Commissioner Kevin Outcalt on securing former Cleveland Indians great, Cory Snyder, to manage our new team in St. George, Utah. Cory was living in Utah and was interested in getting back into professional baseball. The new team in St. George was a perfect fit for Cory to start developing young kids into professional baseball players. Plus, it didn't hurt that he had some standout years with the Tribe!

What are the advantages to a single-entity ownership over individual owners and why did you decide to choose that model when you founded the league?

The key to our success to date has been the single entity ownership model. Such a model brings more stability and aligned incentives across the teams. You do not have the trials and tribulations of managing individual owners and their egos. Instead, the League can focus on growing the business, putting the best possible baseball product on the field, and creating a top notch family entertainment experience for the fans.

The model also allows for new revenue opportunities like our \$3M partnership with Safeway, and better economies of scale on the cost side. For instance, we buy baseballs, bats, uniforms, promotional items and food goods at a significant discount to an individual team owner by leveraging the buying power of our multiple teams.

Finally, owning the League allows you to set standards on the concessions and promotional side to ensure a great experience at every GBL ballpark.

What is the best part of your job?

My favorite part of my job is launching a new team. The excitement of working with a community to bring professional baseball to its residents is unmatched. That feeling at opening day with thousands of fans rooting for their new home town team is unparalleled.

The other area of my job that I truly enjoy is giving players an opportunity to make it back to the big leagues. We sold over 30 player contracts to MLB organizations in our first season (tops in all Indy ball). It is an amazing feeling to give these kids a chance to play and to see them thrive. I am looking forward to the day when the first Golden Baseball League veteran plays in the show. We have a couple of kids in Triple-A this season, and I will be watching closely as they get called up.

Has the success of the World Baseball Classic had an impact on your operations?

It has been very positive for the League. I think there has been a renewed interest in the international aspects of the American Pastime. We have been on the forefront of that move with our all Japanese team, the Samurai Bears, and with our player sales to the Taiwan Professional Baseball League. International player development is a key part of our business and we hope to continue to have both players and teams from Latin America and Asia.

What lessons did you learn from the rise and fall of the Samurai Bears?

The Samurai Bears were one of the most exciting elements of our inaugural season. Seeing a team play in the Japanese tradition of small ball was great for fans here in America. It also created huge interest in southern California amongst the Japanese communities and whole fan clubs sprung up in support of the Samurai Bears. The experience really showed us how the

game has become internationalized and that more such exchanges of players and teams is good for baseball.

It was also one of the most difficult aspects of the business to manage since the team was on the road for all 90 games. In the future, we hope to have international teams that exist in a fixed location like our other teams in the League.

Would the league ever consider fielding another international team like the Bears?

Yes. We are looking at several Latin American possibilities for 2007. The team would have a home field and would not be an exclusive traveling team like the Samurai Bears.

The league has established a rigorous drug-testing policy based on the World Anti-Doping Agency's guidelines. Why so stringent?

I feel that there is no place for illegal drugs in our business. We run a family friendly operation off the field and illegal drug usage by our players would undermine the trust we have established with our fans. That is exactly what has happened at the MLB level. As a steward of the great game of baseball, I am proud to say that we have the most stringent drug policy in all of professional baseball.

What are your long term goals for the GBL?

My vision for the Golden Baseball League is to create the premier professional minor league in the country. With ownership of all the teams, the League will be stable and provide high quality family entertainment for our fans. At the same time, the League will continue to sell players back to MLB organizations and provide players another route to the Big Leagues. Finally, the Golden Baseball League will provide families and communities the same opportunity to come together around the American Pastime that I had growing up in Cleveland.

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"Many of our members view Opening Day as the moment when they begin to unwrap a long awaited present," said SABR Executive Director **John Zajc**. "They don't know what's wrapped up inside the box, but they hope it's going to be what they've always wanted."

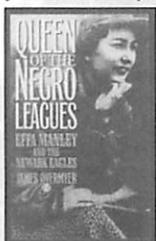
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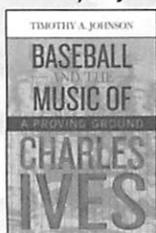
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The niche avenues of baseball research facilitated by the society are almost as fathomless as the facts and figures themselves. All this work and time spent on baseball research may be trivial to some outsiders, but for the organization's members, it's serious work.

For some SABR members, however, their serious work is trivial.

"Trivia is really history, and history is fascinating whatever the topic. When you love baseball, well, what's not to enjoy about baseball trivia?" says **Joe Hoppel**, author and editor of many books including the *Sporting News: Baseball Trivia Book*.

Hoppel is part of a steadfast group of SABR members that dedicate themselves to developing that perfect diamond stumper.

"I really enjoy the oddities, rarities and unusual coincidences that the long season of baseball produces. Because almost every act in the game can be quantified, it leads to some amazing trivia and ties in well with the players and teams from the past," said **Madison McEntire**, author of *Big League Trivia: Facts, Figures, Oddities and Coincidences from our National Pastime*.

SABR member **Mark Pattison**, co-author of *Detroit Tigers Lists and More Runs, Hits and Eras*, seems to agree, "I like how trivia can connect otherwise disconnected events, like how Ivan Rodriguez' 11 walks in 2005 was the fewest by any Tiger with at least 500 plate appearances since Charlie Carr, with 10 walks in 573 plate appearances in 1903, when walks weren't valued nearly as much then."

"Baseball trivia allows me to sit around with like-minded people and share our love of the game. The limitless number of intriguing questions continually challenges me to think in different ways. I'm always learning something new," says **Scott Flatow**, author of the *McFarland Baseball Quiz Book*.

But let's not forget, at the heart of every trivia question is a contest and the thrill of competition. For the

SABR trivia community, it's a chance to outwit, outplay and claim the title of trivia champion against some of the most knowledgeable individuals in the game. But where does all this trivia lead? Who is the best? For many SABR members, the ultimate baseball trivia challenge is held at the annual conventions.

"The trivia contest at the annual SABR convention is the World Series of sports trivia," said SABR Research Services Manager **Rod Nelson**. "There's no higher level of competition anywhere. It takes an extraordinarily sharp person to win a baseball trivia at a regional chapter meeting, but the annual convention is something else altogether."

"I know I'm not alone in feeling humbled at the display of such brainpower," Nelson said.

In the end though, it appears that most SABR members invest their time on trivia to help advance the knowledge of the game.

Says **David Nemec**, SABR trivia guru and author of *The Great Book of Baseball Knowledge: The Ultimate Test for the Ultimate Fan*, "The vast amount of general knowledge I've gained about the game has often come directly from researching my trivia question."

But will there ever be, could there ever be, the ultimate baseball trivia book? **Doug Lyons**, author of the *Baseball Geeks Bible* doubts it.

"There's so much of it, and it's always changing," says Lyons. "Tatis's two grand slams in the same inning, April 23, 1999 never happened before [in baseball]. And it's not like Tatis was such a great slugger, he was bound to do it sometime. No. The game is simple, but complicated."

Perhaps, as Lyons says, with all the new stuff happening every year, there is not, and can never be, a "complete" book of baseball trivia. But as many know, that won't keep SABR members from trying to create it.

FAVORITE OPENING DAY TRIVIA FROM SABR MEMBERS

"En route to winning a record 20

straight games to start their season, in 1884 the St. Louis Maroons won their Opening Day game in the Union Association (UA), beating the Chicago Browns, and then proceeded to win the first game they played with 9 of the other 10 franchises that were represented in the UA in 1884. The only one of the 12 UA franchises the Maroons failed to beat the first time the two teams met perhaps escaped being defeated by the Maroons only because they never played them. What was that franchise? Answer: Milwaukee, which finished with the 2nd best record in the UA." – David Nemec

"All three players that had a three-homer game on opening day did it on the same calendar day of April 4 – George Bell (1988), Karl "Tuffy" Rhodes (1994), and Dmitri Young (2005)." – Madison McEntire

"Outfielder Gale Wade was in the starting lineup in only nine major leagues games, but two of those nine were on opening day (1955 and 1956, for the Cubs). I have always thought that being in the opening-day lineup was special, and here's a player who started only seven other games in the majors and appeared in just 19 big league games overall." – Joe Hoppel

"Dwight Evans (Red Sox) hitting the first pitch of the season for a home run, April 7, 1986, off Jack Morris of the Tigers. Never happened before. This emphasizes, dramatically, that you never know what you're going to see when you go to a game." – Doug Lyons

"I've always enjoyed the question: Who was the first manager Jackie Robinson played for in the majors? It's Brooklyn coach Clyde Sukeforth who served as interim skipper due to Leo Durocher's yearlong suspension. After two games, Sukeforth was replaced by Burt Shotton." – Scott Flatow

Membership Growth Strongest Since 90s

More members are joining SABR in 2006 than at any time since the dues were raised to \$50 in 1999.

So far in the 2006 membership year, over 585 people have joined SABR, about 80 more than at the same point a year ago. In fact, there have been only four years out of the past 15 that have had more members by April 10. Part of this success is due to the Member-Get-a-Member Campaign.

Members whose membership previously lapsed have also been coming back to SABR at rates not seen in the past 15 years. If the current trends continue, SABR will finish just short of its all-time membership record of 7,155 members. You can help us break our all-time mark by spreading the word on SABR membership. Request membership brochures from the SABR office, or refer people to www.sabr.org. Thank you for your support!

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the Newark Bears, and Promotions Director Mike Collazzo, who talked about the business side of minor league baseball. Bob Golon, who also helped coordinate the event, gave a power point presentation of the latest happenings in New Jersey minor league baseball.

The New Jersey meeting also included two panel discussions. The first panelist included Bob McGee (*The Best Ballpark Ever*), Andy Mele (*The Brooklyn Dodger Reader*) and Dan

Schlossberg (*The Designated Hitter and Making Airwaves*) discussing the nuts and bolts of researching, writing, publishing and promoting baseball books. The second panel included Larry Berra, Pamela Irvin Fields, Arlene Howard and Carmen Berra discussing the complications and joys of living with a baseball Hall of Famer.

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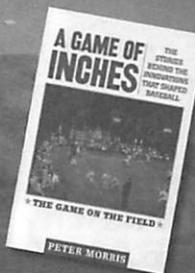
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SABR and the Amateur Athletic Federation of Los Angeles (AAFLA) reached an agreement in April to move forward with a multiyear project to digitize the only remaining physical set of *The Sporting Life*, a weekly periodical that covered baseball between 1883 and 1917.

The National Baseball Museum and Library (BBHoF) holdings of *TSL* will be scanned and then processed to create a searchable text index for each issue. The project is expected to get underway this summer with the first issues appearing online during autumn. An official announcement will be made early in the baseball season. Microfilm reels are currently available to members via the SABR Lending Library.

PICTORIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE CONSTRUCTING A BASEBALL INVENTORY OF BAIN COLLECTION

The Library of Congress has now posted on its website over 41,000 photos from the George Bain Collection on its Web site. SABR's Pictorial History Committee is currently weeding through those photos in a process to identify which ones are baseball-related. The current committee estimate is that there will be over 2,000 baseball photos when their inventory has been completed.

According to committee chair, **Bill Hickman**, The committee's inventory of Bain baseball photos is being developed in an Excel spreadsheet. Each record in the inventory will contain the specific URL of each baseball photo, so that the user can go directly to that photo within the Bain collection. If you wish to receive a copy of the inventory once it has been completed, send an email to Bill at bdhickmn@aol.com. *Please note that there is no letter "a" in bdhickmn.*

When the inventory is complete, the Pictorial History Committee will examine each baseball photo in detail to identify the player or players portrayed in it. The Library of Congress staff has agreed to make adjustments to their photo captions when SABR brings to their attention the need to do so on particular photos. If you would like to join the process of reviewing and verifying the Bain baseball photos and associated captions, please contact Bill Hickman at the above email address.

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——: Major league salaries, 2006. 8 pages. Team-by-team list of the salaries of 823 players on opening day rosters or disabled lists, plus other information. From USA Today.

Boyanoski, John: Greenville loves Joe. 5 pages. Photocopy of article in the Greenville (S.C.) Journal, November 18, 2005, on how residents of Shoeless Joe Jackson's hometown honor him.

Hines-Brigger, Susan: Bring faith to the ballfield. 5 pages. Photocopy of article in St. Anthony Messenger, April 1999, about Msgr. Martin Schwalenberg, then the chaplain for the Baltimore Orioles.

Odenkirk, James E.: Idahoan Freddy Leach, a little-known .300 career hitter who played for Muggsy but preferred farming. 17 pages.

Scheffel, Laurel: Does anyone keep score at baseball games anymore? 3 pages. Text of article in the Scripps Treasure Coast (Fla.) Newspapers about how few spectators keep score at games today. Includes a brief manual on how to keep score.

Stone, Larry: The changing face of baseball: African American players on the decline. 8 pages. Text of article in the Seattle Times, August 28, 2005. With chart.

Stone, Larry: Around the majors. 2 pages. A team-by-team list of American black players on major league rosters on August 22, 2005.

Stone, Larry: Mariners mirror majors' declining numbers. 3 pages. A year-by-year list of American black players on the Seattle Mariners' roster since the team began.

Wride, Charlie, compiler: New York-Penn League alumni in the major leagues, 2005. 7 pages. A list of all major league players and coaches in 2005 or in 2006 spring training who played in the New York-Penn League. Includes current team, NYP League team(s) and years.

The following three articles are from publications for stamp collectors:

Bauer, Brian C.: 1939 baseball first day cover. 3 pages. Photocopy of article in U.S. Stamps & Postal History, May-June 1995, about the 1939 Cooperstown Centennial stamp.

Davis, Patricia S.: The man with 714 home runs and three postage stamps. 3 pages. About Babe Ruth. Photocopy of article in U.S. Stamp News, May-June 2001.

Rushofsky, Norman: Play ball! 5 pages. Photocopy of article in U.S. Stamps & Postal History, Summer 1993, about baseball-themed philately.

The following articles contain the text of a special section published by the Boston Globe in July 2002 after Ted Williams died:

Chamberlain, Tony: Boatload of talent extended to another sport. 4 pages. Ted's prowess as a fisherman.

Duffy, Bob: Ted's .406 season. 4 pages.

Duffy, Bob: Out with a bang. 4 pages. Williams' last game, in which he hit a home run in his last at-bat.

DuPont, Kevin Paul: "Trying to get a fastball by him was like trying to get a sunbeam past a rooster." Teammates and rivals talk about Ted. 8 pages.

Edes, Gordon: Ted's battles with writers and fans. 3 pages.

Edes, Gordon: Teammates reminisce. 8 pages.

Edes, Gordon: In baseball and beyond, Ted was a true American hero. 12 pages. An appreciation.

Edes, Gordon: He made a name in San Diego, too. 2 pages. Williams and his hometown.

Gammons, Peter: The science of hitting. 3 pages. Players talk about how Williams' ideas affected hitting.

Ryan, Bob: The greatest? His desire made wish come true. 3 pages. An appreciation of Williams by a columnist.

Shaughnessy, Dan: Plenty on his plate: Even after he stopped hitting, he had much to give the game. 3 pages. Williams after he stopped playing.

Shaughnessy, Dan: In right field, a true seat of power. 2 pages. About the seat in the 37th row of the Fenway Park bleachers that Williams hit with the longest home run in Fenway Park.

Shaughnessy, Dan: Easily, he was the brightest light. 4 pages. Williams in the All-Star Game.

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We are once again preparing for another SABR election, and it has always been interesting to read the candidates' statements. This year is no exception. There are always well-expressed thoughts and ideas in these statements, and if there is a common theme this year, it is a recognition of the increasing importance of the Internet and electronic communication in SABR affairs.

With this in mind I attended the Spring Board meeting in early April. In recent years at one of our meetings the entire agenda has been devoted to the discussion and review of long-term issues. Such was the case that weekend in Cleveland. Developing a long term strategy and planning for it are the primary functions of an Executive Board. It sets the goals and objectives for the organization, and the Executive Director carries them out. First item on the agenda was a discussion of future funding of SABR operations and what new revenue streams might develop over the next several years. As we all know, SABR has been very dependent on membership dues for its cash flow from the organization's beginnings. Our donations program has developed well under the leadership of Paul Hirsch, but there is still a

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long way to go before we achieve better balance in our funding. Where else can we go? Several interesting ideas were put on the table during a very vigorous discussion. Although no specific action was taken, the Board recognizes that new sources will have to be found if we are to continue to add to SABR's research assets.

The addition of Proquest has been one of our great additions to the bank of research tools that SABR offers, and the Board turned its attention to digitization issues. We were pleased to approve a partnership with the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles where that organization will take the lead in digitizing the entire run of *Sporting Life*, an important sports paper of the 19th century and the Deadball era. The Hall of Fame will provide its copies of the publication for the digitization work, and SABR will make a financial contribution over the next two years. It is a tremendous resource, and SABR members will have complete access to it when the project is completed over the next few years. This is an example of what partnering with

respected organizations like the AAF and the Hall can do to further the research tools for SABR. Other projects of this nature will surely be undertaken in similar fashion.

One important topic that is of interest to all members is the direction that the SABR publications program will take over the next several years. We're very aware that times are changing very fast. More and more material is being presented electronically, and we are only at the beginning of this process. It is likely that within a very few years the SABR publication program will be balanced between paper and electronic, and there will be more research published. The addition of the Research Service Manager to our staff will accelerate this process.

We're into a very dynamic period in SABR's history, and I foresee many changes in the way we do things in the future. One thing that will help us create a stronger organization is the feedback from you, the members. Our membership is SABR's greatest asset, and we need your ideas. Don't hesitate to let us know them.

See you in Seattle!

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- Mount St Helens National Volcanic Monument
- Argosy Cruises
- various other local tours

We will offer tours from Monday June 26 through Sunday July 2, starting with a boat trip to Victoria, British Columbia and ending with a cruise to the San Juan Islands. Other tours include outings to Mt. Rainier and Mt. St. Helens. We will also have a SABR group departing from Seattle on a 7-day Alaska cruise Sunday afternoon July 2.

Some trips will be offered twice during the week, to offer flexibility. The exact schedule and pricing (a 26-page PDF) can be found online at:

http://nw sabr. sabr.org/SABR_36_Details_on_Optional_Events.pdf

IN MEMORIAM

HERBERT GINSBURG

Herbert Ginsburg, 77, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania passed away on March 28, 2006. A SABR member since 1992, Herbert was a member of the Forbes Field Chapter and his interest was statistical analysis.

Herbert was also the father of SABR founding member Daniel Ginsburg. Said Dan, "While his ties to SABR were mainly through me (he took me to the founding meeting 35 years ago), he was a lifelong baseball fan, with a special interest in the Pittsburgh Pirates. He used to tell the story of when we arrived at the Hall of Fame for the first meeting everyone assumed that he was the researcher rather than me, and they were very surprised when he left to tour the museum while I went to the meeting."

PAT JOHNSON

Pat Johnson, 81, of Glendale, (Hamilton County) Ohio passed away on February 3, 2006. A SABR member since 2000, Pat was a member of the Hoyt-Allen Chapter in Cincinnati.

VINCE RUSSO

Vince Russo, 68, of Forest Hills, New York recently passed away. A SABR member since 1981, Vince was a ballpark enthusiast, his favorites being the Polo Grounds and Ebbets Field. He also was an advocate for the pre-1947 big leaguers who did not receive pensions.



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June 24

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July 22

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October 14

Jack Graney Chapter meeting, Cleveland OH
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Don't Forget to Vote in the 2006 SABR Elections!

The March/April Bulletin contained an insert with all the materials you needed to cast your ballot in the SABR election. If you are designated a 2006 member, then you are eligible to vote.

Feel free to contact the candidates if you would like to know more about their vision for SABR's future.

Ballots must be received by 7:00am, June 7, 2006.

Errata

Errors in the March/April TSB:

- On page 2., *Shades of Glory* by Lawrence D. Hogan was misrepresented in the SABR Bookshelf as "Shades of Gray."

- On page 8, in the "SABR Nine" feature, the name Jimmy Gleason should have read: Jimmy Gleeson.

- In the "McGinnity Honored" article on page 18, the article indicated that he is being honored by family on his side, not his wife's side as was printed. Also **Gabriel Schechter's** name was misspelled in the same piece. In addition, Charles W. Brown, a representative of the McGinnity Family, contacted the SABR office to let us know that they took out the poem and added a baseball diamond with baseball player playing ball.

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Due to a lack of demand and as a way to cut costs, it was decided in 2003 that membership cards would be issued only upon request.

WHERE WILL THE 2007 ANNUAL CONVENTION BE HELD?

St. Louis has been awarded the 2007 SABR National Convention. Dates will be determined after the Major League Baseball schedule has been set.

SPIRIT OF SABR SALUTE

In each *Bulletin*, this space will be devoted to recognizing SABR members who, on their own initiative or on request, have assisted other members in their research projects - what SABR is all about. The only source of names will be you, the membership. There will be no judges, no committees, no competition. All names submitted will be printed; their nominators will not be identified.

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Congratulations to SABR member **Jacques Doucet**, who will become the new radio voice of the Quebec Les Capitales during broadcasts on the airways of INFO 800. For 33 years Mr. Doucet was the voice for the Montreal Expos and his career ended abruptly with the transfer of the Montreal team to Washington. Mr. Doucet will be heard on all 46 Capitale home games.

Jacques Doucet is a member of the Quebec Hall of Fame since 2002, the Expos Hall of Fame since 2003, and the Baseball Canada Hall of Fame since 2004. In February of last year Jacques was one of the 10 finalists for the Ford C. Frick Award presented annually for major contributions to baseball broadcasting. Jacques' resume is very impressive with over 5,000 games under his belt as a commentator. This includes two perfect games (Dennis Martinez in 1991 and David Cone in 1999), several no-hitters, all-star games and play-off games as well.

According to Baseball-Reference.com, Les Capitales de Québec (Quebec City Capitals) are a team in the independent Can-Am League. They began play in 1999, when minor league operator **Miles Wolff** decided to bring professional baseball back to the city. Quebec had been without a team since the Eastern League's Quebec Metros left after the 1977 season.

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In June, ProQuest sent SABR a letter explaining a new business decision to no longer offer remote access to genealogical or historical societies, beginning at the end of the current subscription year. For SABR, that means beginning on January 1, 2007, SABR members will no longer have remote access to the various historical newspapers to which SABR subscribes, nor will we have access to the HeritageQuest databases.

SABR will continue to seek out and make available research assets and tools to fulfill our mission of helping people do baseball research. The money currently spent on these subscriptions will either be used for such purposes or retained in our war chest for future uses.

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Membership Returns Three to Board

Bill Nowlin, **Neal Traven**, and **Andy McCue** were re-elected to their positions on the SABR Board of Directors in the latest SABR election. Their new terms began at the end of the Annual Business Meeting in Seattle, June 28.

Nowlin of Cambridge, Massachusetts, ran unopposed in the Vice-President race. A member since 1994, he was first elected as VP in 2004. Nowlin is the author or co-author of more than a dozen baseball books and over 100 articles on baseball (including 2 in the most recent edition of *The National Pastime*). His current term runs through 2008.

Traven, of Seattle, Washington, ran unopposed in the Secretary's race. A member since 1984, he most recently managed the research presentations at the Seattle convention. He is the chair of the Statistical Analysis Committee and the listowner of STATLG-L. His current term runs through 2009.

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Another Fun Weekend at the Seymour Medal Conference

For the eighth consecutive year, SABR's Seymour Medal Conference again brought together some of the most talented baseball writers and researchers on the continent to celebrate the best in baseball history and biography.

The conference, sponsored by the Cleveland Indians, began with a Friday night excursion to the diamond suite of Classic Park, home of the minor league Lake County Captains and Class-A affiliate to the Indians. The Diamond Suite, known as the "Crown Jewel" of Classic Park, was located above home plate, providing a wonderful view of the game and plenty of room for conference attendees to socialize inside or outside.

Before the game, Captains owner **Peter Carfagna** addressed conference attendees and participated in a Q&A session. Besides owning the Captains, Mr. Carfagna was also former general counsel to the International Management Group, one of the nation's leading sports marketing and representation firms. He also owns the Everett AquaSox (Seattle Mariners Class A affiliate) and the Lancaster (Calif.) JetHawks (Arizona Diamondbacks Class A affiliate).

Afterwards, attendees enjoyed a pre-game mixer in the Diamond Suite with books will be provided by **Andy Rubin** of Baltimorechop.com. Authors appearing included **Dorothy Seymour Mills**, **David Block**, **David W. Anderson**, **Peter Morris**, **Bob Carson**, **Morris Eckhouse**, **Gene Carney**, and keynote speaker **Miles Wolff**.

The game started at 7:05 p.m. against the Delmarva Shorebirds (Orioles).

Saturday's events included an interesting and entertaining line-up of research presentations. **Gene Carney**, author of *Burying the Black Sox: How Baseball's Cover-Up of the 1919 World Series Fix Almost Succeeded*, led off with his presentation "Eight Myths Out," based around the idea of what Asinof might need to revise if he wrote *Eight Men Out* today. Carney was followed by **Roger Launius** and **G. Michael Green** who presented, "Yes it Sucks, But Charlie's the Boss": Charlie O. Finley versus His Field Managers." The quote in the title of this presentation comes from former A's manager Dick Williams who had the great fortune and misfortune to lead the Oakland A's to two world championships while working for A's owner Charles O. Finley. Their presentation examined the "autocratic relationship" Finley imposed upon his field managers. Next,

Bob Carson shared his experiences creating his annual publication, *Minor Trips* (www.minortrips.com), geared toward travelers and sports fans alike to help them find minor league base-

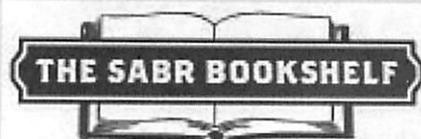
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Seymour Medal Winner David Block (left) with Dorothy Seymour Mills and SABR Executive Director John Zajac

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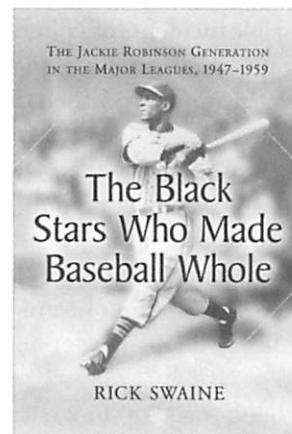
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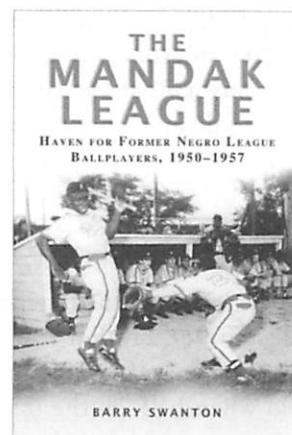
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ARMED FORCES

The first issue of *SABR Stars and SABR Stripes*, the Armed Services committee was sent out by members in June.

The newsletter features an update on the research produced by the committee and an article by Bill Nowlin about Red Sox players in war.

BASEBALL RECORDS

The June Baseball Records committee newsletter noted that committee chair **Lyle Spatz** needed help trying to verify if two possible incidents of a pitcher stealing home actually took place, and if they did, the inning in which they happened.

The first one is by Jesse Tannehill of Pittsburgh, against St. Louis, on September 20, 1900.

The second is by Henry Schmidt of Brooklyn, against St. Louis, in the second game of a doubleheader on August 15, 1903.

A check of the box scores on Proquest and in *The Sporting News*, show no stolen bases for Tannehill, so this one probably never happened according to the news letter report. Both sources do, however, show a stolen base for Schmidt, but make no mention of what base he stole or in what inning he stole it. If anyone has the time and/or resources to do any further checking, please contact Lyle with what you find.

BIOPROJECT

Fritz Ostermueller by **John Green**; Philip Wrigley by **Andrew Steele**; Fred Lake by **Don Hyslop**

Fritz Ostermueller was forty-one years old when he took the mound on September 30, 1948, to make the final start of his 15-year major league career. The Pittsburgh lefthander had played with four teams in The Show, his lifetime ledger was even at 114 wins and 114 losses.

Philip Knight Wrigley owned the Chicago Cubs from 1932 until his death in 1977. During that time, he brought baseball the infamous "college of coaches," founded the revolutionary

All-American Girls Baseball League, maintained Wrigley Field as one of the great stadiums in all of sports, and—to the despair of Cubs' fans—presided over the bleakest decades in the team's history.

As a longtime Red Sox fan and a Canadian, Don Hyslop thought he knew all the Canadian-born people that have been involved with the team, but he learned otherwise. While reading Tim Gay's recent book, *Tris Speaker*, in preparation for an interview, he came across a name he was unfamiliar with until then. The name was Fred Lake. He was a Nova Scotian who managed the Red Sox the last 28 games of the 1908 season and the entire 1909 season. This new information sparked an interest in him to find out as much as he could about this man.

COLLEGE

The May newsletter of the College Baseball research committee announced that a new Web site has been created for the sole purpose of keeping tabs on the major leaguers who have been associated with colleges. Currently the information has been housed at www.ncaa-baseball.com, but this information is out-dated and will be moved over to the new site, www.collegebaseballhistory.org, within the next few months.

It is then the committee's intention to add additional content to the Web site and build it into a history of each college baseball program, including year-by-year records, championships, conference affiliations, famous baseball alumni, etc., sort of an online college baseball encyclopedia. Researchers are welcome to contribute information as it becomes available.

Researchers are needed to complete the record for many of the colleges, from Division I down through the NAIA. If you'd like to assist, but are not really sure where to begin or in which direction to work, let the committee chair know.

LATINO

The spring edition of the committee newsletter, *La Prensa del Béisbol*

Latino announced the passing of committee chair, **Eduard Valero**. (see In Memoriam). Chairman of the Latino committee for more than a decade, Eduardo was 80 years old and was the last of the baseball writers alive that attended the first Caribbean Baseball Series in Havana, 1949.

Articles in this issue include a recap of the World Baseball Classic by **Peter Bjarkman**, trivia section and an article entitled *Jonron: a Reality* by **Edwin Fernandez** and **Henry Martino**.

MINOR LEAGUE

According to committee's June newsletter, this is the last year for Ray Winder Field. Get down to Little Rock (TL) this summer if you want to see a game in this historic park.

The new Columbus, OH (IL) park, scheduled for a 2008 opening will be next to the Nationwide Arena at Neil Ave and Nationwide Blvd.

Quad Cities (MWL) were able to stabilize their operation when they paid their stadium debt to the city of Davenport, IA.

Greenville, SC (SAL), a Red Sox farm club opened their near-downtown stadium in April. The field matches the dimensions of Fenway Park, including the "Green Monster" in left field. What happens if they switch affiliations, to say, Minnesota, is unknown. Also in Greenville, the former home of Shoeless Joe Jackson was recently moved to a site near the new stadium, where it is to become a baseball museum.

WOMEN IN BASEBALL

The May 2006 newsletter highlighted the dedication of the AAGPBL Statue at the Hall of Fame on May 14.

According to the newsletter, there were about 50 members of the AAGPBL present for the weekend along with a variety of other women pioneers. Jane Moffett spoke for the league at the dedication of the new statue and Katie Brownell helped cut the ribbon to dedicate the new exhibit "Diamond Dreams."

Upcoming Events

JULY 22

TOKYO, JAPAN

The Tokyo Chapter of SABR will meet on Saturday, July 22. Place and time to be determined. For more information contact **Haruko Hasumi** at mhgo2576@jcom.home.ne.jp

JULY 30

COOPERSTOWN, NY

The Leatherstocking Chapter will meet HOF induction weekend, Sunday July 30, tentatively scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Tillipaugh's Funeral Home on Pioneer Street. For more information, contact **Gene Carney** at carneya6@adelphia.net or 315-732-6991.

AUGUST 19

MEMPHIS, TN

Memphis Redbirds General Manager Dave Chase welcomes Robinson-Kell Chapter members and guests to Autozone Park at 1:00pm. Former big leaguer Bill Selby is featured speaker. Contact **Madison McEntire** at madcris@sbcglobal.net or 501-847-1734

OCTOBER 14

CLEVELAND, OH

The Jack Graney Chapter will hold its fall meeting on Saturday, October 14 at the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland. For more information contact **Steve Johnson** at sjiiioh@aol.com or 440-775-0567.

OCTOBER 21

TOLEDO, OH

The next meeting of the Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter will be held on Saturday, October 21. Time and place to be determined. For more information contact **Steve Lauer** at (419) 882-1301.

NOVEMBER 11

TOKYO, JAPAN

The Tokyo Chapter of SABR will meet Saturday, November 11. Time and place to be determined. For more information contact **Haruko Hasumi** at mhgo2576@jcom.home.ne.jp

DENVER, CO

Rocky Mountain SABR Chapter The Annual RMSABR Dinner will be held Saturday evening, November 11. For more information, contact **Neal Williams** email: rockies13@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 17

BAY AREA

SABR Board of Directors Meeting.

Boxscores of Past Meetings

San Diego, March 19

Chapter: Ted Williams Chapter.
Guests: Dick Freeman, President of the San Diego Padres, and Joe L. Brown, former President of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Program: **Tom Larwin** emceed the program and started things off with an introduction of **Anthony Salazar**, chair of the local committee for this year's SABR36 convention in Seattle, who made an enticing "pitch" to come to the convention. Next, Tom announced initiation of a partnership between the San Diego SABR Baseball Research Center (BRC) and the National Baseball Hall of Fame which resulted in acquisition of microfilms of unique player records dating back to the 19th century, including players from the major leagues, minor leagues, Negro leagues, and All American Girls Professional Baseball League. The BRC is a joint effort by the Ted Williams Chapter and the city of San Diego public library, and is housed in the central library. Anna Tatar, Library Director, City of San Diego, was next up and offered views on the importance of this acquisition to the library. Finally, the featured speaker was introduced: **Dale Petroskey**, President, National Baseball Hall of Fame. Dale gave a presentation on the multiple functions of the Hall of Fame and its Museum, plus some humorous personal stories, and then answered questions for well over an hour. Especially revealing was the significant educational role that the Hall plays through its various electronic programs.

Place: House of Hospitality, Balboa Park.

Grand Rapids, May 7

Chapter: Wally Pipp chapter.
Trivia: **Peter Morris** won yet again!

Noteworthy: Thanks to Peter Morris for pointing out that for the first time in 10 years of meetings and get-togethers of the Wally Pipp chapter, the Detroit Tigers had a winning record of 20-12 as of May 7. According to Retrosheet's Game Log information, the closest the Tigers were to a winning record at the time of any of the previous 19 meetings was 6-6 on 4/13/97, our third meeting as a chapter. Location: Tommy Brann's Steakhouse in Wyoming.

Cincinnati, May 13

Chapter: Waite Hoyt-Lee Allen Chapter.
Presenters: Approximately 50 members and guests were in attendance. **Kevin Grace** presented "An Illustrated History of the Spitball", including having everyone in the audience experience a slippery elm tablet used to generate saliva. **Dann Stupp** discussed his new book, "Tom Browning's Tales from the Reds Dugout" and entertained everyone with several Tom Browning stories. **Chris Eckes** discussed the museum's research of the Reds' minor leagues for inclusion in the 2006 media guide, as well as discussing several new items on exhibit in the museum. Special guest, **Susan Dellinger**, talked about her Grandfather, Edd Roush, the 1919 World Series, and her new book, "Red Legs and Black Sox".

Special event: Following the meeting, attendees were treated as guests of the museum and were allowed to tour the museum and hall of fame, including the brand new exhibit focused on Edd Roush and the 1919 World Series.

Place: Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum Theater

Toronto, May 13

Chapter: Hanlan's Point Chapter.
Presentation: **Bill Young** and **Danny Gallagher**, "Remembering the Montreal Expos" Screening of "Les Expos, Nos Amours," Expos memorabilia display

Events: Jean-Pierre Allard (Most Valuable Networks), Fred Toulch (former Jarry Park employee), David and Barbara Kates (parents of a particular SABR member).

Place: Ben Wicks Pub, 424 Parliament Street, Toronto

SABR NINE QUESTIONS

By Ryan Chamberlain

The Elias Sports Bureau has been a major force in sports statistics and records since its inception by Al and Walter Elias in 1913.

Since being appointed official statisticians for the National League and International League (and later the American League) in 1919, Elias has grown to also become the official statisticians for the National Football League, the National Basketball Association, the National Hockey League, Major League Soccer, and the Arena Football League.

Steve Hirdt, the current executive vice president of the Elias Sports Bureau, has helped guide the organization into the modern era. A SABR member since 1985, we're pleased to share some of his wit and wisdom in this issue's SABR Nine.

How did you get started in baseball statistics?

I guess I got involved in baseball statistics the first time that I bought a pack of bubble-gum cards and turned them over. I was always an avid sports fan, and in high school compiled the statistics for our basketball and baseball teams. While in college, I worked part-time for a small company that did most of the statistical work on Macmillan's first Baseball Encyclopedia; though that company went belly-up shortly after the book was published, while I worked there I had heard about Elias and, while still in college, I applied to Elias for a part-time job. At the time, Elias had just added the NBA as a client, and I was brought aboard and eventually made full-time (when no TV or radio station seemed to accept my audition tapes with the eagerness with which I had prepared them). I think that with me, the full-time staff expanded from six to seven. After a while, as I came to realize the impact that computers would have on our business, I sent out fewer and fewer audition tapes and finally figured that I'd do this for a while. What started out as "for a while" has lasted a little longer than I had imag-

ined.

Who was the biggest influence on your career?

My parents, of course. Growing up in New York, in a mixed marriage (father: a New York Giants fan; mother: a Brooklyn Dodgers fan), and my brothers, cousins and friends were all Yankees fans, so sports always seemed part of the landscape – either playing, going to games, or following them on radio and TV. I don't remember which of them taught me to keep score of a game, but I remember doing it at the age of six. (No, we didn't track pitch counts back then.) When I got into it professionally, **Seymour Siwoff**, long-time owner of Elias, became an important influence.

In the pre-computer days, it was Seymour who created the systems and redundancy necessary to sharpen in a dramatic way the accuracy of the statistics that were compiled – something for which he has received scant public credit. Later, at an age when he could just as easily have thrown up his hands at the advent of computer technology, he took the opposite tack, and still today, could lead a discussion of such technologies with men and women not half his age. Before I got to Elias, Seymour's dedication had already attracted the attention of Pete Rozelle, who made Elias the official NFL statistician within a year of his ascension to the commissioner's job. In addition, Seymour's work ethic and generosity are second to none.

As far as other, early statisticians about whom I learned, the brothers Mills and Alan Roth made important contributions to understanding the game.

What is a typical day like at Elias Sports Bureau?

The Elias Bureau is an around-the-clock, around-the-year operation, one where because of the never-ending cycles of professional sports in this

country, it's difficult to schedule things like computer backups, system upgrades, vacations – even weddings. (It's a good thing that the Mets-Yankees World Series in 2000 ended in five games, otherwise the staff would never have forgiven our Chris Slowik for scheduling his wedding the evening of what would have been Game Six!) Our staff receives, verifies and corrects the statistical reports generated at each game, answers questions and provides its own pro-active "take" on events of the day for the leagues, the teams and other various clients, including the largest sports media companies. In baseball season, we'll always have someone traveling – for example, to the telecast of a game or to ESPN's studios, where the Elias Research Desk is located just off-set in the Baseball Tonight and SportsCenter studios. Same thing in football – Elias has worked on the telecasts of the major sports events since the mid-1970s. For me personally, I've worked as the Director of Information on nearly a thousand national telecasts, including 12 World Series, 12 League Championship Series, 12 All-Star Games, seven Super Bowls, and two NBA Finals.

Accuracy has always been the hallmark of Elias's work. It takes a while to develop new employees, teaching them the ins-and-outs of our data files and schooling them in what makes for an interesting statistical note, and what doesn't. Still, every day brings a challenge of putting that day's events, large and small, into historical context.

What is the best part of your job with Elias?

I actually like the daily challenge that I alluded to earlier, both of being correct and of finding interesting things in that day's events, for use by our clients. I also enjoy the change of seasons. In my early years with the company, I can remember a lot of "down time" in February and March, when the daily pressure was off – but as the sports schedules have grown longer, and we have added more clients and responsi-

bilities, I don't know what happened to that "down time." And that's OK - it's great, in fact.

In your time with Elias, what are some of the more challenging statistical baseball factoids that you have compiled?

The thing about our notes ("factoids" seems a bit much) is that they are directed toward a very particular time and place - during a game or right after it - and that, divorced from that time-sensitivity, they can seem a little less lustrous. If I said that no major-league team had ever won a post-season game in which it trailed by three-or-more runs going to the ninth inning, well, that might seem like a "so-what" fact. But mention it on a telecast and then see it happen in two consecutive games in the 1986 Angels-Red Sox American League Championship Series, and it creates an impact. (The amazing thing is that, even today, there have been only three such games in major-league history, and all three came within a five-day span in 1986: Games Four and Five of the Angels-Red Sox series, and Game Six of the National League Championship Series between the Mets and Astros.)

The time pressures that we face - to get information to our clients when they can best use it - make collaboration among our staff members very important. As to the information itself, of course, yesterday's avant-garde information seems ho-hum today. I well remember the impact that some of our play-by-play based information made when we first used it on television in the late 1970s and early 1980s, on ABC's "Monday Night Baseball" series, but to talk today about the impact that we made then with breakdowns of how batters did against particular pitchers, or how players performed against left- or right-handed opponents, or in late-inning pressure situations - to a younger generation of fans, the response might be, "Duh. Haven't those things *always* existed?" Well, no they haven't.

How does the method and accu-

racy of current record-keeping at Elias compare and contrast to when you first started with the organization over 30 years ago?

The job completely changed with the advent of computers in the mid-to-late 1970s. Prior to that, much of the day would be spent doing calculations, but now there is much more analysis of the numbers than was possible previously. When the work was done manually, each day's performance was recorded on individual player sheets, which were color-coded by team. When Tom Seaver was traded from the light-gray New York Mets to the bright-yellow Cincinnati Reds, it took some getting used to.

It's easy to say that statistics are kept more accurately today than in previous generations. The primary reason is that they didn't have computers. But that's no reason to be smug; the early eras of baseball are remarkable for how well documented they were. Of course, not all statistical categories that are kept today were compiled 100 years ago, and there was a more casual approach to record-keeping than is present today. Still, I have great respect for the work that early statisticians did, facing daily obstacles that must have made their task supremely difficult.

What standards are applied by Elias to resolve discrepancies when new research is unveiled?

I presume that you are talking about corrections to statistics from past seasons, often in the distant past. When proof is available that there is a mistake in the game-by-game records from past seasons, corrections should be made. We employ a standard of proof that lies somewhere between two of the standards common to judicial matters in this country: that is, somewhere between proof that is "clear and convincing" and proof that is "beyond a reasonable doubt." It's not good enough to make an historical change on the basis of a he-says-she-says standard, or a 51-to-49 standard - where one newspaper source says one thing and the official sheet says another. The evidence has

got to be more substantial than that for us to consider a change.

Elias makes many of these historical corrections, mostly based on our own initiative, but sometimes based on material that is provided to us by other people, including some SABR members. It's amusing when not only casual fans, but people who have spent significant portions of their lives around baseball attach a belief in the precision of early baseball statistics that is - there's no other way to say it - almost childlike. Around the time that Rickey Henderson was challenging Ty Cobb's all-time runs-scored record, there was some focus on someone's claim that, by God, a mistake had been found in Cobb's game-by-game statistics and that Cobb should be credited with one more run than Elias showed. I say it's amusing, because we knew not only of that particular error, but of more than a dozen dealing with Cobb's runs-scored total.

With Elias handling the stats for many different professional sports beyond baseball such as the NFL and NBA, do the increasingly overlapping seasons create more of a challenge?

The change of seasons is actually refreshing, but a sport never really goes out of season for us anymore. The responsibilities change: from the day-to-day maintenance and distribution of statistics while the season is in progress, to off-season responsibilities such as putting out books, providing data to teams for talent evaluation and public relations material, and providing leagues with data relating to potential rule changes.

The challenge is simply stated: To maintain the quality of service that we have historically provided to our clients, and for which we have a sterling reputation.

With new developments such as advanced pitch-by-pitch and play-by-play computerized and video data tracking methods, what does the future hold for statistical analysis?

We live in a society that is clearly

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Kerry Woods, he examines all the differences.

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The Big Bam: The Life and Times of Babe Ruth by Leigh Montville brings fresh observations to his subject while carefully sifting the factual from the hearsay.

Baseball Memoirs of a Lifetime: 77 Years of Loving the Game by Ken Proctor is a wonderful treasury of more than 200 stories, history, humor, trivia, folklore and literature as told through author, player, coach and UCLA Baseball Hall of Famer

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player, manager and umpire information in addition to a wealth of stats.

Iron Horse: Lou Gehrig in his Time by Ray Robinson is a carefully researched biography of the baseball legend. Appendices follow his baseball record and list winners of the Lou Gehrig Award.

The Black Aces: Baseball's Only African-American Twenty-Game Winners by Jim "Mudcat" Grant with Tom Sabellico and Pat O'Brien tells the story of these thirteen men and a few of their predecessors, the obstacles they faced, and their determination.

My Team: Choosing My Dream Team from my Forty Years in Baseball by Larry Dierker is a discussion of the greatest players he has seen in his four decades in the major leagues.

A Man Called Shoeless by Howard Burman is a story based on exhaustive research presented through the medium of fictionalized dialogue.

American Association Almanac (Vol. 5 No. 2) by Rex Hamann is the second part in a feature regarding 20-

win pitchers of the Milwaukee Brewers and Toledo Mud Hens 1902-1911.

Iowa History Heritage Illustrated: Special Baseball Issue by State Historical Society of Iowa is packed full of significant but little-known stories, rare historical photographs, and passionate accounts of why Iowans have long loved the game. See ad on page 7.

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McCue faced opposition in his race for director from Mike Emeigh and Maury Brown. McCue joined SABR in 1982 and has served as a director since 2002. He is a past winner of a Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Award and a Doug Pappas Baseball Research Award. His term expires in 2009.

Thanks to the Tellers Committee (Jim Hanson, Stephen Johnson III, and Tom Nemeč) for tallying the votes.

Next spring SABR will be electing the offices of President and Director (2).

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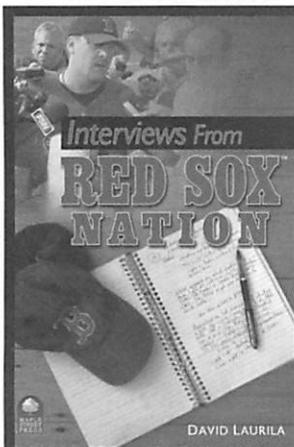
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ball action at home and while vacationing. The guide, with over 4,000 subscribers and in its 16th year, features information on all the minor league teams in the United States and Canada arranged by state. He also related his experiences creating the DVD documentary *Touching Home: Baseball in the Bushes*, centering around the Chillicothe (Ohio) Paints of the Frontier League.

David Anderson, author of *More Than Merkle: A History of the Best and Most Exciting Baseball Season in Human History*, rounded out the morning presentations with his research on Deadball umpires.

In the afternoon, Peter Morris, author of *A Game of Inches: The Stories Behind the Innovations That Shaped Baseball*, presented "Cleveland's First 'Annus Horribilis,'" which compared and contrasted the 1899 Cleveland Spiders with the 1872 Forest Citys. Next up to the plate was Tim Gay, author of the Seymour

Medal finalist *Tris Speaker The Rough-and-Tumble Life of a Baseball Legend*, who gave a rousing presentation on the disputed legacy of "Spoke" in Cleveland.

Next on hand was the incomparable Miles Wolff, who delivered the keynote address. He gave conference attendees a rare glimpse into the world of minor league/independent league ownership in addition to sharing his editorial experiences with *Baseball America*, *The Minor League Encyclopedia* and various other publications. After his presentation, he participated in a Q&A session with the audience.

The day culminated in the main event, the conferring of the Seymour Medal to David Block, for his groundbreaking book *Baseball Before We Knew: It A Search for the Roots of the Game*. After a short speech by Dorothy Seymour Mills, Paul Adomites, a Seymour Medal judge, presented Block with the medallion.

After a thoughtful and well-spoken acceptance speech by Block, the conference was adjourned and many attendees walked to Jacobs Field to see the Indians take on the Rangers.

Special thanks to Rod Nelson, who emceed the event, Fred Schuld for use of his overhead projector and Andy Rubin of Baltimorechop.com for supplying the books. Also, thanks once again to the Cleveland Indians for sponsoring this event.

Third Annual Southern Association Baseball Conference Held in Chattanooga

Chattanooga's Historic Engel Stadium was the site of the third annual Southern Association Baseball Conference on April 8, 2006. The threat of severe weather was a concern and delayed the arrivals of several of the participants. When it was time to start Saturday morning, it was a beautiful day at Engel, which was especially important since the conference was set up in the seats behind home plate.

The concept of taking the conference on the road away from its traditional Rickwood venue was influenced by several factors, according to conference organizers. The upcoming release of two new books on baseball in Chattanooga, and the availability of having the conference at one of the few remaining great Southern Association ballparks, Engel Stadium, were two of the reasons. They also wanted to show their support to Dan Creed in his efforts to create a "Friends of Rickwood" type organization to save the historic Chattanooga park.

On Saturday, program highlights included a presentation by Stephen Martini, who reviewed his new book, *The Chattanooga Lookouts & 100 Seasons of Scenic City Baseball*, relating to the ways the fans have stepped up over the years to save the franchise on several occasions. Other highlights included a Q & A session with three former Lookout players, Hillis Layne, Roy Hawes and Henry "Lefty" Delay, which included a live remote by local sports talk radio. In addition, Derby Gisclair, from New Orleans, gave an overview of the early history of the Southern Association told through his collection of early tobacco baseball cards. His interesting stories about these relatively unknown players were very informative and entertaining. Derby also gave an update on the aftermath of Katrina and its impact on the other baseball associates from the area. We were especially glad to hear that Arthur Schott, noted baseball historian, was doing well and had not lost any of his extensive baseball library.

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Annually, SABR also presents awards for the best book of baseball history or biography published in the previous calendar year, The Seymour Medal. To be considered for The Seymour Medal, a work must be the product of original research or analysis. The winning book shall significantly advance our knowledge of baseball and shall be characterized by understanding, factual accuracy, profound insight and distinguished writing.

"History", for the purposes of determining the eligibility of a book for Seymour Medal consideration, shall be understood as analytical nonfiction narrative. Among the kinds of works that do not meet the criteria are encyclopedias, novels, short story collections, statistical compilations, collections of documents, personal reminiscence, interviews, simple chronicles of events, edited works, and works by multiple authors (as distinguished from works by co-authors). "Biography" is the history of a person or persons.

Single volumes of multi-volume works are eligible. Multi-volume works as a whole are also eligible if at least one of the volumes was published during the preceding calendar year and if the author has not received a medal for any of the works separately.

The most recent winner (for books published in 2005) was *Baseball Before We Knew It* (University of Nebraska Press) by David Block. Other recent winners include *Negro League Baseball: The Rise and Ruin of a Black Institution* (University of Pennsylvania Press) and *Baseball Fever: Early Baseball in Michigan* (University of Michigan Press) by Peter Morris.

To solicit books considered for the award, the Executive Director contacts publishers of baseball books to tell them of the award. Publishers are encouraged to send their books to the judging committee. Throughout the year, the committee recommends to the Executive Director books it wants to consider. Members may contact the judging committee to let them know of books they think should be looked at. The deadline for receipt of the books to be considered is January 15. Judges will narrow the field down to finalists for the award. Finalists are normally chosen by the end of February. The Medal winner is normally determined in March. SABR has held a conference each April-May for the past 8 years to celebrate baseball research and writing and to honor the medal winner.

Next issue: Description of more of SABR's awards.

First Baseball Heritage Museum Festival a Tremendous Success

The Baseball Heritage Museum held its first Baseball Heritage Museum Festival on May 20 and 21 in downtown Cleveland.

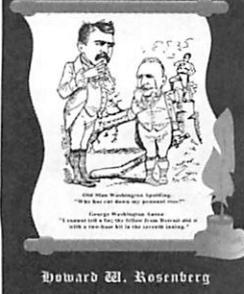
Held in Gateway Plaza near Jacobs Field, over 20,000 baseball fans came to the festivities. A host of past greats was on hand to sign autographs. Throughout the weekend, Bob Feller, Buck O'Neil, Len Barker, Mudcat Grant, Rick Manning, Richie Rollins, Kevin Rhomberg, Joe B. Scott and Vern Fuller all made appearances at the festival.

Also featured at the event was the Roadway traveling exhibit of the Negro Leagues Museum.

SABR, which had space in the vendor area, also participated in one of the seminars at the festival.

For more information log on to <http://.baseballheritagemuseum.com>

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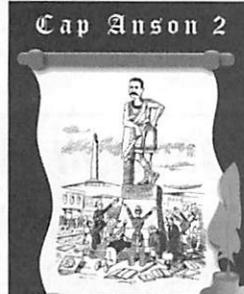


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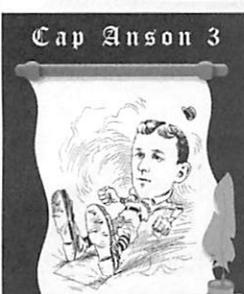
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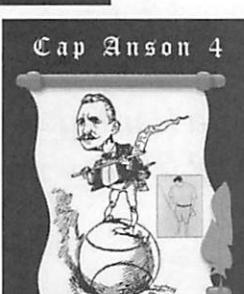


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EDUARDO VALERO

Eduardo Valero, SABR's Latin America Chairman for more than a decade, died Friday, May 26, 2006. He was 80 years old. He was the last of the baseball writers alive who attended the first Caribbean Baseball Series in Havana, 1949.

According to his youngest son Ricardo, he was like a "living baseball encyclopedia."

Eduardo Valero, among other things, was a Puerto Rican ambassador, an international public relations personality. He founded a fraternity, Alpha Beta Chi and presided over two Sportswriters Associations in Puerto Rico. He was also a member of SABR and member of the AIPS (International Sportswriters Association) Board of Directors. He was elected to the Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame and to the Hall of Fame of Sports in Puerto Rico.

We lost a friend, a good baseball person, and we may have lost the last of the romantic baseball writers in Puerto Rico.

Contributed by **Edwin Fernandez**

ROSS ADELL

Ross Adell, of Flushing, NY, passed away June 2 from cancer.

A SABR member since 1984, Ross was a die-hard mets fan and co-author of the book, *Amazing Mets Trivia*.

Ross touched many lives in SABR with his sense of humor and wit. He lives on in the minds and hearts of friends and family members as a man who put the needs of others before himself.

Contributions may be made in memory of Ross Adell to: Calvary Hospital, 1740 Eastchester Road, Bronx, NY 10461, (718) 863-9600.

CHARLEY SMITH

Charley Smith, of Struthers, OH, passed away December 8, 2005.

He was an avid Cincinnati Reds fan and thoroughly enjoyed being a member of SABR since 1984. His baseball interests included Pictorial history, advertising and book collecting.

IN MEMORIAM

ERWIN G. FISCHER, JR.

Erwin "Erv" Fischer, Jr. of Florissant, MO, passed away on June 6. He was 80.

A SABR member since 1980, Erv was the historian at the St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame Museum and in 2003 arranged for his considerable holding of Cardinals memorabilia to be acquired for the permanent collection of the museum.

He was also co-founder of the Browns Fan Club in 1984, along with Bill Borst, Frank "Bud" Kane, and Fred Heger.

SETH BOYD

Seth A. Boyd, of Dover, DE, died April 28. He was 30.

A SABR member since 2002, Seth made a career out of his longtime hobby of collecting vintage baseball and historical autographs, and accepted a position as vice president and director of acquisitions at S.C. Gaynor Auctions in Cape Cod, Mass. He was also owner/

operator of Seth Boyd Autographs, through which he sold vintage autographs and historic documents.

RENE MOLINA

Rene Molina, of Carolina, PR, passed away on May 30. He was near 84 at the time of his death.

A SABR member since 1994, Rene was a Cuban baseball historian and writer. He was a member of the Baseball Records, Biographical Research, Latin America, Minor Leagues research committees.

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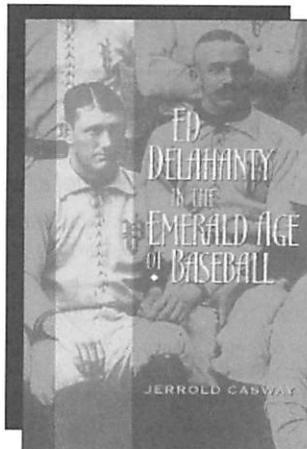
Gerald J. "Jerry" Kvet, of Garfield Heights, Ohio passed away on May 13. He was 72.

Jerry was the chief police reporter for *The Cleveland Press* until its closing when he did freelance writing for *Cleveland Magazine*. He continued on as a scheduler for the Cleveland Municipal Court for 17 years. A member of the Jack Graney chapter, Jerry enjoyed baseball in the 1940s, League Park history and book collecting.

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- A Fan's Guide to the Midwest League - <http://mwlguide.com/>
- Baseball America 2006 Stats - www.baseballamerica.com/today/stats/
- Indy Leagues Graveyard - www.indyleaguesgraveyard.com/
- Mike McCann's Big Bunko Stuff - www.geocities.com/big_bunko/
- Minor League History - www.minorleaguebaseball.com/app/milb/history/
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- Alabama-Florida League - www.alabama-florida-league.com/
- Blue Ridge League - www.blueridgeleague.org/
- Georgia Class D Leagues - www.vabella.com/georgiaclass-d/
- The Kitty League - www.kittyleague.com/
- The Old Pacific Coast League - www.coastleague.com/

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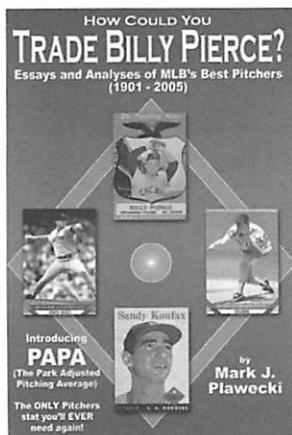
June 3 was "Hooks Wiltse" day in his hometown of Hamilton, NY, and the local SABR chapter supported an event that featured research presentations, poetry and singing, and remembrances of the old Giant pitcher by those who knew him, and a relative. If you want to see and hear more, go to <http://tinyurl.com/z205x>

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- Albert, Jim:** An introduction to sabermetrics. 5 pages. A basic overview.
- Bak, Richard:** Who was Ty Cobb? 13 pages. Text of a four-part series published in the Detroit Free Press in 2005, the 100th anniversary of Cobb's debut with the Tigers. As much about Cobb the person as about Cobb the player.
- Bevis, Charlie:** Rocky Point: A lone outpost of Sunday baseball in Sabbatarian New England. 11 pages. Photocopy of article in *Nine: A Journal of Baseball History and Culture*, Fall 2005. A winner of the McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award
- Borer, Michael Ian:** Important places and their public faces: Understanding Fenway Park as a public symbol. 20 pages. Photocopy of scholarly article in *The Journal of Popular Culture*, April 2006.
- Briley, Ron:** Baseball and dissent: The Vietnam experience. 25 pages. How the baseball establishment dealt with dissent during the Vietnam War era.
- Carroll, Brian:** Early twentieth-century heroes: Coverage of Negro League baseball in the Pittsburgh Courier and the Chicago Defender. 10 pages. Photocopy of article in *Journalism History*, Spring 2006.
- Collier, Gene:** 100 winning years for oldest Buc. 5 pages. Text of article in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, April 9, 2006, about Howard "Howdy" Groskloss, baseball's oldest living player. See Kevin Van Brimmer article, below.
- Frommer, Frederic J.:** A brief history of Washington baseball. 4 pages. Text of article in the Wash. Post, May 21, 2006.
- Gilbert, Bill:** An early look at the 2011 Hall of Fame ballot. 2 pages.
- Constantelos, Steve:** The kings of base stealing: A new statistic. 14 pages. Players' stolen bases per time on first base. 2 pages of introductory material, 12 pages of tables.
- Green, Christopher D.:** Psychology strikes out: Coleman R. Griffith and the Chicago Cubs. 17 pages. Griffith, a sports psychologist, was hired by P.K. Wrigley in 1938 to improve the team's performance. Copy of article in *History of Psychology*, 2003.
- Haygood, Wil:** Woman of summer. 8 pages. Text of article in the Washington Post, April 11, 2006, about Effa Manley, the Negro Leagues team owner who has been elected to the Hall of Fame.
- Hoffbeck, Steven R.:** Bobby Marshall: Pioneering African American athlete. 17 pages. Photocopy of article in *Minnesota History*, the quarterly magazine of the Minnesota Historical Society, Winter 2004-05, about a now little-known athlete in the Minneapolis area.
- Holl, James P.:** Baseball braggin' rights – the Five-State Series 1922-1927. 13 pages. About a post-season series played for six years between the champions of the Eastern Shore League and the Blue Ridge League.
- Huber, Mike, and Jack Picciutto:** The first Army-Navy baseball game. 10 pages. About the beginnings of the West Point-Annapolis baseball rivalry, in 1901.
- Kovacevik, Dejan:** Lack of African-American players hardly unique to Pirates. 5 pages. Text of article in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, May 9, 2006. The focus is on all of baseball, not just the Pirates.
- Launius, Roger D., and G. Michael Green:** "Charlie Finley has soured my stomach for baseball": Charles O. Finley versus his players.
- Long, Judith:** Public funding for major league sports facilities, 1890-2005. 35 pages. A scholarly study.
- Ozanian, Michael, and Lesley Kump:** Steinbrenner's tax shelter. 2 pages. Photocopy of article in *Forbes* magazine, May 8, 2006. This is *Forbes'* annual article on the value of major league teams, with team-by-team list.
- Pfeiffer, David A., and John Vernon:** Beyond the box score: Baseball records in the National Archives. 10 pages. Photocopy of article in *Prologue*, a magazine published by the National Archives and Records Administration, about the holdings in the National Archives related to baseball.
- Pomrenke, Jacob:** Bringing home the bacon: How the Chicago "Black Sox" got back into baseball and gave bragging rights to one Illinois town's team. 20 pages. About a barnstorming game some of the Black Sox played in western Illinois five weeks after their trial.
- Ross, Daniel:** Baseball is all the rage: Lincoln joins the national pastime. 29 pages. Photocopy of article in *Heritage of the Great Plains*, Fall/Winter 2004, about baseball coming to Lincoln, Nebraska, in the 19th century.
- Smiley, Richard A.:** The 1903 Chicago City Series: A rivalry begins. 13 pages.
- Smith, Kelsie:** Numbers cruncher. An up-close look at Bill James. 5 pages. Text of article in the Boston Globe, March 30, 2006.
- Stinson, Jim:** Cobb not the monster he's portrayed to be. 4 pages. Photocopy of a decidedly contrarian article in *Sports Collectors Digest*, May 5, 2006. Among other claims, the writer suggests that Cobb biographer Al Stump made off with many of Cobb's personal effects and sold them as memorabilia.

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Not too long ago the Board received an e-mail from **Mark Armour**, relating an experience that he recently had. I quote from his e-mail (remember when these documents were called letters?)

"I recently stumbled across a guy with a great web site of baseball biographies, all gathered from oral histories. I found this while interviewing a player, who told me what a great job this guy had done interviewing and on the website. The guy asks good questions, writes well....I contacted him and asked him if he would join SABR and help write biographies for us...His response was 'OH MY GOD, I WOULD LOVE TO, I NEVER THOUGHT I WAS WORTHY OF SABR.....So he joined and he has signed up for 30 biographies or something like that."

"A few years ago I assumed that all of the people who wanted to be in SABR were in SABR, and we should stop worrying about it."

How interesting! An individual who thought he wasn't worthy of SABR. Over the years I've had contact with a lot of non members who had great interest in baseball and invited them to join, but I've never had a response like this. Mark goes on to suggest something like this. What if SABR members were encouraged to "recommend" individuals to be invited to join, and the local chapter person or perhaps the SABR office send him an e-mail that is informal and simply says "you are the type of person we are looking for."

This idea has a lot of merit. First of all, it is very low key. There isn't a major expenditure of time and resources to contact an individual with a brief e-mail from a SABR

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by Dick Beverage

designated person. It is also more personal. Most people respond better to a one-on-one communication than from an impersonal mass produced letter like the type that one receives almost daily these days. And finally, it targets a potential member better. A recommendation from a current member is very meaningful.

I have never favored an expensive membership drive for SABR, but this idea is very appealing to me. Every organization needs a consistent flow of new members. They bring new ideas to the table and replace those who drop out for whatever reason. Let's find those people who belong in SABR and invite them to join. This plan is a good way to start.

By the time you read this, you should have received *The National Pastime*. And *Rain Check*, the Seattle convention publication should be following in the next 2-3 weeks. I'm sure that you will agree that these volumes are very representative of the high quality research that we have come to expect from SABR members. The Seattle committee did a wonderful job with *Rain Check*, which is one of the best convention publications we have done. The photos are simply outstanding. **Dave Eskenazi**, who is the premier Seattle baseball historian, was a major contributor of these images, many of which you will not see anywhere else.

Many members have expressed some concern that the *Deadball Stars of the Ameri-*

can League has not been released as yet. Unfortunately, for one reason or another, there have been some major problems in putting this volume together, and that has led to serious delays. The task of coordinating the many authors, editors and such is far more complex than dealing with only one author., probably similar to herding cats. But we seem to be on track now, and we expect to have the book in the mail sometime in August. All the reports I have heard about the book indicate to me that it will be one worth waiting for.

Our SABR nation has lost two of its stalwart members. **Ross Adell** and **Eduardo Valero** are no longer with us. Eduardo, formerly the chair of the Latin-American committee died in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on May 19 at the age of 78. Eduardo and I spent a great deal of time together over the years at the conventions, and we were together at a Board meeting some years ago in Monterrey, Mexico as well. He was a sports writer by trade and devoted to baseball. Ross fought a long courageous battle with cancer before he left us on June 2 at the age of 50. He was employed at the Greenpoint Federal Bank when he became ill, and his real love was SABR and the New York Mets, not necessarily in that order. Ross was a regular in the trivia room at the annual convention and naturally specialized in Mets trivia, but also had a deep knowledge of lead-off hitters and game-ending home runs. Recognizing my allegiance to the Cubs, he never brought up the 1969 Mets when I was around. They were both fine men, and I shall miss them greatly.

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much more data-conscious than any other in the history of civilization. Today's decision-makers in sports are much more comfortable with making statistical analysis a component in their decisions than were most of their predecessors. The challenge now, of course, is not to become a slave to the data. Seeing teams that refuse to use a sacrifice bunt, even in situations where they should be playing for a very important run, is a good example. Yes, we've all seen the studies that teams average more runs per inning after a runner on first and none out than they do after a runner on second and one out - but this is only an average. And a manager is never faced with an average situation; he's always faced with a specific situation, one in which he knows what part of the lineup is due up, which relievers are available, who's hurt, and dozens of other variables that get lost in the averaging process. So maybe you won't use the bunt in the fourth inning of a game in May; but perhaps you should use it in a winner-take-all playoff game, down by a run in the eighth inning, with a runner on first and none out.

Still, making predictions of what things will be like 10 or 20 years from now is an exercise doomed to fail. I remember attending the 1964 World Fair in New York - just across the street from the newly-opened Shea Stadium - and seeing the exhibits that dealt with what life would be like when we grew up. Now, I'm fully grown; and as others have observed before me, where are the flying cars?

ProQuest, cont'd from page 1

ProQuest also points out that "a key component of the ProQuest mission is to provide public library users with historical newspaper and genealogy content, as well as other data, through their local public library, either on-site or remotely." They continue that "[l]iterally millions of people are now enjoying free access to ProQuest content through their local library." SABR will attempt to make members aware of which libraries make remote access available to library card holders. Already, we know that Cleveland Public Library and the Boston Public Library have some ProQuest databases available with remote access for current library card holders.



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Errata

SORRY, WRONG NUMBER

In the May/June TSB, the phone number for Sports Media, publisher of William R. Cobb's *Honus Wagner: On His Life & Baseball*, was incorrectly listed. It should have read: 877-722-2264.

Also in the May/June TSB, the phone number used in Bob Koehler's classified ad used an outdated area code. It should have read: 262-780-0047.

SPIRIT OF SABR SALUTE

In each *Bulletin*, this space will be devoted to recognizing SABR members who, on their own initiative or on request, have assisted other members in their research projects - what SABR is all about. The only source of names will be you, the membership. There will be no judges, no committees, no competition. All names submitted will be printed; their nominators will not be identified.

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2005 Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award Winners

The winners of the 2005 Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award were recently announced. They are, in alphabetical order by author's last name.

Will Carroll, for the research he did to produce his book, *The Juice*. The judges remarked, "Carroll's [book] is the definitive one and deserves much wider recognition than it is getting. It is highly relevant, takes a fresh approach to an overwrought and worrisome issue, and serves as a valuable contribution to the game's canon as well as to its players and fans."

Robert K. Fitts for the research he did to produce his book, *Remembering Japanese Baseball: An Oral History of the Game*. Judges' comments were, "Numerous interviews with players who were involved in the leagues' historic moments make the entire book relevant and accessible. An ambitious project and well executed."

Steven R. Hoffbeck for the research he did to produce his book, *Swinging for the Fences: Black Baseball in Minnesota*. According to the judges, "This book does a fine job of capturing the history of black baseball in Minnesota. His photographs offer fresh and well-selected images of this part of the game. We cannot do enough to record this side of baseball history."

The winners of the Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award were recognized at the SABR Awards Luncheon in Seattle, Washington. The winners receive a \$200 cash prize and a plaque, courtesy of the Sporting News.

For more details on SABR's awards programs, see the first of a series on page 10.

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John Thorn Honored with SABR's Highest Award

John Thorn, 26-year SABR member, first SABR publication director, founder of *The National Pastime*, longtime collaborator on *Total Baseball* and author of many books and articles related to baseball, was named the 2006 recipient of SABR's highest honor, the Bob Davids Award.

The award was presented at the annual convention awards luncheon by last year's recipient, **David W. Smith**. In his speech, Smith remarked that John Thorn was eminently qualified to receive the Bob Davids Award.

Said Smith, "He is a SABR visionary with a remarkable capacity for turning that vision into reality; a baseball historian who, by restoring early baseball to our awareness and by encouraging a new generation of researchers, has done perhaps more than anyone else to help us grasp the unity of our game's history and development; and a

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SABR Awards 2006 Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grants

In its continuing efforts to encourage serious study of the game, SABR is pleased to announce the recipients (in alpha order) of this year's Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grants:

· **Thomas Aiello** for "The Composition of Kings: The Monroe, Louisiana Monarchs, 1932"

· **Rex Hamann** for "Minneapolis Millers: 1910-1912"

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SABR Celebrated Its 35th Anniversary with a Pilgrimage to Cooperstown

SABR has come a long way since 16 individuals met around two tables at the National Baseball Library in Cooperstown, New York, on August 10, 1971.

"The day of our organizational meeting, the consensus was that there were probably 50 researchers that would eventually join SABR," said founding SABR member **Tom Hufford**. "Once the word got out, we grew faster than we expected."

And grown it has. Now SABR boasts over 7,000 members world-wide and has remained over 6,000 members annually since 1993.

"I never thought we'd grow much beyond 100 people, or that we'd produce more than a journal a year," said **Dan Ginsburg**, who at 16 years old was the youngest baseball researcher attending the original SABR meeting.



Participants at SABR's organizational meeting on August 10, 1971 in Cooperstown. Back row (left to right): Neil Campbell, Bill Haber, Keith Sutton, Dan Dischley, Dan Ginsburg, Tom Hufford, Ray Nemeec. Front row (left to right): Cliff Kachline, Ray Gonzalez, Bill Gustafson, Joe Simenic, Paul Frisz, Tom Shea, Bob McConnell, John Pardon, Bob Davids. Campbell, almost hidden behind Kachline, was a visitor at the meeting. Pat McDonough is the only founding SABR member not pictured.

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SABR 36 Recap: Largest Convention West of the Mississippi

Five hundred and thirty-nine attendees converged on the Seattle Renaissance Hotel to participate in SABR's Annual Convention held June 28 through July 1, making it the best attended convention west of the Mississippi.

Flawless weather and great teamwork from the Northwest SABR Chapter convention committee, chaired by **Anthony Salazar**, led many to declare that SABR 36 was one of the best conventions ever produced.

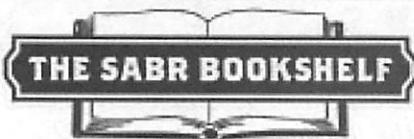
WEDNESDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Although registration didn't open until 3:30, many members took advantage of the Safeco Field Tours earlier in the afternoon while the SABR staff, local volunteers, and vendors worked to get set up for the eager attendees. Part of the work involved stuffing convention "goodie bags" featuring the outstanding convention publication *Rain Check: Baseball in the Pacific Northwest* edited by **Mark Armour**. The rest of the 2006 membership were mailed the book in mid-July (if you have not received your copy, contact the SABR office).

Once registration began, members gathered in anticipation while chatting baseball. It was the start of catching up with old friends and making new ones.

The night culminated at the Annual Business meeting, which was one of the shortest one in SABR history.

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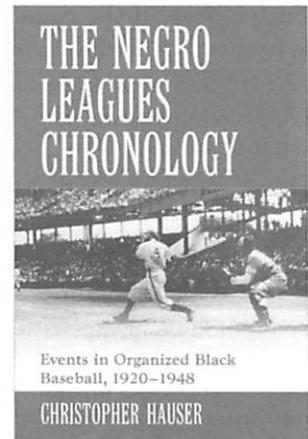
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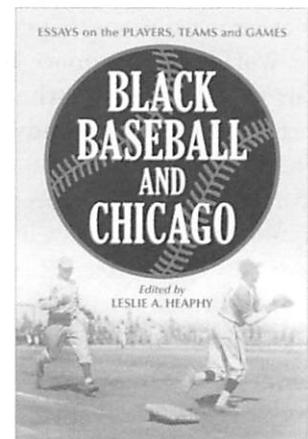
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The July newsletter highlighted project proposals and discussions brought up at the convention.

According to the newsletter, **Bob McConnell** proposed a periodical project similar to one that **Skip McAfee**, **Ted Hathaway**, and **Andy McCue** had been contemplating for several months.

Skip had originally suggested the committee compile a list of the baseball periodical holdings of libraries around the country. That way, they could know if any nearby library had copies of *The Sporting News*, what format they were in, and what years that run covered. During the discussion, Ted noted that much of that information was available through WorldCat (the successor to OCLC), to which most local libraries subscribe. Bob came up with the idea of creating an authoritative listing of the really rare periodicals, especially those 19th Century publications such as *The Bat and Ball*, which appeared out of Hartford, Conn. from 1866 to 1867. Bob said his anecdotal knowledge indicated that some of these publications were held only by private libraries or other institutions that don't show up on WorldCat. For more information or to volunteer for the project, contact committee chair **Andy McCue**.

The January-June 2006 *Current Baseball Publications*, produced by **Rich Arpi** is now available as well from the Bibliography committee. Readers will note a new format. A bibliography with all known published items (for the current year to date listed). Items added since the previous edition are noted with a **bold** number. According to the committee, this should be of help to users since they will no longer have to page through two or three issues as the year goes along.

BIOPROJECT

New bios on committee Web site <http://bioproj.sabr.org> include "Ed Doheny" and "Steve Slayton" by **Seamus Kearney** and **Tom Simon**; and "Ralph LaPointe" by **Dominick Denaro**.

Ed Doheny's career in major league baseball was a tale of two cities: mediocrity in New York followed by success in Pittsburgh. Then, on the brink of stardom, Doheny succumbed to an illness that not only ended his baseball career, but plunged him into a personal abyss from which he never escaped.

A right-handed relief pitcher, Steve Slayton had appeared in only three games for the 1928 Boston Red Sox when an unfortunate misunderstanding with his manager resulted in his demotion to the minor leagues. When a back problem prevented him from returning to the majors, he turned to teaching and became a hugely successful high-school baseball coach. Those who knew the taciturn Slayton remember him as a "quiet winner."

Until his untimely death of cancer at the age of 45, Ralph Lapointe, one of the most remembered and beloved of the Green Mountain Boys of Summer, lived in a suburban-style ranchhouse at 3 Lapointe Avenue. Though his major-league career was unremarkable, Lapointe's achievements in coaching and civic affairs, coupled with his outgoing personality, made him a legend in his hometown. He was president of the little league and a member of the park commission and the committee responsible for building the current Winooski High School.

NEGRO LEAGUES

The August edition of the Negro Leagues Courier announced that eight of the Negro League Voting Committee members were in attendance for the Hall of Fame induction ceremony. The committee members included **Todd Bolton**, **Adrian Burgos**, **Dick Clark**, **Ray Doswell**, **Leslie Heaphy**, **Larry Hogan**, **Larry Lester**, and **Jim Overmyer**. Other Negro League Committee members were **Lou Hunsinger**, **John Holway**, **Ted Knorr**, **Eddie Bedford**, **Jeremy Krock**, **Signe Knutson**, **Wayne Stivers**, and **Monte Irvin**. Over forty HOF'ers were also in Cooperstown.

The newsletter also included a Jerry Malloy conference recap. Starting with the reception at The Negro Leagues Museum, on Thursday evening July

6th, through the Negro Leagues committee meeting Sunday morning the 9th, the IX Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference was an educational and fun time. Approximately 75 folks were in attendance at most events and presentations. The Education Round Table Friday morning, the Trivia Contest (won by Patrick Rock), the KC-Toronto game on Friday, the Saturday Bus Tour and NLBM and Jazz Museum tours, The Hall Of Fame Election Panel and the ten presentations were all wonderful and highly informative.

The highlight of the conference was a panel discussion by the Paige Family about their dad and home life, a really entertaining discussion. Thanks to **Ike Brooks**, **Leslie Heaphy**, **Lloyd Johnson**, **Larry Lester**, **Sharon Lundy**, and **Mike Webber** for their hard work.

ORAL HISTORY

Committee chair **David Paulson** announced that **Ed Attanasio** will not take over chairmanship of the committee for personal reasons. Paulson will continue to chair the committee.

WOMEN IN BASEBALL

The August committee newsletter reminds everyone to be sure to watch the happenings of Team USA as they are involved in lots of international competition under the leadership of former player Julie Croteau. Check out www.awbf.org to see latest info.

The newsletter also contains a convention recap by **Claudia Perry**, who ran the committee meeting in Seattle.

Committee chair **Leslie Heaphy** announced the creation of a new Yahoo discussion group on women's baseball. A few people have already jumped on board and started to post a few thoughts. She also requests that committee members send her any and all articles, programs, citations etc. that you find. She says that it is better for her to receive the information four times than not at all. Mail the materials to her or attach them as e-mails (lheaphy@stark.kent.edu), or even fax an article to her at 330-494-6121.

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 5 ANN ARBOR, MI

The Don Lund Chapter will meet at the Tiger Club in Comerica Park at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5th. For more information, contact **Jim Lannen** by phone: 734-994-6369 or email: jlannen@umich.edu.

TORONTO, ON

The next meeting of the Hanlan's Point Chapter will take place from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at the Pauper's Pub in Toronto. For more information, contact Maxwell Kates at 416-515-9578 or BUS79@sympatico.net.

SEPTEMBER 30 LOS ANGELES, CA

The Allan Roth Chapter will meet at the Amateur Athletic Foundation Library on West Adams in Los Angeles, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more information contact **Steve Roney** at sroneysabr@cox.net or 949-481-7633

OCTOBER 14 CLEVELAND, OH

The Jack Graney Chapter will hold its fall meeting on Saturday, October 14 at the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland. For more information contact **Steve Johnson** at sjiiiboh@aol.com or 440-775-0567.

OCTOBER 21 TOLEDO, OH

The next meeting of the Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter will be held on Saturday, October 21. Time and place to be determined. For more information contact **Steve Lauer** at (419) 882-1301.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

The Halsey Hall Chapter will hold their Fall meeting Saturday, October 21 at Grace University Lutheran Church, 324 Harvard St. SE in Minneapolis. For more information contact **Howard Luloff** at 952-922-5036 or Hfan77@webtv.net

COOPERSTOWN, NY

The Leatherstocking Chapter will hold its annual fall meeting at the Hall of Fame on October 21. For more information contact **Richard Hunt** or email RHunt@ccs.edu

OCTOBER 28 DAYTON, OH

The Dayton Chapter is planning an autumn gathering at the Springfield Baseball Hall of Fame. For more information, contact **John Schleppe** at 937-294-1137 or John.Schleppe@notes.udayton.edu

NOVEMBER 11 TOKYO, JAPAN

The Tokyo Chapter of SABR will meet Saturday, November 11. Time and place to be determined. For more information contact **Haruko Hasumi** at mhgo2576@jcom.home.ne.jp.

DENVER, CO

The Annual Rocky Mountain SABR Chapter Dinner will be held Saturday Evening, November 11. For more information, contact **Neal Williams** at rockies13@yahoo.com.

NOVEMBER 17 BAY AREA, CA

The SABR Board of Directors will meet November 17 and 18 in the Bay Area of California. Members with suggested agenda items should have them to the Executive Director no later than October 17, 2006. For more information, contact **John Zajc, Executive Director** at 800-969-7227 or jzajc@sabr.org.

Boxscores of Past Meetings

Waterloo, June 10

Chapter: Field of Dreams Chapter.
Event: **Tim Rask**, "Three-I Civil War of 1911-1912; **Ralph Christian**, "Review of latest issue of Iowa Illustrated;" **Bill Sherman** "Jackie Collum, former Major Leaguer from Grinnell;" **Steve Smith**, "Update on Iowa Baseball History Writing Project; **Darrell Hanson**;" Pre-1940s .400 bat-



From left to right, Bob Wood, Steve Krevisky, Ty Waterman and Joe Williams

Place: ters who benched themselves
Waterloo Public Library.

New Haven, June 17

Chapter: Smoky Joe Wood Chapter.
Event: The New Haven Cutters of the independent Can-Am League in conjunction with the Smoky Joe Wood Chapter honored their namesake as part of a celebration of regional baseball history.
Guests: **Bob Wood**.
Place: Yale Field.

Austin, June 24

Chapter: Rogers Hornsby Chapter.
Presenters: **Jan Larson** on Game Ending Steals of Home; **Monte Cely** on The Cy Young Award, Individual or Team Recognition; **Bill Gilbert** on Salary Arbitration, A Burden or a Benefit? and **Denny McDaniel** on his minor league pitching career.
Place: Dell Diamond, home of the Round Rock Express of the Pacific Coast League.

Danville, June 24

Chapter: Oscar Charleston Chapter
Presentation: President **Bill Madden** announced a campaign to raise money to honor Hoosiers in the Hall of Fame with a historical marker where they were born. Anyone wanting to donate, should send a check to SABR and indicate the player they would like honored first: **Mordecai Brown**, **Max Carey**, **Oscar Charleston**, **Billy Herman**, **Chuck Klein**, **Sam Rice**, **Edd Roush**, and **Amos Rusie**.
Place: Sam Thompson Field

SABR NINE QUESTIONS

By Ryan Chamberlain

Many SABR members in the Houston area might know him as the namesake of their chapter, but by and large Larry Dierker is known as the Astros all-star pitcher who became the team's first 20-game winner in addition to becoming team manager from 1997 to 2001. Other career moves include a long-running stint as color commentator on Astros' radio and television broadcasts. Also, in 2003 he published his first book **This Ain't Brain Surgery: How to Win the Pennant Without Losing Your Mind**, a memoir chronicling his 37-year career in major league baseball that details his experiences from striking out Willie Mays on his 18th birthday to suffering an almost fatal brain seizure in the dug-out while managing the Astros in 1999.

Now Dierker is back with a new book, **My Team: Choosing My Dream Team From My Forty Years In Baseball**, which is the impetus for an interesting and thought-provoking discussion of the greatest players he has seen throughout his career in the majors. In coming to his conclusions, Dierker uses a variety of statistical methods and makes his full statistical charts available on Simon & Schuster's Web site (www.simonsays.com) by searching for "My Team" and clicking on the "bonus material" link in the lower left-hand side of the page.

A SABR member since 1994, the famously Hawaiian-shirt clad former major leaguer doesn't pull any punches with his opinions or his research methods, a fact that you will be well aware of after finishing the columns of this edition's SABR Nine.

You seem to have taken a real statistical approach to crafting your "Dream Team." What was the inspiration behind that and how did you arrive at your methodology?

I have been aware of the statistical methods of people like **Bill James** and **Pete Palmer** for many years. In fact, I seldom glance at batting averages any-

more. I also believe that there is a lot more to evaluating players than statistics.

For instance, I am skeptical of any stats that purport to evaluate fielding and baserunning. That is why I did not feel obligated to choose the guys with the best oba+slg for **My Team**. I would guess that 20% of a player's value lies in the areas that cannot be calculated but must, instead, be subjectively judged by professional scouts. I also believe it is important to have good "chemistry" on a team. For that reason, I tried to get a feeling the intangible qualities each player I considered would bring to the team. For pitchers, I prefer oba+slg against, but since that measure is not readily available, I used baserunners per inning and home runs per inning. I also wanted to put the pitchers in the context of their eras. To do that I used their ERA vs. the league ERA. This complicated things because the modern pitchers are so much better compared to the league than their predecessors. I concluded that the pitchers from my generation faced better pitchers start in and start out than guys like Clemens, Maddux, Johnson and Martinez. Even though I can support that theory by listing the 200+ game winners from 1965-1985 and the pitchers that have won more than 200 games in the last 20 years, I still think my judgment in this area is subjective.

Many SABR members (especially in the Boston area) will wonder how you can have a dream team without Ted Williams on it?

No Ted Williams, no Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Honus Wagner, or Rogers Hornsby. I only used players who have played in the last forty years. These are the players I can rate for fielding, baserunning, and intangible qualities. How many well-informed fans can compare Ted Williams to Barry Bonds as an outfielder or baserunner?

As a player and manager, you've witnessed many of the "intangibles" in players that can have a dramatic positive (or negative) effect on the entire team. Do you think this can be properly articulated statistically by someone who hasn't played or been a part of the game on a major-league level?

I don't think intangibles can be quantified. One team might need a guy who can call a players only meeting and give an inspirational speech. Another team might need a strong, silent type who can set the example of hard-nosed play without saying a thing. The chemistry of a team is the sum total of its intangibles. Winning teams can feature a pitching, speed and defense approach or a pitching, walking and slugging approach. Teams with divergent hitting, baserunning and fielding personalities can be successful. No team can win with poor pitching. There is no model for good chemistry, but it exists.

In your book, you talk about how psychological considerations can greatly offset statistical analysis. Can you give some examples of this from your days as a player or manager?

In my first year as a manager, Brad Ausmus usually hit eighth in the lineup. He was a weak hitter, but the pitchers depended on him because he called a good game for them. Several times during the season, I let him hit in the late stages of a game when I could have gained a statistical advantage by pinch-hitting for him. I thought that by showing confidence in him, he would feel good about himself and that the other players would see that I believed in him. He ended up hitting a game winning home run in the late stages of our division clinching win that year.

Why don't you feel comfortable comparing players like Ty Cobb to Ken Griffey Jr. or Alex Rodriguez to Honus Wagner?

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I don't feel comfortable comparing players I haven't seen with those I have seen because of the fielding, baserunning, intangibles aspect of the "whole" player. I don't trust eyewitness accounts because those who saw the great players of earlier vintage and wrote about them could not compare them to today's players, whom they did not see for obvious reasons.

Of all the hitters in your dream team, who would have given you the most trouble as a pitcher?

Barry Bonds would give me the most trouble. In fact, I am reminded that Ted Williams once said, "They didn't know if they should pitch me high or pitch me low. They didn't know what to do." The same could be said for Bonds. I generally had more trouble with left-handed contact hitters than right-handed sluggers. The sluggers are usually mistake hitters who strike out a lot. Like Ted, Barry is a slugger and a contact hitter. He walks more than he strikes out!

Who are some of the players during your career that you would have liked to have had the opportunity to manage?

The dream players for any manager are the guys with great talent who also hustle and work hard, setting a good example for their teammates. Jeff Bagwell was that type of player, but he was not a vocal leader. A-Rod is the same way. I would like to have had Joe Morgan and Frank Robinson because they played hard, and could express themselves vocally too. George Brett was the same way. In fact, most of the players on both teams have leadership qualities. The few who don't would be overwhelmed by the positive contributions of their teammates. As I said in the book, if Barry started acting up I am certain that Frank Robinson could take care of that problem without putting that burden on the manager.

One thing that didn't get touched on in your book is coaches. How important were they to you as a manager and if you could assemble and

field your dream team, who would be your first and third base coaches?

Coaches are important, but not as important as minor league instructors when it comes to developing players. You don't actually coach very much at the big league level. That said, I wanted to have coaches who were astute and outspoken. I wanted guys who could manage the team, who could, in fact, take my job. I don't think you can have too much quality on a coaching staff, but you can have too little help. I wanted guys who would give me a perspective I might not consider on my own. It helps if the coaches are good communicators because players confide in the coaches but they seldom share their feelings with the manager. Bill Virdon, Matt Galante and Mike Cabbage were my most valuable coaches. I'm sure there are many others who do a good job, but since I only managed one team, I don't have a broad perspective when it comes to the field of possible coaches.

Speaking as a person who has seen the game from many different levels, how much do you think the legacy of statistical analysis addressed by notables such as Cook, James, Palmer, Mann and others impacted the way the game is played and understood on the major-league level?

If you believe in modern statistical analysis like me, you are apt to take the Earl Weaver approach to offense: two walks and a three-run homer. That's the way most managers lean when it comes to offense. I don't think Earl was aware of the stat-masters, but he intuited correctly. Still, it depends on the make-up of your team. Whitey Herzog didn't have much power in St. Louis, but he had great speed. The Weaver approach would have been wrong for that team. These days, I think managers are generally conservative and operate almost like bridge players, using what might be called "conventions." But I don't think these conventions developed because the managers were familiar with Cook, James, Palmer and Mann.

Call for Papers for 2007 Seymour Conference

Get your paper ready for the ninth annual Seymour Medal Conference, to be held in late April/early May in Cleveland, Ohio. The Seymour Medal honors the author(s) of the best book of baseball history or biography completed during the preceding calendar year.

Papers can be on any aspect of baseball history. Space is limited, so don't delay. Proposals should include a one-page abstract of the paper, as well as a cover page with your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. The deadline for submissions is February 18, 2007.

Send proposals/questions to **Ryan Chamberlain** by e-mail at info@sabr.org or to SABR, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115. Check SABR's website (www.sabr.org) for continuing updates.

Nine Call for Papers

Nine: A Journal of Baseball History and Culture announces a call for papers for their 14th Annual Spring Training Conference on The Historical and Sociological Impact of Baseball.

The conference will be held March 15-18, 2007 at the Clarion Hotel Tucson, Arizona. The keynote speaker is scheduled to be **Robert W. Creamer** Author of *"Stengel: His Life & Times"* & *"Babe: The Legend Comes to Life"*

Original unpublished papers are invited that study all aspects of baseball with a particular emphasis on history and societal implications. Abstracts, not to exceed two pages, should be submitted prior to December 1, 2006 to:

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THURSDAY

Registration opened at 7:45 am and kicked off a great day of committee meetings, presentations and events.



Stopping for a breather on the Safeco Field Tour

In between presentations, members flocked to the vendors area to purchase books or bid on items in the silent auction. Others went across the hall to enjoy the illuminating Pacific Northwest Baseball Display drawn from **Dave Eskenazi's** amazing collection. The display presented a unique visual history of the Seattle Rainiers, Portland Beavers, Spokane Indians, Tacoma Tigers, Vancouver Mounties, Seattle Pilots, and many earlier teams from the past century.

After a full-day of activities, many members joined such notables as **Jim Bouton** and **John Thorn** in taking part in the vintage "base ball" game at nearby Bobby Morris Field. Many of

cluded the trivia preliminaries and the Ebbets Field Flannels reception where owner Jerry Cohen provided a brief history of the shop and his craft, exploring baseball's past through its uniforms.

Many members also ventured to the nearby Elliott Bay Bookstore to have their book signed by SABR authors such as **Jeff Angus**, **Mark Armour**, **Dave Eskenazi**, **Jonah Keri** and **Rob Neyer**.

FRIDAY

After a couple of early committee meetings, the Seattle Pilots panel convened at 9:00 am featuring **Jim Bouton**, **Mike Marshall**, **Steve Hovley**, **Jim Pagliaroni** and moderated by **Jim**



L-R: Steve Hovley and Jim Pagliaroni

Caple, a senior writer at ESPN.com. **Aaron Gleeman** of Hardballtimes.com remarked in his convention report, "I went mostly to see Bouton, but Marshall and Pagliaroni stole the show in what was an incredibly entertaining 90 minutes that included Bouton singing and tons of **Ball Four**-esque stories."

A Bouton book signing followed the event.

One of the marquee events at the convention, the awards luncheon, began at noon. While waiting in anticipation for the keynote address by **Jim Bouton**, attendees dined on their choice of roasted chicken or grilled northwest salmon entrees served with formal gusto.

Jim O'Donnell was master of ceremonies for the afternoon. Among the awards presented were The Lee Allen Special Prize (**Colin Bender** for "End

The Unjust Monopoly: Curt Flood's Stand Against Baseball's Reserve Clause"); The Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Award (see page 18) and the McFarland-SABR Awards (see back page). Also presented was the Sporting News-SABR Awards (**Will Carroll** for the research he did to produce his book, **The Juice**; **Robert K. Fitts** for research on **Remembering Japanese Baseball: An Oral History of the Game**; and **Steven R. Hoffbeck** for the research on **Swinging for the Fences: Black Baseball in Minnesota**).

Roland Hemond was again on hand this year to present his namesake award given to the executive who has displayed great respect for scouts. This year's recipient was Mariners scouting director **Bob Fontaine Jr.**, who was on hand to accept the award.

The final award presentation of the day, the **L. Robert "Bob" Davids Award** was given to **John Thorn** for his contributions to SABR and baseball reflecting the ingenuity, integrity, and self-sacrifice of the award's namesake (see page one).

After a heartfelt acceptance speech by Thorn, **Jim Bouton** took the podium to address the capacity-filled room. He was described by many in attendance as both "thought-provoking" and "hilarious."

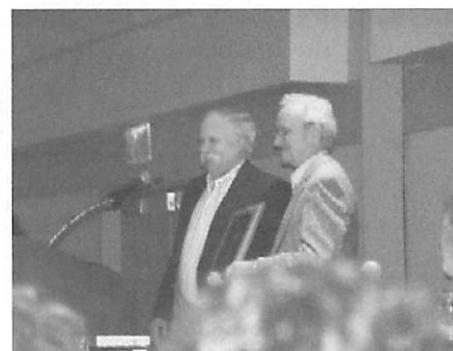
Bouton used his SABR platform to remind listeners of the threat that ste-



From L-R: Alexander Cartwright IV and John Thorn at the vintage game with Jim Bouton and his wife, Paula

the players were dressed in uniforms of the period and played by 19th century rules.

Other events in the evening in-



Bob Fontaine, Jr. and Roland Hemond

roids poses to the integrity of the game calling it a bigger scandal than the 1919 Black Sox incident. Said Bouton, "We used greenies to overcome hangovers."

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Jim Bouton at the Awards Luncheon

They were performance enablers, they allowed you to play up to your ability, but not beyond your ability.”

After calling SABR to take action against the threat of steroids, he shared some of his legendary experiences as a major leaguer in his typical no-holds barred candor.

The *Seattle Times*' **Larry Stone**, wrote of Bouton's speech, "You had to be there, but his a cappella rendition of 'Proud to be an Astro' (lyrics unsuitable for a family newspaper, but check out page 331 of any vintage edition *Ball Four*) brought down the house."

The Founders' Panel was the next main event that afternoon. Moderated by home run guru **David Vincent**, the panel included founders **Bill Gustafson**, **Tom Hufford**, **Bob McConnell** and longtime members **Pete Palmer** and **Tom Zocco**. The pan-



Founders panel from L-R: Bob McConnell, Bill Gustafson, Tom Hufford, Pete Palmer and Tom Zocco

elists shared the ins-and-outs of the origin and early history of the thirty-five year-old organization.

After a few afternoon committee meetings, most convention-goers took

in a Friday night game at Safeco Field. Josh Fogg of the Rockies faced the minimum 27 batters to win against the Mariners in the shortest game in Safeco Field history.

SATURDAY

After a couple of early morning committee meetings, SABR Saturday came into full swing with the Donor Breakfast, which was a special "thank you" event for those members who contributed \$100 or more in the previous year and was briefly attended by PCL legend **Eddie Basinski**.

According to SABR **Executive Director John Zajc**, this was the largest donor breakfast in the program's history.

"I'm pleased by the continued success of the donor program," said Zajc. "It's encouraging to see so many members make an additional financial commitment to help fulfill the organization's mission."

The breakfast was followed later that morning by the PCL Panel discussion. The line-up for this event included Mr. Portland Beaver, Eddie Basinski, who in addition to stints with the Seattle Rainiers and Vancouver Mounties also played in the big leagues with the Brooklyn Dodgers and Pittsburgh Pirates; Dick Fitzgerald, who signed with the Baltimore Orioles and played professionally in York, PA, Columbus, GA, San Antonio, Vancouver and Seattle; Wes Stock, who had two stints in Vancouver played in the majors for the Orioles, Kansas City A's and was a pitching coach for the Milwaukee Brewers, Oakland A's and Mariners; and Edo Vanni, who was a member of the original Seattle Rainiers team in 1938, and spent many years as a player and manager in the old Western International League to eventually manage the Rainiers in their last year in 1964. The panel was moderated by SABR President **Dick Beverage**, who is also president of the Pacific Coast League Historical Society and has written extensively on the PCL.

Following an afternoon of more great research presentations, attendees gathered for the Collective Bargain Panel Discussion. Panelists included

Mike Marshall, 1974 NL Cy Young Award winner who pitched for 15 seasons for Detroit, Seattle, Houston, Montreal, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Texas,



Eddie Basinski Signs Autographs

Minnesota and the New York Mets; **Dick Moss**, who has represented over 200 Major League Baseball players and was the general counsel for the Major League Baseball Player's Association; and **Andrew Zimbalist**, author of several books including the recent *Baseball and Billions: A Probing Look Inside the Big Business of Our National Pastime* who is recognized as the pre-eminent economist on the sports landscape today. The panel was moderated by **Rob Neyer**, senior baseball writer for ESPN.com.

The days events concluded with the much-heralded SABR individual and team trivia contests. **Ron Liebman** served as official judge, **Francis Kinlaw** monitored the buzzers, **Steve Nadel**, timekeeper and **Barry Mednick** served as official scorer. **Damian Begley** did a wonderful job as the event emcee and kept the questions (and jokes) flying fast and furious during an exciting competition. The team, "East, West, North, South" comprised of **Alain Usereau**, **Joseph Stanton**, **Michael Poplawski** and **Arnie Braunstein** won the trivia finalists against the "Brother's Adell," named in honor of the recently deceased Ross Adell and comprised of **Steve Krevisky**, **Ty Waterman**, **Rob Rafal** and **Jeff Tillis**.

David Fleitz edged out **Steve Treder**, **Greg Funk** and **Dave Raglin** to win the individual trivia competi-

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Help Secure the Legacy of the Founders by Giving to the SABR Endowment Fund

During the celebration of SABR's 35th Anniversary in August, we took the time to both look back at the accomplishments of the organization and ahead to a bright future. Part of this future will be assisted by the SABR Endowment, which is expected to exceed \$50,000 by the end of 2006.

As part of our anniversary celebration, many members made contributions to the Endowment, bringing its total, as of August 18, 2006, to approximately \$20,600. This seemingly small amount has grown significantly in the past three years. At the end of August 2003, the SABR Endowment stood at \$4,422. It will take a big leap forward in the coming months as an estate gift is expected to be released after it makes its way through probate court.

The Endowment is funded through gifts made specifically to the endowment during our annual donation drive, gifts made in memory of deceased members, and by gifts made in wills. Sample language to include SABR in your estate plans could be: "I give and bequeath ___% of all of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate to the Society for American Baseball Research, a not for profit corporation located in Cleveland, Ohio." A specific dollar amount can also be used. Your gift to the SABR Endowment will help SABR make the next 35 years of baseball research even better

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keen student of baseball statistics, who through his writing and publication has given crucial impetus to the sabermetric revolution."

The Bob Davids Award honors SABR members whose contributions to SABR and baseball reflect the ingenuity, integrity, and self-sacrifice of the founder and past president of SABR, L. Robert "Bob" Davids.

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Winners of the trivia contest received a SABR 36 convention T-shirt and a copy of *The 2006 ESPN Baseball Encyclopedia* edited by Gary Gillette, Pete Palmer and Stuart Shea.

At the conclusion of the trivia contest, the winners of the best oral and poster presentations were announced.

For his oral presentation, "Blocking Pitches: Assessing a Catcher's Ability to Save Runs with Bruises," **Sean Forman**, of Philadelphia, PA, was honored with the Doug Pappas Memorial Research Award, presented by *USA Today Sports Weekly*. His presentation proposed a new metric for evaluating catcher defense.

Allison Binns, a doctoral student in Sociology at Harvard University, won the *USA Today Sports Weekly* Award for best poster presentation for "The Short-Term Effect of Salary Arbitration on Performance" which examined it in two ways - looking at the effect on performance compared with players at comparable career points who settled on contracts without arbitration, and contrasting arbitration winners with arbitration losers.

USA Today Sports Weekly sponsored both presentations. Winners receive a cash prize of \$250 for best oral research, and \$125 for best poster research presentations, with a like amount donated to SABR, courtesy of *USA Today Sports Weekly*.

Call for SABR 37 Articles

The next annual SABR convention is scheduled for the summer of 2007 in St. Louis, MO. Exact dates will not be determined until after Major League Baseball announces their schedule.

Authors are sought for the 2007 St. Louis SABR Convention Publication.

The focus will be on St. Louis baseball, but all subject matter will be considered. Direct queries to **Bob Tiemann** at (314)-535-4215 or bobtiemann@webtv.net. Submissions can be mailed to Bob at 4518 Wichita Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110.

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The SABR administration would like to extend its warmest regards to the organizations and individuals who helped sponsor this event. Those sponsors include: The Seattle Mariners (platinum level), **McFarland and Co.** (Silver level), **Louisville Slugger Museum** (Bronze Level) and **R. Plapinger's Baseball Books** (Participant Level). We hope that SABR members will also say "thank you" with their continued patronage of their goods and services.

The SABR office would also like to recognize convention chair **Anthony Salazar** for organizing and leading a top-notch local crew, **Dave Eskenazi** for his efforts in putting together a stellar Pacific Northwest Baseball Display, **Jeff Bower** for lining up the event speakers, **Steve Steinberg** for putting together the optional events, **Neal Traven** for managing the research presentations and the entire Northwest SABR chapter for their hardwork and cooperation.

*Editor's Note: We would like to thank and recognize **Rick Schabowski**, **Dixie Tourangeau** and **Marilyn Miller** for contributing their images and time to this recap.*

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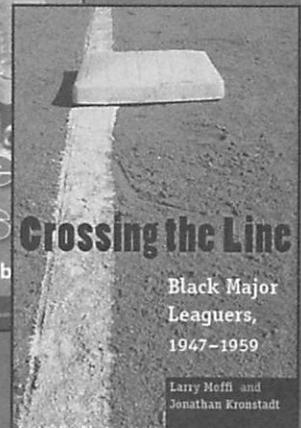
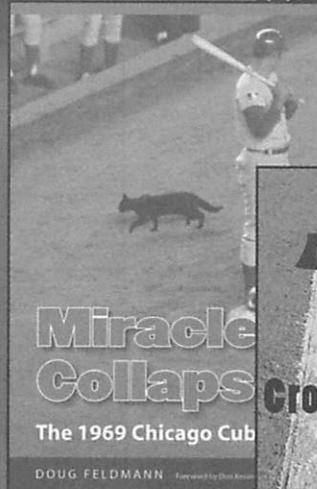
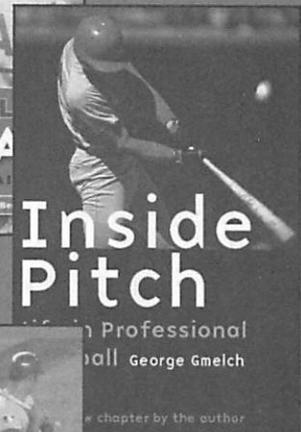
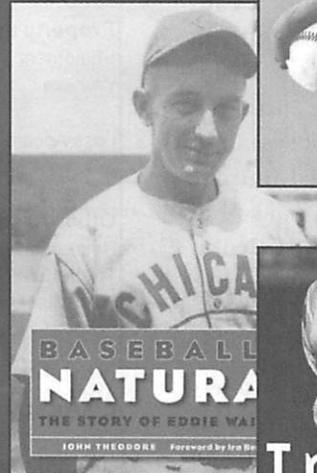
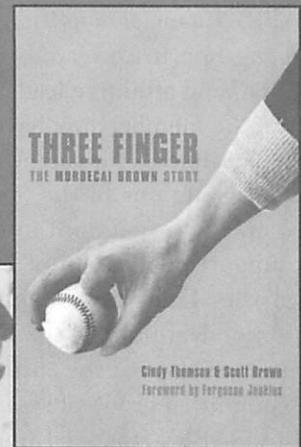
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Treasurer's Mid-year Report

As I reported to you at the 2005 annual meeting, SABR's financial condition continues to strengthen in the hands of an experienced staff and attentive leadership team that you, the membership, have put in place and continue to support. Unlike 2004, when all donations to the Society were banked, in 2005 we dipped into our reserves to support publication of *Dead-ball Stars of the American League*. In creating this wonderful work the Dead-ball Era committee showed the entire Society how a committed group of researchers, backed by SABR's financial muscle, could bring into existence a work that could never be commercially justified. It is truly an asset for future researchers.

The budget we established for 2006 anticipated a \$20,000 shortfall, but also accommodated our newest staff position – Research Services Manager. The simple fact that SABR had close to \$200,000 in its rainy day kitty, up from less than \$50,000 just 5 years ago, justified the risk that this new position would drive us into the red this year and perhaps next. We will be a stronger Society with this position in place.

Similarly the board was able to commit to spending \$10,000 on the digitization of *The Sporting Life* in conjunction with the AAFLA. This effort will use the HOF holdings to create a definitive repository of one of the most important sources of information about the early decades of professional baseball.

We were in a position to do this because of our financial strength.

As you look over the balance sheet and along with our operating income and expenses over the past 3 years (*to the right*), I hope you are reassured that the Society is being guided and managed in an informed and responsible manner. As baseball's only organization run by researchers, as a non-profit in a sea of ventures that come and go, we occupy a unique position in the baseball economy, and our solid financial standing is starting to pay dividends. The best is yet to come.

Respectfully submitted,
F. X. Flinn, Treasurer

Society for American Baseball Research		
Statement of Financial Position		
December 31, 2005		
ASSETS		
Current Assets	2005	2004
Cash and Temporary Investments	507,668	461,294
Investments	87,255	52,256
Accounts Receivable	3,018	1,670
Publications Inventory	2,380	2,353
Prepaid Expenses	12,182	11,076
Total Current Assets	\$ 612,503	\$ 528,649
Property and Equipment – AT COST		
Equipment	41,803	30,558
Website	29,523	29,523
Net Property and Equipment	71,326	60,081
Less Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(53,829)	(47,398)
	\$ 17,497	\$ 12,683
Other Assets		
Research Collections	26,939	26,799
Trademark	1,693	1,927
Deposits	1,824	1,824
Total Other Assets	30,456	30,550
	\$ 660,456	\$ 571,882
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 94,532	\$ 21,346
Deferred Membership Dues – current portion	221,473	228,088
	\$ 316,005	\$ 249,434
DEFERRED MEMBERSHIP DUES	65,766	67,315
	\$ 381,771	\$ 316,749
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED	242,981	231,075
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	25,866	14,529
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	9,838	9,529
	\$ 278,685	\$ 255,133
	\$ 660,456	\$ 571,882

Summary	2006		2005 Actual	2004 Actual	2003 Actual
	Forecast	2006 Budget			
Number of Members	7,132	7,050	6,982	6,970	6,722
Revenues					
Administrative	458,598	456,302	441,179	391,058	369,643
Outreach	37,562	40,339	35,873	51,884	59,728
Total Revenues	496,160	496,641	477,051	442,943	429,371
Payroll and Fees					
Membership Services Staff	180,026	194,025	128,569	118,039	115,737
Publications Management Fees	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000
Total Payroll	216,026	230,025	164,569	154,039	151,737
Operating Expenses					
Administrative	99,778	91,310	93,668	104,627	93,618
Member	56,753	58,909	59,005	51,731	43,148
Outreach	124,896	136,400	153,020	89,736	115,712
Total Operating Costs	281,427	286,619	305,693	246,094	252,477
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,293)	(20,003)	6,789	42,809	25,157

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Members may still contribute to the plaque that honored the father of Pacific Northwest professional baseball during this summer's convention in Seattle.

Northwest SABR, led by Eric Sallee and Dave Eskenazi, installed the plaque honoring John S. Barnes at Evergreen-Washelli Cemetery on Wednesday, July 23. Jim Price described the career of the longtime sports promoter.

Barnes, already well-known as a team owner in St. Paul, organized the Pacific Northwest League for its inaugural season in 1890. Then he guided Spokane to the first championship. The native of Ireland later promoted physical fitness in several countries. In the early 20th century, he returned to baseball as the operator of franchises in Butte, Mont., and Aberdeen, Wash.

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Manuscripts may not be simultaneously under consideration by any other publisher.

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No fee shall be charged for entry or consideration of a manuscript.

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SABR was the brainchild of L. Robert "Bob" Davids of Washington, DC. For many years, starting in 1951, he contributed free-lance articles to The Sporting News. When The Sporting News discontinued statistical-history types of articles in the mid-1960s, Davids sought another outlet for his avocation and launched a four-page newsletter, "Baseball Briefs." The initial response to the publication spawned the idea of forming an organization of researchers, and in March 1971 he sent letters to approximately 40 "statisticians" around the country asking for expression of interest in forming a research group.

The 16 willing and able to meet in Cooperstown formulated the Society's name, acronym and mission: to foster the study of baseball past and present, and to provide an outlet for educational, historical and research information about the game.

In addition to Hufford, Ginsburg and Davids (deceased), the original members included **Dan Dischley, Paul Frisz (deceased), Raymond Gonzalez, William Gustafson, William Haber (deceased), Cliff Kachline, Robert McConnell, Pat McDonough (deceased), Raymond Nemec, John Pardon, Thomas Shea (deceased), Joseph Simenic and Keith Sutton (deceased).**

The organization, currently headquartered in Cleveland, has now published over 100 books and has several regional chapters located across the U.S. and in Canada, Japan and the U.K. Looking back, some of the founders can't help but shake their head at the impact the organization has had over the past 35 years.

"SABR's legacy to the game is the volume of research and sophisticated documentation and analysis of all aspects of the game. This is true for all phases of the game, whether historical or analysis of the game today," said Ginsburg.

On August 12, 2006, SABR returned to Cooperstown, New York, to commemorate the founding of SABR 35 years earlier, on August 10, 1971.

Executive Director **John Zajc** welcomed three of the founding members, **Cliff Kachline, John Pardon, and Tom Hufford**, back to the place where they and the thirteen others founded SABR.

They started things off at 1:00 pm at the Bullpen Theatre with a short Power point presentation by Executive Director Zajc with dozens of photos from throughout SABR's history. The three founders in attendance also took questions from the audience. At 3:00 pm, they headed to the Giamatti Research Center to celebrate with cake and snacks and soda.

As for the future, according to Hufford, SABR will continue to offer the best community for baseball historians, researchers and enthusiasts.

"Someone once said SABR is the conscience of baseball. I hope we continue that for another 35 years!"

*Special thanks go out to **Jim Gates** and the **National Baseball Hall of Fame Library** for their hospitality.*

IN MEMORIAM

ELDEN AUKER

Elden Auker, of Vero Beach, Florida passed away from congestive heart failure. He was 95.

A SABR member since 1999, Elden was well known in baseball circles as a major league pitcher for the Detroit Tigers, Boston Red Sox and St. Louis Browns and his link to one of the golden eras of baseball history. Some of his teammates and friends included Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, Jimmie Foxx, Mickey Cochrane, Lefty Grove, Joe Cronin, Hank Greenberg, Charlie Gehringer, Goose Goslin and Bobby Doerr.

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RESEARCH GRAPEVINE

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Angus, Jeff: Punctuated equilibrium in the bullpen. The 2005 World champion White Sox blend sabermetrics and sociology to deliver a successful innovation. 28 pages. The evolution of relief pitching from a cultural viewpoint.

Belson, Ken: The house that Steinbrenner is building. 9 pages. Text of article in the New York Times business section, July 23, 2006, about the Yankees' future financial prospects as expenses rise along with revenues.

Christian, Ralph J.: Bud Fowler: the first African-American professional baseball player and the 1885 Keokuks. 5 pages. Photocopy of article in the spring 2006 issue of Iowa Heritage Illustrated, the magazine of the State Historical Society of Iowa.

Coffey, Wayne: The life of Brien. 5 pages. Text of article in the New York Daily News, July 2, 2006, catching up with Brien Taylor, the Yankees top pitching prospect whose career was derailed by injuries suffered in a fight.

Dolgan, Bob: Betting allegations linked Speaker and Cobb. 4 pages. Text of article in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, May 31, 2006, about a scandal in 1926 involving the two great players.

Gilbert, Bill: Salary arbitration: A burden or a benefit? 13 pages.

Jordan, Pat: Why doesn't Los Angeles love the McCourts. 6 pages. Text of article in the Los Angeles Times, July 23, 2006, about the owners of the Dodgers.

Kempner, Matt: How to fix the Braves: Advice from turnaround experts. 2 pages. Text of article in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, June 14, 2006, in which the author sought the advice of a number of business turnaround specialists on how to straighten out the team.

Knickerbocker, Wendy: Billy Sunday, the baseball evangelist. 7 pages. Photocopy of article in Elysian Fields Quarterly, Volume 21, No. 4.

Krevisky, Steve: Jungle Jim leads the way! The saga of the 1951 PCL champs, the Seattle Rainiers. 7 pages. How Jim Rivera led the team to the pennant.

Launius, Roger D., and G. Michael Green: "Charlie Finley has soured my stomach for baseball": Charles O. Finley versus his players. 17 pages.

Lewis, Robert: "Soft Ball: MLB shifts from neocolonizer to multinational corporation. 29 pages. How baseball is shifting its business development strategy.

Macht, Norman: Baseball: Why this passion. 11 pages. What is it about baseball that enabled it to fix such a tenacious grip on our culture.

Montville, Leigh: Last hurrah. 3 pages. Photocopy of article in Smithsonian magazine, July 2006, about the famous "farewell" picture of Babe Ruth at Yankee Stadium taken by photographer Nat Fein.

Pankin, Mark: Additional on-base worth 3 times additional slugging? 17 pages. An analysis.

Pruitt, Ryan: The Cactus League: Big League bust or major league success? 22 pages. A history.

Smith, David: Effect of batting order (not lineup) on scoring. 12 pages.

Stone, Larry: Endearing and enduring: The 1969 Seattle Pilots. 5 pages. Text of article about the ill-fated predecessor to the Mariners. Also, Reader, Bill: Seattle Pilots: Where are they now? 5 pages. Updates the whereabouts and careers of the 53 players who were on the Pilots' roster during the season.

Testa, Judith: Sal Maglie's Southern seasons: The making of "Sal the Barber." 6 pages. Maglie adopted his big league persona in the Cuban Winter League and the Mexican League in 1946 and '47.

Wood, Phil: Moe Drabowsky: An appreciation of the legend. 1 page. Copy of article on examiner.com.

The following are a group of articles about the Reading Keystones of the International League in the 1920s.

Adams, Charles J. III: The 1926 Reading Keystones: A season of shame. 3 pages, Photocopy of article in the Historical Review of Berks County, Summer 2003.

Engelhardt, Brian: Anything but a bonehead. 7 pages. About Fred Merkle's time as manager of the hapless Reading Keystones in 1927. Photocopy of article in the Historical Review of Berks County, Summer 2006.

Linton, Jack: The Reading International League Baseball Team - 1919 to 1932. 12 pages. Photocopy of article in Historical Review of Berks County, Summer 1990.

Smith, John W.: 31 straight games in 1927. About the Reading Keystones' 31-game losing streak in 1927. Photocopy of article in the Reading Eagle, May 1982.

Voigt, David Quentin: A reach too-o-o far: Reading's colorful adventures (1919-32). 7 pages. Photocopy of article in the Historical Review of Berks County, Summer 1998.

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I was fortunate to moderate a panel of former Pacific Coast League players, and this group gave our members from the East and Midwest some insight on that great league. Something I noticed as the players related their playing experiences and told stories was how pleased they were to be with a group that really appreciates baseball and is so knowledgeable about our great game. A few days after the convention, I received a fine letter from Eddie Basinski, one of the panelists, who complimented the many SABR members he talked to and what a great service our organization provides to

THE PRES BOX

by Dick Beverage

baseball. It is nice to be recognized and appreciated, and Eddie certainly expressed his enthusiasm well.

At the Executive Board meeting held in Seattle, the city of Cleveland was selected to host the 2008 convention. I heard some feedback later that this was not a good choice, Cleveland is a boring city with nothing to do. Nothing could be further from the truth. There's a lot happening on the shores of Lake Erie these days. We had a fine convention in Cleveland in 1990, and I am confident that the upcoming event will be even better. There's a great ballpark that many of our members have not seen, there are convenient minor league parks close by, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is there and there are many great eating places to choose from. In addition, SABR will probably get the most attention from the media that our organization has ever had. Executive Director John Zajc has developed some very good relationships with some of the powers that be in Cleveland, and we expect many good things to come from his efforts. In the meantime, it will be St. Louis in 2007, and I'm already looking forward to that

one. The local committee is hard at work in preparing a program that will rival Seattle. Exciting times are ahead.

Looking ahead at the remaining months of the year, the Board will have its annual budget meeting during the weekend of November 17-19 in the San Francisco Bay Area. This is an important event, and a great deal of planning takes place before the meeting. The Executive Director works closely with the Treasurer to present a picture of what SABR's operations will look like during the coming year. He prepares a forecast of the membership for the coming year, and this number becomes the bedrock of the budget process. At the meeting the Board is presented with a pro-forma statement of operations for the coming year and it then proceeds to analyze it, line by line. Any extraordinary expenditures, such as a new computer for the staff, is discussed separately. This year, among other issues, the Board will have to take into consideration the loss of Proquest and what alternative research sources may be available. The budget review takes a full work day and then some. It is essential to good organizational management, and the careful attention that the Board gives to this process has been a direct contributor to the financial success of SABR over the past several years.

Yoseloff Grants Awarded, *continued from page 1*

- **Michael Hauptert** for "Black Ball, Red Ink, a Financial Analysis of the Negro Leagues"
- **Craig Lammers** for "Minor League Baseball in Ohio during the Deadball Era"
- **Byron Motley** for "The Autobiography of Bob Motley"
- **Todd Peterson** for "1909 St. Paul Gophers"

The grants were made possible by the generosity of the Anthony A. Yoseloff Foundation. This year's recipients mark the second of SABR's two-year program in which it will award no less than \$4,000 in baseball research grants each year.

Grants may be used for the reimbursement of research expenses, including travel and lodging, inter-library loan fees, research fees, photocopying, telephone expenses, etc.

2006 Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award Winners Announced

SABR recently announced that **Trent McCotter**, **Scott Powers** and **Alex Paolo** were the recipients of this year's Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award.

McCotter, a student at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, was selected as the college division winner. His paper was entitled, "Ty Cobb Splits."

Powers, from LaGrange, IL was again named the high school division winner for his paper, "The Rise of Baseball in Japan." **Alex Edelman**, from Maimonides School in Brookline, MA was named high school runner-up for his paper, "Billy Rohr"

Alex Paolo, from Lasalle Academy in Hope, RI was named the middle school winner for his paper, "Jackie Roosevelt Robinson."

Recipients of the Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award receive a cash prize and membership in SABR. You can read their prize-winning essays at the SABR web site.

The Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award was established in 1999 by SABR in recognition of Kavanagh's writing and research achievements and his contributions to SABR. The award was presented for the first time at the SABR National Convention in West Palm Beach, Florida in June, 2000.

For more information on how students can participate, either visit the SABR web site (Awards), or contact the chair of SABR's Education Committee, **Richard Hunt** at rhunt@ccs.edu.

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November 17-18

SABR Board of Directors Meeting, San Mateo CA
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PAGE 15 is your place to find SABR information, such as upcoming chapter meetings, quickly. We will try to rotate lists of contacts throughout the year.

SPIRIT OF SABR SALUTE

In each *Bulletin*, this space will be devoted to recognizing SABR members who, on their own initiative or on request, have assisted other members in their research projects - what SABR is all about. The only source of names will be you, the membership. There will be no judges, no committees, no competition. All names submitted will be printed; their nominators will not be identified.

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McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award Winners Announced

SABR has awarded McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Awards to (in alpha order) **Charlie Bevis** for "Rocky Point: A Lone Outpost of Sunday Baseball in Sabbatarian New England;" **Gregory Bond** for "Too Much Dirty Work: Race, Manliness And Baseball In Gilded Age Nebraska;" and **James Forr**: "Pie Traynor."

The award honors the authors of the best articles or papers, published or unpublished, on baseball history or biography completed during the preceding calendar year.

One judge described Bevis' work, published in *Nine*, as a "delightful read, very well researched, on an offbeat but pertinent topic. . . . It covers more than strictly baseball, and represents an insightful study of recreation in general."

The judges called Bond's article, which appeared in *Nebraska History* as, "A well-written study that expertly blends chronicle with analysis to provide, among other things, a perceptive discussion of the changing concept of "manliness" in late nineteenth century America. First-rate and well documented."

The judges called "Pie Traynor," "A splendid brief biography, wonderfully well written, informative and analytical – perhaps the finest of its type I've ever read. . . . An exceptional, warts-and-all recounting of one of the lesser known Hall of Famers." Forr's article is published at SABR's BioProject Web site.

Works eligible for the McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award include magazine and journal articles, previously unpublished chapters or articles in anthologies or other books with multiple authors, unpublished research papers and written versions of oral presentations. Authors honored for unpublished work may not later receive a SABR research award for that work (or work that is substantially the same) in published form.

SABR thanks committee chairman **Len Levin** and the team of judges, **Phil Bergen**, **William Humber** and **Fred Ivor-Campbell**, for their efforts.

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Call For Candidates

The SABR Nominating Committee seeks your input for questions to ask candidates on the Candidate Statement Form, as well as nominations for candidates for the Spring 2006 elections. All candidates must have been members of the society for at least the preceding four years before being eligible for election.

Deadline for nominations is February 1, 2007. Nominees must prepare a Candidate Statement Form, following guidelines, which will be available from any Nominating Committee member, and **must be received by the Nominating Committee chair no later than February 15, 2007.**

The offices to be filled are:

- 1) President (2-year term, currently **Dick Beverage**)
- 2) Director (3-year term; currently **Norman Macht**)
- 3) Director (3-year term; currently **Tom Hufford**)

NOMCOMM SEEKS YOUR INPUT

We seek questions that are office-specific for each of the offices open in this election. We also seek input on general questions for every nominee.

Regional Chapter Leaders and Research Committee Chairs are especially encouraged to pass along this request to their respective members, to better address member's needs. Self-nominations are welcomed. If you would like to nominate yourself or another candidate or pose a question of the candidates, contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

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Get Set for SABR 37 Convention in St. Louis!

SABR's Annual Convention will be held **July 26 to 29** at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown St. Louis, Missouri. The Adam's Mark hosted the 1992 convention when SABR was last in St. Louis. With over 900 sleeping rooms, and being located across from the Gateway Arch and a few blocks from Busch Stadium, the Adam's Mark is a central location to enjoy another great weekend of baseball fun.

HOTEL INFORMATION

To make your reservation at the Adam's Mark Hotel, call 1-800-444-2326 and identify yourself as part of the Society for American Baseball Research. SABR has negotiated a room rate of \$95/night for a single or double. The triple rate is \$105/night and the quad rate is \$115/night. In addition to the room rate, tax is currently 14.866%. We have rooms blocked from Monday, July 23 to July 30.

Reservations must be made no later than June 22, 2007.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

All members are invited to present their research findings to their colleagues attending SABR37 in St. Louis. Oral presentations are expected to last 20 minutes, followed by a five minute question-and-answer period. Submission of abstracts for poster presentations is very strongly encouraged. Abstracts covering all aspects of baseball research are welcomed.

Abstracts of proposed research presentations should be no more than 500 words in length, and must include the abstract's title, review of previous work on the subject, a summary of the research methodology, and the expected contribution to the field of baseball research offered by this work.

When submitting an abstract, indicate whether the work is to be reviewed as a poster or oral presentation (or both) and which presentation medium is preferred. The author should also describe anticipated audio-visual needs for an

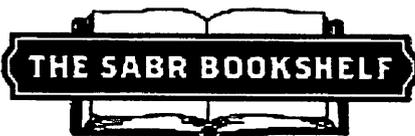
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Renewal Drive Begins

"Thank you" to all SABR members for their financial and volunteer support throughout the 2006 calendar year. The first renewal notice was mailed to members who had not renewed for 2007 as of October 26. You can renew online at the SABR Store, <http://store.sabr.org>. A comments field at the end of the process allows you to give any special instructions. If our online renewal feature is not for you, please continue your support of SABR by mailing in a renewal check or money order.

Please consider joining over 580 other SABR members in making a contribution to SABR (see pg. 10-11). SABR is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization and your donation is deductible as allowed by law. It is through the generous support of members that SABR is able to fulfill its mission.





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BASEBALL RECORDS

Lyle Spatz writes in the October committee newsletter that *The SABR Book of Lists and Records* is on schedule to be published next spring. He uses this issue of the newsletter to make known the lists that will be in the book and to ask those who have contributed lists to prepare, where necessary, to update them to include the 2006 season.

BIOGRAPHICAL

One of the Top Twenty, James Leon "Jimmy" Wood, was found by Peter Morris. Written up by Lee Allen in 1963, Wood's date and place of death had never been confirmed. Morris found a death certificate for him in California. Wood died on November 3, 1927, in San Francisco.

There were a couple of errors in the last Biographical Research Committee newsletter. Bill Carle misread Peter Morris's notes regarding Clarence and George Stephens. The 1891 Cincinnati game was played by Clarence and not George. Also, Carle read the wrong line in the database when changing the cemetery for John Peters. It was not John Paul Peters (1884), but John William Peters (1932) who is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery in Kansas City, Kansas.

BIOPROJECT

New biographies published on the BioProject web site (<http://bioproj.sabr.org>) include Kirby Puckett by Stew Thornley, Doug Hansen by John Green, Pat Powers by Charlie Bevis, Claude Ritchey by Angelo Louisa, Morrie Arnovich by Ralph Berger and over a half dozen biographies by Peter Morris (including Mary Shane, hired as part of the White Sox broadcasting team in 1977).

BUSINESS OF BASEBALL

The Fall issue of *Outside the Lines* leads with an article by Erik Porse of George Mason University titled, "MLB and Lobbying: A Perennial Favorite." Included is a chart of Political Contributions by Team and MLB and MLBPA

Lobbying Expenses, 1998-2005.

Anthony Salazar's *The Farm Report* will now be published as part of both *Outside the Lines* and as a Minor League Committee newsletter feature. His recent report covers affiliations for 2007 and the exodus of minor league baseball from Canada.

Ken Chevren is stepping in to be the committee's web master and Brian Borawski will be the editor of the site.

LATIN

The summer newsletter of *La Prensa del Béisbol Latino* newsletter marks the third anniversary of its publication. Editor Anthony Salazar wrote, "Over the course of these past few years, we have had great contributions from stalwart members of SABR's Latino baseball committee. I have sincerely appreciated your efforts and encouragement."

The newsletter also detailed the recent meeting of the Latino committee at SABR36 in Seattle, Washington. They paid tribute to their past chair, Eduardo Valero, who passed away several months ago. Salazar wrote, "As we move forward, we look to our committee's future, wondering how we can improve it, and make it a stronger and more productive arm of the SABR mission."

Their plan is to first build a website, and make it a valued resource to historians and researchers interested in telling the Latino story in baseball. Their goal is to also become a more visible resource to the media, as well as Major League Baseball and Minor League Baseball.

Salazar also suggest that they should also look to build our committee, not only among SABRen, but they should look to bring in those interested in the Latino baseball experience, to share their enthusiasm and passion. Said Salazar, "We have much to offer other committees as well, as they have much to share with us."

NEGRO LEAGUES

The latest issue of *The Negro Leagues Courier* announces the dates (June 14 to 17, 2007) of the next Jerry

Malloy Negro Leagues Conference. The conference will be held in Portsmouth, Virginia. Conference director Tom Garrett has plenty of great programming planned, and you can submit your presentation ideas now to get on the schedule as well.

Send your abstract to Leslie Heaphy.

SCOUTS

"20 to 80*," the newly revamped Scouts committee newsletter announced that 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 submit them via the Web site or send an email with all the particulars including a citation for your source. The listing of signing scouts for all 2006 debuts will appear in the next edition of "20 to 80*."

The newsletter also reported that 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 and 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*.

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. They encourage your submissions, anything from full-length articles to interesting factoids about professional scouting from members of the committee.

To join the SABRscouts eGroup, send an email to SABRscouts-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Upcoming Events

11/25/2006

The Lajoie-Start Chapter (Providence) will meet at St. Philip's Parish Center, Greenville, R.I., on Nov. 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact **Len Levin** at lenlevin5@hotmail.com.

4/27/2007

Seymour Medal Conference contact **Ryan Chamberlain**, info@sabr.org

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Jerry Malloy Conference. Contact **Tom Garrett**, portsmouthbuck@aol.com or 757-686-0912

7/26/2007

SABR 37, St. Louis, Missouri.

Boxscores of Past Meetings

San Francisco, July 16

Chapter: Lefty O'Doul Chapter.
 Event: "Art in the Park" tour of AT&T Park by **Linda Vessa** followed by Giants game.
 Presenter: **Gene Sunnen**, "Recap of SABR 36."
 Panel: "Arts of Baseball" panel featuring: George Krevsky, owner of the San Francisco Krevsky Gallery, is well known in the community for his annual spring kickoff exhibit of baseball art; Baseball Prospectus writer **Tom Gorman** on the "art" of statistics and the changes that technology has brought to the field; and Marty Lurie, host of Memories of the Game and Player Talk for MLB Radio on the "art" of the interview.
 Thanks: Matt Hodson, SF Giants Senior Media Relations Coordinator and **Linda Vessa**.
 Place: AT&T Park

Cooperstown, July 30,

Chapter: Leatherstocking Chapter.
 Event: Induction Weekend.
 Guest: Barry Abrams, a producer for ESPN, gave a presentation on how the network goes about producing a sports documentary, and answered questions.
 Presenters: **Susan Dellinger**, author of *Red Legs and Black Sox*, entertained the group with lively talk featuring her grandfather, Hall of Famer Edd Roush. **Gene Carney** spoke briefly on his book, *Burying the Black Sox*, then introduced **Bruce Markusen**, who outlined his

most recent work, *The Team That Changed Baseball: Roberto Clemente and the 1971 Pirates*.

Aberdeen, August 5

Chapter: Bob Davids (Baltimore/Washington) Chapter.
 Speakers: Steve Melewski, radio announcer for the Aberdeen IronBirds; Brandon Snyder, IronBirds catcher and Orioles 2005 first round draft pick; and Steve Eiseman, Vice President of Ripken Baseball.
 Event: An in-depth tour of the Ripken Academy youth baseball complex followed by Aberdeen Ironbirds and the Oneonta Tigers.
 Place: Ripken Stadium

Houston, August 12

Chapter: Larry Dierker Chapter.
 Speaker: Astros General Manager **Tim Lincecum** followed by Q&A.
 Trivia Winner: **Ken Lilley**.
 Event: Astros Game.
 Place: Minute Maid Park.

San Diego, August 19

Chapter: Ted Williams Chapter.
 Program: **David Kinney** emceed the program. The first speaker was award-winning photojournalist **Tammy Lechner**. Tammy presented slides of her work documenting the California League over the last twenty years. Former All-Star **Terry Kennedy** discussed his current position as a manager of the San Diego Surf Dawgs team in the independent Golden Baseball League. **Mike Epstein** gave a presentation on his research on the 19th century baseball career of San Diego founding father George Marston. The final presenter was former San Diego Padres broadcaster **Bob Chandler**. Bob has recently published *Tales From The Padres*, and he had many humorous stories to share.
 Location: Balboa Park.

Bridgeport, August 24

Chapter: Orator Jim O'Rourke (Southwest CT). It was their first meeting.
 Presenters: **Mike Roer**, "Who was Orator Jim O'Rourke."
 Guests: Tom Chiapetta of the Fairfield Sports Commission, "New Inductees Into the Fairfield County Hall of Fame;" Charlie Dowd, GM of the Bridgeport



L to R: Marty Lurie, George Krevsky and Tom Gorman answer questions in the Giants press conference room at a recent Lefty O'Doul chapter meeting

Bluefish; State Senator Bill Finch; Anson Smith of Housatonic Community College. Roberto's Restaurant

Toronto, September 10

Chapter: Hanlan's Point.
 Presenters: **Allen Tait**, "SABR 36 Revisited," **Maxwell Kates** "1979: A Victory for the Expos, a 'Save' for Montreal?"
 Guest: Eric Zweig, "Home Plate Don't Move."
 Trivia Winner: **John Robertson**.
 Thanks to: **Wanda Chirnside**, **Clay Marston**, **Brendan Rodgers**, **Rick Schabowski**, **Fred Toulch**.
 Location: The Pauper's Pub.

Cleveland, October 14

Chapter: Jack Graney Chapter.
 Event: Tours and demonstrations were given by Anne Sindelar and **Scott Longert** of the Western Reserve Historical Society, home of the SABR Archives.
 Presenters: **Dell Bethel** discussed his life-long involvement with baseball, from his days in the Giants organization to his work with various hitters of today. **Dave Van Gaasbeek** spoke on the 1962 Mets.
 Place: Western Reserve Historical Society

Colechester, October 14

Chapter: Gardner-Waterman (Vermont) Chapter.
 Presenters: **Tim Davidson**, who talked about his experiences when he won a contest to travel with the New York Yankees during the first week of the 2004 season, and **David Jones**, who talked about the upcoming "Deadball Stars of the American League" and showed off a chapter featuring the Boston Red Sox.
 Place: **Lance Richbourg's** studio.

SABR NINE QUESTIONS

By Ryan Chamberlain

For many baseball purists, the term "public relations" can be a dirty word. But for sports expert Marty Appel, the art of quality sports communications and public relations has consumed most of his adult life.

*According to his autobiography, **Now Pitching for the Yankees**, Appel was the youngest public relations director ever selected to lead a major league baseball team and was George Steinbrenner's first hire in that position with the New York Yankees. Appel went on to direct public relations for Tribune Broadcasting's WPIX in New York and to serve as the Yankees Executive Producer concurrently. He later directed public relations for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games and the Topps Company before opening his own agency in 1998, **Marty Appel Public Relations**.*

Beyond his own autobiography, Appel is also an established author in his own right having authored 15 other books including collaborations with Larry King, Bowie Kuhn, Tom Seaver, Lee MacPhail, umpire Eric Gregg and Thurman Munson.

*A SABR member since 1977, this feature alone cannot capture the immeasurable contributions Appel has made to the greater baseball consciousness. Consider this edition of the **SABR Nine** a short look into the long career of Marty Appel, who has spent over forty years exploring the truths that baseball has to offer and revealing them to the public in the best possible light.*

How did you get your start with the Yankees organization?

I wrote to Bob Fishel in the summer of '67 asking for any sort of a summer job. My timing was perfect; he was besieged by cartons of unanswered mail to Mickey Mantle and wanted to get them answered. So it was a good letter, good timing, and I had a good background. Plus my interview went well.

What were some of the best and worst things about handling Mickey Mantle's fan mail?

Best thing was saving up a few to go over with him personally. "Quality time" with Mick. Worst was that eventually, it did get a bit boring. The letters weren't all that interesting: "Dear Mickey, You are my favorite player, can you please send me an autographed baseball."

You were working in the Yankees public relations department when "Ball Four" was published. What was your initial reaction and the mood in your office when the book became popular?

My initial reaction was of course influenced by the shock and outrage within the baseball community, but I came to see it as one of the most important books on baseball ever written, and many people today tell me it is the book that made them fall in love with baseball. The lasting impact doesn't surprise me - it was a breakthrough book. It still reads well.

You directed public relations for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. From a communications perspective is there a difference in the way you approach amateur sports versus professional?

The Olympics had little to do with sports until the final days; the years leading up to the games are all about politics, zoning, construction, security, doping, transportation, housing, special interest groups, and so on. Amateur sports today so closely resembles pro sports that the day of the pure amateur elite athlete is gone. Little difference between pro and amateur.

Of all the baseball icons you have collaborated with on books, which one stands out in your mind as the most memorable experience?

It was fun to work with Thurman Munson on his book but my most memorable experience would have

been collaborating with Commissioner Bowie Kuhn on his memoirs. It's a very important book about his 17-year era when much of what we know about baseball changed. The personal profiles of the owners and MLB officials are fascinating. We did 100 hours on tape in compiling the book.

As a Thurman Munson biographer, how did the Cory Lidle tragedy affect you and did you see parallels between the two events?

Not only did the Lidle accident bring back sad memories, but that very morning I was watching video of 1979 newscasts about Thurman's accident, in preparation for a new Munson project I'm embarking on. Not only that, the two days before, I had been on the set of a new ESPN movie, "The Bronx is Burning," with actor Erik Jensen, who plays Thurman and looks just like him.

The parallel I saw is that athletes, being athletes, generally are risk takers and see themselves as indestructible.

In your experience, how integral a component is public relations to the appeal of the professional baseball game?

There was a time when PR set the agenda for news coverage; what we gave to the media was the day's news. Now, the media sets the pace and PR tries to keep up. But there are so many great things about baseball, that it's sometimes necessary to *remind* people of them, and that's where the PR role is so important. Craig Biggio is going to be a 3,000 hit guy next year, imagine that. PR is needed to let everyone outside of Houston know just who Craig Biggio is and why we ought to know him better!

What things have inspired you and how do you measure success as a sports public relations professional?

I was sitting in the upper deck above home plate for Game Six of the 1986 World Series. The Mets didn't have a prayer but the fan on my left, there all by himself and obviously devoted to the

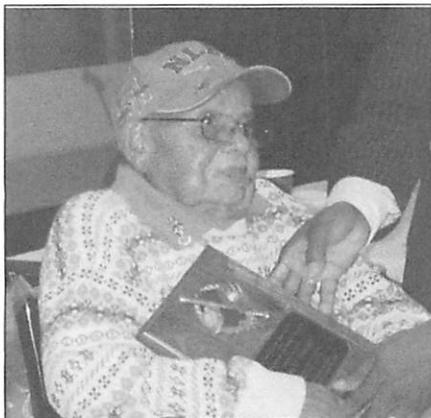
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SABR Helps Wish Happy Birthday to Si Simmons, the Oldest Living Professional Baseball Player Ever

At the Westminster Suncoast retirement community in St. Petersburg, friends, fans, family and former Negro Leaguers gathered to celebrate the birthday and legacy of Silas (Si) Simmons, the oldest living professional baseball player ever with a party over a century in the making.

Simmons, a lefty pitcher for the 1926 New York Lincoln Giants, turned 111 years young on October 14, and SABR members were there to help celebrate his remarkable longevity with an outpouring of gifts.

"It was the thrill of my baseball research career to present the...plaque for SABR to Si Simmons," said **Dave Lambert**, a Boston-area genealogist who first discovered that Simmons was still alive.



Si Simmons holding the plaque from the Legends of the Game Baseball Museum and SABR honoring him as the oldest living professional baseball player of all time

After Lambert's discovery, **Dr. Layton Revel**, also a SABR member and the founder of the Texas-based Center for Negro League Baseball Research (CNLBR), met and interviewed Mr. Simmons in May confirming that he was the same lefty pitcher for the 1926 New York Lincoln Giants documented in the SABR Negro Leagues Book and The Biographical Encyclopedia of the Negro Baseball Leagues. Currently living in St. Petersburg, Mr. Simmons is known to have first played professional baseball at age 15 in Pennsylvania.

A cookout and picnic lunch led off the day's events followed by a presentation of the CNLBR award in commemoration of Simmons's Negro League career. Other awards included the presentation of a plaque from the Legends of the Game Baseball Museum and SABR honoring Silas as the oldest living professional baseball player of all time, an authentic replica Negro League jersey presented by Ebbets Field Flannel and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays presentation of a letter and uniform making Silas an honorary Devil Ray.

Several former Negro Leaguers took part in the event. These players included Eugene "Gene" Holmes, Robert Jenkins, Larry Keys, Hal King, Raydell "Bo" Maddix, Charles McCoy, Bob Mitchell, Odell Norris, Jack Postell, J.B. Rosenburg, Leroy Sykes, Terry Thomas, Johnny Washington, Issac Welch, John Wiggins, Willie "Curley" Williams and Joe Wright.

MORE BACKGROUND ON SI SIMMONS

Since Simmons' rediscovery, noted Negro Leagues researcher **Wayne Stivers** has uncovered box scores from 1913-1915 describing Simmons's exploits for the Germantown Blue Ribbons and Murdock Grays ballclubs, the predecessors of the powerhouse Homestead Grays. It was also found that Si appeared as late as 1929 with the Cuban American Giants. Mr. Simmons has been featured in the September 26 story "Baseball's Oldest Old-Timer Opens a Window" by **Alan Schwarz** for the *New York Times* and the August 16 story, "A Senior Among Seniors" by Dave Scheiber of the *St. Petersburg Times*, and on his birthday with "Humbly, a Baseball Legend Turns 111." Martin Fennelly of the *Tampa Tribune* reported that Si still enjoys watching the game and likes the Tigers to win it all this year.

Interested fans are encouraged to send their well wishes to: Silas Simmons, Westminster Suncoast, 6909 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. S., Saint Petersburg, Florida 33705.

Jerry Malloy Negro Leagues Conference Set for June

The 10th Annual Jerry Malloy conference will be held June 14 to 17, 2007, in Portsmouth, Virginia, at the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum. "Barnstorming Across America: Local Stars and National Heroes Played Each Other in the Era of the Negro Leagues" reflects one of the important aspects of Negro baseball. For more details, keep checking www.sabr.org and upcoming issues of *The SABR Bulletin*.

Papers are being solicited on all topics related to barnstorming (particularly in the South), Leon Day, Ray Dandridge, and all other Negro League topics. Papers are encouraged from all disciplines. Proposals should include an abstract of no more than 350 words and a brief curriculum vitae with contact information. Graduate students are encouraged to submit proposals. Poster presentations are also being accepted. Poster presentation proposals should be 150 words or less. **Proposals are due March 1, 2007.** Send three copies of your proposal and one disk, plus your resume to **Leslie Heaphy**, Kent State University, Stark Campus, 6000 Frank Road, North Canton OH 44720.

Florida Archivists Seek Submissions

The Society of Florida Archivists invites submissions of proposals for sessions for its annual meeting to be held in Boca Raton, June 6-8, 2007 at the Boca Center Marriott. The theme at this year's meeting is "Opening Eyes to Archives." The program committee is interested in proposals related to archives in advocacy, research, archival history and archival studies. Programs may be about your findings and/or relationships at different repositories. Historians, researchers, archival professionals and graduate students in related fields are encouraged to submit ideas. To submit a session proposal, please fill out the proposal form found at www.florida-archivists.org.

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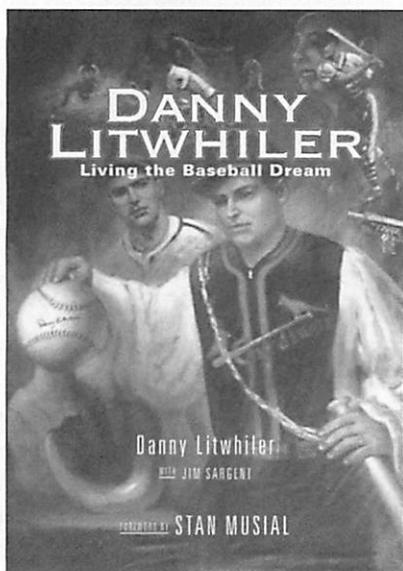
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Mets, wouldn't quit. "We can do it, we can do it," he kept repeating out loud, almost in tears. And hey, they did it. We've seen the replays 1000 times. And it brought him such joy, that I never forget him when I think about delivering this form of entertainment to the masses.

What advice do you have for anyone trying to break in to sports communication today?

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Without the hard work and dedication of the research committee chairs, vice-chairs, and chapter leaders, SABR would be a less interesting and meaningful organization. Whether it is monitoring an e-group, putting out a newsletter, fielding questions from the SABR membership or office staff, planning a meeting, or otherwise reaching out to members-at-large, the volunteers of SABR are its lifeblood.

As we head down the home stretch of 2006, we want to thank these men and women for all that they have done for SABR. Each January, I ask the volunteers to estimate the amount of time they spend running their committee or chapter, and the amount of time is staggering. Over 17,000 person-hours are put in by the volunteers to help make SABR great. According to Independent Sector, the value of an hour of a volunteer's time in 2005 was \$18.04. That means SABR was the recipient of over \$300,000 in volunteers' time in 2005. I am sure it will turn out to be a similar number in 2006.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to those members who are willing and able to serve us all.

If you would like to get more involved, contact me via email at jzajc@sabr.org or by phone, 1-800-969-7227.

John Zajc
Executive Director

Happy Holidays!

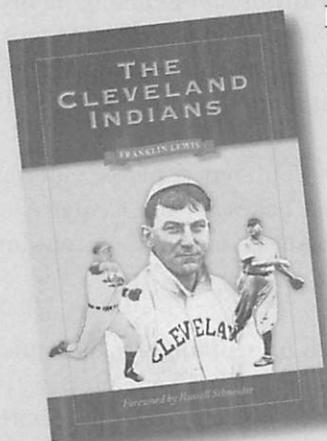
The SABR staff and the SABR Board of Directors would like to wish all SABR members a happy and healthy holiday season.

The SABR office will be closed December 25 and 26, 2006 and January 1, 2007. It will be short-staffed on December 27 to 29, 2006 and January 2, 2007.



THE CLEVELAND INDIANS

FRANKLIN LEWIS
FOREWORD BY RUSSELL SCHNEIDER



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FOREWORD BY GREG RHODES

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All research submissions will be evaluated by blind review. While it is not absolutely mandatory, we very strongly encourage researchers to submit their abstracts electronically, either in a standard word processor format (Microsoft Word preferred) or as plain-text email. The email address for submitting abstracts is sabr37-presentations@comcast.net. Members who cannot submit their abstracts electronically may send them (clearly labeled as *SABR37 presentation abstract*) to **Eileen Canepari** in the SABR office. The submission deadline for SABR37 abstracts is midnight PST, Sunday, March 11, 2007.

Through on-site judging, the best presentations will receive the Doug Pappas Award (courtesy of *USA Today Sports Weekly*) for best oral presentation and the *USA Today Sports Weekly* Award for best poster presentation.

The above-listed email address (sabr37-presentations@comcast.net) should be used for all abstract submissions, as well as for questions and information requests regarding research presentations at SABR37. Volunteers seeking to participate in the blind review process and/or on-site judging are also requested to apply by sending a message to the sabr37-presentations@comcast.net email address.

John Thorn Announced as Keynote Speaker for Seymour Medal Conference

SABR invites everyone to attend the ninth annual Seymour Medal Conference, to be held April 27-29, 2007 at the Baseball Heritage Museum in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. The organization is happy to announce that noted baseball author/historian **John Thorn** has agreed to be keynote speaker for the event.

The conference honors baseball research and writing in all forms and celebrates the achievements of the Seymour Medal winner in a special medal presentation ceremony. The Seymour Medal honors the author(s) of the best book of baseball history or biography published during the preceding calendar year.

Mr. Thorn is the author of countless articles on baseball history and has written, co-written, and edited more than two dozen books, including *The Hidden Game of Baseball*, *Total Baseball*, and *The Armchair Book of Baseball*. He was founding editor of SABR's *The National Pastime* and founding publisher of *Total Sports Publishing* in 1998. Currently, he is editor of "BASE BALL: A Journal of the Early Game," a new McFarland & Co. scholarly semiannual launching in Spring 2007, and serves as curatorial consultant to the Museum of the City of New York for an upcoming baseball exhibit.

When planning your trip for the Seymour Conference, please note that the Baseball As America exhibit will be at the Great Lakes Science Center April 14 - September 9. For more info visit: <http://www.baseballasamerica.org/schedule.htm>

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

SABR members are invited to make research presentations at the conference. Presentations should be 30 to 40 minutes in length. Send your proposal (which should include a one-page abstract of the paper, as well as a cover page with your name, address, phone number and email address) to Ryan Chamberlain by email at info@sabr.org or to SABR, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The presentation theme of this year's conference is "How Did We Come to Understand the History of the Game?" Preference will be given to those presentations that fall under this topic. A wide range of topics are acceptable under this theme including (but not limited to) an examination of the innovations, events or cultural forces that shaped our understanding of the game. The deadline for submissions is February 18, 2007. Any questions about presentations, please contact Ryan Chamberlain at info@sabr.org.

If you are interested in attending, but not presenting, make your plans to get to Cleveland no later than 5:00 pm on Friday to enjoy all the conference activities. Friday evening is usually a fun event where attendees can get to know one another. Saturday will be complete with presentations and the awarding of the Seymour Medal.

If you are interested in receiving the conference registration brochure, write to: Seymour Conference, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115, or contact Ryan Chamberlain at info@sabr.org.

Hotel rooms at the Radisson Hotel at Gateway will be \$99 a night plus tax. Call 216-377-9000 to make your reservations before the deadline of April 13. If you would like to make reservations on the Internet, please follow the instructions below:

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Pittsburgh Pirates.

Deconstructing Major League Baseball, 1991-2004: How Statistics Illuminate Individual and Team Performances by William Darby seeks to make clear how much of baseball can be understood through statistics. The non-statistic portion of the book covers about 80 pages with over 400 pages of listings and tables.

Mexican Raiders in the Major Leagues: The Pasquel Brothers vs. Organized Baseball, 1946 by G. Richard McKelvey details the Pasquel brothers's attempt to have the Mexican League compete with the American majors.

Baseball's First Colored World Series: The 1924 Meeting of the Hilldale Giants and the Kansas City Monarchs by Larry Lester describes in detail the first postseason battle of the formal Negro Leagues. The book is heavily illustrated with detailed play-by-plays, box scores and statistics.

The Iron Men of Baseball: Major League Leaders in Consecutive Games Played, 1876-2005 by Marty Friedrich covers not only Lou Gehrig, Cal Ripken, Jr. and their predecessors. It examines, in detail, the players who were the games played record holders at any given time, a total of 124 players.

Three Finger: The Mordecai Brown Story by Cindy Thomson and Scott Brown trails Mordecai from the Indiana countryside to the coal mines, from semipro ball to the majors, from the World Series mound back down to the minors.

Nationals on Parade: 70 Years of Washington Nationals Photos by Mark Stang and Phil Wood. Over 225 black and white photographs span 70 years of baseball history in this stunning collection of Nationals images.

Athletics Album: A Photo History of the Philadelphia Athletics by Mark Stang. Culled from 12 public and private photo archives, this collection includes dozens of unpublished images.

Chicago Cubs, 1926-1940 by Art Ahrens. Part of Arcadia's Images of Baseball Series. Follows the team through one of its most exciting eras.

A Well-Paid Slave: Curt Flood's

Fight for Free Agency in Professional Sports by Brad Snyder is both a sturdy revision of Flood's biography and a polemical defense of the pro-player fight of which Flood was a part.

Foul Ball in Beantown by G. S. Rowe is another fictional book in the Will Beaman baseball mystery series where the hero finds himself caught up in the controversy surrounding the 1918 Red Sox-Cubs World Series.

The Story of Joe Cambria, The Story of Catfish Metkovich, The Story of Sal Maglie, The Story of Candy LaChance, The Story of Charlie Hickman, The Story of Billy Jorges by John Phillips are booklets that can be obtained by emailing the author at jphil36@yahoo.com.

Baseball's Reserve System: The Case and Trial of Curt Flood V. Major League Baseball by Neil F. Flynn is the story of Curt Flood's case and trial against major league baseball.

Great Teams: The 1905 Philadelphia Giants by Phil S. Dixon is volume three of the author's American Baseball Chronicles and examines the teams historic 1905 season.

That One Glorious Season: Baseball Players With One Spectacular Year by Richard H. Letarte contains the stories of twenty-one baseball players who enjoyed the seasons of their lives back in the 1950s. Copies of the book may be purchased directly from the author: Richard H. Letarte, 260 Lancaster Ave., Lunenburg, MA 01462-1510, email: rich@gloriousseason.com, phone: (978) 582-4224.

How to Win 20 Games Without a Fastball by Zita Carno is a memoir that chronicles the author's experience with Eddie Lopat. Copies may be purchased directly from the author Zita Carno by contacting her at 813-968-2823 or scroogie@tampabay.rr.com

Town Ball: The Glory Days of Minnesota Amateur Baseball by Armand Peterson relives the golden era of Minnesota's town team baseball from 1945 to 1960.

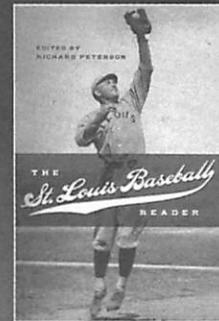
American Association Almanac (Vol. 5, #3) by Rex Hamann is part three in a series examining 20-win pitchers of the Minneapolis Millers and

St. Paul Saints

Classic Hallowed Ground 2007 Calendar by Bill Goff is a 13 month calendar (December 2006 - December 2007) measures 11 X 17 inches and features generously sized full color reproductions of 13 different ballpark scenes.

Farewell Portland Beavers 1903-1993 by Kirk Findlay is a video for sale by creator. Highlights of this documentary include interviews with legendary PCL players Eddie Basinski, pitcher Ad Liska, Negro League great Artie Wilson, Lou Piniella and more.

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IN MEMORIAM

BOB BOYNTON

Bob Boynton, of Del Mar, CA, died at age 81 on September 4, 2006. Bob was President Emeritus of the Ted Williams Chapter and served as President, Secretary, and Archivist over the years. A SABR member since 1990, he took the lead in reorganizing the Ted Williams Chapter in 1991.

Bob earned his bachelor's degree at Amherst College and a doctorate at Brown University. His academic work was cutting edge in the field of visual psychology with his textbook *Human Color Vision* being published in 1979.

Bob also loved research and statistics, and demonstrated that love continuously through SABR. In 2002, Bob was honored by the Ted Williams Chapter when the Boynton Baseball Research Award was established to recognize outstanding baseball research by San Diego area high school students.

Bob had many contributions to SABR, including research presentations at the Annual Convention and articles in SABR's publications.

He is survived by his wife Sheleah, a daughter, three sons, and five grandchildren.

EVELYN KACHLINE

Evelyn Kachline, wife of one of SABR's 16 founding members, died in Cooperstown, NY, on October 17 at the age of 84. She was SABR's first paid employee, handling the membership and financial records from 1974 through 1985, and attended many of the annual conventions.

Her husband Cliff, a former writer/associate editor with *The Sporting News* (1943-1967) and later historian of the Baseball Hall of Fame (1969-1982), was president of SABR in 1978-1979 and then served as the organization's first executive director in 1983-84-85.

DICK FOSTER

Dick Foster, 66, of Westborough, MA, died on July 11. A SABR member since 1988, he was a devoted baseball fan and a member of the Ballparks, Baseball Records, and Statistical Analysis committees.

ADDIS GUTMAN

Addis Gutmann, a lifelong Seattle sports fan, former youth baseball coach, SABR member since 2000, and a civic leader, died at his Laurelhurst, WA home after a two-month illness. He was 76.

JACK LAUTIER

John "Jack" Victor Lautier, 53, died September 20 at his home in Southington, CT after a valiant battle with lung cancer. He was a non-smoker.

Born December 12, 1952 in Torrington, Jack developed an incredible, lifelong passion for sports that culminated in a career as an author and award-winning sports journalist. His love for hockey eclipsed all other sports.

Jack covered hockey as a reporter and author, but continued to enjoy playing the sport himself, last taking to the ice in mid-December. He wrote seven books, most of them about the Whal-

ers, but his first book was a collection of Red Sox stories. His interest in history was reflected in his books. He began working as a sportswriter for the *Hartford Times* in 1975 after graduating from UConn and then took a sportswriting job at *The Bristol Press* when the Hartford paper closed the next year. He worked at the Press for the rest of his life.

He is survived by his wife and two sons.

PAUL TARR

Paul Tarr, 68, of Douglaston, New York, passed away very suddenly on October 4. He will be sorely missed by his colleagues at MSW Research.

RED FITZSIMMONS

William David (Red) Fitzsimmons, an avid sports enthusiast, passed away September 22, at Hospice of Dayton, at the age of 72.

Born in New Haven, Connecticut and raised in nearby West Haven, Dave was a retiree from NCR after 37 years of service.

A SABR member since 1986, Dave had a great fondness for his family, was a devoted friend to many, and he loved to travel the Midwest and to favorite family spots in Fairhaven (Mass.) and Pentwater (Mich.), as well as New Haven, (Conn.), and Phoenix, (Ariz.). He had a great passion for history, politics, media, current events and music - particularly Dixieland jazz. But primarily 'Fitz' was known for his love and knowledge of sports - especially, the grand old game of baseball, and his team, the Chicago White Sox.

DONALD PETERSEN

Don Petersen, 74, of Detroit, MI, passed away in December of 2005. A member since 2004, Don's membership was a gift from his son, Don (also a SABR member).

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SABR Demographics, October 2006

SABR ended its 2006 membership year on September 30, 2006, with 7,181 members, an all-time record.

On September 30, 2006:

We had email addresses for 6,148 (85.6%)

On October 6, 2006

We had birthdates for 5,982 members (83.3%)

As of October 1, 2006:

The average age of SABR members on October 1, 2006 were 55.25.

There were 304 female members in SABR (4.233%).

The average age of SABR's female members on October 1, 2006 was 50.88 (n=204) (67.1%).

The average age of SABR's male members on October 1, 2006 was 55.41 (n=5,778) (83.2%).

We had 268 members under the age of 30.

We had 1,424 members aged 65 or older.

We had 113 members who were 64; 140 members who were 63; and 120 members who were 62.

We had 39 members who were 29 and 23 members who were 28.

Through September 30, 2006

Exactly 4,800 members had logged on to members.sabr.org at least once

In the past 60 days 1,487 logged on to members.sabr.org (Median Age 51.5; n = 1,110)

States with Most Members, October 6, 2006

New York	774
California	740
Ohio	462
Pennsylvania	419
Massachusetts	418
Illinois	366
New Jersey	306

Top Foreign membership

Canada:	192
Japan:	43
GB/UK:	26
Australia:	12

New Members (970)

As of October 1, 2006:

We had e-mail addresses on file for 909 new members.

We had 367 DOBs on file; average age is 43.62.

The number of women who joined in 2006 was 96.

Average Age of Female Members: 36.55.

Average Age of Male Members: 44.36.

We had 103 new members under the age of 30.

We had 51 new members aged 65 or older; 3 who were 64; 5 who were 63; and 6 who were 62.

We had 7 new members who were 29 and 5 who were 28.

Through September 30, 2006

Had Logged on at Least once: 708

Logged on in last 60 days: 324 (Median Age 44.99; n = 96)

States with most new members (2006)

New York	126
California	94
Massachusetts	84
Illinois	52
Washington	49
Texas	47

Top Foreign membership

Canada:	34
Japan:	6
Australia:	5
GB/UK:	3

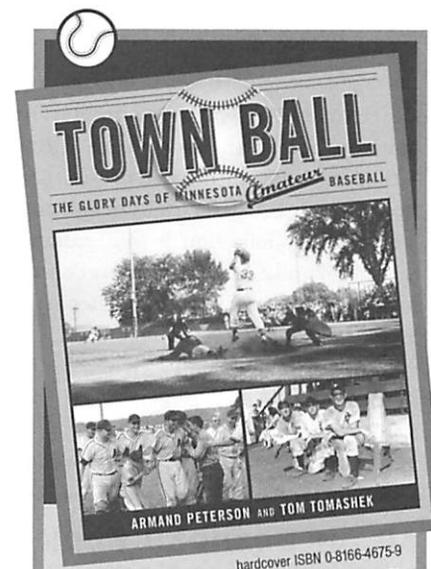
Check what data is included in your membership record by logging into the SABR members-only web site, <http://members.sabr.org>. Click on "MySABR" and then click the tabs along the top middle of the page to review and edit your personal information.

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Periodically, it becomes necessary to re-view SABR policies to be sure that they are still appropriate for changing times. One subject that will be a topic of discussion in an upcoming Board meeting is the ownership of SABR research. SABR research is research and writing done by individuals who are SABR members. There is no doubt that an author/researcher owns the products of that research, but an individual may grant certain rights to SABR. If you research and write an article that you would like to see published in *The National Pastime* or *The Baseball Research Journal*, you grant SABR what is called First Serial Rights. This gives SABR the right to publish your article in one of those membership publications or in electronic form as well. You retain the copyright on your article and are free to sell any rights as long as those rights don't impinge on those you have given to SABR.

Sometimes an author will present a full length book to SABR for use as an individual membership publication. In those instances the author and SABR enter into a contractual agreement whereby the author grants SABR that right in exchange for a flat fee. The biography of Lefty Grove by Jim Kaplan, published a few years ago, is an example of that type of transaction.

Those are basic SABR policies for many

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by Dick Beverage

years, and they have led to the publication of much outstanding research. But what happens when one or more authors get together on a project under the auspices of a SABR research committee, produced explicitly for the purpose of granting rights to SABR? What are those rights? There can be many answers to that question, depending upon the type of material, the extent of the research and the intent of the individuals involved. Our policies should include the correct answers to those questions. This entire subject falls under the broad category of intellectual property, and the Board would welcome advice and counsel from interested SABR members who specialize in this area of law.

In recent months the IRS, Congress and other entities have been paying closer attention to conflict of interest policies for non-profit organizations with new requirements established. They are really just procedures to enable the organization to carry out its exempt purpose in the most efficient way possible. Each Board member has what might be called core duties—the Duties of Loyalty, Diligence,

Obedience to the Mission and Good Faith.

The meaning of those duties in general terms is that you as a SABR officer and director are there to serve SABR. You don't promote your own interests, you don't promote your own agenda, you are diligent in your efforts to insure that SABR gets the best deal it can in transactions and you make decisions that in good faith you believe are in SABR's best interests. It doesn't mean that SABR cannot enter into a contract with an insider. It means that you establish procedures that insure the transaction advances SABR's best interests and properly documents the process that led to the decision.

SABR has procedures in place to address potential conflict of interest problems, and we will be reviewing them to be sure that we are in compliance with government requirements.

On a sadder note, we lost one of our best when Bob Boynton passed away on September 4. He was President Emeritus of the Ted Williams chapter in San Diego and had a leading role in the success of that chapter over the years. He was a retired professor who loved research and statistics and was a frequent contributor to the SABR journals. He will be missed by many.

Call for Deadball Book Award Nominations

Each year, SABR's Deadball Era Committee presents the Larry Ritter Book Award to recognize the best book primarily set in the Deadball Era that was published during the prior year. In 2006, Richard Bak won the award for his 2005 book titled *Peach: Ty Cobb in His Time and Ours*.

John McMurray has recently become Chair of the Larry Ritter Book Award subcommittee, taking over for **Paul Rogers**. This year's selection committee is made up of **Al Blumkin, Mark Dugo, Jan Finkel, Scott Flatow, David Fleitz, David Jones, John McMurray, Paul Rogers, Gabriel Schechter, Tom Simon, and Doug Skipper**.

If you wish to become involved with the subcommittee in a future year or if you have a book to nominate with a 2006 publication date, contact John McMurray at jmcmurray04@yahoo.com. The 2007 award will be announced at SABR 36 in St. Louis.

Green Cathedrals Published with Support of HOK Sport; Hardcover Editions Available in Bookstores

In the coming month, 2006 members will be pleased to find the latest membership publication, a completely revised and updated *Green Cathedrals: The Ultimate Celebration of Major League and Negro League Ballparks* by **Philip J. Lowry**. SABR would like to once again acknowledge and thank HOK Sport for their financial support and generous donations of illustrations of the soon-to-be built ballparks in New York and Washington. 2006 members who have not received this publication by December 1, notify the SABR administrative office.

For 2007 members who did not receive the book or those members who would like to by additional copies for holiday gifts, a hardcover edition of *Green Cathedrals* will be available in bookstores.

Delaware, Ohio Dedicates Branch Rickey Way

As part of Ohio Wesleyan University homecoming festivities on Saturday, October 21, the City of Delaware, Ohio dedicated a five-block section of Henry Street between William and Olentangy Streets as *Branch Rickey Way* in honor of Ohio Wesleyan University alumnus Branch Rickey, '04. The dedication took place during halftime ceremonies at the homecoming football game in Selby Field on the Ohio Wesleyan campus.

Participants in the ceremony included: Branch Rickey's grand-niece, Jane (Rickey) Minton, and her husband Harvey Minton, who is the mayor of Worthington, Ohio; Tom Homan, Delaware city manager; Carolyn Riggle, Vice Mayor of Delaware; and Dr. Mark Huddleston, Ohio Wesleyan University president. For more info, contact Kathy Baird, Director of University Communications, Ohio Wesleyan University, 61 S. Sandusky St. Delaware, OH 43015

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——: National Transportation Safety Board Aircraft Accident Report, on the accident fatal to Thurman Munson. 30 pages. Photocopy of the report. Contains only a moderate amount of technical language.

Andriesen, David: It takes a bold thief to steal home. 6 pages. Text of article in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, August 9, 2006, about thefts of home. Lists the most audacious steals, plus career, season and game records.

Archdeacon, Tom: Bingo Lloyd: "I've had a beautiful life." 2 pages. Text of interview in the Dayton Daily News, June 10, 2006, with a 97-year-old former Negro League player.

Bloodgood, Clifford: The abnormal season of '46. 8 pages. Photocopy of article in Baseball Magazine, December 1946, summing up the first major league season after the end of World War II.

Carney, Gene: Eight myths out. 4 pages. Answers the question, What would Eliot Asinof need to revise if he wrote "Eight Men Out" today? Based on a talk at the Seattle convention.

Crichton, Kyle: Hot tamale circuit. 11 pages. Text of article in Collier's magazine, 1946. A decidedly rosy view of the Mexican League at a time when American players lured to play in Mexico had not yet started to defect from the league.

Czerwinski, Kevin T.: Trucks remembers magical '38 season. 3 pages. Text of article from mlb.com web site in which Virgil Trucks reminisces about the season in which he struck out more than 400 batters.

Edes, Gordon: A look back at Jimmie Foxx. 3 pages. Text of article in the Boston Globe, Sept. 12, 2006.

Heinz, W.C.: The rocky road of Pistol Pete. 11 pages. Photocopy of profile of Pete Reiser in True magazine, March 1958, as reprinted in "An Anthology of True."

Jackovics, Ted: Ticket prices going, going, gone. 3 pages. Text of article in the Tampa Tribune, August 13, 2006, about ticket prices now and before.

Jackson, Shoeless Joe, as told to Furman Bisher. This is the truth! 8 pages. Copy of article in Sport Magazine, October 1949.

Krevisky, Steve: Lon Warneke, the Arkansas Hummingbird. 3 pages. A brief profile.

Rumill, Ed: Fritz Ostermueller – he improves with age. 3 pages. Photocopy of article in Baseball Magazine, December 1946.

St. John, Allen: Do managers matter? 3 pages. Text of article in the Wall Street Journal, August 4, 2006.

Selter, Ron: Home runs in the Deadball Era, 1901-1919. 21 pages. An analysis. A poster presentation at the Seattle convention, with 3 pages of methodology

Stone, Larry: Art of baseball: Radio deities who call the shots. 10 pages. Text of article in the Seattle Times about present and past radio play-by-play announcers. Includes a list of of current play-by-play men with their signature expressions.

Stone, Larry: Former M's prospect really cookin' now. 3 pages. Text of article about a Mariners' "can't-miss" prospect who developed arm trouble and now is learning to be a chef.

Swaine, Rick: Al Pinkston, the greatest hitter who never played in the major leagues. 6 pages. Pinkston, a black player in the 1950s and '60s, had a career batting average of .352.

Vitty, Cort: Buzz Arlett, from mightiest oak to minor league legend. 12 pages.

Voigt, David Quentin: A reach too-o-o far: Reading's colorful adventures (1919-32). 5 pages. Photocopy of article in the Historical Review of Berks County, Summer 1998. (The number of pages was wrong in the last listing.)

Warner, Gary A.: Black Sox at the beach. 4 pages. Text of article in the Orange County Register, Anaheim, California, Sept. 9, 2006, about the post-scandal life of Claude "Lefty" Williams.

Weiss, Bill, and Marshall Wright: 1934 Los Angeles Angels. 18 pages. Text of article on minor league baseball's web site. This team was rated the best minor league team ever.

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The email address for the Jerry
Malloy Prize in the page 14 article
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This gift was designated to the SABR Endowment, which grew to \$26,103 (as of September 30, 2006) after several members made gifts to the Endowment in honor of SABR's 35th Anniversary. At his talk during Anniversary festivities in Cooperstown, Executive Director Zajc spoke of his goal to have the Endowment eclipse \$100,000 within the next 5 years.

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