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The SABR Encyclopedia Wants You

Ted Turocy and **Peter Garver** invite you to help write the encyclopedia, the SABRpedia (sabrpedia.org) that is. This ambitious project is slowly bringing together all of the disparate research conducted by SABR members over the past forty years. BioProject? Check. Baseball Index? Check. Research journal archives? Check. Player image index? Check. More? Well, that's where SABR members come in.

As of this writing, the Encyclopedia includes article pages for approximately 172,000 people, nearly 5,000 league seasons, 31,000 team seasons, and 679 ballparks. However, most of these articles are what are called "stubs," which means the page is there but needs additional information. All SABR members are invited to view and contribute to what we hope will eventually become an essential reference on professional and collegiate baseball, bringing together SABR research and other resources in one convenient portal.

Peter Garver, SABR's Director of Knowledge Management, states that the new Encyclopedia replaces the old online one with a system that is easier to keep up to date. Moreover, he says, the SABRpedia "offers a portal to SABR's research and history to go along with the statistics, a view of careers and lives that includes college play and the minors, and of course SABR's community." Any SABR member can contribute to the Encyclopedia, making it a true community project. If you're interested in helping to add content to the SABRpedia but don't know where the start, the home page at sabrpedia.org lists a number of ways in which members can contribute. Garver adds that "What we want is for members to follow the research passions they already have and to help them do it by making the process easier." If you don't see a project listed for kind of research you'd like to do, send an email to encyclopedia@sabr.org and staff will help you get started.

A number of members have been instrumental in testing and/or contributing to the site, including **Jack Morris**, **Joel Dinda**, **Cliff Blau, Mike Hothan, Tim Copeland, Lee Stanley, Mike Lynch, Rod Nelson, Jamie Campbell, and Ted Knorr.** Currently, only SABR members have access to the Encyclopedia. On or about Opening Day 2010, we plan to make the Encyclopedia available to the general public. So these next few months will be the time when we hope SABR members will step up and contribute their knowledge and expertise to make the Encyclopedia as comprehensive as possible.

Say Good-Bye to the Printed Bulletin

Don't worry--the *SABR Bulletin* isn't going away, but starting with the Summer 2010 issue, we will be moving to an all-digital *Bulletin*. When the SABR board met in November, they decided to eliminate the print version of the *Bulletin* in favor of a PDF version that will be available for download from the SABR website. All SABR members will receive the quarterly Bulletin as an emailed link to the PDF. President **Andy McCue** shares more about this decision-making process in The Pres Box (page 2).

We are offering an "opt-in" option for those who wish to continue receiving the paper ***Bulletin*****.** If you wish to continue receiving a paper *Bulletin*, **you must complete** the opt-in form located on page 17 of this issue and return to the SABR office.

The Board of Directors decided to eliminate the paper *Bulletin* in order to make better use of SABR's resources. Sending the *Bulletin* electronically will save SABR considerable funds, which will then be freed up for other projects. Because space will be less of a consideration than it is in the printed *Bulletin*, we'll be able to offer more and better coverage of SABR-related news and events. In addition, because we can send the electronic *Bulletin* out almost immediately, without having to wait for printing and delays caused by bulk mailing, you'll get your SABR news in a more timely fashion.

The final printed Bulletin is scheduled to go to print on March 15, with an anticipated bulk mailing date of approximately March 22. Delivery of bulk mail can take anywhere from one to four weeks.

The Summer 2010 issue is expected to go online on or about June 21. The Fall 2010 issue is expected to go online on or about September 27.

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The Pres Box

from SABR President Andy McCue

At the Washington convention last summer, I was talking with **Mike Emeigh** and noted that I knew at least two things -- we had a printed *SABR bulletin* and we wouldn't have one in ten years. The question the board would face is when that printed and mailed *Bulletin* would disappear. The answer, unfortunately, is very soon.

In a perfect world, this would not have happened. SABR can use as many vehicles as possible for communicating with its members. But as many of you may have noticed, the world is not perfect.

SABR finished 2009 with an annual deficit of about $66,000. A deficit had been anticipated in the budget and was endurable because, over the last decade, surpluses had been built up to sustain our programs through tough economic times. For 2010, **John Zajc** presented the board with a draft budget calling for a $40,000 deficit. Again, this was endurable because of our reserves, but we also decided to look at ways to trim the deficit. We considered cutting staff benefits, delaying publication of the book on baseball broadcasting, eliminating *The Emerald Guide*, and several other measures.

We settled on a change in the way we deliver the *Bulletin* to you and improvements in the content. The spring *Bulletin*, containing the ballot and convention registration information, will come in the mail as it does now. After that, members will receive the quarterly *Bulletin* as an emailed link to a PDF. After reading, you can save it to your hard drive or print it out and put it in the stack of *Bulletins* you've been saving for years. If you don't have an email address registered with the office (and well over 90% of you do), you can request a printed copy from Cleveland.

Why? Well, the obvious trigger that kicked the board over the edge was money. This change cuts the projected deficit to about $26,000. And with John's normal conservative management, I expect that to be smaller.

But it was also a recognition that today and for the future the website must be our primary means of communication both with members and with the world. It is far more timely, more flexible, and capable of greater capacity. A quarterly printed *Bulletin* cannot keep up with the necessary schedule for chapter meeting announcements and similar material. I frankly can see the day on the horizon when even this PDF version will disappear and we will rely exclusively on email and the website.

In the interim, however, electronic delivery of the *Bulletin* will allow us to greatly expand content. I'm sure you've all noticed how the information about new baseball books has become more and more truncated. A fuller presentation can be restored. We can run fuller accounts of chapter meetings and present original research material, such as profiles from the BioProject. We can more fully explain SABR resources and how to use them. The current space limitations will be reduced sharply by eliminating printing and mailing costs.

Electronic delivery of the *Bulletin* will also allow us to return to the possibility of electronic voting. The board has asked John to examine this possibility twice in recent years and, each time, quotes in the range of $25,000 have deterred us. Now, with improvements in the security of online voting systems, reductions in cost, software that can accommodate our preferential voting system, and savings from electronic delivery, we have asked John to look at it again.

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I recently heard about a former SABR member who, when asked why he left, cited a simple lack of thank yous. He had responded to requests for research help and, less than half the time, had gotten those two simple words back. That's why I was heartened to see **Alain Usereau** and **Warren Corbett** use SABR-L to thank people who had helped them. (I hope they sent more personal messages as well). Dating back to pioneers such as **Bob Davids**, **Bob McConnell**, and **Bill Haber**, the SABR culture has been to share and disseminate research findings. Saying thanks is a great way to reinforce that ethic.

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After my last Pres Box, some members asked for more information on BRSP, the mailing list of those wishing to discuss how SABR is governed and managed. You can join by going to http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/brsp/ and then following the instructions on how to join. You will need to take the extra step of creating a Yahoo ID if you don't have one.

I recommend this list to all who are interested in the continuing health of the Society. In coming months, it will be a place where the candidates for Vice President and the two Directors' slots will be able to discuss their ideas for governing SABR. It is a place where you can question the board's wisdom and take a hand in shaping policy. I should note the conversations on this list are highly sporadic. There were no posts in October, for example, but there were 19 in November. The high for the past year was 117 in July in the wake of the election and with some questions about the appropriateness of convention speaker selections.

Committee Newsletter Roundup

The Inside Game (Deadball Era)

September 2009

Susan Dellinger gives a short tribute to the late **Gene Carney**. **David Anderson** offers a Deadball Recap of SABR 39. I**rv Goldfarb** tells you why you should be a part of the Black Sox Scandal Committee. **David Stalker** writes about his recently completed project to erect a memorial plaque for Deadball Era player Charley Faust. **Bob Sawyer** reviews *When Boston Still Had the Babe* (edited by **Bill Nowlin**). **David Fleitz** reviews Frederick Lieb's *The Detroit Tigers.* **Irv Goldfarb** reviews **Charlie Bevis'** *The New England League: A Baseball History 1855-1949.* **Doug Skipper** reviews **Norman Macht's** *Connie Mack and the Early Years of Baseball.*

The Ritter Award subcommittee is reviewing books for the 2010 award, which will be announced in the spring. The Ritter Award is given each year to the author of the best book set in the Deadball Era published in the previous year.

Charles Crawley, the editor of *The Inside Game,* has decided to step down. Those interested in becoming editor of the newsletter should contact **John McMurray**, committee chair, at deadball@sabr.org. The committee is also redesigning its website; anyone interested in being a part of that effort should also contact John directly.

Records Committee

December 2009

The newsletter includes unofficial lists of regular season batting, pitching, and fielding records set and/or tied in 2009 and 2009 performances worth noting. Other items include the most productive players who made their debuts in the years 1971-75. **Ev Cope**, **Joe Dittmar**, **Bill Nowlin**, **Stan Tyler**, and **David Vincent** are all credited with contributing items to the newsletter. In addition, **Walt Wilson** provides the batterymates for Si Johnson, Syd Johnson, Scott McGregor, and Mike Boddicker.

October 2009

The newsletter includes a recap of SABR 39 and a short note on "changing history," both from editor **Lyle Spatz. Frank Williams** provides the won-lost totals and number of shutouts for Kid Nichols. **Ev Cope** provides a list of Owen "Chief" Wilson's record 36 triples in 1912. **Trent McCotter** provides a small correction to the total number of games player by Hughie Jennings in 1907, and **Cliff Blau** corrects the total number of innings pitched by Fred Demarais on July 26, 1890. **David Frank** gives a list of the most productive players who made their debuts in the years 1966-1970. **Walt Wilson** gives the batterymates for Dwight Gooden, David Cone, Bob Buhl, and Lew Burdette.

Pictorial History

September 2009

Chair **Bill Hickman** congratulates **Steve Cardullo** on becoming the 400th member of the committee. The newsletter summarizes the committee's current projects, including the Player Image Index, the Manager Image Index, the Ballpark Photo Index, and two projects with the Library of Congress to improve the accuracy of the captions of their online baseball-related photos. **Larry McCray,** chair of the Origins committee, asks if any committee members would like to combine the visual with the study of early baseball. The Digital Conversion Coordinator of the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress spoke at the committee meeting during SABR 39. Also includes a list of formerly missing players found since the May newsletter.

Outside the Lines (Business of Baseball)

Summer 2009

The newsletter notes **Steve Weingarden's** assumption of the co-chairmanship of the committee. It also includes four articles based on presentations made at SABR 39. **Ryan Hutzler** writes on The Next Frontier: China, **Michael Schell** writes on Franchise-Changing Years, **John Burbridge** asks Is It Now Time for a Salary Cap? and **Lee Lowenfish** writes on 'Rickey Being Rickey': His February 1948 Wilberforce University Speech as an Ironic Waterloo in His Brooklyn Dodgers Career.

Originals (Origins)

November 2009

Tom Altherr forwards references to the game of trap-ball from 1773 and 1765. **Martin Hoerchner** gives a report from the Stoolball Tournament in Seaford, Sussex, UK. Miscellanea include a note from **Monica Nucciarone**, who was asked for feedback on an idea for a movie about the "invention" of base ball built around the "myths" of Cartwright and Doubleday. Among the inquiries was a note from **David Ball** requesting any source on rules involving matches between NABBP-member teams and outside teams and **Richard Hershberger** requesting information related to the term "base ball alley" from 1858. Among sources, **Larry McCray** offered a five-page abstract concerning games held in Army camps during the Civil War era. New items and previously omitted items from the Protoball Chronology were also included.

December 2009

Among the inquiries listed were **John Zinn's** request for a definition of a Silver Ball championship, and **Deb Shattuck** inquiring about the "bald-headed men" attending 19th century women's baseball games. Among discoveries, **John Thorn** found an 1842 reference to the slang term "daisy-cutter," and **George Thompson** posted an 1827 Baltimore ordinance outlawing play on the Sabbath. **Tom Altherr** follows up his information on new trap-ball references. The newsletter also includes new items in the Protoball Chronology.

Biographical Research

September/October 2009

Richard Malatzky wins the Find of the Month with William Ahearn, who caught one game with Troy in 1880. Malatzky was also tracked down Frank Chapman (once listed as 14-year-old major league Fred Chapman), who pitched for Kingston in the 1880s. **Galo Gonzalez** found information on Fernando Rodriguez, a Cuban player who pitched for the Cubs and Phillies in 1958 and 1959. The committee now has only two "missing" Cuban players: Rogelio Martinez and Manuel Montejo. **Pete Palmer** and **Dave Vincent** compiled the biographical details of the 204 players who made their major league debut in 2009. Favorite name goes to Fu-Te Ni with special consideration to Marc Rzepczynski. The Mystery of the Month is George "Back" Baker. The newsletter also includes nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in November and December, the latest scoreboard, and new monthly data.

Chapter News

Houston, TX

Chapter: Larry Dierker
When: October 13
Presentations: **Bill McCurdy** on 1951 Texas League Playoffs, **Bob Dorrill** on the then-10 candidates for the Astros GM
Predictions: **Harold Jones** and **Tom Kleinworth** both successfully predicted the number of season wins by the Astros (74)
Trivia: Prepared by **Mike McCroskey** and won by **Bill McCurdy**
Attendance: 13

Chapter: Larry Dierker
When: November 10
Guest: Sports agent **Alan Hendricks,** who spoke on his career and went through a simulated negotiation
Trivia: Won by **Greg Lucas**
Attendance: 25

Chapter: Larry Dierker
When: December 8
Guests: Roundtable with HoFamer Monte Irvin, Larry Dierker, and Astros broadcaster Dave Raymond.

Central Florida

Chapter: Auker-Seminick
When: October 31
Guest: **George Gedda**, author of *The Dominican Connection*
Presentations: Rod Caborn, sports cartoonist Willard Mullin; Peter Golenbock, new book on George Steinbrenner

Tamarac, FL

Chapter: South Florida
When: November 7
Guest: Rich Lopez, GM of the Miami Diamantes
Presentations: Lyle Spatz on "Dubious Memories"

Southern New England

Chapter: Lajoie-Start
When: November 28
Guest: Ken Ryan, former Red Sox and Phillies relief pitcher
Milestones: 50th chapter meeting

Hamden, CT

Chapter: Smoky Joe Wood
When: September 26
Trivia: Stumper from **Jim Wyman**

Chapter: Smoky Joe Wood
When: October 24
Guests: Former MLB player and Bridgeport Bluefish manager Willie Upshaw and Jeff Dooley, broadcaster of the New Britain Rock Cats
Presentations: Bill Ryczek, his new book on baseball's early history; **Ty Waterman,**the Great American Fantasy League; **Larry Howard,** the APBA; **Paul Hensler** on the Cooperstown symposium
Trivia: Run by **Ken Paulsen**, won by **Tom Zocco**

Dayton, OH

Chapter: Dayton
When: November 7
Guest: Artist Monty Sheldon on painting baseball **memorabilia**
Presentations: Jeff Cranston, The Federal League; **Geri Strecker**, New Photographs and Material on Pittsburgh's Greenlee Field; **John Schleppi,** The New Professional Ballparks That Opened in 2009.
Trivia: **Matt Lindsay**

Toronto, Canada

Chapter: Hanlan's Point
When: October 3, 2009
Where: The Phoenix Building, Toronto, Ontario
Theme: "The Show Seen Round the World"
Presentations: **Bob Schroeder**, The Mascots of 1911; **Jim Shearon**, Over the Fence is Out!; **Allen Tait**, Highlights of SABR 39; **Maxwell Kates**, A History of the Hanlan's Point Chapter.
Guests: Bill and Pat Kittel, Brandon Baker of Barry Marketing Group, Salt Lake City, UT
Activities: Documentary Screening, Author's Panel, Tribute to Ernie Harwell
Raffle Winners: Paul Hansen, Charlie Witherell
Attendance: 22

Cleveland, OH

Chapter: Jack Graney
When: October 10
Guest: Zach Krantz, Account Executive for Lake Erie Crushers
Presentations: Morris Eckhouse, Tom Manning: **Ken Saulter,** Larry Doby's Greatest Catch
Trivia: From **Harvey** and **Arlene Cohen**

Montreal, Canada

Chapter: Quebec
When: October 31
Presentations: Alain Usereau, Les années glorieuses des Expos: 1977-1984; **Jim Shearon**, Canada's Baseball Legends

Chicago, IL

Chapter: Emil Rothe
When: November 7
Presentations: **Brian Cooper,** *Ray Schalk: A Baseball Biography*; Dan Voelker and Paul Duffy, Black Sox: 'It ain't so, kid, it just ain't so'

Norway, IA

Chapter: Field of Dreams
When: October 10
Guest: Former MLB pitcher Hal Trosky, Jr.
Trivia: Provided by **R.J. Lesch**, won by **Tim Rask**

Ann Arbor, MI

Chapter: Don Lund
When: November 15
Guests: Don Lund and Jim Irwin
Presentations: Dick Clark, Norman "Turkey" Steams
Trivia: Provided by **Peter Morris**, won by **Dick Clark** and **David Fleitz**

Tallahassee, FL

Chapter: North Florida
When: September 19
Activities: Inaugural chapter meeting, discussion of mission and activities, naming of chapter
Attendance: 6

Boston, MA
Chapter: Boston
When: November 7
Guests: Jeff Natale, **Justine Siegal** on being the first woman to coach for a professional men's team; Ian Browne, MLB.com
Presentations: Herb Crehan, advance of the upcoming Red Sox players of the 1950s book

Sacramento, CA
Chapter: Sacramento
When: Nov. 7, 2009
Activity: Annual Hot Stove Lunch
Guests: Harry Dunlop, Sacramento native, talked about his 50 years in baseball, including catching the only 27-strikeout game in baseball history; Bob Hemond, VP, Sacramento RiverCats, and owner, Hannibal, MO, Cavemen, a wood-bat independent-collegiate team
Award: Tony Asaro, VP of Community Relations, Sacramento RiverCats, received our annual Woody Wilson Award for his service to kids in the Sacramento area.
Attendance: 30

Seattle, WA
Chapter:NWSABR
When: November 7
Guests: Pat Gillick, former General Manager of various ML teams including the Mariners; Steve Cox, Seattle Pilots documentary filmmaker
Presentations: Bill Woodward, baseball history with Era and Biblical references; **Monica Nucciarone**, Alexander Cartwright; **John Henshell**, "Reversing the Aging Process"
Attendance: 30

Tokyo, Japan
Chapter: Tokyo
When: November 21
Where: Amico Mio restaurant, Shiba-Daimon, Tokyo
Presentations:Isao Chiba, **Makio Mukai** and **Tomotada Yamamoto** reported on their American tours.
Attendance: 12

Greenville, RI
Chapter: Lajoie-Start
When: November 28
Guest: Ken Ryan, former closer for the Red Sox and Phillies
Presentation: **Dixie Tourangeau**
Trivia: Won by **Bill Ryczek**
Attendance: 68

Toledo, OH
Chapter: Bresnahan/Mud Hens
When: October 17
Activities: Dinner and playoff games

Tallahassee, FL
Chapter: Tallahassee/North Florida
When: December 5, 2009
Presentation: R.E. Wilson, Kodachrome images of MLB ballparks taken in the 1950's and 1960's
Activities: Elected officers and discussed plans for future chapter meetings and activities. The results of voting on a proposed chapter name change also were announced, pending permission of winning individual's family to use his name in chapter name.

Upcoming Events

Atlanta, GA
February 13, 2010
Who: Magnolia Chapter
Contact: **Terry Sloope**, magnoliasabr@mindspring.com

Chicago, IL
February 13, 2010, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Who: Emil Rothe Chapter
Where: Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights, IL
Contact: **Richard Smiley**, smileyr@georgetown.edu

Hot Springs, AR
March 4-7, 2010
Who: Boiling Out Conference
Contact: **R. J. Lesch**, rjlesch_usa@yahoo.com

Cooperstown, NY
April 17, 2010
Who: Fred Ivor-Campbell Nineteenth Century Base Ball Conference
Contact: **Peter Mancuso**, peterplus4@earthlink.net

Cleveland, OH
April 30-May 2, 2010
Who: Seymour Medal Conference
Contact: **Susan Petrone**, 800-969-7227, spetrone@sabr.org

Birmingham, AL
July 14-18, 2010
Who: Jerry Malloy Conference
Contact: Larry Lester, ntresearch@comcast.net

Atlanta, GA
August 5-8, 2010
What: SABR 40
Contact: Terry Sloope, magnoliasabr@mindspring.com

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Member Profile

R.J. Lesch

Member since: 1998

If you thought baseball players only started going onstage for live performances with the advent of Saturday Night Live, you need to talk to **R.J. Lesch** of the Field of Dreams chapter. "Before radio and TV, lots of ballplayers toured the vaudeville circuit to make extra cash during the offseason," he says. "Vaudeville professionals called this type of act a "freak act," because people were coming just to look at them, rather than to be entertained by their singing or dancing talents, and trade publications like Variety didn't cover them for a long time for that reason. But that was the whole point. Fans in cities outside the major-league circuit could see their favorites in the flesh."

According to the reviews and other research he's collected over the years, Christy Mathewson, Rube Marquard, Joe Tinker, and many other Deadball Era stars made the rounds. Lesch notes that "They might team up with a real actor or singer, as Marquard did with Blossom Seeley (they later married). The talent level was about like the Bob Hope Specials in the 1970s and 1980s, when Rosey Grier or George Foreman would do a song or appear in a sketch. The ballplayers weren't exactly Enrico Caruso or George Arliss up there, but nobody cared."

Lesch is a big fan of the Deadball Era, and not only vaudeville. (Part of that interest extends to helping put on the Boiling Out Conference—see sidebar on page 7 for more information.) He was doing his own research on the 1911-1913 Giants in the mid-1990s when he read about the SABR convention in *Baseball Weekly,* which mentioned **Stew Thornley's** presentation on the Polo Grounds. "I decided I had to join," he says.

Growing up in southern Colorado, Lesch "didn't really care for baseball until I was ten years old." The area wasn't "baseball territory in those days. We played football and watched rodeo." In 1973, his family moved to northern Illinois, where he eventually started rooting for the White Sox. Living in the shadow of two Chicago teams, he "started to drift over. Hank Aaron was chasing Babe Ruth then, and because of that I became fascinated with baseball's rich history."

Lesch is one of the co-founders (and Leader Emeritus) of the Field of Dreams Chapter. Prior to moving to Iowa in 2000, he lived in Minneapolis, where he says he never quite managed to make it to the meetings of the Halsey Hall Chapter. The idea of a chapter meeting was appealing. "I enjoyed the camaraderie of the online SABR community, which was hopping pretty well, even then, through SABR-L," he says, adding: "And I liked the idea of geeking out on baseball with a room full of people."

There was no chapter in Iowa at the time. Earlier efforts to start one had stalled because members aren't clustered in a particular metro area. The Internet has helped to bridge much of that gap, allowing for much faster communicat.ion for chapters who members are geographically dispersed. Lesch and fellow member **Jim Bowers** attended SABR 31 in Milwaukee, where he "got lots of suggestions and assistance from **Claudia Perry, Fred Ivor-Campbell, Evelyn Begley** and many others, and met many of the other Iowan SABR members who still form the backbone of the Field of Dreams chapter. Our first chapter meeting was over Labor Day, and we just kept rolling."

Lesch is still a White Sox fan. "It's Bill Veeck's fault," he says. When he started following the team in the late seventies, "The Sox were the fun team and the Cubs were the stuffy team. I'm not one of those Sox fans who hates the Cubs though. In large part because their Triple-A affiliate is here in Des Moines. Minor-league ball in Iowa is a lot of fun. Fans here really support it, and that's contagious. We get to watch guys learn how to play the game, and then we see them on TV and say 'Gee, I remember when he couldn't throw a change-

Member R.J. Lesch hard at work.

What's the Boiling Out Conference?

Boiling Out is sponsored by the Robinson-Kell Chapter and is held every other year in Hot Springs, Arkansas, which was the most popular spring training site during the early 1900s. It is sponsored by the Deadball Era Committee and the Robinson/Kell Chapter. **R.J. Lesch,** one of the organizers, describes it as, "An intimate get-together that usually attracts about two dozen people. The research presentations tend to be informal and interactive, almost workshop-style. It's a good place to get feedback on work in progress. It's sort of like an extended chapter meeting in that respect."

Hot Springs is also a fascinating place to visit if you're a fan of this time period, and the area has a number of attractions for spouses/significant others who may not be baseball fans. Some of the old bathhouses are still open, either as functioning bathhouses or museums. The conference also visits the old spring training ballpark sites, which are sometimes covered by parking lots and sometimes have found new uses. For instance, the Boys and Girls Clubs' ball diamonds are on the same spot where the Boston Red Sox trained in the 1910s. Conference attendees also take in a college ballgame or a horse race, if possible, and hike the trails in the national park that is very close to the Arlington.

Madison McEntire, President of the Robinson-Kell Chapter, notes that the agenda for this year includes presentations, a ballpark tour, guest speakers, an exhibit of Hot Springs Deadball Era photos, and a game between the University of Arkansas, Little Rock (UALR) and Indiana University Purdue -- Fort Wayne (IPFW).

The Boiling Out Conference doesn't have a pre-arranged registration fee. Instead, attendees "pass the hat" to cover the cost of conference room rental at the hotel.

Participants are not required to stay at the Arlington, but a SABR group rate is available (you must ask for the "Society for American Baseball Research group rate."). Please call 800-643-1502 to make reservations. For more information about the hotel, visit http://www.arlingtonhotel.com.

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up.' Burlington, Iowa, is an amazing minor-league town; as small as they are, their support for their team is phenomenal."

One of Lesch's favorite aspects of SABR is the spirit of community and gene osity he's found among the members. He's collected about one hundred reviews of ballplayer appearances on vaudeville stages and is always on the lookout for more. He appreciatively notes how, "Every now and then, someone like **Marc Okkonen** or **Norman Macht** will send me a note or a clipping about a ballplayer appearing on stage that he stumbled across while doing his own research. It's typical SABR thoughtfulness."

When he isn't researching baseball history, Lesch spends his time coaching youth fencing and occasionally competing. He first tried fencing in college and went back to it as an adult. "It's the only sport I've ever done well," he says. "It's a mental game as much as a physical one, which makes it so much more fascinating and challenging. Coaching fencing is better than coaching a sport like baseball, because the parents, by and large, haven't got the slightest idea what is going on, so they don't criticize what I'm doing. Also, because it's an individual sport, there's no sitting on the bench; if you feel like fencing in the tournament this weekend, you fence. So I never have to bench anyone."

Lesch hastens to add that he is, appropriately enough, a *saber* fencer.

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New Members Page

SABR would like to welcome recent new members. They are listed below with their cities and general areas of interest. Please give these new members a warm welcome and help them make the most of their membership by giving them the opportunity to get involved in their local chapter or a research committee or two. (We strive to make this list as complete as possible; any omissions were not intentional.) **Any member can visit http://members.sabr.org to use the SABR membership directory.**

New members from 9/17/09-12/31/09

NAME	CITY	INTERESTS
Jeff Allen	Walnut Creek, CA	Records, BioProject, Negro Leagues, Stats
Jack Anderson	Dollard-Des-Ormeaux, QC	Deadball, Minors, Negro Leagues
Jordan Antebi	Pennington, NJ	
Luther Atkinson	Temple Hills, MD	Baseball & the Arts, Negro Leagues, Oral History, Pictorial History, Spring Training
Michael Babcock	Sterling City, TX	Ballparks, Records, Bio Research Biz of Baseball, Minors
Isi Baly	Valley Village, CA	
Matthew Bearce	Elemendorf AFB, AK	Records, Science & Baseball, Stats
Jeremy Beer	Phoenix, AZ	Negro Leagues
Jodi Beggs	Cambridge, MA	Biz of Baseball, Stats, Women in Baseball
Thomas B. Bennett	Brooklyn, NY	Biz of Baseball, Science & Baseball, Stats, Umpires
Eric Berg	Springfield, IL	Ballparks, Baseball & the Arts, Records, Bibliography, Bio Research, BioProject, Minors, Origins, Pictorial History, Spring Training, Umpires
Karl Bertsch	Hanover, PA	
Joe Bick	Cincinnati, OH	Biz of Baseball, Stats
Brendan Bingham	Newton, PA	Records, Science & Baseball, Stats
Phillip Bjornberg	Old Saybrook, CT	
Michael Blanc	Jamaica, NY	Bio Research, Deadball, Oral History
Henry Blumenthal	New York, NY	Records, Negro Leagues
Richard Bologna	Edmonds, WA	Ballparks, Records, BioProject, Stats
Kirk Brandt	Camp Hill, PA	Bio Research, Deadball, Stats
Michael Braun	DeForest, WI	Asian Baseball, Negro Leagues
David Brooks	Greencastle, IN	Ballparks, Records, Bibliography, Bio Research, Negro Leagues, Stats
Greg Brown	Sewickley, PA	
Tyler Brown	Dallas, TX	Ballparks, Records, Stats
Wesley Burchek	St. Louis, MO	
Robert Buescher	Utica, MI	
Frederick Bugden	St. Johns, NF, Canada	
Mike Cadahia	Miami Springs, FL	Biz of Baseball, Collegiate, Latino, Scouts, Stats
Jamie Campbell	Seattle, WA	Records, BioProject, Science & Baseball, Stats
Steve Cardullo	Westport, CA	Ballparks, Records, Bio Research, Black Sox, Collegiate, Deadball, Origins, Pictorial History, Stats
Evertt Chasen	Clifton, VA	Ballparks, Records, Bio Research, Black Sox, Minors, Negro Leagues, 19th Century, Oral History, Origins, Pictorial History, Scouts, Spring Training, Stats
David Chellgren	Collinsville, CT	
Cam Childs	Lake Oswego, OR	Records, Bio Research, Deadball, Stats
Steve Chippendale	Washington, DC	Stats
Mark Collins	Wood Dale, IL	Deadball
Diana Cross	Boise, ID	Baseball & the Arts, Bio Research, BioProject, Deadball, 19th Century, Oral History, Pictorial History
Robert Cullen	Baltimore, MD	Ballparks, Bibliography, Bio Research, Biz of Baseball, 19th Century, Origins, Stats
James Currie	Sugar Land, TX	Ballparks, Baseball & the Arts, Records, Bibliography, Bio Research, BioProject, Deadball, Negro Leagues, 19th Century, Spring Training, Umpires
William Dahlberg	Lebanon, NH	Asian Baseball, Ballparks, Baseball & the Arts, Bio Research, Negro Leagues, Oral History, Origins, Pictorial History
John Davey	Chicago, IL	Scouts, Spring Training, Stats
Al Davis	Champaign, IL	Bio Research, Minors
Charlie Deitrich	Boulder City, NV	Bio Research
Danielle Demakos	Fairfield, CT	
Nathan Dietz	Washington, DC	all areas
John DiFonzo	Boston, MA	Ballparks, Records, Bio Research, Black Sox, Biz of Baseball, Science & Baseball, Stats
Nichaolas Diunte	Middle Village, NY	Bio Research, Latino Baseball, Negro Leagues, Oral History
Nathan Dively	Seattle, WA	Records, Biz of Baseball, Stats
Craig Donoughe	Hudson, OH	Negro Leagues, Stats
David Douglas	Setauket, NY	Ballparks, Baseball & the Arts, Oral History, Stats

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Jason Dubow	Brooklyn, NY	
Jason Duffy	Calgary, AB	Biz of Baseball, Science of Baseball, Scouts, Stats
Iain Duquay	Wheaton, IL	Ballparks, Deadball, 19th Century, Umpires
Tom Dunkiel	Baltimore, MD	
Scott Durst	Albuquerque, NM	Records, Science & Baseball, Stats
Donald Eckerson, Jr.	Owego, NY	Black Sox, Deadball
Patricia Evans	Alexandria, VA	
Richaed Evans	Alexandria, VA	Baseball & the Arts, Bibliography
Daniel Evensen	South Jordan, UT	Asian Baseball, Ballparks, Records, Bio Research, Deadball
Joel Fischman	Woodland Hills, CA	Baseball & the Arts, Records, Bibliography, Bio Research, BioProject, Biz of Baseball, Collegiate, Stats
Nick Fitzgerald	Frederick, MD	
Daniel Foster	Colorado Springs, CO	
Matthew Fox	Falls Church, VA	all areas
John Gabcik	Brevard, NC	Records, Bibliography, Stats
Anthony Gentile	Beaverton, OR	
Anthony Gentile	Norwalk, CT	Ballparks, Records, Science & Baseball, Stats
Kevin Gilkenson	Los Alamitos, CA	Ballparks, Biz of Baseball, Minors, Stats, Umpires
Rebecca Glass	Wyckoff, NJ	all areas
Nestor Gomez-Flores	San Juan, PR	
Enrique Gonzalez	Mayaguez, PR	Records, Latino Baseball, Negro Leagues
Matthyew Gorman	Hamilton, ON	all areas
Christopher Grauer	West Seneca, NY	
Robin Green	Chesterfield, VA	Bio Research, BioProject, Collegiate, Minors, Scouts
Michael Griffin	Canton, GA	all areas
Aidan Hall	Middleton, WI	Ballparks, Records, BioProject, Biz of Baseball, Scouts, Stats
Stephanie Hall	Bellevue, WA	
Fay Halliwell	Mentor, OH	
Adam Hand	Macon, GA	Records, 19th Century, Science & Baseball
Phil Hatlem	Wesley Chapel, FL	Ballparks, Baseball & the Arts, Minors, Negro Leagues, 19th Century, Pictorial History, Spring Training, Umpires
Tom Heinlein	Acton, MA	BioProject
Joseph Hettler	Chicago, IL	Minors, Scouts, Stats
Timothy Highley	Ambler, PA	Stats
Ben Hill	Brooklyn, NY	Biz of Baseball, Minors, Negro Leagues, Oral History
Curt Hitchens	Rocky Face, GA	Biz of Baseball, Stats
Philip Hochberg	Potomac, MD	Bibliography, Biz of Baseball, Oral History, Umpires
Tina Holland	Mishawaka, IN	
Mark Hudec	Sugar Land, TX	all areas
Jim Hughes	Genoa, IL	Ballparks
Aaron Hutchison	Mankato, MN	Baseball & the Arts, Biz of Baseball, Negro Leagues, Oral History, Stats
William Hutchison	Shoreview, MN	Science & Baseball, Stats
Scott Jarret	Alexandria, VA	Ballparks, Baseball & the Arts, Records, Bio Research, Black Sox, Collegiate, Deadball, Negro Leagues, Pictorial History
Robert Joel	Jacksonville, FL	Deadball
David Johnson	Newton, MA	
Steve Johnson	Nokomis, IL	Ballparks, Records, Black Sox, Biz of Baseball, Deadball, Stats, Umpires
Chris Jones	Midlothian, VA	Ballparks, Black Sox, Deadball, Pictorial History
Edward Kasputis	Fairview Park, OH	Ballparks, Records, Biz of Baseball
Chris Kemmer	Columbus, OH	Ballparks, Records, Bio Research, Collegiate, Deadball, Minors, Negro Leagues, Pictorial History, Stats
Michael Kinstlinger	Baltimore, MD	Ballparks, Deadball, Minors, Oral History
Bryan Kress	Edwardsville, IL	all areas
Lance Lafleur	Hearst, ON	Ballparks, Black Sox, Pictorial History
Dave Lambert	Troy, MI	Baseball & the Arts, Biz of Baseball
Leo Lange	Seattle, WA	Negro Leagues
Bryan Lazar	Cleveland, OH	
Troy H. Lee	Lincoln, NE	Ballparks, 19th Century, Origins, Science & Baseball
Thomas Lenahan	Morris Plains, NJ	Ballparks, Records, Bio Research, Black Sox, Biz of Baseball, Pictorial History, Stats
Paul Lewis	Irvington, NY	Biz of Baseball, Stats
Dan Lipstein	Parkton, MD	Records, Bibliography, Bio Research, BioProejct, Negro Leagues, Origins, Science & Baseball, Stats, Umpires

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NAME	CITY	INTERESTS
Kyle Lobner	Appleton, WI	Minors, Stats
Richard Loutzenheiser	Hastings, NE	Ballparks, Biz of Baseball
Bobby Maghielse	Grosse Point Park, MI	Ballparks, Records, Black Sox, Biz of Baseball, Collegiate, Minors, Science & Baseball, Scouts, Stats, Umpires
Rob Mann	Pacifica, CA	Ballparks, Baseball & the Arts, Minors, Negro Leagues, Oral History, Pictorial History
Bob Manning	Davidson, NC	Bio Research, Deadball, 19th Century, Origins, Science & Baseball
Steve Maraccini	San Francisco, CA	
Kevin Marsh	Queen Creek, AR	Ballparks, Records, Minors, Spring Training, Stats
Richard Maskil	Omaha, NE	Minors, Science & Baseball, Stats
David Mathis	Brazil, IN	
Jesse Matisi	Joliet, IL	Asian Baseball, Ballparks, Baseball & the Arts, Records, 19th Century, Science & Baseball, Spring Training, Stats, Umpires
Wayne McDonnell	Howard Beach, NY	Ballparks, Bio Research, BioProject, Biz of Baseball, Minors, Women in Baseball
Thom McKercher	Toronto, ON	Ballparks, Baseball & the Arts, Records, Bibliography, Black Sox, Biz of Baseball, Deadball, Stats
Malcolm McLetchie	Gretna, LA	Ballparks, Biz of Baseball, Collegiate, Negro Leagues, Umpires
Brett Meade	Potomac, MD	
Colin Meade	Washington, DC	all areas
Anthony Melodia	Millvale, PA	all areas
Chad Metcalf	Olathe, KS	
Jerrold Miller	Margate, FL	
John Molyneaux	Rockford, IL	19th Century
Richard Monette	Laval, QB	Asian Baseball, Ballparks, Baseball & the Arts, Biz of Baseball, Collegiate, Latino Baseball, Spring Training, Umpires
Raymond Montemayor	Columbus, OH	Baseball & the Arts, Records, Bibliography, Pictorial History, Science & Baseball, Stats
Paul Muckley	Dover, OH	Ballparks, Records, Bio Research, BioProject
Roger Norman	Carterville, IL	Bio Research
Sean O'Connell	Milwaukee, WI	
Peter Olsen	W. St. Paul, MN	Ballparks, Records, Biz of Baseball, Minors, Pictorial History, Spring Training
Jamie Olson	Indianapolis, IN	all areas
Charles Padgett	Bridgewater, VA	Ballparks, Baseball & the Arts, Collegiate, Deadball, Negro Leagues, 19th Century
Matthew Pagano	Chicago, IL	Biz of Baseball, Stats
Robert Palisin	New York, NY	Baseball & the Arts, Deadball
Allison Petonic	Columbus, OH	Negro Leagues
Johnny Pierce	Macon, GA	
John Polson	Wichita, KS	Ballparks, Records, Bio Research
Gregory Prescott	Woodbridge, VA	Ballparks, Records, Bio Research, Spring Training
J.G. Preston	Davis, CA	Bio Research, Oral History
Ron Primeau	Mt. Pleasant, MI	
Robert Quigley	Forest Park, GA	Ballparks, Records, Origins, Stats, Umpires
David Raith	Colorado Springs, CO	
John Ramage	Fresno, CA	Baseball & the Arts, Biz of Baseball, Minors, Stats
Richard Reeder	Skokie, IL	Records, BioProject, Black Sox
Albert Regenhard	Glenside, PA	19th Century
James Richards	Dallas, TX	Ballparks, Biz of Baseball, Scouts, Stats
Jeff Roberts	Chanhassen, MN	Records, Biz of Baseball, Deadball, Minors, Negro Leagues, Science & Baseball, Stats
Peter Roberts	Kingston, NY	
Carl Rogan	White Bear Lake, MN	Negro Leagues
Miguel Ruiz	Glendale, CA	Latino Baseball, Pictorial History
Robert Salvatore	Livermore, CA	Ballparks, Records, Bio Research, Minors, Spring Training
George Savanick	Apple Valley, MN	Black Sox, Minors, Negro Leagues, Science & Baseball
Gregory Scarfo	N. Chelmsford, MA	
Michael Schatz	Newton, MA	
Steven Schmitt	Madison, WI	Records, Bio Research
Nick Schneider	Frisco, TX	all areas
John Schoenbeck	Cleveland, OH	
Bill Schubert	Cleveland, OH	
Eric Schwab	Ypsilanti, MI	Baseball & the Arts, Records, Bio Research, BioProject, Deadball, 19th Century, Oral History, Origins, Science & Baseball, Stats
Kathleen Shannon	Dallas, GA	Bibliography, Bio Research, Negro Leagues

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Arieh Siegal	Austin, TX	
David Silverwood	Champaign, IL	Records, Biz of Baseball, Minors, Stats
John Sippl	Warren, MI	
Mike Smeth	Marietta, GA	
Richard Sorenson	Ottawa, ON	
Art Spanier	Llano, TX	Ballparks, Records, Collegiate
Russ Spencer	Portsmouth, RI	all areas
David Starbuck	Kansas City, MO	Ballparks, Records, Bio Research, Minors, Negro Leagues, 19th Century, Pictorial History
Larry Stein	Fairfax Station, VA	Bio Research, BioProject
Craig Swartwood	Payson, AR	
Jeffrey Switchenko	Atlanta, GA	
John Swol	Plymouth, MN	
William Taylor	Hernando, FL	Baseball & the Arts, Records, Bibliography, Negro Leagues, Oral History, Origins, Science & Baseball, Spring Training, Stats
David Temple	Minneapolis, MN	Baseball & the Arts, Pictorial History, Science & Baseball, Stats, Umpires
Tom Thompson	Eagan, MN	Bibliography, Bio Research, Biz of Baseball, Scouts, Stats
Bruce Treat	Portland, OR	Biz of Baseball, Latino Baseball
Alexander Tripp	S. Burlington, VT	all areas
David Tyler	Hot Springs, AR	
Karen Tyler	Hot Springs, AR	
Issac Valenzuela	San Diego, CA	
William Vander Stelt	Shedd, OR	
Dale Voiss	Madison, WI	Ballparks, Records, Bio Research, BioProject, Black Sox, Deadball, Negro Leagues, 19th Century, Origins
Nick Waeltz	Roselle, IL	
Richard Waldman	Maple Glen, PA	Ballparks, Records, BioProject, Science & Baseball, Stats
Jim Watson	Eugene, OR	Ballparks, Negro Leagues
Robert Webster	Hillsboro, OR	Ballparks, Biz of Baseball, Collegiate, Minors, Negro Leagues, Science & Baseball, Stats
Eric Weston	Lansing, MI	Ballparks, Baseball & the Arts, Records, Biz of Baseball, Stats
Jim Whitt	Summerville, SC	Ballparks, Baseball & the Arts, Bio Research, Black Sox, Minors, 19th Century, Origins, Pictorial History
Lisa Winston	Montgomery Village, MD	
Tom Winterbottom	Pacifica, CA	Biz of Baseball, Umpires
Mike Worley	Littleton, CO	Black Sox, Minors, Negro Leagues, Stats
Thomas Yallop	Victoria, BC	Records, Bio Research, Oral History, Science & Baseball, Stats, Umpires
Joshua Zimmerman	San Rafael, CA	

Renewal Drive Going Strong

As of January 11, 2010, SABR had received renewals from 3,781 members (58.55% of the 2009 membership). "I am extremely pleased with the rate of renewal – especially since we only sent a paper notice in the fall to members who did not have email addresses on file," said **John Zajc,** SABR's executive director. "Thanks to all the online renewals, we are sending out fewer than 2,800 paper notices this week, saving money and doing a small part to save natural resources."

Paper renewal notices were mailed on January 11 to members whose renewal was not processed before January 7. If you receive a renewal notice that you think is in error, please contact the SABR office via email (info@sabr.org) or phone. It will expedite the process if you have as much information as possible about when and by what method (check, credit card) you renewed.

SABR 40 in Atlanta Looks Peachy

The program for SABR 40 in Atlanta is quickly taking shape, and it looks like the convention planning committee of the Magnolia Chapter are putting together a fantastic four days. Some of the confirmed highlights:

• John Schuerholz, President of the Atlanta Braves, has agreed to be the luncheon keynote speaker. Before joining the Braves organization in 1990, he spent 22 years with the Kansas City Royals, where he was farm director, Scouting Director, Assistant GM, and General Manager. He acted as General Manager of the Braves until 2007, when he stepped down from the post to become team president. He is known for building an incredibly strong farm system. Among the teams he has built are the 1985 Royals and the 1995 Braves, both world champions.

• A game at Turner Field to see the Atlanta Braves take on the San Francisco Giants.

• Former sportscaster and Braves play-by-play man **Pete Van Wieren** will moderate "Atlanta Braves 1990s: Worst to First," a player panel on the 1990s Braves. Some tentative commitments are already in hand.

The late George Michael (center) moderates the player panel with Frank Howard (left) and Rick Dempsey at SABR 39 in Washington, DC in 2009.

• An impressive lineup of panelists will offer a series of presentations on the history, evolution, and demise/ preservation of various Southern Association ballparks. These include Russwood Field in Memphis; Sulpher Dell in Nashville, Rickwood Field in Birmingham, Pelican Field in New Orleans, Engel Field in Chattanooga, and Ponce de Leon Park in Atlanta.

• **Dorothy Seymour Mills** and local member **Ken Fenster** will co-moderate "Trials and Tribulations of the Research Process: A Panel Discussion with Recent Recipients of the Seymour Medal." This panel will focus on the creative processes and problems involved in seeing a research project all the way through from conception to execution to publishing a final product. Participants will draw on their experiences with their award winning works and their current research.

• A screening of the documentary "Signs of the Time" including discussion/commentary with producer Ray Manard. This one-hour documentary discusses the origination of umpire's hand signals, with significant emphasis on the careers of Dummy Hoy and Bill Klem.

Other plans in the works are tours of the Braves Museum and Turner Field. This will be dependent upon the daily needs of the Atlanta Braves. A visit to the Ty Cobb Museum and Gravesite in Royston, GA, is also possible. Royston is approximately 90 minutes northeast of downtown Atlanta.

Information on submitting presentation proposals is available online at: convention.sabr.org. Oral presentations are expected to last 20 minutes, followed by a five-minute question-and-answer period. Posters will be presented, with the author on hand to discuss the work, during a poster session of approximately 90 minutes and will probably remain on display throughout the convention. Abstracts covering all aspects of baseball research are welcome**. Deadline for abstracts is March 21, 2010.**

The convention hotel is the Sheraton Hotel Atlanta, located right in the heart of downtown.
We have arranged for a special group rate of $129/night (not including tax) for the convention. You must make your reservation by July 14, 2010, in order to take advantage of the group rate.
Visit the convention website at: http://convention.sabr.org/sabr40 for more details.

SABR Board Meets in Tempe and Leaves with Aggressive Agenda

The SABR Board of Directors met in Tempe, Arizona, in conjunction with the Arizona Fall League Conference November 13-15, 2009. The main topic of the agenda was the 2010 SABR Operations Budget. It was clear to board members that SABR needs to do more to diversify its revenue streams and so discussions were conducted revolving around ways to accomplish that. One initiative already put into place is a SABR Amazon Store at http://astore.amazon.com/sabrwebsite-20. Since implementing the SABR Amazon Store, referral earnings have gone up quite a bit from the pre-store days. (You can find a link on the publications page at www.sabr.org.)

A second focus of discussion was how to attract and retain members—with an emphasis on getting younger members (in SABR's case, even 30 year olds are "younger members"). Among the items discussed were "SABR Day in America"—the first of which was held on January 30. We are also looking into ways to tap into some of the more "fun" aspects of baseball, such as game simulations (we are in discussion with WhatIf Sports) or perhaps a SABR Fantasy League.

The board noted that while the addition of giving members access to the historical *Sporting News* online via the SABR members-only web site is an excellent addition to SABR membership benefits, there are more ways we may be able to help researchers. We are discussing a discount with GenealogyBank and looking into whether there is a statistical package that we can make available for members either at a discount or as an institutional subscription.

The board authorized a second year of making *The Emerald Guide to Baseball* available freely via PDF on the SABR website (we are hoping to have it available by Spring Training this year). Anyone will also be able to order a copy of it online via print-on-demand (POD) at www.lulu.com.

The SABR budget as proposed by the executive director had a deficit of $40,000, along with a long list of potential cuts for the board to consider. In the end, the main change the board authorized in approving the budget was to stop paper delivery of *The SABR Bulletin,* beginning with the third issue in 2010 (see The Pres Box on page 2 for more information). If you would like a PDF of the 2010 SABR Operations budget, please send a request to **John Zajc** at jzajc@sabr.org.

Board Approves Creation of the Henry Chadwick Award

One of the most exciting developments to come out of the November board meeting was the approval of a proposal from members **David W. Smith**, **John Thorn**, and **Mark Armour** for the creation of the Henry Chadwick Award (HCA), which will honor the game's greatest researchers—historians, statisticians, annalists, and archivists—for their invaluable contributions to making baseball the game that links America's present with its past. The Award will also educate the baseball community about the sometimes little known but vastly important contributions from the game's past and thus encourage the next generation of researchers.

Smith, Thorn, and Armour are acting as the inaugural Chadwick Award Committee and will select an initial group of nine honorees. In the second year of the award, the committee will add six additional members, all of whom must be members in good standing of SABR. In years two through six, the committee may select up to five honorees. In subsequent years, the committee may select any number of honorees, including none.

The inaugural recipients of the Henry Chadwick Award are due to be announced on March 1, 2010, and will be honored as part of the Seymour Medal Conference April 30-May 2 in Cleveland. Subsequent recipients of the Chadwick Award will be honored during the awards luncheon at the national convention.

SABR Introduces Chartered Communities

SABR has established a new designation, Chartered Communities, to recognizie the impact of the Internet and other technologies on the ways in which SABR members interact. Chartered Communities (CCs) have all the rights and responsibilities that accrue to SABR Chapters but recognize that their members may not be joined by geography.

Baseball Think Factory (BTF) became SABR's first CC late last fall. Since then, three other CCs have formed: the Librarian Caucus, Baseball Bloggers Alliance, and Horsehide Trivia.

The creation of Chartered Communities came out of the suggestion for a "virtual" SABR chapter made by Baseball Think Factory members Chris Dial, Mike McCullough, and Paul Brewer at SABR's 2009 national convention in Washington, DC. According to the motion passed by the SABR Board of Directors, Chartered Communities may be established upon petition by 15 members in good standing to the executive director.

We are pleased to recognize this new designation and look forward to facilitiating communication among all SABR members.

MLB.com Writer Lisa Winston Slated as Seymour Conference Keynote Speaker

The tenth annual Seymour Medal Conference will be held April 30-May 2, 2010, at the Radisson Hotel, Gateway in downtown Cleveland. The Seymour Medal honors the best book of baseball history or biography published during the previous year.

SABR is pleased to announced that the keynote speaker for the 2010 conference will be **Lisa Winston**, who covers the minor leagues for MLB.com. Lisa joined the MiLB/MLB.com staff at the beginning of the 2006 season after serving as Minor League writer/editor at *USA Today Baseball Weekly*. She got her start in 1989 as the beat writer for the Class A Prince William Cannons (then a Yankees affiliate, now Potomac Nationals). Her MLB.com blog, www.gotmilb.com, has been voted one of MLB.com's Top 100 blogs.

Winston's writing has appeared in *Sports Illustrated*, Major League Baseball's World Series and All-Star Game programs, *Washingtonian Magazine*, B*ecketts* journal, Baseball Analysts DH series, and the backs of hundreds of Minor League baseball cards.

The Seymour Medal Conference begins with a reception and public reading by the Medal winner on Friday evening. Saturday consists of a full day of research presentations, the keynote address by Lisa Winston, and the presentation of the Medal. Sunday offers the optional opportunity to watch the Cleveland Indians take on the visiting Minnesota Twins at Progressive Field.

SABR members are invited to submit proposals in order to present their research at the conference. Presentations should be 25-35 minutes long (including Q&A time). Proposals must include a one-page abstract describing the paper or research to be presented and the presenter's name, address, phone number, and email address. Please submit proposals to Susan Petrone via email at: spetrone@sabr.org or via postal mail at: SABR, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland, OH 44115. **Proposals must be received (or postmarked) before February 15, 2010.**

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Radisson Gateway hotel. Room rate is $105/night plus tax. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-333-3333 and asking for the Radisson Hotel Cleveland Gateway and the Seymour Conference block (Be sure to mention the Seymour Conference in order to get the group rate.) To register online: 1) go to www.radisson.com/clevelandoh_gateway. 2) Select the "Reservations" tab at the top. 3) Type in "Cleveland, OH" as your city, the conference dates (April 30-May 2) and "SABR" in the promotional code area. 4) Book your reservation.

The Seymour Medal Conference is presented with the generous support of the Cleveland Indians Baseball Club.

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Jerry Malloy Conference in Birmingham, July 15-17

The 13th annual Jerry Malloy Negro Leagues Conference begins July 15, 2010, at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel. The theme of the conference is "Glory Days: A Salute to the Negro Leagues in the South & Rickwood Field." The conference will include scholarly presentations, an educational forum, a professional baseball game, a trivia contest, player panel discussion, and a visit to local historic places. Each year the conference donates books to schools or libraries, raises funds to purchase headstones for unmarked players' graves, and/or awards scholarships for best student essays.

Research presentation and poster presentation proposals relating to the theme or to other related Negro League topics will be accepted until March 8. Proposals for individual papers should include an abstract of no more than 250 words and brief CV with full contact information. Poster presentation proposals should be no more than 150 words, explaining the main focus and intent of the poster, including the number and size of posters to be displayed.

Please send one hard copy of your proposal or an e-mail attachment in Microsoft Word© to:

Dr. Leslie Heaphy, Kent State University, Stark Campus, 6000 Frank Rd, North Canton, OH 44720, or to Lheaphy@kent.edu. Call 330-244-3304 for further questions.

Registration information for the conference can be found at: http://www.larrylester42.com/jerry-malloy-negro-leagues-conference/

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, 2101 Richard Arrington, Jr., Blvd. North Birmingham, AL 35203. Phone: 205-324-5000. Fax: 205-307-3045. Conference room rate is $125/night plus taxes for double or single occupancy (discounts for triples or quads). You must ask for the Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference discount when you call.

19th Century Base Ball Conference April 17

The Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference takes place Saturday, April 17, 2010, at the National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum in Cooperstown, New York. Some of the agenda already scheduled includes "Around the World: Artifacts from the Baseball Tour of 1888" by **Tom Sheiber** and a panel discussion moderated by **John Thorn** on "Was Base Ball Really Baseball: Where & How Does the Old Game Survive?" The luncheon keynote speaker will be award-winning baseball historian and author **Peter Morris**.

To submit a proposed 20-minute research presentation on any aspect of 19th -century baseball, submit a 100-200 word abstract and all contact information to **Peter Mancuso** via postal mail at: 6970 Ely Road, New Hope, PA 18938 or via email at: peterplus4@earthlink.net. **Proposals must be received before February 16, 2010.** Registration forms are also available via the same email address. Space is limited. **Registration ends April 5 or at 55 attendees (due to space considerations at the Hall of Fame), whichever comes first.**

Contact Peter Mancuso for a registration form or check the Winter 2010 issue of 19th Century Notes.

Complete travel directions to the Hall of Fame, Museum hours and special exhibitions can be found on their website: www.baseballhalloffame.org. Information on lodging, dining, and area attractions can be obtained through the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce, (607) 547-6006 or at: www.cooperstownchamber.org.

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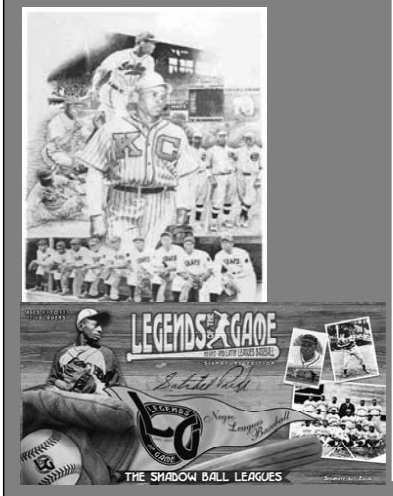

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Gilbert, Bill: Triple milestones 2009. 3 pages. The annual report on players who did, or did not, hit at least .300 with at least 30 home runs and 100 RBIs.

Gilbert, Bill: Who were the most productive offensive players in 2009? 4 pages.

Gilbert, Bill: Rating the 2010 Hall of Fame candidates based on win shares. 3 pages.

Gillis, William: "Rebellion in the Kingdom of Swat": Sportswriters, African American Athletes and coverage of Curt Flood's lawsuit against major league baseball. 16 pages. Scholarly article from American Journalism, Vol. 26, No. 2, Spring 2009.

Gorton, Peter W. One diamond at a time. 4 pages. Photocopy of article in 108 magazine about John McDonald, a pioneer black baseball player.

Heller, Dave: Ty Cobb and the Browns. 3 pages. Text of article on seamheads.com about how the St. Louis Browns tried to obtain Ty Cobb after the betting scandal in the late 1920s.

Holl, Jim: And on the seventh day the bullpen rested. Ted Lyons' remarkable 1942 complete-game streak.

Lamb, William T.: Disappointment in Des Moines: George Davis' luckless year managing in the Western League. 17 pages. About the retired White Sox star's first and last season as a manager.

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Laurila, David: Mike Boddicker talks about pitching. 4 pages. Text of interview on Baseball Prospectus.

Lynch, Mike: Cup of coffee: Ed "Irish" Conwell. 4 pages. Text of article on seamheads.com about the career of an early 20th century player who struck out and made a crucial error in his only major league appearance.

Lynch, Mike: Chalmer "Bill" Cissell: The $123,000 lemon. 18 pages. Text of article on seamheads.com.

Macgranachan, Brendan: The 1911 ticket scandal. 3 pages. Text of article on seamheads.com about a scandal over ticket sales for the 1911 World Series.

Maier, Bobby, as told to Bill Benwell: A baseball memoir. 12 pages. Maier, a one-season major leaguer (1945 Tigers), gives an oral history to his nephew.

Pajot, Dennis: The life of a talented but troubled man: Paddy Bolan. 7 pages. Text of article on seamheads.com about a 19th century player.

Pankin, Mark: What do Rock/Paper/Scissors and baseball have in common? 17 pages. Outline accompanying presentation at 2009 SABR convention.

Peterman, Cy: Connie Mack interview, 1939. 3 pages. Text of interview with the Athletics owner-manager in the Philadelphia Inquirer on December 20, 1939.

Preston, J.G.: The only Class E player to make it to the majors. 11 pages. About Ernie Rudolph, who pitched in the Class E Twin Ports League in 1943, and with the Dodgers in 1945. From the blog prestonjg.wordpress.com.

Roessner, Lori Amber: Hero crafting in Sporting Life, an early baseball journal. 14 pages. Scholarly article from American Journalism, Vol. 26, No. 2, Spring 2009.

Roessner, Lori Amber: The impact of Francis Richter on the development of baseball. 11 pages. Text of a scholarly article about the editor of Sporting Life.

Schechter, Gabriel: John Hiller's amazing comeback. 4 pages. Text of article from Baseball Hall of Fame web site about how John Hiller resurrected his pitching career after suffering a heart attack.

Selter, Ron: Bounce home runs – a work in progress. 16 pages. Powerpoint illustrations of presentation at Allan Roth Chapter meeting.

Selter, Ron: Bounce home runs at Yankee Stadium. 4 pages. Examines the rules changes and park alterations that affected the 40 home runs that bounced into the stands from 1923 to 1930.

Selter, Ron: Was Forbes Field a nightmare for hitters? 5 pages. Major expansion of an article published in the Baseball Research Journal in 2003.

Seven, Richard: The Last Chance League: Life in an independent league. 6 pages. Text of article in the Seattle Times, Aug. 20, 2000, about the Tri-City Posse, a team in the Western Baseball League.

Smith, Dale: Bucketfoot Al. 2 pages. Photocopy of article about Al Simmons in a 2002 issue of Along the Elephant Trail, the publication of the Philadelphia Athletics Historical Society.

Stuart, Jeff: Frank Howard: Ten homers in six games. 3 pages. Text of article in The Squibber, the Washington Chapter newsletter, October 2009, about Howard's feat in 1968.

Tulley, Kevin: The 1912 "outlaw" United States League. 6 pages. Photocopy of article in the Berks County Historical Review, Spring 2009, with an addendum by the author listing and describing the league's ballparks. The short-lived league had teams in New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Reading, Richmond and Washington.

Applications Being Accepted for Yoseloff Baseball Research Grants

Over the past five years, the Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grant Program has awarded nearly $44,000 to 29 individuals for a total of 32 grant projects. Their research has been published in the Baseball Research Journal, The National Pastime, SABR's minor league database, as part of the BioProject, in committee newsletters and presented at SABR conventions and conferences. If you have a baseball research project that you haven't pursued due to lack of funds for travel, library fees, or other expenses, why not apply? Maybe we'll be publishing your research next. The application form is available on the SABR website under "Awards." The deadline to apply is May 14, 2010.

Research Requests

Scott Jarrett is researching Harry Wolverton (player/manager) and the 1912 New York Highlanders. I appreciate any guidance anyone can offer. One pressing need is an obituary of Wolverton, who died on February 4, 1937 while on duty as a police officer in Oakland. Can anyone help with that? I understand that he had four daughters, but I don't know their names and would love to track down any descendants of him. Also, if anyone has any tips on pursuing members of this team, including Hal Chase, I'm all ears. Thanks. Scott Jarrett Alexandria, VA. Email: scottandrewjarrett@hotmail.com Phone: (240)346-7903

Bill Staples Jr. is looking for Software or Website to Compile Historical Baseball Stats Can anyone recommend software or a web site that helps compile baseball stats? I have approximately 100 box scores from the 1920s-30s and would like to calculate batting averages and other stats of select players. Any recommendations? Thanks, Bill. Email: ddbfc08@yahoo.com Phone: 602-614-0538

Laurence Alpert asks: Can someone help me find a box score and any newspaper write-ups on the April 19, 1925, game between the Brooklyn Robins and New York Giants. I would also like list of umpires for this game (Pfirman? Wilson? may be two of umpires for this game) Thanks. Email: laurencealpert@verizon.net Phone: 2024685736

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Gabriel's gift was the second large estate gift received in 2009. Earlier in the year, SABR received a gift of $25,000 from the estate of SABR founder **John Pardon**. This gift helped the SABR Endowment to grow past $100,000 during 2009, finishing the year at $112,953. A total of $51,867 in principle was donated toward the Endowment in 2009, and the fund earned a return on its investments of 15.98%.

SABR also thanks the 800+ members and friends who gave gifts totaling $58,966 in unrestricted gifts in 2009. Donations are the second-largest source of funding for SABR and are key to programs such as the online access to the historical issues of T*he Sporting News* and other initiatives, including our awards program.

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View from the Booth highlights Chris Wheeler's nearly four decades as the voice of the Philadelphia Phillies. As told to Hal Gullan.

In *Willie's Boys*, **John Klima** sheds new light on the amazing, little-known story of Willie Mays 1948 rookie season as a professional baseball player.

The Miracle Has Landed, edited by **Matt Silverman** and **Ken Samelson**, is latest book of baseball biographies written by SABR members. It includes original biographies of every player, coach, broadcaster, and significant front office member who was part of the 1969 Mets.

In *Graphical Player*, Editor John Burnson compiles at-a-glance dashboards more than 1,000 major and minor league players, chosen expressly for their interest to fantasy leaguers.

Kunugi Yasuo sums up the research he has compiled as a university professor in *Collection of Principal Baseball-Related Research Papers*. It includes 21 of his principal research papers and a chronological list of more than 1,000 research papers written by his predecessors since the end of WWII.

In the *Hardball Times Baseball Annual 2010*, **Dave Studenmund** and the Hardball Times team of editors have put together the annual that includes all the stats and great writing.

In *Big League Ballparks*, **Gary Gillette** and **Eric Enders** have seemingly done the impossible: compile an informative, comprehensive illustrated history of major league parks from their inception to the present and make it fun to read.

In *Our White Boy*, **Kathleen Sullivan** helps Jerry Craft tell how he became possibly the only white player in the West Texas Colored League during the 1959 and 1960 seasons.

Rob Fink tells the little-known story of the West Texas Colored League in *Playing in Shadows*.

In *Playing Ball with Legends*, James Irwin gives a first biography of former player **Don Lund**, who had an active hand in its writing.

The *Bill James Handbook 2010* is a comprehensive collection of baseball stats to help fans, fantasy leaguers, and baseball professionals understand the 2009 season and prepare for 2010.

In *High Heat*, **Tim Wendel** interviews former and current players, managers, scouts, experts, and historians to dissect the fastball and try and answer who the fastest pitcher of all time might be.

Miracle Collapse is Doug Feldmann's account of how one of the most talented Cubs teams ever to take the field raced to an early division lead and a seemingly certain pennant only to unravel specatularly at the season's end.

In *Billy and the Boys*, Lonnie Duke gives a game-by-game account of the 1956 season of a small-town high school baseball team that won the Georgia class C championship.

In *Grasping the Ring*, Gene Budig offers biographical sketches of nine inspiring and compelling people he has met through his career in baseball and academia.

Practicing Sabermetrics: Putting the Science of Baseball Statistics to Work by **Gabriel B. Costa**, **Michael R. Huber** and **John T. Saccoman** tells how to do such things as cross-era comparisons and measuring ballpark effects.

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Borden Brown, 70, of West Hartford, CT, died on October 11, 2009. A SABR member since 1977, Brown was a Harvard-trained physician and a decorated combat veteran.

Vincent Fandetti, 73, of Vernon, CT, died on October 10, 2009.

George E. Stewart, 83, of Cherry Hill, NJ, passed away February 27 2009. He was a member of the Connie Mack chapter of SABR and greatly enjoyed the annual meetings, especially discussing Staten Island and other New York baseball history baseball.

Autumn Durst, 83, died on November 13, 2009. The daughter of former player and manager Cedric Durst, she grew up watching her father play professional baseball with teams like the 1927 Yankees and Boston Red Sox and keeping score at the old "Lane Field" at the foot of Broadway when her father was manager of the Padres in the 1930s and 1940s. She was an active member of the Ted Williams Chapter.

Morley Harris, 78 of Monroeville, PA, died on November 29, 2009.

Frank Phelps, 92, of Avon Lake, OH, passed away in early 2010. Phelps joined SABR in 1973 and served as Treasurer (1979-80) and Director (1980-84). He also founded the Bibliography Committee in 1984 and chaired it for ten years and won the Bob Davids Award in 1991. Phelps was principal compiler of *The Index to the Sporting News Baseball Register 1940-95,* published in 1996 by the Bibliography Committee. Frank returned to northeast Ohio in recent years having lived in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania for much of his SABR tenure and donated much of his collection of sports books to the Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS)

John Austin Macdonald, 57, of Palatine, IL., died on November 23, 2009, in Missoula, Mont., while visiting family. A free-lance photographer with a love of ballparks, he realized his dream of visiting every major league ballpark in the country. He also acted as photographer for the SABR staff at the 2008 and 2009 national conventions

Richard "Dick" Zunt, 78, of Cleveland, OH, died of cancer on January 2, 2010. A longtime sports reporter for the Cleveland *Plain Dealer*, he was a beloved figure in the local high school sports community and was known for his remarkable recall of names, faces and events.

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The Rise of Milwaukee Baseball: The Cream City from Midwestern Outpost fo the Major Leagues, 1859-1901 by **Dennis Pajot** covers the evolution of the game through both amateur and professional baseball in the city.

Baseball Fiends and Flying Machines: The Many Lives and Outrageous Times of George and Alfred Lawson by **Jerry Kuntz** profiles brothers who operated on the fringes of minor league baseball and aviation.

Early Wynn, The Go-Go White Sox and the 1959 World Series by **Lew Freedman** is both a biography of Wynn and a chronicle of the 1959 team he helped to the Series.

The South Atlantic League, 1904-1963: A Year-by-Year Statistical History by **Marshall D. Wright** is another in the author's statistical histories of minor leagues, with full rosters and brief text summaries for each season.

Bums No More: The 1959 Los Angeles Dodgers, World Champions of Baseball by Brian M. Endsley chronicles the Dodgers return to glory after a dismal 1958.

Chief Bender: A Baseball Biography by **Robert Peyton Wiggins** chronicles the life of one of Connie Mack's aces of the first Athletics dynasty.

Sliding Billy Hamilton: The Life and Times of Baseball's First Great Leadoff Hitter by **Roy Kerr** describes the life of the 19th Century star.

The 1923 New York Yankees: A History of Their First World Championship Season by **Ronald A. Mayer** follows the soon-to-be Bronx Bombers from spring training to their defeat of the Giants.

Joy in Mudville: Essays on Baseball and American Life, edited by **John B. Wiseman** contains 17 "essays" on various aspects of baseball history from the 19th century forward.

It Ain't So: A Might-Have-Been History of the White Sox in 1919 and Beyond by **Michael T. Lynch, Jr.** is a fictional rendering of what might have happened.

Eye for Talent: Interviews with Veteran Baseball Scouts, edited by **P.J. Dragseth** contains transcripts of interviews with 17 scouts.

The Baseball Starter: A Handbook for Coaching Children and Teens by W. George Scarlett, Gregory Chertok, Jacob L. Lipton and Erik S. Johanson is an instructional for youth coaches.

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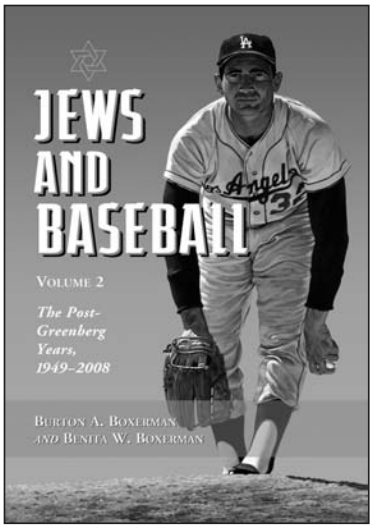

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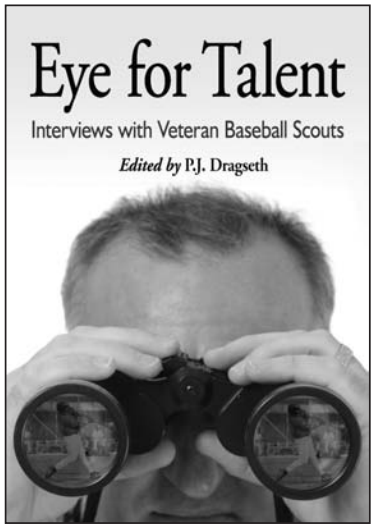

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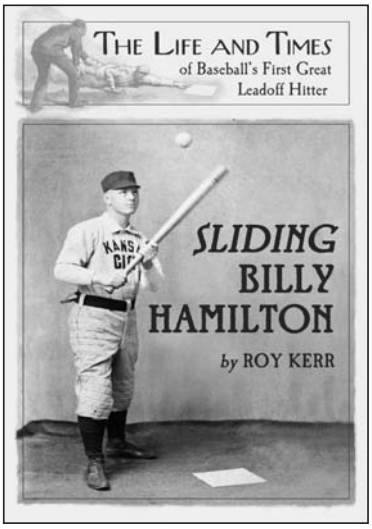

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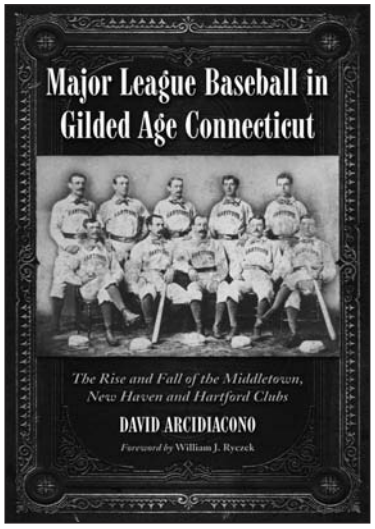

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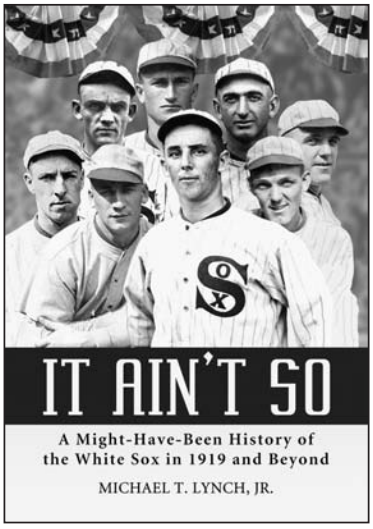

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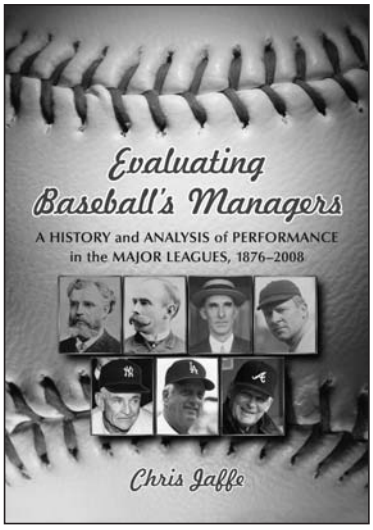

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Major League Baseball in Gilded Age Connecticut: The Rise and Fall of the Middletown, New Haven and Hartford Clubs by **David Arcidiacono** chronicles these early American Association and National League franchises.

Rum Point: A Baseball Novel by **Rick Wilber** (son of Del) is a murder mystery, featuring a drug connection and a minor league manager.

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Other publications on tap for 2010 include *The National Pastime* and *The Baseball Research Journal.* Baseball in Georgia and the South is the theme of the 2010 edition of *The National Pastime,* the annual convention journal. Edited by **Wynn Montgomery**, **Terry Sloope,** and other members of the Magnolia Chapter, the Atlanta issue will be distributed to attendees of the convention in August and mailed to members shortly thereafter. Slated among the dozens of contributions from baseball researchers nationwide are articles on the Braves, the Crackers, the Black Crackers, Ty Cobb, Dale Murphy, and Skip Caray.

The summer 2010 issue of *The Baseball Research* Journal is scheduled to be mailed to members in June. The fall 2009 issue of *BRJ* was mailed in December. many back issues of both *TNP* and *BRJ* are now available online at http://research.sabr.org/journals/archive, and the remainder will be posted in increments in the months and years ahead. Printed back issues are available directly from the University of Nebraska Press by visiting: http://www.nebraskapress.unl.edu/ or calling 1-800-848-6224.

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