



New Member Handbook 2014-15

Society for American Baseball Research
The most passionate international community of baseball fans

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Dear SABR Member,

Welcome to SABR — the Society for American Baseball Research. Founded in August 1971, SABR (pronounced “saber”) is a nonprofit membership organization of more than 6,000 members whose goal is to foster the research and preservation of the history of the game. SABR is a place where passionate baseball fans join together to form a special community. Members voice opinions online, share stories and ideas at regional chapter meetings, as well as attend innovative member presentations at the annual convention.

What do you get for your SABR membership? You’ll receive SABR publications throughout the year, including two issues of the *Baseball Research Journal*, which features historical and narrative articles as well as statistical analysis; an expanded e-book edition of *The National Pastime*, released in conjunction with our annual convention (in 2015, it will feature articles on baseball in Chicago, where the convention will take place); numerous free e-books from the SABR Digital Library; and “This Week in SABR” e-mails every Friday to keep you updated on all of the goings-on within SABR.

As a SABR member, you are eligible to participate in as many research committees as you like. More information on how to join these committees can be found later in this handbook. You can subscribe to SABR-L, SABR’s members-only listserv. SABR-L is the daily heartbeat of baseball research. You’ll have access to the SABR membership directory online; more than 95 percent of SABR members have e-mail addresses on file with SABR. Members also receive a discount on convention and other conference registrations SABR holds throughout the year.

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

SABR is fundamentally a volunteer-driven organization. Its research committee and regional chapter structure is dependent upon members donating their time to fill leadership roles. The administrative staff in the Phoenix, Arizona, office consists of a Chief Executive Officer; Director of Operations; Membership and Events Director; and Director of Editorial Content.

What do you need to know to enjoy your membership? First of all, please note that SABR membership is based on a rolling calendar year. If you joined on June 1, 2015, your membership will extend until May 31, 2016. You can begin enjoying all the non-publication benefits of membership immediately. Go to members.sabr.org and log in to access the Members' Info page.

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

Sincerely,
Marc Appleman
Chief Executive Officer, SABR

Benefits of Membership

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

SABR Publications

The Baseball Research Journal

The Baseball Research Journal is the flagship publication of SABR. Published twice a year, it contains articles by members on all aspects of baseball. Each issue has pieces on Statistical Analysis, Biographies, Historic Moments and more different kinds of baseball research than you can imagine. Many older BRJs are available in print from the SABR Bookstore — just go to <http://store.sabr.org> and click on “Books”. Many past articles can also be found on our website — visit SABR.org and click “Research” to find the [Baseball Research Journal Archives page](#).

The National Pastime

The National Pastime is SABR's convention publication. More than two dozen SABR writers contribute to baseball research as pertaining to the region where that year's convention is being held. In 2015, the convention was held in Chicago and stories were published on the Cubs, White Sox, Negro League stars, and many other Chicago-based topics. Convention attendees will receive their copy of *The National Pastime* on-site. Members who do not attend will receive an expanded e-book edition that can be downloaded on the SABR website. The 2015 convention, SABR 45, was held June 24-28, 2015, in Chicago, Illinois. You can also access *TNP* archives at <http://sabr.org/content/the-national-pastime-archives>.

SABR Digital Library

For 40 years, SABR and its members have led the way in publishing the best baseball historical and statistical research. Our publications program is shifting to take advantage of new methods of publishing. In the SABR Digital Library (SABR.org/ebooks), we publish new books like *Can He Play? A Look at Baseball Scouts and Their Profession* and *Inventing Baseball: The 100 Greatest Games of the 19th Century*, which showcase the best efforts of SABR's members, chapters and committees, but new technology also makes it possible for us to bring out-of-print SABR titles such as *Great Hitting Pitchers* (1979) and *Nineteenth Century Stars* (1989) back again. Books will be available in digital formats as well as paperbacks produced by "print on demand" (POD). SABR members will get discounted rates for all e-book publications. Learn more at SABR.org/ebooks.

Publishing Opportunities

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

Web-Based Benefits

Membership Directory

The SABR Membership Directory is one of SABR's most vital and basic tools. Visit SABR.org/directory to find the online directory.

You can search by name, location, by committee or chapter, or by research interests/expertise.

“This Week in SABR”

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

SABR-L

The SABR-L mailing list is a free, moderated forum which encourages and facilitates research and information exchange among SABR members. Participation in SABR-L is both a benefit and a privilege of SABR membership, and all SABR members are encouraged to take part. Since its founding in 1995, the list's subscriber rolls have grown steadily in number.

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

LISTSERV@APPLE.EASE.LSOFT.COM

In the body of the message, put the line

SUBSCRIBE SABR-L Firstname Lastname

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

Discounts

SABR members are often offered discounts on commercially published baseball. Occasionally the publisher donates a portion of the sales to SABR, which helps your membership dollar go even further.

MLB.TV

SABR's licensing deal with MLB Advanced Media means that SABR members are eligible for a 20% discount on new MLB.TV Premium Monthly subscriptions. We will announce more details in “This Week in SABR” on Fridays or on the Members-Only page at members.sabr.org.

SABR Bookstore

You can support SABR by purchasing baseball books through the SABR Amazon Store:

<http://astore.amazon.com/sabrwebsite-20>

Tools for Researchers

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

The Sporting News archives

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

The Baseball Index

SABR's Bibliography Committee has compiled an expanding database of more than 240,000 citations for baseball articles and books.

The Baseball Index is now fully searchable online with results available in several formats, including PDFs. Visit the Baseball Index website at www.baseballindex.org.

Lending Library

Members can borrow microfilm of *The Sporting News*, *The Sporting Life*, *Baseball Magazine* or the Spalding Collection from the SABR Lending Library. More information on the Lending Library can be found on the SABR website at <http://sabr.org/research/sabr-lending-library>.

The Sporting News was once known as "The Baseball Bible" and is an excellent resource for box scores and other baseball news throughout the years. It is a good start for researching many baseball-related subjects.

SABR-L

The purpose of the SABR-L e-mail listserv is to get feedback from your fellow members on research topics. Ask for advice on where to look for information; ask for assistance in looking up material in a local newspaper; publish preliminary findings of your research to get feedback. SABR-L gets you in touch with more than 1,100 SABR members at a time.

To learn how to subscribe to SABR-L, or to access the SABR-L archives going back to 1995, visit <http://sabr.org/about/sabr-l>.

Regional Chapters

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

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

To find out about upcoming meetings in your area, visit members.sabr.org and click “Join a chapter.”

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

Research Committees

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

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

How Do I Join A Research Committee?

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

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

You can find all past committee newsletters by going to <http://sabr.org/research/research-committees>, finding the committee you want and clicking the tab that says “Newsletters”.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When do I start receiving SABR member benefits?

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

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

Q: How long does my membership last?

A: SABR membership is based on a rolling calendar year. This means your annual membership begins the day you join and expires on the preceding day of the next year (For instance, if you join on June 1, 2015, your membership will expire on May 31, 2016.) Regardless of the time of year you join, you will receive all the publications mailed to every member.

You also have the option of paying three-year dues at a discounted rate. Call the SABR office at (602) 496-1460 if you wish to extend your membership.

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

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

You can also sign up to receive monthly or quarterly newsletters from any of our 29 research committees. (The publication schedule varies by committee.)

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

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

A: You can log in to SABR's website by visiting members.sabr.org. Or just click the "Log in" button at the top-right of this screen. Use your primary e-mail address and password.

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

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

Q: Can I order back issues of SABR publications?

A: Yes! Just go to the SABR Bookstore at <http://astore.amazon.com/sabrwebsite-20>. Back issues of SABR publications, including the *Baseball Research Journal*, *The National Pastime* and books published by SABR (such as the BioProject books) can be ordered there.

Q: How do I submit an article for publication?

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

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

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

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

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

Through on-site judging, the best presentations will receive the Doug Pappas Award for best oral presentation and The *USA Today Sports Weekly Award* for best poster presentation.

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

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

National Convention

Meet SABR members from around the world and engage in a full week of entertaining baseball discussion at the annual SABR national convention. The convention schedule usually consists of dozens of oral and poster research presentations by fellow members; research committee meetings; panel discussions with former MLB players, managers, executives, media, and other luminaries in the baseball world; side trips to historical ballpark sites or minor league games, and a major league game or two.

Of course, you can also spend plenty of time wandering around the hotel listening and talking to old friends and new acquaintances. The informal gabfests are always fascinating and you never know who you'll run into.

All baseball fans and researchers can find something to enjoy during the SABR convention. The convention is open to SABR members and nonmembers alike, and is an eclectic, mostly casual affair with no dress code.

For up-to-the minute updates on future conventions or to read about the presentations, speakers and more, please visit the convention website at <http://sabr.org/convention>.

SABR 45

June 24-28, 2015, in Chicago, Illinois

The 45th annual SABR National Convention was held June 24-28, 2015, at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago. Visit SABR.org/convention/2015 for complete coverage.

SABR 46

July 27-31, 2016, in Miami, Florida

The 46th annual SABR National Convention will be held July 27-31, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency Miami. Registration info and details will be available at <http://SABR.org/convention> beginning in early 2016.

Meet the Staff

Marc Appleman, Chief Executive Officer

Marc joined SABR as the Executive Director in 2010 and was named Chief Executive Officer in 2015. Marc's broad-based career began as a sports reporter for the *Los Angeles Times* San Diego edition. He covered the Padres during their 1984 National League championship season. He worked as an editor and Director of TV and Radio for *Sports Illustrated For Kids* before moving into the digital world. He launched the FoxSports.com site, was Director of Programming for the AOL Sports Channel, Chief Operating Officer of the start-up Active.com, Director of SportsNation at ESPN New Media, and President of Content and Programming for Nobok Sports. Marc worked as a consultant in sports media before joining SABR.

Jeff Schatzki, Director of Operations

Jeff Schatzki joined SABR in 2012 after several years in the political field. Jeff worked for Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano during her six-year tenure as Governor. His responsibilities in the Governor's Office included working with the professional sports community. He helped facilitate the growth of the Cactus League with the additions of the Cleveland Indians, Cincinnati Reds and Los Angeles Dodgers. In addition, Jeff was a liaison from the Governor's Office to the National Football League prior to Super Bowl XLII. Jeff also practiced law as an insurance defense litigator in Washington, D.C. Jeff has a B.A. in History from Colby College in Waterville, Maine, and a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Deborah Jayne, Membership and Events Director

Before joining SABR, Deb was the Director of Membership for the Arizona Association for Economic Development and the Marketing and Events Director for Arizona Solar Power. She has 15-plus years of performance in sales and marketing, and has worked with technology-based companies. In addition to serving as a Director of Membership and an Events Director, Deb has developed and executed marketing and business plans that resulted in successful projects for major financial and commercial accounts. She volunteers in the community on a regular basis. Deb attended the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Although she grew up in Portland, Oregon, she credits her father for turning her into a lifelong Yankees fan.

Jacob Pomrenke, Director of Editorial Content

Jacob has been a SABR member since 1998 and is the chairman and newsletter editor for SABR's Black Sox Scandal Research Committee. He is the editor of *Scandal on the South Side: The 1919 Chicago White Sox*, published by SABR in 2015. He moderated a panel discussion on Shoeless Joe Jackson at the 2010 SABR Convention and a panel on the 50th anniversary of *Eight Men Out* at the 2013 SABR Convention, appeared on an MLB Network special on the Black Sox Scandal, and is a member of the Baseball Records, Deadball Era and BioProject committees. Before he joined the SABR staff in 2011, he spent 10 years working as a reporter, page designer and editor at the *North County Times* and *San Bernardino Sun* newspapers in California, and the *Gainesville Times* in Georgia.

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