

SABR 41

Convention Information and Registration

Join your fellow SABR members at our 41st annual get-together. An overview of the convention is below; more detailed information is online at <http://sabr.org/convention>. Two major league games, two major speakers and four groundbreaking panels will highlight SABR41 as our annual convention returns to Southern California for the first time in almost 20 years. Plus movies, movies, movies!



Wednesday, July 6, 2011

- SABR's Board of Directors resumes meeting
- Committee chairs and regional leaders meet
- Medical panel:
 - * Dr. Neal ElAttrache, Dodgers team doctor
 - * Dr. Kevin Wilk, Associate Clinical Director, Champion Sports Medicine, Birmingham, AL
 - * A team trainer (TBA)
 - * Will Carroll, author of Under the Knife column at Baseball Prospectus and now with SI.com.
- The Film Festival begins and will run through Sunday
- First-time attendee reception
- Research committee chair and regional leader reception

Thursday, July 7

- Keynote address by super-agent Scott Boras
- Annual business meeting
- Research presentations and committee meetings all day
- Media Panel:
 - * Russ Stanton, editor of the Los Angeles Times
 - * Dave Cameron, FanGraphs.com
 - * Sean Forman, baseball-reference.com
- Trivia Preliminaries.
- Baseball movie marathon begins

Friday, July 8

- Research presentations and committee meetings
- Awards Banquet, includes presentation of SABR's annual awards
- Panel discussion honoring SABR's 40th anniversary:
 - * John Thorn, Official Historian, MLB
 - * Wes Parker, Dodgers player
 - * Others TBA
- Los Angeles Dodgers vs. San Diego Padres at Dodger Stadium

Saturday, July 9

- Donor Breakfast
- Morning bus tour of former Los Angeles-area ballpark sites
- Research presentations/committee meetings
- GM Panel, with moderator Rob Neyer, SBNation.com
 - * Former Dodger GM Fred Claire
 - * Former Dodger GM Dan Evans
 - * Other panelists TBA
- Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim vs. the Seattle Mariners at Angel Stadium

Sunday, July 10

- SABR's Board of Directors meets in the morning
- Committee meetings continue
- Presentation of the Doug Pappas Award for best oral and poster research presentations
- California League game (either Inland Empire '66ers or the Lake Elsinore Storm)

Notice of Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Society for American Baseball Research, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, will be held Thursday, July 7, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at the Long Beach Hilton, 701 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90831. An agenda will be distributed at the meeting.

SABR 41
Long Beach Hilton
701 West Ocean
Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90831
Phone: 562.983.3400

SABR 41 Room Rate
\$119/night plus tax
1-800-HILTONS

How Do I Get There?

- You can fly into three different airports, but Long Beach Airport is recommended. LGB is only ten miles from the Long Beach Hilton Hotel (701 West Ocean Boulevard, 562 983-3400). That's about a 20-minute ride (Californians measure distance in minutes rather than miles). Jet Blue, Allegiant, US Air, Delta, Alaska/Horizon, and Frontier fly into LGB.
- Los Angeles Airport is 20 miles away, but Southwest Airlines, Delta, United, El Al and others fly there. The ride from LAX is 35 minutes if traffic is good. Avoid rush hour
- Orange County Airport (also known as Santa Ana Airport or John Wayne Airport) is 30 miles away and will take 45 minutes to drive.
- To get from the airport to the hotel, the locals recommend using a shuttle service. There are several available (see: <http://www.lgb.org/civica/filebank/blobload.asp?BlobID=2451>). Typical cost is \$17 per person from any airport. If you fly in to LAX, we recommend Super Shuttle www.supershuttle.com. Rates currently \$17 each way.
- Cab fares in California tend to be higher than other areas. For example, a taxi ride from Long Beach Airport costs about \$28. From LAX or SNA to the hotel, expect to pay \$65 for a limo or \$50 for a cab.

Where Do I Stay?

- SABR 41 is at the Long Beach Hilton (701 West Ocean Boulevard, 90831)
- Make your reservation now by calling 562-983-3400, or by using the link on the SABR Convention webpage. The SABR rate of \$119 per night. This rate is in effect until June 13, 2011, or until the reserved room block sells out.
- Driving? The SABR special parking rate is \$8 per day. An excellent option if you choose not to stay at the Hilton.
- The hotel's amenities include a coffee shop and a health club.

Overflow Hotel

If you are having trouble getting your preferred room type or dates at the Hilton Long Beach, we have arranged for rooms at the Renaissance Long Beach Hotel (111 E Ocean Blvd, Long Beach CA 90802). Call Marriott reservations at 1-800-468-3571 (or 562-437-5900) and tell them you want the Society for American Baseball Research rate (\$119 plus tax). Reservations must be made by June 13, 2011.

The Renaissance is just over half a mile from the Hilton, and is closer to the restaurants and attractions on Pine Avenue. It also has easy access to The Passport Shuttle, which will take you past the Hilton and many other attractions at no cost. see <http://www.lbtransit.com/schedules/pdf/31.pdf> for a map.

Dodger Stadium Fast Facts

- Dodger Stadium is celebrating its 50th season of use.
- Opened in 1962, Dodger Stadium is the third oldest major league park in use, after Fenway and Wrigley. Walter O'Malley built the park with no public funds. Ten no hitters were thrown here, including perfect games by Sandy Koufax and Dennis Martinez.
- The Chavez Ravine infield is a mixture of crushed brick and clay, which produces a reddish hue.
- We have reserved seats on both the bottom deck (Section 50) and the third deck (Section 43). See http://losangeles.dodgers.mlb.com/la/ballpark/seating_pricing.jsp for a stadium diagram.

Angel Stadium Fast Facts

- The Angels are celebrating their 50th anniversary
- Angel Stadium opened in 1966 and is the fourth oldest major league park in use.
- Mickey Mantle hit his final game winning home run here, and Nolan Ryan struck out nine straight Red Sox.
- The rock pile in centerfield explodes with fireworks for every Angels homerun.
- Outside the park, the 230 foot arch with a halo is lit whenever the Angels win. The main entrance is flanked by two size 649 ½ caps.
- Inside the plaza are statues of Gene Autry and Michelle Carew, Rod's daughter who died at age 17 from leukemia.
- We have reserved seats at three different prices, on the field level (Sections 101 and 102) and at two locations in the upper deck (413-416 and 507-509). See <http://losangeles.angels.mlb.com/ana/ticketing/seating.jsp> for a stadium diagram.

A Call for Judges

Research presentations are a major component of the SABR convention — so important that the best oral presentation will win the Doug Pappas Award, and the best poster presentation will win the USA Today Sports Weekly Award. To determine which presentations earn those awards, we need SABR members who will volunteer to evaluate the presentations.

The principal qualification needed for presentation judges is fairness and honesty in applying the evaluation criteria. You don't have to be a great expert in baseball research methods (though of course it wouldn't hurt!).

If you're interested in volunteering to be an on-site judge for SABR40 presentations, or if you have questions about the judging procedures, please contact research presentation chair Neal Traven ASAP. To do so, send me an email at the SABR41 presentations address sabr41-presentations@comcast.net. After you volunteer, Neal will get contact you. Thanks in advance!

See a more complete description of expectations at the convention web site (<http://convention.sabr.org>).

Frequently Asked Questions

Must I preregister?

You do not have to preregister, but it is a good idea. First, you save some money if you register before June 1. Second, not preregistering cuts into the time you get to spend having fun. Third, your name badge doesn't look nearly as nice as everyone else's.

Do I get a confirmation of my registration?

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

What do I do when I get to the hotel?

After you have checked into your hotel room, you should head to the SABR 41 Registration Desk. Once there, you should find the proper alphabetical line (A-K, L-R, etc.) and tell the person working the desk your name. He or she will give you your SABR 41 name badge (don't lose it!), your tickets for the luncheon and chits for game tickets (assuming you have ordered them), and goody bag (which contains your convention program, convention publication and other "goodies,"). You are now ready to have fun!

Is there a dress code?

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

What about autographs?

Many of our guests in the past have been kind enough to stick around after their talk to sign autographs. There is never any guarantee of autographs made by anyone and the key is to remember to respect the player or panelist as well as other members. Many conventioners use their convention program for an impromptu autograph book.

Are there exhibitors?

There is a Vendors Area at every SABR convention, so be sure to budget some spending money. Exhibitors include baseball book publishers and book dealers/sellers. SABR also has a limited number of hours at its table where you can pick up your favorite SABR merchandise. The vendor area is a good place to hang out during the convention; lots of good conversation and networking take place. Plus, many vendors sell at a discount.

How do I enter the trivia contest?

Show up for the preliminaries in the proper room and follow the directions given to you. The preliminaries are a written test. There are separate tests for the Individual competition and the Team competition, and you must decide beforehand in which competition you will participate.

My spouse wants to attend only the ballgame; must s/he register?

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

TIPS FROM MEMBERS:

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

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

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SABR 41 Registration (July 6-10, 2011)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

Phone or e-mail: _____

#	Full Registration	Before 6/1	After 6/1	
___	Registration, Member	\$119 each	\$139 each	\$ _____
___	Reg., under 18 <u>w/ registered adult</u>	\$0 each	\$0 each	\$ _____
___	Registration, non-member	\$159 each	\$179 each	\$ _____

Names of others registered on this form:

Awards Luncheon

___	Awards Luncheon (Friday, 12 - 2:30pm)	\$39	\$ _____
___	Chicken Breast Sautéed and Served with a Whole Grain Mustard Sauce with Seasonal Vegetables and Rice Pilaf		
___	Filet served with a Dill Cream Sauce with Seasonal Vegetables and Rice Pilaf		
___	Special Dietary Needs (please specify):		

Need A Roommate?

Fill out the form below completely and mail to the SABR office with a SASE, so it arrives no later than June 1. We will share this information with others who have completed this form. SABR cannot guarantee anyone a roommate and is not responsible for any problems you may encounter.

Please check one:

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

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

SABR Game #1 Tickets, Friday, July 8

___	Round-trip Bus Transportation to Dodger Stadium	\$18	\$ _____
___	Tickets (Field Level, section 50) to Dodgers-Padres, 7:10 pm	\$37	\$ _____
___	Tickets (Reserve Level, section 43) to Dodgers-Padres, 7:10 pm	\$14	\$ _____

SABR Game #2 Tickets, Saturday, July 9

___	Round-trip Bus Transportation to Angels Stadium	\$18	\$ _____
___	Tickets (Field Box, sections 101-102) to Angels-Mariners, 6:05 pm	\$25	\$ _____
___	Tickets (Lower View MVP sects. 413-416) to Angels-Mariners, 6:05 pm	\$23	\$ _____
___	Tickets (All-Star View, sections 509-507) to Angels-Mariners, 6:05 pm	\$14	\$ _____

Other Convention Events

___	Minor league game ticket (Rancho Cucamonga OR Lake Elsinore)	\$10	\$ _____
___	Round-trip bus transportation to minor league game	\$18	\$ _____
___	Bus tour of former Los Angeles ballpark sites includes round-trip bus transportation	\$14	\$ _____

Please Tell Us

Will SABR 41 be your first SABR Convention? Yes No
 Method of transportation to SABR 41 Air Car Other

Airline/other: _____
 If car, are you car or van-pooling? Yes No

Renting a car? Yes No

Rental Car Company: _____
 Are you planning to stay in the area before or after the convention? Yes No
 If yes, how long: _____

Payment Information

Check Enclosed Visa Mastercard Discover \$ _____

Card # _____ Exp _____

Signature _____

Mail to: SABR 41, 4455 E. Camelback Rd, Suite D-140, Phoenix, AZ 85018

Other Information

Consult the convention web site
<http://sabr.org/convention>
 for more information on SABR 41.

You can also write or call the SABR office if you do not have Internet access.

1) Complete the form on this page. Make checks payable to: "SABR" and mail to SABR, 4455 East Camelback Road, Suite D-140, Phoenix, Arizona 85018 **Photocopies are acceptable.**

2) Registration must be postmarked by June 1, 2011, to receive the early registration discount.

Registration includes: SABR 41 Convention packet (printed program; convention publication; & other "goodies"); access to panels, trivia contests, committee meetings, and research presentations.

3) To **ensure** a confirmation, you **MUST** send a SASE, or register online at <http://store.sabr.org>.

4) **Cancellations & Refunds:** A full refund is available if cancellation is received by June 8; 50% if received between June 9 and June 24. No refunds will be given if cancellation is made after June 24.

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

5) On-site registration will be offered July 6-10 at the "after June 1 rate."

Photocopies of this form are acceptable.