

REGIONAL MEETING
Saturday, February 2, 2002
San Diego Ted Williams SABR Chapter

WHERE: *San Diego Hall of Champions in Balboa Park*
WHEN: *Super Bowl Saturday; February 2nd;*
*Program Begins at **9:30 AM***

THE LINE-UP:

"Contraction and Other Controversial Subjects: Why the Current Player Dearth is Short-Term" -- Joe Naiman will give a presentation about the assumption that too many teams have caused a shortage of quality players, and factors such as population, salary caps, and education will likely make this a short-term phenomena.

"Books on Parade" -- Andy McCue will provide his annual report covering current books on baseball, and you can make up your minds which ones to buy, and which ones to avoid.

"Memories of PCL Padres Outfielder and Manager, Cedric Durst" -- Autumn Durst Keltner will share her experiences as the uprooted teenage daughter of an original PCL Padre outfielder and the Padres second manager. Durst was in the Major Leagues between 1922 & 1930 and played in the famed outfield of the 1927 Yankees. Autumn and her husband, Bud, attend many Padre games during the season and enjoy sharing memorabilia about the early years of professional baseball in San Diego.

"Home Run King and San Diegan, Gavy Cravath" -- Bill Swank, noted San Diego author and baseball historian, will talk about Dead Ball Era HR leader Gavy Cravath who was born and raised in the Escondido area. Bill has written several articles about Cravath including a biography for the SABR Dead Ball Era Committee that will be published in book form in the future. He has also led a campaign to get him into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Cravath led the Major Leagues in HRs in four years (and the National League in six seasons) and had the highest HR% of any player until Babe Ruth.

"Around the League, 1939-1946" - This will be the showing of a color movie filmed of major league baseball and taken by George W. Case Major League base stealing champion, 1939-1943.

Hall of Champions Baseball Archives Tour - You probably are not aware of the resources that have been accumulated by the Hall and their plans for expansion. We will conclude our meeting with a "Behind the Scenes" tour given by Todd Tobias, Curator, who will provide a behind the scenes tour of the archives.

Plus -- a *trivia contest* will focus on Gavy Cravath and Cedric Durst (and some of the teams on which they played) as topics. Also, we will *raffle* off another large black/white baseball photograph, and have some *baseball books for sale* (if you have any baseball books you care to donate to SABR for this purpose please bring them along).

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San Diego Ted Williams SABR Chapter Announces: BOYNTON BASEBALL RESEARCH AWARD

Do you know of a local high school student interested in baseball? Interested enough to tackle some research? If so, read the following...

The Boynton Baseball Research Award was established in honor of one of our Chapter's founding members, Bob Boynton. The Award is to recognize academic research on the subject of baseball, accomplished by San Diego county high school students (9th through 12th grades). The award will be a cash honorarium and granted annually in two amounts for First prize (\$200) and Second prize (\$100).

The research may cover any topic on the subject of baseball using a wide variety of research methods, for example:

- ◆ *Biographical*; episodes in the life of a baseball person or player
- ◆ *Historical*; discussion of a time period of a baseball team/city/league
- ◆ *Game strategy*; theory or analysis of how the game is played
- ◆ *Statistical*; analysis of specific measures of players and/or team performance
- ◆ *Point of view*; discussing a theme or topic in baseball

Examples of the research methods are:

- ◆ information research using primary and/or secondary sources
- ◆ interviews using first-hand and/or second-hand information

The judging criteria for awarding First and Second prizes will be:

- ◆ factual accuracy
- ◆ adequate defense of idea(s) or statistic(s)
- ◆ contribution to the body of knowledge about baseball

It is suggested that a high school teacher or administrator supervise the research. The prize winners will be invited to present their research at a meeting of the San Diego Ted Williams Society for American Baseball Research chapter.

The academic research shall be completed and the report submitted to the Award Committee by [March 15, 2002](#). The report should be 1,500 to 3,000 words, excluding notes and bibliography. It must be submitted in hard copy, double-spaced in 12 point font on 8 1/2 X 11 plain white paper. The report should also be submitted on a 3.5 disk using MicroSoft Word.

The contact person for questions and for submittals:

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Annual San Diego Jackie Robinson Family YMCA Tribute and Scholarship Dinner - February 9th

Celebrate the Jackie Robinson legacy at the annual San Diego Jackie Robinson Family YMCA Tribute and Scholarship dinner [Saturday, February 9, 2002](#). The dinner will be held at 7:00 PM at the San Diego Marriott at the Marina. Among the featured speakers will be baseball legend Buck O'Neil. Tickets are \$125 each. For tickets or further information contact Michael Bruner at 619 264-1451

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Pacific Coast League Reunion in San Diego - February 23rd

Baseball in February continues in San Diego! We are fortunate that the PCL Reunion will be here on [Saturday, February 23, 2002](#) at the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park. It will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude about 3:00 PM. Our SABR Chapter will present a panel report on the 1936 PCL Padres, and there will be a player panel as well. The cost of the lunch is \$18. Send your check payable to PCLHS, 420 Robinson Circle, Placentia, CA 92870. It is expected that a number of former players and other sports celebrities will attend.

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Arizona "Flame" Delhi SABR Chapter Spring Meeting

If you happen to be in the Phoenix area in March, perhaps to attend Spring Training, then plan to take advantage of the Flame Delhi Chapter's "Annual Gala

Baseball Weekend" on [March 16-17, 2002](#). There will be a tailgate party at Diablo Stadium on Saturday to see the Cubs play the Angels, and a breakfast meeting with presentations on Sunday. For details contact Bill Suphan, Chapter President, at 602-996-7605, Gsuphan@aol.com.