

SAN DIEGO TED WILLIAMS SABR CHAPTER

May 2002 e-NEWS

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Next Meeting

**SUMMER REGIONAL MEETING
SATURDAY, JULY 20th
QUALCOMM STADIUM PRESS BOX**

Our Chapter's traditional summer regional meeting will be held at the Qualcomm Stadium Press Box (press level 1st base side):

- Saturday, July 20th
- 9:30 a.m. until about 1:00 p.m. -1:30 p.m.

Members of the Arizona Flame Delhi Chapter and Los Angeles Allan Roth Chapter have been invited. The Arizona Diamondbacks will be in town that evening against the Padres so we expect that some of our out of town SABR members will join us.

PLAN TO JOIN US, too!

The program is not final yet, but we have confirmation from **Charles Harrington Elster**, co-host of the KPBS show "A Way with Words," that he will attend and speak on the subject of "The Language of Baseball." We also expect that our 1st annual Boynton Baseball Research Award student winner will attend and present his/her paper. Also, Padres Bench Coach **Rob Picciolo** will join us. Finally, we are always interested in research, so let us know of if you have any that might be of interest for a presentation.

RECAP OF MAY 4th JOINT MEETING with LOS ANGELES ALLAN ROTH CHAPTER at the LAKE ELSINORE DIAMOND

On Saturday, May 4th, a joint meeting with the Los Angeles Allan Roth Chapter was held at the Lake Elsinore Diamond ballpark, the home of the *Lake Elsinore Storm*. This meeting was a 6-year reunion of sorts since the last joint meeting was held in May 1996 at the same ballpark. About 60 members and guests were in attendance in the meeting organized by Roth Chapter President **Steve Roney** (with the able assistance of **Sharla Roney**, *Storm* Director of Group Sales, and Steve's daughter).

The meeting featured *Storm* Manager, **George Hendrick**, who engaged in Q&A for over 75 minutes. Presentations included **Bob Timmermann** on "The Padres/Dodgers 'Rivalry' " and **Kevin Saldana** on "The History of Professional Baseball in Lake Elsinore." The raffle of a large photo of Babe Ruth and Ted Williams (donated by **Bob Boynton**) was won by Dodgers' fan **Steve Shewmaker**, while **Jay Walker** won the trivia contest (contributed by **Joe Naiman**).

The day's meeting ended with a ballpark BBQ (in ideal weather) and a California League game between the San Diego Padres Class A affiliate, *Lake Elsinore Storm*, and Tampa Bay's affiliate, *Bakersfield Blaze*. The Storm won 4-3.

"BASEBALL AS AMERICA" EXHIBIT COMES TO LOS ANGELES

The Major League Baseball Hall of Fame has an exhibit touring that is entitled **Baseball as America**. It will be arriving in Los Angeles later this year. Below are the dates and further information:

BASEBALL AS AMERICAN EXHIBIT
September 21, 2002 - January 5, 2003
Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County
900 Exposition Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90007
213-763-3466

For more information go to the website for the exhibit at <http://baseballasamerica.org>.

DONATION RECEIVED FROM SABR for SAN DIEGO SABR BASEBALL RESEARCH CENTER and SAN DIEGO LIBRARY

In March, **Vic Cardell**, our city of San Diego Library liaison, confirmed that our Baseball Research Center (BRC) received a donation from SABR Acting Executive Director, **John Zajc**, consisting of 22 books and 42 serial issues published or prepared by SABR. While not a complete collection of SABR-published materials it represents a majority of what has been published since SABR was founded. We will continue to work to have a complete collection.

On behalf of the Library and its Director (Anna Tatar), Bruce Johnson, Supervisor, Art, Music & Recreation Section for the Library, wrote to Zajc on March 30th expressing thanks for the donation. In the letter he noted that " together we plan to build a superior collection of baseball research materials in San Diego."

PCL HISTORY HOLLYWOOD STARS WEB SITE

Check this site out if interested in Hollywood Stars history:
<http://www.sportshollywood.com/hollywoodstars.html>

NEW BOOKS ON PADRES HIT BOOK SHELF

Chapter member, **Joe Naiman**, along with **David Porter** (Professor of History at William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa), have combined to author a new book on the history of the National League Padres called *The San Diego Padres Encyclopedia*. Quoting from the *USA Today Baseball Weekly* of March 20-26, 2002, which included it in its list of the best books this season, "What catches the eye about this title is that such a book exists at all." However, the review notes that the authors "have catalogued many of San Diego's sunnier moments, including the team's pennant-winning seasons of 1984 and '98." It will be available in bookstores this spring, as well as via Amazon and Barnes & Noble web sites.

The San Diego Padres 1969-2002: A Complete History has recently been published, authored by **Nelson Papucci**. "From the '68 expansion draft to Tony's final at bat. A must-read for any Padre fan!" Available by calling 1-800-431-1579 or through <http://www.PadreBook.com>.

JAPANESE BASEBALL
2002 MAJOR AND MINOR LEAGUE
REPORT AVAILABLE

Local baseball author **Carlos Bauer** has recently compiled *The 2002 Japanese Major and Minor Leagues Statistics Report*. The report contains statistics - team, league, batting, pitching, player vitals -- from all four Japanese Professional Leagues for the 2001 season. The cost is \$12.50 (includes shipping), and California residents must add 7.75% for sales tax. Place your order with:

Baseball Press Books
P.O. Box 22493
San Diego, CA 92192-2493

CHAPTER'S BUZZIE BAVASI REPORT
IN BASEBALL HALL OF FAME LIBRARY
.....COPIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

We recently received a note from Jeff Idelson, Vice President Communications and Education, National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. We had sent him a copy of the report we prepared for the "Chat with Buzzie Bavasi" held on October 20, 2001, plus a video of the "chat." In his note Jeff said:

"Thanks so much for the great Buzzie Bavasi stuff. They are both wonderful additions to our Library."

We still have copies available of the report (\$~~32~~) and tape (\$~~96~~), or both for \$~~107~~. Let us know by return e-mail if you want one or both, and we will get them out to you.

PCL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL REUNION XVII
SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2002 in CARSON

The Annual Reunion will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. There will be a luncheon served at 12noon. The location for the reunion is:

Community Center
3 Civic Plaza
Carson, California

If interested in attending and having lunch by **May 30th** please respond with your name and address to the following and include a check for \$17.00 made payable to PCLHS:

PCLHS
420 Robinson Circle
Placentia, CA 92870

SAN DIEGO PADRES BOX SCORE SCRAPBOOK PROJECT

Author and member **Bill Swank** has received the collection of Whitey Wietelmann's scrapbooks. Bill notes:

"Beginning in 1969, Whitey clipped EVERY box score and pasted them onto pages in loose leaf binders. He stopped at the end of the 1993 season when he was released by the Padres. I am in the process of laminating the 1969 pages and making a new binder...I am making a 2002 box score scrapbook, but 8 seasons are missing. How many SABR members would be willing to go to the library and copy old box scores? If enough people helped, it would not be such an overwhelming task. I wonder how many teams have a scrapbook with the box score of EVERY game they have played?"

If interested please call or e-mail Bill at wgswank@sgmmail.com, (858) 274-7999.

San Diego Public Library SAN DIEGO SABR BASEBALL RESEARCH CENTER (BRC) NEW ACQUISITIONS

Below is a listing of baseball-related book, audio, and video acquisitions added to the City of San Diego Central Library and Branches, January-March 2002, as compiled by Vic Cardell:

BOOKS

Baseball's Revenue Gap: Pennant For Sale? Hearing Before the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Second Session, November 21, 2000. Washington: U.S. G.P.O., 2001. **Reference Y 4.J 89/2:S.Hrg. 106-1045.** (Central only)

Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and the American Culture: [Papers]. Westport, CT: Meckler in association with the State University of New York College at Oneonta, 2000. **796.357/Cooperstown 2000** (Central only)

Elias, Robert, ed. *Baseball and the American Dream: Race, Class, Gender, and the National Pastime.* Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, c2001. **306.483/Baseball** (Central only)

Greenberg, Hank. *Hank Greenberg, The Story of My Life*. Chicago: Triumph Books, c2001. **B/Greenberg**

Guschoy, Stephen D. *The Red Stockings of Cincinnati: Base Ball's First All-Professional Team and Its Historic 1869 and 1870 Seasons*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, c1998. **796.35764/Guschoy** (Central only)

Holway, John. *The Complete Book of Baseball's Negro Leagues: The Other Half of Baseball History*. Fern Park, FL: Hastings House Pub., c2001. **796.357/Holway**

Howard, Arlene with Ralph Wimbish. *Elston and Me: The Story of the First Black Yankee*. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, c2001. **B/Howard** (Central only)

James, Bill. *The New Bill James Historical Baseball Abstract*. New York: The Free Press, c2001. **Reference 796.35709/James** (Central only)

Keene, Kerry. *1951: When Giants Played the Game*. [United States]: Sports Publishing, c2001. **796.35764/Keene** (Central only)

Kelly, Jerry. *Bushville: Life and Time in Amateur Baseball*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, c2001. **796.357/Kelly** (Central only)

Kinsella, W.P. *Magic Time*. Stillwater, MN: Voyageur Press, c2001. **Fic/Kinsella**

Lopez, Andy with John Kirkgard. *Coaching Baseball Successfully*. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics, c1996. **796.35707/Lopez** (branch only)

Marsh, Don. *101 Things You Can Teach Your Kids About Baseball*. San Diego, CA: Campbell Marsh Communications, c1995. **796.357/Marsh** (branches only)

McGwire, Mark and Michael Sean Gormley. *Moments in the Sun: Baseball's Briefly Famous*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, c1999. **796.357/McGuire** (Central only)

Morris, Jim and Joel Engel. *The Oldest Rookie: Big-League Dreams From a Small-Town Guy*. Boston: Little Brown, c2001. **B/Morris** (Central only)

Peterson, Richard F. *Extra Innings: Writing on Baseball*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, c2001. **810.9355/Peterson** (Central only)

Quigel, James P., Jr. and Louis E. Hunsinger, Jr. *Gateway to the Majors: Williamsport and Minor League Baseball*. University Park, Pa.: Pennsylvania State University Press, c2001. **796.35764/Quigel** (Central only)

Report to the Honorable Mayor and City Council: Reaffirmation and Ratification of Prior City of San Diego and Redevelopment Agency Actions, Contracts and Agreements Concerning the Ballpark and Redevelopment Project. San Diego: City of San Diego, Office of the City Attorney, 2001. **Reference San Diego (City) at 1.2:B 21/2** (Central only)

STATS Major League Handbook, 2002. Lincolnwood, IL: STATS Publishing, 2002. **Reference 796.357/STATS** (Central only)

Stevens, Julia Ruth with Bill Gilbert. *Major League Dad: A Daughter's Cherished Memories*. Chicago: Triumph Books, c2001. **B/Ruth**

Stott, Jon C. *Leagues of Their Own: Independent Professional Baseball, 1993-2000*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, c2001. **796.35764/Stott** (Central only)

Wolter, Tim. *POW Baseball in World War II: The National Pastime Behind Barbed Wire*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2002. **796.35709/Wolter** (Central only)

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Wright, Marshall D. *The National Association of Base Ball Players, 1857-1870*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, c2000.
796.35706/Wright (Central only)

Zimmer, Don with Bill Madden. *Zim: A Baseball Life*. Kingston, N.Y.: Total/Sports Illustrated, c2001. **B/Zimmer**

AUDIO-MUSIC

Finn, William. *Infinite Joy: The Songs of William Finn*. New York: RCA, p2001. 1 sound disc. Includes song *Baseball Game*. **CD 782.14/Finn** (Central only)

AUDIO-SPOKEN WORD

Berra, Yogi. *When You Come to a Fork in the Road, Take It!* St. Paul, Minn.: HighBridge, p2001. 2 sound cassettes. Abridged. **AC B/Berra**. (branches only)

Sosa, Sammy with Marcos Breton. *Sosa: Una Autobiografía*. Prince Frederick, MD: Recorded Books, c2001. 5 sound cassettes. Unabridged. **AC Spa B/Sosa**

Wendel, Tim. *Castro's Curveball*. Prince Frederick, Md.: Recorded Books, p2001. 6 sound cassettes. Abridged. **AC Fic/Wendel** (branches only)

VIDEO

Eight Men Out. Santa Monica, CA: MGM Home Entertainment, 2001. 1 videodisc. **DVD 791.4372/Eight**