

SAN DIEGO TED WILLIAMS SABR CHAPTER

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NATHAN HICKS IS OUR CHAPTER'S 2003 SABR BOYNTON BASEBALL AWARD WINNER

The results are in for the 2nd annual Boynton Baseball Research Award competition:

First Prize - Nathan Hicks, Ramona High School (\$250 award)
"If You Build It, Will They Come?"

Second Prize - Rory F. Meyers, Vista High School (\$100 award)
"A Baseball Legend (Jackie Robinson)"

Honorable Mention - Brooks LeComte, University of San Diego High School
"Baseball's Declining Popularity"

The panel of five judges included representatives from our Chapter, the San Diego Padres, San Diego County Schools, the San Diego Public Library, as well as our President Emeritus and for whom the award is named after, **Bob Boynton**. We will honor Nathan with his award and certificate at our July 5th regional meeting.

REMINDER...SUMMER REGIONAL MEETING

QUALCOMM STADIUM

9:30 a.m., SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2003

Date, Time, and Location: Our Chapter's traditional summer regional meeting will be held at the Qualcomm Stadium Press Box:

- Saturday, July 5th
- 9:30 a.m. until about 12 noon

Directions: Drive or use the trolley to Qualcomm Stadium and enter at Gate A. Then, walk up to the Press level, and around to the home plate area where the Press Box is located. Plan on about 10-15 minutes to get from your parking space or trolley station to our meeting location.

Program: The San Francisco Giants are in town that evening against the Padres. At the meeting we will present the Boynton Baseball Research Award to Nathan Hicks for his winning research paper.

In addition, we have two authors who will share our program:

- **Kerry Yo Nakagawa** who is author of a book entitled *Through a Diamond, 100 Years of Japanese American Baseball*. He writes on the importance that baseball had to the Japanese-American internees in the camps during WWII. If you are interested in his book, or just want a fascinating look into this aspect of baseball history...plus links to Japanese baseball subjects, then check out his website at <http://www.niseibaseball.com>.
- Josh Suchon, who covers the San Francisco Giants for the *Oakland Tribune*. He authored a book titled, *This Gracious Season: Barry Bonds & The Greatest Year In Baseball*. You can find out more information about the book at www.winterpublications.com.

Both authors will have books available for sale and have also agreed to participate in book signings.

**BASEBALL RELIQUARY COMES TO
SAN DIEGO, AUGUST 3-29, 2003...PLUS,
SPECIAL EVENT ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th**

Sunday, August 3-Friday, August 29, 2003. **Jay Walker** has been working with Terry Cannon, head of the Baseball Reliquary (www.baseballreliquary.org), to set up an exhibit of baseball artifacts and memorabilia from the Reliquary's permanent collection.

The location is the Central San Diego Public Library (where incidentally our San Diego SABR Baseball Research Center is housed).

All of the Library's display cases will be used to display the many items from the Reliquary, along with a few items from our local SABR members. The Reliquary is the home of the "Shrine of the Eternals," honoring great names from the past who have made a significant cultural contribution to baseball.

Sunday, August 17th at 2:30 p.m. As a special feature, on Sunday, August 17th the Reliquary will put on a 1-hour special program at the Central Library on "The People's Hall of Fame: Inside the Baseball Reliquary." Admission for the program is free, and will feature:

- A slide show and video tape of unique baseball items and past Reliquary events, and
- Anne Oncken performing old-time baseball songs on the piano.

Sunday, July 20, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. In addition to the events in our area during August, the 2003 Induction Day for the Reliquary's "The Shrine of the Eternals" is set for Sunday, July 20th. The program will be held in the Donald R. Wright Auditorium, Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut Street, in Pasadena. The 2003 inductees will be:

- Jim Abbott
- Ila Borders
- Marvin Miller

The Keynote Speaker will be Robert Elias, Professor and Chair, Department of Politics, University of San Francisco, and Editor, *Baseball and the American Dream: Race, Class, Gender and the National Pastime*. Admission is free.

MORE TED WILLIAMS...
PLAN TO ATTEND
SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2003, 10:30 A.M.
SAN DIEGO HALL OF CHAMPIONS,

We have scheduled a "mini-regional" on August 9th that will feature **Larry Baldassaro**. A SABR member, he is Professor of Italian and Comparative Literature and Director of the Honors Program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Larry was born and raised in Chicopee, Massachusetts, the home of the A.G. Spalding plant where major league baseballs were produced until 1973. He is the co-editor of *The American Game: Baseball and Ethnicity*

(Southern Illinois University Press, 2002). He is also a regular contributor to *Lead Off*, the Milwaukee Brewers magazine and, for a few weeks in 1992, he pitched batting practice for the Brewers.

Larry will be joining us to talk about his new book, *Ted Williams: Reflections on a Splendid Life* (edited by Larry with a Foreword by Dom DiMaggio). This volume collects some of the best writing about Williams, together with some classic photos, providing a panorama of Ted's career and complex personality, from his rookie year in 1939 to memorial tributes following his death in 2002. It features 35 articles by such writers as Ed Linn, Red Smith, Stephen Jay Gould, John Updike, David Halberstam, and Peter Gammons. Taken together, they offer a vivid mosaic of a San Diegan, and a true American hero who is admired and respected as much by today's ballplayers and fans as those of his own generation.

Date: Saturday, August 9th

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: San Diego Hall of Champions in Balboa Park

Admission: Hall of Champion and SABR members will have free admission please have your membership card; for all others admission to the Hall is \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and military, \$3.00 for ages 7-17, and under 6, free.

The program will conclude with a book signing.

BASEBALL BIOGRAPHY PROJECT

This is excerpted from SABR-L and several of Mark Armour's e-mails:

"The Baseball BioProject is coming up on its first anniversary. In some sense we are still trying to get organized, but the important work of the project (researching and writing biographies) is continuing apace.

We have assigned nearly 700 biographies, have received about 65, and have fully edited and approved 49.

Our web site has spent most of the past few months in transition, a transition I hope will end soon. However, you can view our 49 completed bios here:

<http://63.247.98.183/bioproj.cfm?v=b&a=l&sln=>

If you are interested in researching and writing biographies like these, please drop me a note.

Thanks,

Mark Armour, markjane@ATTBI.COM

MAKE YOUR OWN BOXSCORE!

For those of you who like to keep score at the ballgame Jim Wohlenhaus , sheepshack1@ATTBI.COM, has found some available by computer.

"I found a nice one that needed only minor modifications on <http://baseball-almanac.com/scoreit/scoring4.shtml> (sorry, I don't know how to make it a link). I also, a few years back found an ad for palm pilot software on <http://www.sportsline.com/mlb/>, but I haven't seen it for awhile."

INTERESTED IN BASEBALL BOOKS? CHECK OUT THIS SITE!

<http://www.baseballbooks.net/>

SUBJECT: MUDVILLE MAGAZINE

"Greetings Baseball Fan:

Time once again to stroll on over to Mudville Magazine. Like the yard sales that pepper your neighborhood each summer, we have wares that are moldy to some, while a hidden treasure to others. And those prices!

So why not scroll through the website that The New Yorker never claimed was 'Irreverent and droll as the cartoons we claim to like.'

Ever your devoted and humble website, <http://www.mudvillemagazine.com>"