

# **SAN DIEGO TED WILLIAMS SABR CHAPTER**

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Park"

## **\*\* REGIONAL MEETING \*\***

**Saturday, August 7, 2004**

**Petco Park**

Through the courtesy of the Padres, our next regional meeting will be held at Petco Park. Here are the details:

- ✓ **Date:** Saturday, August 7, 2004
- ✓ **Time:** 9:15 a.m.
- ✓ **Where:** Petco Park Multi-Purpose Room; it is located at 100 Park Boulevard adjacent to the main entrance to the Padres Corporate Offices, and just north of the Imperial Avenue intersection
- ✓ **Line-up:**
  - **"Baseball Books in Review"** - hear about some recent books reviewed by members **Ron Andreassi, David Kinney, and Andy McCue**
  - **"Baseball in San Diego, From the Padres to Petco"** is the title of a new book authored by **Bill Swank** who will be on hand to give you some historical highlights of San Diego's professional baseball teams...books will be available for purchase, and following his presentation Bill will be on hand for a book signing for those of you who would like a copy

- **"Professional Baseball in 2010"** - Get a glimpse of where the game is going by listening to MLB operation executives who are destined to be future leaders of the game. Subjects - talent pool, drugs, global play, free agency, specialization, scouting and, of course, the DH...in addition to any questions you might have. Member **Dan Boyle** will be the moderator of a panel of three Padres executives: Juan Lara (Assistant to the Director of Player Development), Jeff Kingston (Director, Baseball Operations) and Gilly Reckler.
- At the conclusion of the meeting (we are aiming for around 12 noon) a special **behind the scenes Petco Park tour** will be offered for all attendees

## TED WILLIAMS WEEKENDS

### Cooperstown, NY

## September 11-12, 2004, and Memorial Day Week-end 2005

Please make a note on your calendar for two planned TED WILLIAMS WEEKENDS to be held Saturday, September 11, and Sunday, September 12, 2004 and the Memorial Day weekend this coming spring, 2005, at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY.

**Bill Nowlin** [bnowlin@rounder.com](mailto:bnowlin@rounder.com) will be the event coordinator, and will be working in collaboration with Jeff Arnett of the Hall of Fame.

Bill has an open invitation to all Chapter members: "We hope that you will be able to participate in some way, shape or form. Right now the weekends have no defined structure, so ideas are most welcome. If you might be able to attend, please think about ways in which you might like to participate and what you might feel most comfortable about contributing. Everyone is, of course, welcome to come to one or the other, or do as I plan to do: come to both.

"It is my hope that we will be able to present in a number of media, ranging from the presentation of papers to the showing of film footage of Ted Williams in action. Papers that are presented will be considered for a probable post-weekend publication. Please think of topics which you might like to address.

"Your input will help shape the weekend, so please take this as an initial invitation to either 'think big' and maybe come up with an inspired idea or two, or to 'think small' and suggest a defined topic on which you might like to write. Thanks very much."

# SPALDING BASE BALL GUIDES 1889-1939 LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WEB SITE

The Spalding Base Ball Guides, 1889-1939, are now available via the American Memory Project and the Library of Congress:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/spaldinghtml/spaldinghome.html>

Their site indicates the following: "Spalding Base Ball Guides, 1889-1939 comprises a historic selection of Spalding's Official Base Ball Guide and the Official Indoor Base Ball Guide. The collection reproduces 35 of the guides, which were published by the Spalding Athletic Company in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Spalding's Official Base Ball Guide was perhaps the premier publication of its day for the game of baseball. It featured editorials from baseball writers on the state of the game, statistics, photographs, and analysis of the previous season for all the Major League teams and for many of the so-called minor leagues across the nation."

## BASEBALL RESEARCH CENTER... NEW ACQUISITIONS

Baseball Resources at San Diego Public Library  
New Acquisitions in Central Library and Branches, January-March 2004

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*All holdings are at Central Library unless noted otherwise.*

*Baseball: A Doubleheader Collection of Facts, Feats & Firsts.* New York: Galahad Books, 1992. Call Number: **R796.357/BASEBALL**

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Bevis, Charlie. *Sunday Baseball: The Major Leagues' Struggle to Play Baseball on the Lord's Day, 1876-1934.* Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2003. Call Number: **796.35764/BEVIS**

Bryan, Mike. *Baseball Lives: Men and Women of the Game Talk about Their Jobs, Their Lives, and the National Pastime*. New York: Fawcett Columbine, 1990. Call Number: **796.357/BRYAN** (Central & Branch Libraries)

Cluck, Bob. *How to Hit, How to Pitch: A Complete Self-Coaching System for Winning Baseball*. Chicago: Contemporary Books, 1995. Call Number: **796.35726/CLUCK** (Branch Libraries only)

Gould, Stephen Jay. *Triumph and Tragedy in Mudville: A Lifelong Passion for Baseball*. New York: W.W. Norton, c2003. Call Number: **796.35702/GOULD** (Central & Branch Libraries)

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Epting, Chris. *Roadside Baseball: Uncovering Hidden Treasures from our National Pastime*. St. Louis, MO: Sporting News Books, 2003. Call Number: **796.35709/EPTING** (Branch Libraries only)

Freundlich, Larry, ed. *Reaching for the Stars: A Celebration of Italian Americans in Major League Baseball*. New York: Ballantine Books, 2003. Call Number: **796.357/REACHING**

Harrison, Ben. *Official Visit: A Guide to College and Professional Baseball Recruiting*. Bloomington, IN: 1stBooks Library, 2002. Call Number: **796.357/HARRISON**

Lehmann-Haupt, Christopher. *Me and DiMaggio: A Baseball Fan Goes in Search of His Gods*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1986. Call Number: **796.35709/LEHMANN**

Lomax, Michael E. *Black Baseball Entrepreneurs, 1860-1901: Operating by Any Means Necessary*. Syracuse, N.Y.: Syracuse University Press, 2003. Call Number: **796.35764/LOMAX** (Central & Branch Libraries)

Masur, Louis P. *Autumn Glory: Baseball's First World Series*. New York: Hill and Wang, 2003. Call Number: **796.35764/MASUR**

Nathan, Daniel A. *Saying It's So: A Cultural History of the Black Sox Scandal*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2003. Call Number: **796.35764/NATHAN**

Nemec, David et al. *Players of Cooperstown: Baseball's Hall of Fame*. Lincolnwood, Ill.: Publications International, 1994. Call Number: **796.357/PLAYERS** (Branch Libraries only)

Overfield, Joseph M. *The 100 Seasons of Buffalo Baseball*. Kenmore, N.Y.: Partners' Press, 1985. Call Number: **R796.35764/OVERFIELD**

Patterson, Harry. *The Baseball Wiz Trivia Quiz*. Saddle River, N.J.: Red-Letter Press, 2001. Call Number: **796.357/PATTERSON**

Rose, Pete. *My Prison without Bars*. Emmaus, Pa.: Rodale, 2004. Call Number: **B/ROSE** (Central & Branch Libraries)

Ryan, Bob. *When Boston Won the World Series: A Chronicle of Boston's Remarkable Victory in the First Modern World Series of 1903*. Philadelphia, PA: Running Press, 2003. Call Number: **796.35764/RYAN**

Selzer, Jack. *Baseball in the Nineteenth Century: An Overview*. Cooperstown, NY: Society for American Baseball Research, 1986. Call Number: **R796.357/SELZER**

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Wood, Stephen C. and J. David Pincus, eds. *Reel Baseball: Essays and Interviews on the National Pastime, Hollywood, and American Culture*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2003. Call Number: **791.43655/REEL**

## JOIN US IN A NEW CHAPTER PROJECT

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### "A DAY IN THE LIFE OF PETCO PARK"

We are looking for volunteers to help with a photographic summary of a baseball game at Petco Park, along with all of the other things that go on, before the game, during it, and after it is complete. Our Chapter's Steering Committee has authorized this project to culminate in a Chapter publication.

The idea for the project comes from SABR's recently published *The Fenway Project*. Our Chapter's "Facets of the Game" from 1998 served as inspiration for *The Fenway Project*, and now we want to go one up with this project. *The Fenway Project* included interesting stories offered by SABR members but we also noticed there were various photos, all taken by various amateur contributors, that told an interesting story in themselves.

So, your Steering Committee has decided to carry out a project that would result in a chapter publication that comprises all photos (with captions) that would complement our "facets" report but instead provide a photo record from before the game starts, until some time after. In other words, the "facets" of the game but in pictures.

**Project Date and "Rules"**. We have decided to do the project on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, a 1:05 p.m. start against the Colorado Rockies. We invite all of our chapter members to participate. The rules for participation will be simple:

1. Let us know if you are interested in participating...contact **Tom Larwin** [Lar.11@cox.net](mailto:Lar.11@cox.net) who will serve as Project Coordinator.
2. Purchase a ticket for the game (i.e., the Padres will not offer free entrance).
3. Let us know your interest area(s) (i.e., we prefer to focus on as wide a variety of subjects as possible and so would like to have advance assignments, at least to a certain degree). We have listed possible subjects below.
4. Take photos.
5. Record the time for each photo (easy to do with digital cameras).

6. Also, if we take any close-up shots of individuals (i.e., fans, not the players) then we would need their name(s) and address(es) in order to obtain a release to use their photo in a publication...however, we prefer that most photos be more generic.
7. Transmit the photos to our Project Editor, **Anna Newton** [arnewton@cox.net](mailto:arnewton@cox.net).

**Possible Subjects.** Some of the subject areas we have thought of include:

- Concessionaire stands before (prepping), during the game (serving), and after (cleaning up)
- Before game on the field exercise and practice by the players
- Grounds keepers during practice, readying the field, and during the game
- Fans...going after practice HRs, keeping score (if we can find someone who does it), cheering, standing...different "costumes"...kids running around
- Friar...and the Pad Squad
- Vendors
- The ballpark and its architecture, views, and nuances
- We are also hoping to have a few gain access to some behind the scenes views but have not pinned those down yet (e.g., print, radio and TV media at work; team executives; office personnel, etc.)
- Security, ticket takers, lost and found, ushers, food servers, ball girls...
- Cleaning the stands after the game
- What have we missed?

The book could be compiled chronologically, or by subject. With digital photography this becomes a relatively low cost project, and a lot simpler than the writing exercise we went through in 1998. To do it right we hope to have 12-15 participants (the more the merrier).