

SAN DIEGO TED WILLIAMS SABR CHAPTER

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On Saturday, September 11, 2004, the PCL Padres Hall of Fame Selection Committee met at the Breitbard Hall of Champions. Committee members were: Bob Chandler (SABR member and local radio-TV broadcaster for nearly 40 years), Tom Larwin (SABR Chapter President), Johnny McDonald (*SD Union* beat writer 1961-65), Jim Smith (SABR member and PCL Padres historian), and Bill Swank (SABR member and author of several books covering the PCL Padres). In addition to the member survey results (29 ballots received), input was also received from former PCL players Jack Harshman and Bob Skinner; PCL Historical Society President (who also is SABR President) Dick Beverage; and Rick Smith, former writer with the *SD Evening Tribune*.

MEET THE NEW MEMBERS SELECTED TO THE PCL PADRES HALL OF FAME

The Committee voted unanimously to add 13 players from the PCL Padres (1936-1968). When added to the 14 players already in the PCL Padres Hall of Fame there will now be a total of 27 players so honored. This total of 27 results in slightly less than 4% of the 700+ players who wore a San Diego Padres PCL uniform will be honored as members of the Hall of Fame.

Here is the list of new members:

Earl Averill
Jesse Gonder
Tommy Harper
Wally Hebert
Deron Johnson
Lee May
George McDonald
Tony Perez
Ray Rippelmeyer
John Ritchey
Chico Ruiz
Yank Terry
Bill Wight

In addition, the Committee selected two notable figures from the media:

- Earl Keller, beat writer for the *SD Evening Tribune* for the entire PCL Padres tenure, and
- Al Schuss, the team's radio announcer from 1948 until their last year in 1968.

SABR SAN DIEGO TED WILLIAMS CHAPTER SURVEY RESULTS

The results from our member survey showed the following rank order (top 9 finishers with % of ballots listed):

1. Tony Perez (82.8%)
2. Earl Averill (79.3%)
3. John Ritchey (72.4%)
4. George McDonald (58.6%)
5. Wally Hebert (51.7%)
6. Jesse Gonder (37.9%)
7. Tommy Helms (24.1%)
8. Floyd Robinson (17.2%)
9. Tommy Harper (13.8%)
Deron Johnson (13.8%)
Chico Ruiz (13.8%)

PCL PADRES HALL OF FAME

The 14 players who make up the current roster of the PCL Padres Hall of Fame are:

Jim (Tiny) Chaplin
Dom Dallassandro
Bobby Doerr
Cedric Durst
Luke Easter
Jack Graham
Steve Mesner
Minnie Minoso
Earl Rapp
Frank Shellenback
Harry Simpson
Rupert Thompson
Max West
Ted Williams

In addition there are five individuals in the PCL Padres Hall of Fame representing owners and non-players:

Les Cook
Bill Lane

Eddie Leishman
C. Arnholt Smith
Bill Starr