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FEBRUARY 5, 2005 WINTER REGIONAL MEETING

Fast forward to February 5, 2005...it's Super Bowl Saturday and you are hungry for a baseball fix...well, here your solution:

Plan to attend our next regional meeting at Petco Park (the Community Room next to the office entrance on Park Boulevard) on Saturday, February 5th beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Program details are still being finalized but we have the following confirmed:

- **Jim Vitti**, author and winner of The 'Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award' for his outstanding book on the Cubs on Catalina.
- **John Green** will give us a first-hand update on "My Day As Baseball Hall of Fame's President"
- **Vic Cardell** represented our Chapter's Baseball Research Center in Cooperstown, New York, a few months ago and will provide a report on his visit to baseball's Hall of Fame, and our emerging partnership with the Hall

We have also invited representatives from the new independent Golden Baseball League that will have a team in San Diego. <http://www.goldenbaseball.com/SanDiego/default.aspx>

THANKS FROM NEW PCL PADRES HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

After selecting additional members for the PCL Padres Hall of Fame this Fall we heard from two new inductees: Earl Averill and **Ray Rippelmeyer**.

Tom:

Thanks for the notification about my selection into the PCL San Diego Padres Hall of Fame. I am honored as is my wife, Pat and my entire family. San Diego has always been a special place for both of us over the years. Lane Field and Westgate Park each was an influential segment to my baseball career. I can still recall Joe E. Brown at the opening ceremonial luncheon yelling at the fellow making noise in the press box to get a "paintbrush" in order to stop making noise. The new, at that time, atmosphere in the park and the surrounding area was very refreshing. I guess I am one of the few that played the final game in Lane Field and the first at Westgate Park.

I don't have any idea what plans are for the recognition program but I already have a couple of weeks committed this summer. I will be in Alaska from June 25th through July 8th. Annually, I spend some time on the rivers of Alaska fishing. Other than those days my time is fairly free to commit to doing other things.

Earl Averill

Dear Tom,

I received your letter today & it was probably my best Christmas present for 2004. After being in baseball for over 50 years & played & coached all over the country - San Diego was my 2nd home and my favorite place in the country. I loved playing in Westgate Park, even as a visiting player, & I often said, if I ever moved from my home & farm in Illinois, I would move to San Diego. I loved it there, as did my family after spending parts of 6 seasons there - 4 as a player & 2 as a pitching coach. It was a 2nd home to my family.

I'm still involved with baseball. This season will be my 12th year with the N.Y. Mets. Last season & this season my title is Advisor for Baseball Operations. I'm sort of semi-retired. I was their Minor League Pitching Coordinator for 5 years.

I just wanted to say thanks once again! I am a member of the SABR club in St. Louis & try to make their annual meeting every year. I will make every effort to make it to San Diego, if you have a program.

*Sincerely Yours,
Rip*

P.s. My name is spelled "Rippelmeyer"...everybody spells it wrong

BASEBALL RESEARCH CENTER... NEW ACQUISITIONS

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

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All holdings are at Central Library unless noted otherwise.

Books

Bauer, Carlos and Bob McConnell, eds. *The New SABR Guide to Minor League Statistics*. Cleveland: American Society for Baseball Research; San Diego: Baseball Press Books, 2003. Call Number: **R796.357/NEW**

Bready, James H. *Baseball in Baltimore: The First 100 Years*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1998. Call Number: **796.357/BREADY**

Bronson, Eric, ed. *Baseball and Philosophy: Thinking outside the Batter's Box*. Chicago: Open Court, 2004. Call Number: **796.35701/BASEBALL**

Coffey, Michael. *27 Men Out: Baseball's Perfect Games*. New York: Atria Books, 2004. Call Number: **796.35722/COFFEY** (Central and branches)

Evans, Christopher H. and William R. Herzog. *The Faith of Fifty Million: Baseball, Religion, and American Culture*. Louisville, Ky.: Westminster John Knox Press, c2002. Call Number: **796.357/FAITH** (Central and branches)

Golenbock, Peter. *The Spirit of St. Louis: A History of the St. Louis Cardinals and Browns*. New York: Spike, c2000. Call Number: **796.35764/GOLENBOCK** (Branches only)

Greenberg, Richard. *Take Me Out: A Play*. New York: Faber and Faber, c2003. Call Number: **812.54/GREENBERG** (Central and branches)

Hornig, Doug. *The Boys of October: How the 1975 Boston Red Sox Embodied Baseball's Ideals and Restored our Spirits*. Chicago: Contemporary Books, c2003. Call Number: **796.35764/HORNIG**

Lee, Bill. *The Baseball Necrology: The Post-Baseball Lives and Deaths of over 7,600 Major League Players and Others*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, c2003. Call Number: **R796.35709/LEE**

Lichtman, Jeffrey. *Baseball for Rookies*. New York: The Floating Gallery, c2003. Call Number: **796.357/LICHTMAN**

O'Toole, Andrew. *The Best Man Plays: Major League Baseball and the Black Athlete, 1901-2002*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, c2003. Call Number: **796.35764/O'TOOLE**

Patterson, Ted. *The Golden Voices of Baseball*. Champaign, IL: Sports Pub. L.L.C., c2002. Call Number: **796.35764/PATTERSON**

Phillips, John. *Hanging On: How 400 Major Leaguers Coped with Getting Old; Plus 163 Cleveland Players*. Kathleen, GA: J. Phillips, c2003. Call Number: **R796.35709/PHILLIPS**

Puhalla, Jim et al. *Baseball and Softball Fields: Design, Construction, Renovation, and Maintenance*. Hoboken, N.J.: Wiley, c2003. Call Number: **796.35706/PUHALLA**

Reidenbaugh, Lowell. *The Sporting News Selects Baseball's 50 Greatest Games*. St. Louis: Sporting News Pub. Co., c1986. Call Number: **796.35709/REIDENBAUGH**

Rielly, Edward J., ed. *Baseball and American Culture: Across the Diamond*. New York: Haworth Press, c2003. Call Number: **796.35709/BASEBALL**

Ripken, Cal, Jr. and Bill Ripken. *Play Baseball the Ripken Way: The Complete Illustrated Guide to the Fundamentals*. New York: Random House, 2004. Call Number: **796.357/RIPKEN** (Central and branches)

Sax, Steve, with Steve Delsohn. *Sax!* Chicago: Contemporary Books, c1986. Call Number: **796.35709/SAX**

Sokolove, Michael Y. *The Ticket Out: Darryl Strawberry and the Boys of Crenshaw*. New York: Simon & Schuster, c2004. Call Number: **B/STRAWBERRY** (Central and branches)

Swank, Bill. *Baseball in San Diego: From the Padres to Petco*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia, c2004. Call Number: **796.357097/SWANK** (Central and branches)

Books on CD

King, Larry. *Why I Love Baseball*. Beverly Hills: New Millennium Audio, p2004. Call Number: **CD 796.357/KING** (Central and branches)

Play Ball!: A Tribute to our National Pastime. New York: HarperCollins, p2004. Call Number: **CD 796.357/PLAY**

Video materials

Only the Ball Was White. Oak Forest, Ill.: MPI Home Video, c1992. Call Number: **VC 796.357/ONLY**

Play Ball! Training Pack: the Authentic Little League Baseball Guides. Roseland, NJ: Peter Pan, c2004. Call Number: **DVD 796.357/PLAY** (Central and branches)

NEW PCL PUBLICATION AVAILABLE: STATISTICAL RECORD, 1903-1957

The Early Coast League Statistical Record, 1903-1957, introduced by Chuck Stevens & Roger Osenbaugh, a complete Pacific Coast League encyclopedia, for years 1903-1957. Major essays on how it was to be a player, by former Coast League players Chuck Stevens & Roger Osenbaugh. Complete stats for every player in the league, presented in year-by-year, team-by-team format, with 13 batting categories and 15 for pitchers. Also included leader boards, season and lifetime record holder, league officials, playoff records and attendance figures for the 1919-1957 period by club. Many of the statistics have never been published before.

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ALAN ROTH (LA) SABR CHAPTER REGIONAL MEETING

The next meeting of the Alan Roth Chapter of SABR will be Saturday, February 26, 2005 at the Amateur Athletic Foundation Library near USC. As usual, they will be meeting from 10am to 3pm with an hour break for lunch. From Roth Chapter President **Stephen Roney**: "the itinerary is wide-open at this point, so if you would like to make a presentation, let me know, either by emailing me at sroneysabr@cox.net. I expect we will have our annual book auction of donated books. As the date comes closer and the schedule fills up, I will try to post information on the chapter website, currently at <http://members.cox.net/sroneysabr/RothChapter/>. There will also be another email notice around February 1st with information about possible pizza delivery again, as that seemed to work well last time."