

SAN DIEGO TED WILLIAMS SABR CHAPTER

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- **SPECIAL REGIONAL MEETING: Sunday, March 19, 2006**

**Meet and Hear Dale Petroskey,
President, National Baseball Hall of
Fame and Museum**

- **Recap of February 4th Regional Meeting**
- **Summer Regional Meeting Scheduled for Saturday, August 19, 2006**

SPRING REGIONAL MEETING: DALE PETROSKEY

Coming up, our Ted Williams Chapter is fortunate to be hosting SABR member **Dale Petroskey**, President of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum (located in the picturesque town of Cooperstown, New York).

General details for the event are as follows:

- **Date:** Sunday, March 19th
- **Time:** 11:00 a.m., doors open at 10:30 a.m. (program will go until 12n+)
- **Location:** House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, Alhambra Room
(2nd Floor, above The Prado Restaurant)
- **Admission:** Free, non-SABR member guests welcome

We are fortunate to be able to host Dale and hear the latest about what is going at the Hall of Fame, plus have an opportunity to ask him questions you have had on your mind about the Hall and its Museum.

The World Baseball Classic semi-final games are being played at Petco Park on the day before our meeting, and then the final match will be held on Monday, March 20th. So, spring will be in the air and the week-end will be full of baseball. Be sure to place this regional meeting on your calendar.

For directions to the House of Hospitality and nearby parking check out this web site: <http://www.balboapark.org/>.

RECAP OF WINTER REGIONAL MEETING

Forty members and guests attended our February 4th regional meeting held in the auditorium at the Hall of Champions. The meeting centered on the documentary movie "Up for Grabs" about Barry Bonds' 73rd home run ball and the controversy surrounding its ownership.

The movie was followed by an interesting and entertaining panel discussion among:

Andy Strasberg, former Padres executive who served as emcee

Jim Holtzman, former local TV news executive

Peter Rowe, writer for *San Diego Union-Tribune*

Peter Nunez, former U.S. Attorney for San Diego

Fred Rodgers, past Chapter President and former baseball newspaper publisher

Dick Dent, former Padres team trainer

The general conclusion seemed to be that the movie was well done and was a realistic view into human behavior (mostly the bad). Some other highlights offered by the panelists:

- The ownership fight was an "ugly" story which, when played out, brought down the value of the ball.
- There was no clear evidence and no clear criminal act involved thereby clouding the "facts."
- This didn't deserve to be a front page story.
- The controversy regarding steroids aiding Bonds' HR performance was another negative contributing to the "story" and adversely affecting the ball's value.

SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH

While details are still being set, we have scheduled our Chapter's summer meeting for Saturday, August 19th. As normal, the meeting will be held in a central San Diego location (to be determined).

Tentatively, we have lined up David Kaval as one of our speakers. David is the Chief Executive Officer and Founder of the Golden Baseball League.* Dave has worked at such companies as Key Bank, Accenture, and Sparks.com. Dave has most recently worked at the Office of the President of the United States on the budget for National Security. He holds an MBA and a BA from Stanford University. Dave is the author of the book, "[The Summer that Saved Baseball](#)". You can get further information on the League at this web site: <http://www.goldenbaseball.com/>

We have also received confirmation from Michael Epstein to speak at the meeting. He is the Reference/Electronic Resources Librarian with the Copley Library at the University of San Diego and recently authored an article for the *Journal of San Diego History* on George Marston and the history of early baseball in San Diego.

We are always interested in your baseball research for presentation at one of our regional meetings. Call our Vice President, **Dan Boyle**, with any ideas you have or projects you are working on. Dan can be reached at 858-259-6515 or dboyle34@pacbell.net.

* Here is some recent news from The Golden Baseball League:

- The San Diego Surf Dawgs have signed Tim Blackwell as their pitching coach and Steve Ontiveros as their hitting coach for the 2006 season. The two join Surf Dawg Manager Terry Kennedy for the upcoming season and bring the total of big league playing experience on the San Diego coaching staff to 32 years. This is not the first time the two new coaches have worn the same uniform as they were teammates on the Chicago Cubs from 1978 to 1980.
- The Fullerton Flyers have signed Jerry Turner to a contract to be their hitting coach for the upcoming 2006 season. His 10 seasons in the major leagues brings the three member Fullerton Flyers coaching staff to 51 years of big league experience (i.e., with Manager Garry Templeton and pitching coach Charlie Hough).