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RECAP OF AUGUST 19th REGIONAL MEETING

The Ted Williams San Diego Chapter held our summer regional meeting in the House of Hospitality in Balboa Park. Our host, **David Kinney**, emceed the program and presenters included:

- **Tammy Lechner**, award-winning photojournalist, showed slides of her work documenting the California League over a period of nearly 20 years.
- Former MLB All-Star **Terry Kennedy**, who was introduced with a few quips from **Andy Strasberg**; Kennedy shared stories of the Golden Baseball League, being manager of the San Diego Surf Dawgs, and his years as a San Diego Padre.
- **Mike Epstein** discussed his research on the 19th century baseball career of San Diego city father George Marston.
- **Bob Chandler**, former Padres broadcaster, who was introduced by **Bill Swank**; Bob shared stories from his recently published *Bob Chandler's Tales of the San Diego Padres*.

Watch for news of the next regional meeting which will be in late January/early February 2007 (most likely on our traditional Super Bowl Saturday meeting date).

SAN DIEGO SABR BASEBALL RESEARCH CENTER (BRC)

- The San Diego SABR Baseball Research Center brochure is now available as a PDF file from the following site: <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/services/researchguides.shtml>

The San Diego Padres have stocked 100 copies of the BRC brochure in the Padres store.

- Working with the San Diego SABR Chapter, the BRC has acquired more than 300 microfilms from the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. The microfilms focus on 5 main areas:
 1. Minor League Contract cards – records of contractual transactions between all minor league players and their clubs, a heavily used resource at the Hall of Fame.
 2. Day-by-Day records – official averages were kept by the NL and AL league offices, tracking individual player performance on a daily basis. Acquired the 19th century records only at this time.
 3. MLB Questionnaires – They are a great reference for demographic and biographical information, as well as a fairly reliable signature reference.
 4. Tom Burlin Questionnaires – thousands of questionnaires of MLB players over a period of years. Answers are often quite revealing.
 5. Questionnaire collections relating to Negro Leagues and All American Girls Professional Baseball League adds a multicultural aspect to the Baseball Research Center that is highly sought by researchers.
- The BRC is developing a new relationship with the Cleveland Public Library and has just received over 100 baseball annuals.
- Materials from the 2006 World Baseball Classic are now in the collection.

RELATED SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

- San Diego Public Library card holders have remote access to the following “ProQuest” databases:
 - History Online
 - Hoover’s Company Capsules and Profiles
 - New York Times Archives*
- The San Diego Padres donated 10 bundles of materials to be distributed to 10 libraries in the San Diego Public Library system. They were presented to the Central Library on May 5th in a ceremony featuring Hall of Famer Dave Winfield and former Negro Leaguer Walter McCoy. The San Diego SABR Chapter was represented by steering committee member *David Kinney*.
- The last section of this newsletter contains a list of recent acquisitions to the Library’s baseball holdings.

SAN DIEGO SURF DAWGS 2007 TICKETS

2007 season tickets are now on sale. If you are considering purchasing 2007 season tickets, now is the time to do it...buy before December 1st and save up to 20% off 2006 prices.

FUTURE REGIONAL SABR MEETINGS...and NINE CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

Our next Ted Williams Chapter meeting will be on **Saturday, February 3, 2007** (i.e., Super Bowl Saturday). Details for the meeting are being developed, but you can mark down the date on your calendar now.

Also, we have received word from Bill Suphan, President of the Arizona Flame Delhi Chapter, that their traditional SABR week-end regional meeting is scheduled for **Saturday and Sunday, March 10-11, 2007**.

The 14th Annual NINE Spring Training Conference on "The Historical and Sociological Impact of Baseball," **March 15-18, 2007**, at the Clarion Hotel Tucson Airport in Tucson, Arizona. For more information go to www.ninejournalofbaseball.com.

NEW ACQUISITIONS -- BASEBALL RESEARCH CENTER (BRC)

Below are the new Baseball Resources added at the San Diego Public Library (in Central Library and Branches), April to June 2006.

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All holdings are at Central Library only unless noted otherwise.

BOOKS

Angell, Roger. *Game time: a baseball companion*. Orlando: Harcourt, 2004.
Call number: **R 796.357/ANGELL**

Barzilla, Scott. *The state of baseball management: decision-making in the best and worst teams, 1993-2003*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2004. Call number: **796.35706/BARZILLA**

Bjarkman, Peter C. *Diamonds around the globe: the encyclopedia of international baseball*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2005. Call number:
R 796.35709/BJARKMAN

Bloom, Barry. *Larry Bowa: "I still hate to lose."* Champaign, Ill.: Sports Pub., 2004. Call number: **796.35764/BLOOM**

Bryant, Howard. *Juicing the game: drugs, power, and the fight for the soul of Major League Baseball*. New York: Plume, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/BRYANT**

Buckley, James. *Perfect: the inside story of baseball's seventeen perfect games*. Chicago: Triumph Books, 2005. Call number: **796.357/BUCKLEY**

Casway, Jerrold I. *Ed Delahanty in the emerald age of baseball*. Notre Dame, Ind.: University of Notre Dame Press, 2004. Call number: **796.35709/CASWAY**

Chandler, Bob. *Bob Chandler's tales from the San Diego Padres*. Champaign, IL: Sports Pub., 2006. Call number: **796.35764/CHANDLER** (Central and branch libraries)

Collins, Jim. *The last best league: one summer, one season, one dream*. Cambridge, MA: Da Capo Press, 2004. Call number: **796.35764/COLLINS**

The complete baseball record & fact book. St. Louis, Mo.: Sporting News Pub. Co., 2006- Call number: **R 796.357/COMPLETE**
Library has: 2006

- Cook, William A. *Pete Rose: baseball's all-time hit king*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Co., 2004. Call number: **796.357/COOK**
- D'Amore, Jonathan. *Rogers Hornsby: a biography*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2004. Call number: **796.357/D'AMORE**
- Enders, Eric. *100 years of the World Series*. New York: Barnes & Noble Books, 2003. Call number: **796.357/ENDERS** (Branch libraries only)
- Gay, Timothy M. *Tris Speaker: the rough-and-tumble life of a baseball legend*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2005. Call number: **796.357/GAY**
- Harwell, Ernie. *Tuned to baseball*. South Bend, Ind.: Diamond Communications, 1986. Call number: **R 796.357/HARWELL**
- Hittner, Arthur D. *Honus Wagner: the life of baseball's "Flying Dutchman."* Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 1996. Call number: **796.35709/HITTNER**
- Hoard, Greg. *Joe: rounding third and heading for home*. Wilmington, Ohio: Orange Frazer Press, 2004. Call number: **796.357/HOARD**
- Hogan, Lawrence D. *Shades of glory: the Negro leagues and the story of African-American baseball*. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic Society, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/HOGAN**
- Hogg, Clyde H. *Spitting on diamonds: a spitball pitcher's journey to the major leagues, 1911-1919*. Columbia, Mo.: University of Missouri Press, 2005. Call number: **796.357/HOGG**
- Huhn, Rick. *The sizzler: George Sisler, baseball's forgotten great*. Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press, 2004. Call number: **796.357/HUHN**
- Ingraham, Jim. *Jacobs Field 10th anniversary: memorable moments, highlights and recollections*. Cleveland, Ohio: Cleveland Indian's Jacobs Field, 2003. Call number: **R 796.35706/INGRAHAM**
- Jones, David. *Joe DiMaggio: a biography*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2004. Call number: **796.357/JONES**
- Jordan, David M. *Pete Rose: a biography*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2004. Call number: **796.357/JORDAN**
- Kaese, Harold. *The Boston Braves, 1871-1953*. Boston: Northeastern University Press, 2004. Call number: **796.35764/KAESE**
- Kahn, Roger. *October men: Reggie Jackson, George Steinbrenner, Billy Martin, and the Yankees' miraculous finish in 1978*. Orlando, Fla.: Harcourt, 2004. Call number: **R 796.35726/HOME**
- Kashatus, William C. *Lou Gehrig: a biography*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2004. Call number: **796.357/KASHATUS**
- _____. *September swoon: Richie Allen, the '64 Phillies, and racial integration*. University Park, Pa.: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2004. Call number: **796.35764/KASHATUS**
- Keegan, Tom. *Ernie Harwell: my 60 years in baseball*. Chicago, IL: Triumph Books, 2005. Call number: **796.357/KEEGAN**
- Liederman, Bill and Maury Allen. *Our Mickey: cherished memories of an American icon*. Chicago: Triumph Books, 2004. Call number: **796.357/LIEDERMAN**
- Lowenfish, Lee. *The imperfect diamond: a history of baseball's labor wars*. New York, N.Y.: Da Capo Press, 1991. Call number: **R 796.35709/LOWENFISH**
- McGee, Bob. *The greatest ballpark ever: Ebbets Field and the story of the Brooklyn Dodgers*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rivergate Books, 2005. Call number: **796.35706/MCGEE**
- McGrath, Patrick J. and Terrence K. McGrath. *Bright star in a shadowy sky : the story of Indian Bob Johnson*. Pittsburgh, PA: Dorrance Pub., 2002. Call number: **796.357/MCGRATH**
- McGraw, Tug. *Ya gotta believe!: my roller-coaster life as a screwball pitcher, and part-time father, and my hope-filled fight against brain cancer*. New York: New American Library, 2004. Call number: **796.357/MCGRAW**
- McKelvey, G. Richard. *All bat, no glove: a history of the designated hitter*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2004. Call number: **796.35726/MCKELVEY**
- McNeil, William. *Gabby Hartnett: the life and times of the Cubs' greatest catcher*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Co., 2004. Call number: **796.357/MCNEIL**
- Major League Baseball (Organization) *Major League Baseball umpire media information guide*. New York : MLB Public Relations Dept., 2001- Call number:

R 796.357/MAJOR Library has: 2006

Major League Baseball (Organization) *Media information directory*. New York: Major League Baseball. Call number: **R 796.357/MAJOR** Library has: 2006

Maraniss, David. *Clemente: the passion and grace of baseball's last hero*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2006. Call number: **B/CLEMENTE** (Central and branch libraries)

Markusen, Bruce. *Ted Williams: a biography*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2004. Call number: **796.357/MARKUSEN**

Martin, Alfred M. *Mel Ott: the Gentle Giant*. Lanham, Md.: Scarecrow Press, 2003. Call number: **796.357/MARTIN**

Miller, Ernestine G. *The Babe book: baseball's greatest legend remembered*. Guilford, Conn.: Lyons Press, 2005. Call number: **796.35709/MILLER**

Mills, Dorothy Jane. *A woman's work: writing baseball history with Harold Seymour*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Co., 2004. Call number: **796.35709/MILLS**

Mind game. By the writers of Baseball prospectus, Steven Goldman, editor. New York: Workman Publishing, 2005. Call number: **796.35764/MIND**

Montville, Leigh. *The Big Bam: the life and times of Babe Ruth*. New York: Doubleday, 2006. Call number: **B/RUTH** (Central and branch libraries)

National League of Professional Baseball Clubs. *Official National League green book*. Los Angeles: MG BookGraphics. Call number: **R 796.35764/NATIONAL** Library has: 2004, 2005

Nemec, David and Saul Wisnia. *100 years of Major League Baseball: American and National Leagues, 1901-2000*. Lincolnwood, IL: Publications International, 2000. Call number: **796.35764/NEMEC**

Nomar: Fenway's favorite. Champaign, IL: Sports Pub., 2002. Call number: **796.357/NOMAR**

Powers-Beck, Jeffrey P. *The American Indian integration of baseball*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2004. Call number: **796.35764/POWERS**

Reisler, Jim. *Babe Ruth: launching the legend*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2004. Call number: **796.35709/REISLER**

Riley, James A. *The biographical encyclopedia of the Negro baseball leagues*. New York: Carroll & Graf, 2002. Call number: **796.357/RILEY** (Branch libraries only)

Rivers, Mickey. *Ain't no sense worryin'*. Champaign, IL: Sports Pub., 2003. Call number: **796.357/RIVERS**

Sagert, Kelly Boyer. *Joe Jackson: a biography*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2004. Call number: **796.357/SAGERT**

Schmidt, Mike. *Clearing the bases: juiced players, monster salaries, sham records, and a Hall of Famer's search for the soul of baseball*. New York: HarperCollins, 2006. Call number: **796.35709/SCHMIDT**

Stewart, Wayne. *Hitting secrets of the pros: big-league sluggers reveal the tricks of their trade*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2004. Call number: **796.35726/STEWART**

Stone, Eric. *Wrong side of the wall: the life of Blackie Schwamb, the greatest prison baseball player of all time*. Guilford, Conn.: Lyon's Press, 2004. Call number: **796.357/STONE**

Stone, George. *Muscle, a minor league legend*. Haverford, PA: Infinity Pub., 2003. Call number: **796.357/STONE**

Stout, Glenn. *The Dodgers: 120 years of Dodgers baseball*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2004. Call number: **796.35764/STOUT**

Warren, Elizabeth V. *The perfect game: America looks at baseball*. New York: American Folk Art Museum, 2003. Call number: **796.35764/WARREN**

Whiting, Robert. *The meaning of Ichiro: the new wave from Japan and the transformation of our national pastime*. New York: Warner Books, 2004. Call number: **796.357/WHITING**

The Wilson baseball record and rule book. Chicago, Ill.: T.E. Wilson & Co., [19--] Call number: **R 796.35702/WILSON** Library has: 1926

Wimmer, Dick. *Baseball fathers, baseball sons*. New York: Morrow, 1988. Call number: **796.35709/WIMMER**

Withers, Ernest C. *Negro league baseball*. New York: Harry N. Abrams, 2004. Call number: **796.35764/WITHERS** (Branch libraries only)

AUDIOBOOKS

Vaccaro, Mike. *Emperors and idiots: the hundred year rivalry between the Yankees and Red Sox, from the very beginning to the end of the curse*. Westminster, MD: Books on Tape, 2005. Call number: **CD 796.35764/VACCARO**

VIDEO MATERIALS

The golden decade of baseball. part 2. [United States]: SVS, 1990. Call number: **VC 796.357/GOLDEN**

The legend of Stan "the Man" Musial. New York, N.Y.: TMM, 1990. Call number: **VC 796.35709/LEGEND**

A team for all time. Los Angeles: J2 Communications, 1992. Call number: **VC 796.35764/TEAM**

There was always sun shining someplace: life in the Negro baseball leagues. Westport, Conn.: Refocus Films, 1984. Call number: **DVD 796.357/THERE**

MICROFILMS

The following microfilms contain reproductions of archival resources from the National Baseball Hall of Fame Library.

Minor league contract card collection. 271 reels. Call number: **NBHoF COLL**

Records of the contractual transactions between almost all minor league players and their clubs from about 1900 to 1980. The cards were used to track player movement, and as a record of contract status when disputes over players arose.

MLB player questionnaires. 18 reels. Call number: **NBHoF COLL**

Most of these questionnaires were administered by the National Baseball Hall of Fame staff from the 1940s to the 1980s. Included are questionnaires from the Negro leagues, the All American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL), and baseball writers.

Tom Burlin player questionnaire collection. 18 reels. Call number: **NBHoF COLL**

Burlin was a hobbyist researcher who mailed thousands of questionnaires to players over the years.

Official Averages

Official averages, or day-by-day records, were kept by baseball league offices, tracking individual player performance on a daily basis. These are considered the official record of Major League Baseball.

American Association official averages. 1882-1891. 10 reels. Call number: **NBHoF COLL**

Union League official averages. 1884. 1 reel. Call number: **NBHoF COLL**

Players League official averages. 1890. 1 reel. Call number: **NBHo**