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NEXT REGIONAL MEETING— FEBRUARY 3, 2007

The Chapter’s next meeting will focus on the theme “**Baseball as Religion.**” The tentative line-up looks like this:

- **Phil Lowry**, former Ted Williams Chapter member and author of his recently updated book, *Green Cathedrals*. Phil will be coming in from the Twin Cities to discuss ballparks as sacred grounds for baseball fans.
- Joe Price, author of a recently released book: *Rounding the Bases: Baseball and Religion in America*. Joe has a Ph.D. and teaches a course on “Sport and Religion” at Whittier College.
- **Jim Smith**, a long-time SABR research contributor. Jim will present on “Christians in Baseball History: A Starting Line-up.” Jim is a local Pastor and also teaches at USD and Bethel College.
- In addition, there will be a presentation on Sandy Koufax, book reviews and several brief presentations on the theme.

The meeting is set for Super Bowl Saturday, February 3rd, and will start at 9:30 a.m. We are close to securing a venue and will let you know via e-mail once the location is set.

This promises to be a unique event and a great deal of fun. We found the following by an anonymous author to give you a humorous taste of the theme of our next regional meeting:

“Religion as Baseball

Calvinists believe the game is fixed.

Lutherans believe they can't win, but trust the Scorekeeper.

Natives circle the bases.

Hindus go around the bases many, many times before reaching home.

Materialists think the diamond is forever.

Anglicans gave the Catholics a reign check. (Hint: Henry VIII)

Quakers won't swing.

Orthodox Christians always have a no-hitter: They turn the other cheek.

Unitarians can catch anything.

Amish walk a lot.

Pagans sacrifice.

Jehovah's Witnesses are thrown out often.

Televangelists get caught stealing.

Episcopalians pass the plate.

Evangelicals make effective pitches.

Fundamentalists balk.

Mormon teams sign on all their relatives.

Baha'is think everyone should play.

Communists are out in left field.

Buddhists don't believe anyone is keeping score.

Taoists think the rules are restrictive.

When *Catholics* steal a base, they have to go to confession after the game.

The *Lions* couldn't touch Daniel leaving the *Jews* up one.

Adventists have a seventh-inning stretch.

Atheists refuse to have an Umpire.

Sabeans are stuck on first base.

Baptists want to play hardball.

Premillennialists expect the game to be called soon on account of eternal darkness.

Catholics make a shortstop in purgatory before sliding into home.

The *Pope* claims never to have committed an error.

Jews in general are waiting for wholesale tickets.

Law & Order crowd believes ...three strikes and you're in.”

VINTAGE BASE BALL GAME

Efforts are underway to organize a game of Base Ball played by 1860 rules. The date has not been set yet, but it is expected to be played in San Diego in the spring. The tentative site will be Morley Field in Balboa Park. For more information, or to learn how you can participate, contact **Bill Swank** at wgswank@san.rr.com.

SPRING TRAINING WITH THE ARIZONA CHAPTER

The Arizona Flame Delhi Chapter has invited members of the Ted Williams Chapter to a Spring Training Regional meeting. The dates are Saturday, March 10th and Sunday, March 11th which is the weekend before the NINE Conference in Tucson. Details are being worked out but it will include attending a spring training baseball game on one day and a meeting on the other.

You can receive further details from **Bill Suphan**, Flame Delhi Chapter President at gsuphan@aol.com.

SPECIAL REGIONAL MEETING— MARCH 3, 2007

Our Ted Williams Chapter will host a special meeting Saturday, March 3rd beginning at 9:30 a.m. and featuring author Susan Dellinger. Susan is the granddaughter of Hall of Famer Ed Roush and will discuss her new book, *Red Legs and Black Sox: Ed Roush and the 1919 World Series*. Susan interviewed her grandfather extensively over the years and presents a very different picture of the infamous 1919 World Series.

Watch for a future e-mail announcement with information on the location of the venue and other speakers.

RECENT BASEBALL RESEARCH CENTER ACQUISITIONS

Baseball Resources at San Diego Public Library New Acquisitions in Central Library and Branches, July to September 2006

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All holdings are at Central Library only unless noted otherwise.

BOOKS

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All you need to know about bats and batting: batting feats of ... Louisville, Ky.: Hillerich & Bradsby, 1935- . Call number: **R 796.35764/ALL** Library has: 1935

Base ball stove league record. Indianapolis, Ind.: J.L. MacDaniel Print. Co. Call number: **R 796.35764/BASE** Library has: 1917

The baseball bat bag. New York: Baseball Magazine Co. Call number: **R 796.35764/BASEBALL** Library has: 1924, 1925

Baseball blue book. Sherborn, Mass. [etc.]: SportSource, Inc. [etc.], 1909- . Call number: **R 796.35764/BASEBALL** Library has: 1941, 1946, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1970

The Bill James handbook. Chicago, IL :ACTA Sports/ACTA Publications, 2003- . Call number: **R 796.357/BILL** Library has: 2006

Buckley, James and David Fischer. *Baseball top 10*. New York: DK Pub., 2002. Call number: **796.357/BUCKLEY**

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Clark, Dave, *The knucklebook: everything you need to know about baseball's strangest pitch-the knuckleball*. Chicago: Ivan R. Dee, 2006. Call number: **796.35722/CLARK**

Castiglione, Joe. *Broadcast rites and sites: I saw it on the radio with the Boston Red Sox*. Lanham: Taylor Trade Pub., 2004. Call number: **796.35764/CASTIGLIONE**

The ... Elias baseball analyst. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1985- . Call number: **796.357/ELIAS** Library has: 1985-93

Famous slugger year book. Louisville, Ky.: Hillerich & Bradsby. Call number: **R 796.35764/FAMOUS** Library has: 1940-41, 1943-44, 1946, 1948-50, 1952, 1954-76, 1978

Famous sluggers and their records of... Louisville, Ky.: Hillerich & Bradsby. Call number: **R 796.35764/FAMOUS** Library has: 1931

Gall, John and Gary Engel. *Sayonara home run!: the art of the Japanese baseball card*. San Francisco, Calif.: Chronicle Books, 2006. Call number: **796.35709/GALL**

Golenbock, Peter. *Red Sox nation: an unexpurgated history of the Boston Red Sox*. Chicago, IL: Triumph Books, 2005. Call number: **796.35764/GOLENBOCK** (Branch libraries only)

Kepner, Tyler. *Game day Yankees baseball: the greatest games, players, managers and teams in the glorious tradition of Yankees baseball*. Chicago: Triumph Books, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/KEPNER**

Leventhal, Josh. *The World Series: an illustrated encyclopedia of the Fall Classic*. New York: Black Dog & Leventhal, 2002. Call number: **796.35764/LEVENTHAL** (Branch libraries only)

The "Little red book": Spalding's official base ball record. New York: American Sports Pub. Co., 1926-1932. Call number: **R 796.35764/LITTLE** Library has: 1932

Mele, Andrew Paul, ed. *A Brooklyn Dodgers reader*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2005. Call number: **796.35764/BROOKLYN**

Mnookin, Seth. *Feeding the monster: how money, smarts, and nerve took a team to the top*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/MNOOKIN** (Branch libraries only)

Morales, Tomás. *Un diamante escarlata: los Diablos Rojos del México*. México, D.F.: Diablos Rojos del México, 1996. Call number: **R 796.35764/MORALES**

O'Connor, Leslie M., ed. *Official baseball, including the official rules*. New York, N.Y.: A.S. Barnes & Co. Call number: **R 796.35764/OFFICIAL** Library has: 1945, 1946

Osborne, Ben. *The Brooklyn Cyclones: hardball dreams and the new Coney Island*. New York: New York University Press, 2004. Call number: **796.35764/OSBORNE**

Pasión por los Diablos Rojos del México. México, D.F.: Diablos Rojos del México, 2003. Call number: **R 796.35764/PASION**

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Roeper, Richard. *Sox and the city: a fan's love affair with the White Sox from the heartbreak of '67 to the Wizards of Oz*. Chicago: Chicago Review Press, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/ROEPER** (Branch libraries only)

Schuerholz, John. *Built to win: inside stories and leadership strategies from baseball's winningest General Manager*. New York, NY: Warner Books, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/SCHUERHOLZ**

Simmons, Bill. *Now I can die in peace: how ESPN's Sports Guy found salvation, with a little help from Nomar, Pedro, Shawshank and the 2004 Red Sox*. New York: ESPN Books, 2005. Call number: **796.35764/SIMMONS**

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Vincent, Fay. *The only game in town: baseball stars of the 1930s and 1940s talk about the game they loved*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2006. Call number: **796.35709/VINCENT**

Zimbalist, Andrew S. *In the best interests of baseball?: the revolutionary reign of Bud Selig*. Hoboken, N.J.: Wiley, 2006. Call number: **796.357/ZIMBALIST** (Central and branch libraries)

AUDIOBOOKS

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VIDEO MATERIALS

A red dawn rises: the story of the 2002 Anaheim Angels. Major League Baseball Productions, 2002. Call number: **DVD 796.35764/RED**

They were all stars: an historic narrative of Negro Leagues baseball. Kansas City, Mo.: Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, [200-?]. Call number: **DVD 796.357/THEY**