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## \*\* PROGRAM \*\*



# REGIONAL MEETING

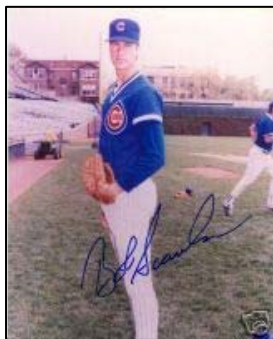
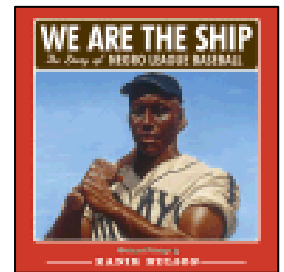
**Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 a.m.**  
**House of Hospitality, Balboa Park**

The Ted Williams Chapter's next regional meeting is coming up soon. Here are the details:

Date: Saturday, August 2, 2008  
Time: Program starts at 9:30 a.m. (we plan to conclude by 12:30 p.m.+/-)  
Venue: Alhambra Room, House of Hospitality, Balboa Park  
<http://balboapark.org/maps/>

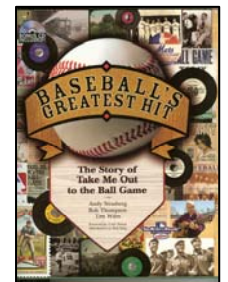
Our regional program stacks up as another good one with three main presenters: **Kadir Nelson**, **Bob Scanlan**, and **Andy Strasberg**. We will also have an update from **Tom Larwin** on what's happening at our San Diego SABR Baseball Research Center (BRC) and a trivia contest by **Greg Funk**.

**Kadir Nelson** began drawing at the age of three, and painting at age ten. He would later submit his paintings to art competitions and win an art scholarship to study at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. Upon graduating with honors, Nelson began his professional career as an artist, publishing his work and receiving commissions from publishers and production studios such as Dreamworks, where he served as a the lead conceptual artist for Steven Spielberg's "Amistad" and "Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron," Sports Illustrated, Coca-Cola, The United States Postal Service and Major League Baseball, among others. Most recently, Nelson released his authorial debut, *WE ARE THE SHIP: The Story of Negro League Baseball* (Jump at the Sun/Disney), a *New York Times* best-selling tribute to the Negro Baseball Leagues which Nelson crafted over a period of almost eight years. Many of his paintings are found in the collections of notable institutions and museums, including the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and the U.S. House of Representatives.



Bob Scanlan is currently handling the Cox Channel 4 post-game show for the Padres and has been on XX radio on various Padres pre- and post-game shows as well. Bob was a pitcher in the big leagues from 1991-2001, and played in both leagues (Cubs, Astros, Brewers, Expos, Tigers, and Royals). Over the course of 290 games he had a 20-34 career record. In 1992 he saved 14 games for the Cubs and had an earned run average of 2.89, with a 3-6 won-loss record. On his Channel 4 post-game segment he invites questions and gives his "Scanalysis" of the Padres game.

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game" is celebrating its 100th anniversary and **Andy Strasberg**, who co-wrote *Baseball's Greatest Hit The Story of Take Me Out to the Ball Game* will make a presentation about the song based on the book. Andy is a former Padres exec and now heads up ACME marketing which has provided service to clients such as the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Ozzie Smith. He will present little known facts about the baseball anthem and show video clips of some of the more unusual performances of the song including Liberace, Harpo Marx and Jerry Lee Lewis.



To get you warmed up prior to our meeting, here are two sample trivia questions posed by Greg:

**Q1--In the 1908 "Merkle game," who had the game-ending hit that was ruled a force play, what umpire made the call, and who was the 2nd baseman who insisted he make the call?**

**Q2--What National League rookie manager won a record 103 games? (hint: he is currently an active manager)**

For the correct answers see the last page of **e-News**.

## “ANATOMY OF ONE AT BAT”

### We Need YOU!



### Participate in Chapter Baseball Research Padres Vs. Brewers August 13, 2008



We have scheduled a fun research project for the game pitting the Padres vs. the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday, August 13, 2008. This will provide some fun for you watching the game and take your mind off how the Padres are doing.

We have the 7<sup>th</sup> batter in the Padres line-up to follow—regardless of who he is. The at bat that we want to watch is his 3<sup>rd</sup> one. However, the challenge will be to evaluate other aspects of what has transpired before—with his at bats plus other game aspects—as well what happens afterwards. You can contribute by being at home and listening to the game on radio, or watching on TV, or by being at the game.

Your take may involve considering how well the player was doing coming into the game...or, how he matched up against the pitcher historically...or, in his 3<sup>rd</sup> at bats during the season...or, in certain ball-strike situations...or, with men on base...or, ...

Your write-up can be of any length and should be sent via e-mail to our Chapter’s project coordinator, **Andy Strasberg**, at [sdtwsabr@aol.com](mailto:sdtwsabr@aol.com). Deadline for submittals will be August 29, 2008. All submittals will be used and compiled into an e-document and made available to Chapter members.

## Recent Addition to Chapter Web Site



### \*Roster of MLB Players Living in San Diego Region\*

Our webmaster, **Bob Hicks**, has added a new item to our Chapter’s web page. It is a list, in Excel format, of MLB players, past and current, who are living in the San Diego region—a total of 178. It is current through the start of the 2007 season. The table has information on their first year and last year in the big leagues, how many MLB games they played, and their zip code and community of residence. Check it out at our Chapter’s web site—it can be found on the bottom of the “research center” page. Go to [http://sandiego.sabr.org/research\\_center.htm](http://sandiego.sabr.org/research_center.htm).

## Answers to trivia questions from page 2

A1-- Al Bridwell had the hit, Hank O'Day was the umpire, and Johnny Evers was the 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman.

A2-- Dusty Baker.