

## **SABR EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Society of American Baseball Research (SABR) New York City Chapter meeting—February 14, 2009 Mid-Manhattan Library 40th Street & Fifth Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> floor**

It's our LOVE of baseball that brings us together on St. Valentine's Day for a very exciting program of speakers, research presentations, books for sale, raffle drawings, and socializing with SABR members, friends and guests. This promises to be one of the most dynamic meetings ever!

#### **Planned Program – 10am-5pm. (Library doors open at 10)**

**10-10:30** Registration (for pre-registration contact David Lippman at [dhlippman@juno.com](mailto:dhlippman@juno.com))  
\$10 admission Guests are welcome

**10:30** Master of Ceremonies Tom Knight

**10:40** Moderator Ernestine Miller introduces guests **Marvin E. Newman** and **Al Silverman**  
Acclaimed photojournalist Marvin E. Newman and noted author and publisher Al Silverman, will highlight stories from their careers and discuss their new book *Yankee Colors: The Glory Years of the Mantle Era.*

Newman was a major contributor to *Sports Illustrated* since its inception in 1953 and one of his photos was picked in 1999 as SI's favorite of the century. His photographs have appeared in *Newsweek*, *Smithsonian*, *Life* and numerous other publications in addition to being in the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art, The Metropolitan Museum of Art and others. He will share several of his photographs.

Silverman wrote the forward to *Yankee Colors* and is the former editor of *Sport* magazine (12 years). He coauthored Gale Sayer's bestselling autobiography, *I Am Third*, which became the film *Brian's Song*. Silverman was editor and publisher of Viking Press and authored numerous books including, *It's Not Over 'Til It's Over: The Stories Behind The Most Magnificent, Heart-Stopping Sports Miracles of Our Time.*

**11:20** Moderator Ernestine Miller introduces guests **Kirk Radomski** and writer **David Fisher**  
They will discuss performance-enhancing drugs and share excerpts from the recently published book *Bases Loaded: The Inside Story of the Steroid Era in Baseball by the Central Figure in the Mitchell Report.*

Radomski, a New York kid, worked in the Mets clubhouse from the time he was 15 years old, getting the players anything they wanted- towels, water, uniforms, etc. and, later on, steroids and human growth hormones. He became the main supplier around the league. To avoid a long prison sentence, he cooperated with federal investigators and Senator George Mitchell to provide names, dates and crucial information that helped produce the Mitchell Report. Now he tells the whole story. Books available for autograph and sale

**12:30** **Lunch break** ~ buy your raffle tickets (\$3 each or **2 for \$5**) for afternoon drawings

**1:30** **Afternoon program** begins - M.C., Tom Knight and the first raffles

**1:45 William Weinbaum-** ESPN New York Bureau producer, ESPN Enterprise Unit. Since joining ESPN in 1995 Weinbaum has worked mainly on ‘SportsCenter’ and ‘Outside The Lines.’ He has also been a producer for Major League Baseball Productions. Mr. Weinbaum, who has received four National Sports Emmys for collaborative efforts, will show a short documentary film and speak about some of his special experiences in baseball.

**2:45** Raffle drawings ~ Tributes and Obits with Al Blumkin and Joe Dorinson

**3:05** Joe Dorinson on Cal Abrams\*

In 1996 Calvin Ross Abrams, who had changed his uniform number to 18 when he played (18 stands for the Hebrew word for life), was inducted into the B'nai B'rith Jewish American Sports Hall of Fame. While in the Army, his heroism in the Pacific earned 2 battle stars and he was also awarded the Philippine Liberation Medal with 1 bronze star. Brooklyn’s LIU Professor Dorinson (co-editor of *Jackie Robinson: Race, Sports and the American Dream*) will highlight Abie’s **baseball** career.

**3:25** Steve Krevisky on Bob Turley\*

Robert Lee “Bullet Bob” Turley’s best year was 1958, when he won 21 games and lost 7, winning the Hickok Belt as top professional athlete of the year, as well as the Cy Young Award as MLB’s best pitcher and the World Series MVP Award. Turley trivia: mentioned in a song called “St. Louis Browns” by former Byrds bass guitar player Skip Battin, he is described as a “no-hit pitcher” who “got too surly” and who was “traded...too early.” Connecticut Professor Krevisky will highlight Turley’s **baseball** career.

**3:50 Seventh-inning Stretch:** Chapter Leaders, Announcements, Raffle drawings

**4:00** Rob Fitts on Wally Yonamine\*

Wallace Yonamine played in the NFL and Japan's Nippon Professional Baseball. A *Nisei* (Japanese-American) from Hawai’i, he played for the ‘49ers in 1947, becoming the first football player of Japanese ancestry to play in the NFL. He was also first American to play professional **baseball** in Japan after World War II and remains the only American admitted into the Japanese Baseball Hall of Fame (1994) as a player. Rob Fitts, SABR’s Asian Baseball Committee Chair (and member of the Tokyo chapter) has written *Remembering Japanese Baseball: An Oral History of the Game* and authored *Wally Yonamine: The Man Who Changed Japanese Baseball*.

**4:20** Elliot Hines on Pete Hill\*

J. Preston “Pete” Hill was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame (by the Negro leagues Committee) in 2006. A standout centerfielder with a rifle arm, Hill was one of the greatest line-drive hitters of his era. From the turn of the century to the early 1920s, he tormented pitchers with his skill at fouling off pitch after pitch. Hill ended his career as player-manager for the Detroit Stars during their early days in the newly-formed Negro National League. Trivia master Elliot Hines will highlight Hill’s **baseball** career.

**4:40** Wrap up, clean up and dinner with your Valentine!

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