

Society for American Baseball Research (SABR)
New York City Annual Meeting February 6, 2010
NYPL Mid-Manhattan Library 455 Fifth Avenue (at 40th Street) 6th floor
A short walk from Grand Central, Times Square, and Port Authority

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Updates and more information is at the NYC SABR website <http://nyc.sabr.org>
Guests are welcome (no membership needed)

A Winning Line-Up of Extraordinary Speakers
Welcoming a New Decade of Baseball!

Morning Program: Moderator Ernestine Miller

10-10:30 Registration (\$15) and Schmoozin' (meet, greet, catch up)

10:30 Welcome and Announcements
All times below for speakers also include the Q&A

10:45-11:20 Curt Smith: *Pull Up a Chair: The Vin Scully Story*

In 1950, Vin Scully broadcast his first major league baseball game for the then-Brooklyn Dodgers. Sixty years later he has set a play-by-play record. Scully, a New Yorker, grew up a New York Giants baseball fan and was recruited and mentored by the legendary Red Barber before moving with the Dodgers to Los Angeles in 1958. He has received numerous awards and has made every Broadcast Hall of Fame in addition to being named the Sportscaster of the 20th Century.

Author of 12 books, including the classic *Voices of the Game*, Curt Smith has received rave reviews (Washington Post, San Francisco Examiner, NPR, NY Daily News, Wall Street Journal, USA Today et. al.) for *Pull Up a Chair*.

11:20-Noon Dana Brand: *The Last Days of Shea: Delight and Despair in the Life of a Mets Fan*

Brand brings the past, present and (hopefully) the future of the Mets alive with his amazin' knowledge and captivating speaking style, explaining why and in spite of everything (like last season), millions of loyal fans still chant "Let's Go Mets!"

Brand is one of the foremost authorities on the New York Mets and has written numerous books about the franchise. *Last Days of Shea* has received enthusiastic blurbs from Gary Cohen, Ron Darling, Howie Rose, Jerry Koosman and Johnathan Lethem.

Noon-1pm Lunch break, Raffle tickets for sale (baseball-related books, media, items)

Afternoon Program: Moderator Ernestine Miller

1:00-1:15 Presentation by Phil Goldberg: "123 01 Roosevelt Ave - Our Love Affair with Shea Stadium" PowerPoint presentation for those who can't get enough of the Mets! Mr. Goldberg also brings an actual piece of Shea Stadium.

1:15-1:30 Presentation by Steven King: "Baseball and New York City Ticker Tape Parades"
The presentation will present an overview of the baseball-related ticker tape parades with a focus on (their) many oddities.

1:30-2:10 Marty Appel: *MUNSON: The Life and Death of a Yankee Captain*

Appel was the Yankees PR Director when Thurman Munson was the team's star, and has authored 17 books including co-authoring Munson's autobiography. With a level of intimacy and understanding that could be achieved by Appel, who later went on to serve as an Emmy-award winning producer of the team's telecasts, *MUNSON* is an insider's look into the Yankees of the 1970s and their famous leader still known as "The Captain." It touches upon his contentious relationship with the media and his iconic stature to both players and fans. He died in a private plane crash on August 2, 1979 at the age of 32 and more than 30 years later is still remembered as the fiercely competitive Yankee leader.

This best seller and highly acclaimed biography now in its 7th printing, capturing its subject in mesmerizing, nostalgic detail. "If the measure of a great biography is the amount of new, previously un-mined material on the subject, then Marty Appel has hit a grand slam home run with this definitive portrait of Thurman Munson." (Bill Madden, New York Daily News)

2:10-2:15 Raffle drawings

2:15-2:40 Darrell Berger: *Then Roy Said to Mickey: The Best Yankees Stories Ever Told*
And *Straight Talk from Wild Thing* (by Mitch Williams with Darrell Berger)

Berger traces Roy White's career (1965-79) which began next to Mickey Mantle and ended next to Mickey Rivers. The book also covers stories about his teammates such as Paul Blair, Joe Pepitone and Whitey Ford.

Straight Talk from Wild Thing (publ. date May 2010) tells the inside story of All-Star Philadelphia Phillies closing pitcher Mitch "Wild Thing" Williams. What does it feel like to give up the home run that loses the World Series (1993), then face Phillies fans and ultimately be welcomed back by them as a trusted commentator?

2:40-2:50 Raffle drawings, stretch time

2:50 -3:15 Presentation by Bob Mayer: "The Asylum Base Ball Club (The Great Reunion Game September 29, 1905)"

During the early and most productive years of the Asylum BBC (1888-1894), they took on amateur, semi-professional, and professional teams, including some of the earliest professional Black Barnstorming teams, winning 111 of 142 games, or nearly 4 of 5 games played. Some 11 years later, an idea was hatched to bring Jack Chesbro and other players from these great teams back to the State Hospital to once again play the Cuban X Giants. This is the story of that reunion.

3:15-3:30 Al Blumkin, Elliot Hines: Recognitions/obits

3:30-3:50 Eric Weiss: Trivia Contest

The featured speakers and other authors will be autographing and selling their books.
Guests are welcome – bring your friends and family!