

Women in Baseball

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Welcome to Summer and lots of exciting baseball this season!!!!

As the summer rolls along there is lots to get excited about regarding women playing baseball and women who love the game.

Our first major congratulations go to Dorothy Seymour Mills for the recent announcement by Oxford University Press who announced that her name will be added as co-author when the Seymour baseball books are reissued. **Congratulations Dorothy!!!!!!!!!!!!**

New things are being written all the time. Please be sure to pass on the news of anything you are aware of. Martha Ackmann's new book on Toni Stone just came out. Stephanie Liscio

has a new book coming out next month on the Cleveland Negro League teams. Geri Strecker and Zann Nelson just presented papers at the 13th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference and Roberta Newman displayed two posters on media and the Negro Leagues. At the upcoming Atlanta Convention Geri Strecker is presenting again. Recently her article in Black Ball journal also won a research award. Congratulations Geri. Martha Ackmann and Zann Nelson both won research awards at the recent Negro League Conference in Birmingham.

Atlanta is just a couple of

weeks away and we have a committee meeting on Thursday from 6-7 p.m. and a group dinner for any interested—possibly at Vortex after going to a book reading at Charis books.

As always please remember this newsletter depends on your help for updates and information to be shared. Please send me any photos, updates, news etc.. That you find so we can all keep up and root for the ladies in all aspects of baseball!!!

Thanks,

Leslie and
Claudia



we want to get us all on the same page. This way we can send updates, newsletters etc.. to all who are interested. We can also use the new medias of the day to help us such as facebook etc.. So please send your contact info along with your primary involvement in baseball—fan, player, writer, etc... thanks

Leslie

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Special points of interest:

- New books by Martha Ackmann, Stephanie Liscio...
- Chelsea Baker and her perfect games
- National Youth Academy involvement

Idea to Develop

It was proposed this spring that we need to do more to keep in touch with one another and stay updated on what is happening. I agree. I began a list based on those who sent me their contact information. So far only ten people followed

through. If you want to be involved and know what's happening please send your name and preferred e-mail contact to me at Lheaphy@kent.edu so we can build one giant list of supporters. It exists in many places right now and

Women in Baseball Operations-a starting list

Kim Ng-LA Dodgers
Effa Manley—Negro Leagues
Julie Croteau—MLB offices
Joan Kroc-Padres
Grace Comiskey-White Sox
Joan Payson-Giants/Mets
Marge Schott-Reds
Helene Robison Britton-St. Louis
Jean Yawkey-Boston
Jean Afterman-Yankees
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Kelly Calabrese—Padres
Jamie McCourt-Dodgers
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Renel Brooks-Moon-SF announcer
Jackie Autry—Angels
Lucy Calautti—MLB
Linda Alvarado—Rockies
Laura Ricketts-Cubs
Katie Dannemiller-Greensboro Grasshoppers
Janet Marie Smith—Red Sox
Pam Gardner—Astros
Andrea Larson—Twins
Chartese Burnett—Nationals
Ashley Bratcher—USA Baseball.com
Sylvia Lind—MLB

Linedrives and Lipstick Exhibit Comes to Cleveland

This traveling exhibit is coming this fall to Ursuline College in Cleveland, Ohio. It will be in their gallery from September 1 through October 20, 2010. The opening reception is September 1, 2010 from 5-7 p.m. in the Wasmer Gallery.

The Scholarship Gala takes place on September 16th beginning at 6 p.m. If you are interested in attending please contact Tiffany Mushrush-Mentzer at

440-646-8370.

There will be a screening of "The Girls of Summer" on October 3rd from 2-5 p.m. with Justine Siegal there to lead a discussion and answer questions.

Funds are being raised to provide scholarships for students going to Ursuline College.

They are looking for donations for their auction as well so ladies if you



have a book you'd like to donate—sign it and give Tiffany a call.

Girl's International Baseball Academy

Girls from around the US, Canada and Indonesia came to Dan Duquette's Sports Academy to take part in the Girls International Baseball Academy. ESPN was even there to tape the 12U game.

All those attending got to learn and practice their baseball skills. Next year's dates are already set, July 17-22, 2011 in Hinsdale, MA. Mark your

calendars now so you don't miss this chance.

For further details or to ask questions about this or any other opportunities to play check out the website www.BaseballForAll.com

There is a ton of information there and a new opportunity for people to donate to help these young ladies make all the trips they do to play.



12-Year-Old Girl Pitches Second Perfect Little League Baseball Game Against the Boys

Plant City Little League goers have had the pleasure of watching Chelsea Baker throw her second perfect game for Brandon Farms, playing in the 11-12 year old division. She struck out 16 in six innings on just 71 pitches.



Baker was highlighted by ESPN in E:60 with Geena Davis narrating her successes.

2010 Women's World Cup

Play begins in August at Jose Casanova Stadium in Venezuela. Twelve teams begin play on August 12th and finish on August 22nd with the Medal games.

Team USA has twenty players representing the United States in the competition against teams from Canada, the Netherlands, Taiwan, Cuba, Japan,

South Korea, Hong Kong, India, Australia, Puerto Rico and host Venezuela.

Go to www.awbf.org for schedule and results.

Elizabeth Calicchia plays baseball in the Cal Ripken League in Rome, NY. She plays first base and the outfield and was recently selected to play on the 11 yr-old all-star team which begins tournament play the last week of July. She says she loves baseball and it has always been important because her dad and grandpa played.

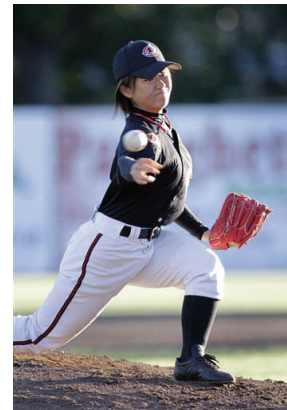
More baseball news



Eri Yoshida at bat for Chico in the Golden Baseball League. This photo from the

AP archives (6/12/2010) shows her pinch-hitting. The second photo gives you a look at her knuckleball.

Say this about Eri Yoshida: she likes a challenge.

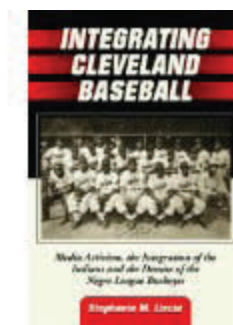
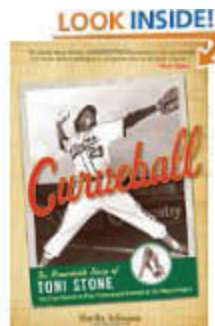


New Books

Martha Ackmann's new book on Toni Stone just came out. Check it out and get online and write reviews. This was suggested as a great way to make people more aware of what books women are writing.

Stephanie Liscio's new book will be out in August from McFarland Publishing—be sure to watch for it.

Audrey Vernick has a children's book coming out on Effa Manley in October.



Who's your favorite ball player?

Jeff Manto

My favorite ball player is Jeff Manto who played 16 years of professional ball. It included nine year in the majors with Cleveland, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, Seattle, Detroit, the New York Yankees and Colorado. In his career he played all four infield positions, the outfield and catcher. He was a fan favorite of the Buffalo Bisons, Rochester Red Wings and Scranton Wilkes-Barre Red Barons of the International League. In his last Major League season with the Colorado Rock-

ies, Jeff went 5 for 8 with an .800 batting average. This earned him a designation for assignment to the Colorado Springs team in the Pacific Coast League. Lucky for western New York fans he optioned to take his release. He signed with Cleveland so he could return to Buffalo, at that time the AAA affiliate of the Indians. The Rochester Red Wings elected him to their Hall of Fame in 2002. The Buffalo Bisons honored him with Jeff Manto Night, August 17, 1997 and retired his number 30, which now graces the outfield fence at Coca Cola Park.

It is a good thing he did not go 8 for 8 with Colorado!

By:

Bill Dougherty

Tell us your story and we'll include it in the next newsletter.

Historical Figures

In the accompanying photo from the AP archives we see Jackie Mitchell in 1933. Here she is talking with one of her teammates from the House of David ball club. This is two years after Mitchell became famous while pitching for Chattanooga. In a 1931 game she struck out Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig before walking Tony Lazzeri. Many wondered then and still do whether she really struck out the two Yankee greats or whether it was all for show. When you read other accounts of her strike-



outs and her pitching career it appears that she did strike them out.

Karey Schueler

The daughter of former Chicago White Sox general manager Ron Schueler was the first woman player drafted by a Major League Baseball team and was selected as the club's 43rd-round pick in 1993.

Anyone recognize

Who do you think this is? Send your comments and ideas. There will be a prize for the first right answer sent in to Leslie or Claudia.



this ball player?

Articles and more

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A request:

I would appreciate it if those of you who are under contract to write a book in the field of baseball would let me know the title, the publisher, and the prospective date of publication.

That's because the editor-in-chief of the new online mag, *The New York Journal of Books*, wants to confine his reviews to books that are not yet published, and he has asked me to review baseball books for the *Journal*.

This is a way that I can get you some pre-pub publicity for your forthcoming books, ladies.

Dorothy—dorothyjanemills@comcast.net

Research Requests

Anyone with any information about Jackie Mitchell beyond the Ruth and Gehrig story please send to Leslie to pass on to a member working on a project.

Love to find out more about Vada Corbus—find anything at all please send along.

Looking for information on Dolly Vardens from the 19th century. Send

info. To Leslie and she will pass on.

If you attend any current women's baseball events please send stories and photos that can be used in the newsletter to spread the word.

If you are looking for help please send your requests and we will publish.

Interesting Tidbit:

Nine has an article on *The Great Match*, the first baseball novel. It was published anonymously in 1877 and was attributed to a male author during the 1880s, but through literary sleuthing Geri Strecker discovered that it was actually written by Mary Prudence Wells Smith. This adds some serious girl power to 19th-century baseball history.

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www.womensportreport.com



AWSM Convention 2010: LA there they were!

At this year's national convention in Los Angeles, which kicked off on a Thursday night with Olympian Janet Evans speaking at Lucky Strike in the LA Live complex!

A wide range of panels were then offered Friday and Saturday at the Westin Bonaventure. Other highlights included Friday's lunch honoring Mary Garber Pioneer Award winner Julie Cart of the *Los Angeles Times*, Saturday's lunch with Phoenix Mercury GM/Suns VP Ann Meyers Drysdale and Saturday evening's Dodgers-Pirates game with an address from **assistant GM/VP Kim Ng**.

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For an interview with Dorothy Seymour Mills

www.CWBL.net

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