

Society for American Baseball Research
New York City Casey Stengel Chapter Annual Meeting

January 27, 2018
10 am - 3:00 pm

\$35 admission
\$20 students
Guests welcome

The New York Public Library
Stephen A. Schwarzman Building
476 Fifth Avenue at 42nd Street
Celeste Auditorium -- Lower Level of South Court

Morning Program

10:00-10:30 Registration, catching up, schmoozing

10:30-10:50 **Ernestine Miller**, Moderator
Introductory Remarks

10:50-11:10 **Virginia Bartow** "Baseball in the Stacks: Highlights from the Collections of The New York Public Library"

Virginia Bartow is the Senior Rare Book Cataloger in the Special Collections at the New York Public Library. Her illustrated presentation includes photographs, trade cards, newspaper features, and other memorabilia depicting baseball in New York.

11:10-12:00 **Ed Randall**, panel moderator "**Standouts of the Game**"

Ed Randall, one of the most widely-known on-air personalities, whose weekly radio show *Talking Baseball* is in its 16th season (9 am Sundays on WFAN-radio), also hosts a weekly baseball nostalgia show, *Remember When* (8 am Saturdays on Sirius channel 89). His books include *More Tales from the Yankee Dugout* and *Baseball for the Utterly Confused*. In 2008, he pinch-hit for the legendary Yankee Stadium public address announcer Bob Sheppard.

Phil Cuzzi 2018 will make Phil Cuzzi's 23rd season as an umpire in Major League Baseball. The New Jersey native worked the 2008 All-Star Game played in Yankee Stadium and was a member of the crew as Houston won its first World Series last fall. He umpired wild card games in 2013 and 2014, the Division Series in 2003-04, 09, 12, 15-16 and in October at the Los Angeles Dodgers eliminated the Arizona Diamondbacks. He started his career in the New York-Penn League, advancing through the minor leagues to the Florida State, Carolina, Eastern, American Association and International Leagues before making his major league debut June 4, 1991. He is a prostate cancer survivor and member of Ed Randall's Fans for the Cure Legends for Life Advisory Board.

Tom Giordano At age 92 with 71 years in the game, Tom Giordano, known as "T-Bone" to his friends, is a legendary baseball scout. Two years ago, and in the employ of the Texas Rangers, he was recruited at age 90 to join the Atlanta Braves scouting department as Special Assistant to the General Manager. He has scouted for numerous teams since 1960 with the Kansas City Athletics and served as a player development executive. He is a Member of the Major League Baseball Scouts Hall of Fame. A former second baseman, he homered in his first major league game in 1953 for the Philadelphia Athletics against Virgil Trucks. Come April, you will find him scouting at Yankee Stadium and Citi Field.



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Art Shamsky A major part of the 1969 Miracle Mets who gained television immortality having a dog named in his honor on "Everybody Loves Raymond," He batted .300 platooning with Ron Swoboda in right field during the regular season and .538 in the first-ever National League Championship Series in a sweep of the Atlanta Braves. He holds the distinction for hitting a record four homers in four consecutive at-bats with the Cincinnati Reds prior to his arrival in New York. After his career ended, he remained in New York and became involved in a number of successful business enterprises. He also worked as a sports broadcaster on local radio and television.

12:00-12:15 **Eric Weiss**, Trivia Questions

12:15 - 1:15 Lunch break -- nearby delis, restaurants, cafes



Afternoon Program

1:15 - 1:30 **Ernestine Miller**, Moderator

Announcements, Raffles

1:30 - 2:15 **Tyler Kepner**, National Baseball Writer, New York *Times*

Tyler Kepner has been the national baseball writer for the New York *Times* since 2010. He was the Mets beat writer in 2000 and 2001 and the Yankees beat writer from 2002 through 2009. A former chairman of the New York chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America, he is finishing a book for Doubleday exploring the history and stories behind each pitch, to be published in 2019.

2:15 - 2:30 Raffles

2:30 - 2:40 **Jon Springer** SABR research presentation "Edward "The Only" Nolan"

Edward Sylvester "The Only" Nolan was the star pitcher of the 1884 Quicksteps, a team that played a role in the first battle of the Reserve Clause war, the establishment of post-season play, and the evolution of playing rules and equipment. Nolan was recognized for his unique pitches as well as his notorious behavior which led to fines, suspensions, being kicked off a team, and eventually, his being blacklisted from the league.



2:40 - 2:50 Raffles

2:50 - 3:00 **Eric Weiss**, Trivia Answers

3:00 - 3:10 **Diane Firstman** SABR research presentation "The Three True Outcomes"

Diane will shed light on the relationships among walks, strikeouts, and homers from her research on "three true outcomes" (TTO). She will highlight trends that show how Babe

Ruth, Mickey Mantle and Aaron Judge have performed. The components (strikeouts) have risen (they've been destigmatized) and homers have also increased (defensive shifts penalize you for hitting the ball on the ground).

3:10 - 3:15 Closing Remarks

Pre-register with David Lippman at kiwiwriter47@gmail.com Please pre-register if possible.
Registration also available at the door.

We appreciate all raffle donations: books, memorabilia, baseballs, collectibles.

ADDITIONAL BIO INFO

Virginia Bartow is the Senior Rare Book Cataloger in the Special Collections at the New York Public Library. A lifetime interest in the game, including scorekeeping for her high school varsity baseball team, culminated at the Library where she discovered the rich and varied collections acquired by generations of librarians and archivists. Her illustrated presentation will include photographs, trade cards, newspaper features, manuscripts, oral histories, and memorabilia depicting baseball in New York.

Phil Cuzzi is a Major League Umpire who has worked for 22 years in 2,428 games including three MLB no-hitters (9/3/01 Bud Smith; 7/10/09 Jonathan Sánchez; 7/25/15 Cole Hamels). Two of Cuzzi's highlights are umpiring the 2008 All-Star Game at Yankee Stadium and being the first base umpire for the opening game at the new Yankee Stadium on April 16, 2009.

Diane Firstman has been a member of SABR since the late 1980s and is a member of the Internet Baseball Writers Association of America. Besides her own baseball blog (Value Over Replacement Grit), her work has appeared at ESPN, *Bronx Banter*, Baseball Prospectus, *The Hardball Times* and in *The Village Voice*. With 5,000 Twitter followers, she has twice been named a "Top Baseball Account" by TheSportingNews.com. An expanded written version of this presentation will be included in the upcoming SABR *Baseball Research Journal*.

Tom Giordano was named Major League Baseball's East Coast Scout of the Year in 2007 by a vote of his peers. In 1960 he became a scout (he drafted Cal Ripken, Jr.) and since 1976 has been a senior scout, a player development executive, and an assistant to the general manager. Giordano played 11 games for the 1953 Philadelphia Athletics under Manager Jimmy Dykes and at age 92 has a lifetime of baseball stories and memories to share in his notably humorous style.

Tyler Kepner has been the national baseball writer for the New York Times since 2010. He was the Mets beat writer in 2000 and 2001 and the Yankees beat writer from 2002 through 2009. Before that, he covered the Angels for the Riverside (Calif.) Press-Enterprise in 1998 and the Mariners for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer in 1999. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and a native of Philadelphia, where he started interviewing players at age 15 for a homemade baseball magazine. A former chairman of the New York chapter of the BBWAA, he has spent more than three years working on his first book, an exploration of the history and stories behind each pitch, which scheduled to be published by Doubleday in 2019. He lives in Wilton, Connecticut with his wife, four children and three dogs -- including one named Lefty for his all-time favorite player, Steve Carlton.

Ed Randall The one-time substitute for the legendary Yankee Stadium public address announcer Bob Sheppard and analyst for New York Yankees telecasts on WWOR-TV, Channel 9, Ed Randall's name is nationally recognized as a valued contributor on ESPN Classic's anthology shows and now, on the MLB Network and in the New York metropolitan area on SNY. Ed Randall's *Talking Baseball* begins its 16th season (9 am Sundays on WFAN-radio) on February 12th. He also podcasts *Talking Baseball* at MLB.com and hosts a weekly baseball nostalgia show, *Remember When* (8 am Saturdays on Sirius channel 89). Mr. Randall's books include *More Tales from the Yankee Dugout* and *Baseball for the Utterly Confused*. In 2003, Ed founded a non-profit charity to promote early detection and awareness of prostate cancer "Ed Randall's Fans for the Cure" at <http://fans4thecure.org>

Art Shamsky played with the Mets from 1968-71 and had a .375 on-base percentage for the 1969 World Champs. As part of the right field platoon (with Ron Swoboda), he batted .385 as a pinch hitter, and .388 in late, close games. The first player in Reds history to hit two home runs in extra innings in one game, Art was also the only player in MLB history to hit three home runs in a game in which he was not in the starting lineup. He also played for the Cubs and Athletics and managed Israeli baseball in 2007. He made headlines that year by refusing to play on Yom Kippur. In 1972, he played 22 games with the Cubs and A's before retiring. In 2007, Art managed in the Israeli Baseball League in its only year.

Jon Springer, who co-authored *Mets by the Numbers: A Complete Team History of the Amazin' Mets by Uniform Number* with Matt Silverman, will have a new book published in the spring: *Once Upon a Team: The Epic Rise and Historic Fall of Baseball's Wilmington Quicksteps* about the 1884 Wilmington Quicksteps who played a role in the first battle of the Reserve Clause war, the establishment of post-season play and in evolutions of playing rules and equipment.