

SABR CASEY STENGEL CHAPTER NYC ANNUAL REPORT JUNE 2024 - MAY 2025

Celebrating our 40th anniversary as a SABR affiliate, this fiscal year was a busy twelve months for the Casey Stengel Chapter (CSC). It was also our first full year of operating under ratified bylaws which were enacted earlier in 2024. CSC is one of eight SABR chapters with an MVP Status.

CSC periodically holds Zoom book discussions and in November Eric Gray joined us to discuss his two baseball books, *Backyards to Ballparks* and *Bases to Bleachers*. In April, John Nogowski gave a presentation on his latest book, *Diamond Duels: Baseball's Greatest Matchups*.

Our annual virtual CSC meeting, honoring SABR DAY 2025, was in late February. Keynote speaker, Kevin Baker, discussed his award-winning book, *The New York Game - Baseball and the Rise of a New City*.

Our annual in-person meeting was in late March in midtown Manhattan. There were two very well-received presentations. *The Pulse of New York Baseball: Present and Past*, with panelists Laura Albanese, Billy Altman, and Anthony McCarron was the opener; and *Mets Stories I Only Tell My Friends and Other First-Hand Baseball Stories* with Art Shamsky, Matthew Silverman, and moderator Marty Appel was the second. Both presentations were followed by a Q & A. Lastly, Eric Weiss, baseball trivia master, tested everyone's baseball knowledge. The meeting was emceed by board member (now retired) Ernestine Miller.

The Board of Directors convened periodically by conference call and Zoom. In addition to these meetings, we've held two Board meetings that were open to all CSC members this year.

CSC inaugurated two publications this year. One is a journal titled *You Can Look It Up!* This is an annual journal and contains contributions from CSC members and friends of the CSC. The second publication is a newsletter, *The Lineup*. It alerts readers to upcoming events, CSC news, and subjects specific to CSC members. It also contains a lot of interesting baseball content. There were eight newsletters published this year.

SABR's Chartered Community "Baseball Memories" promotes baseball reminiscence to help people with early dementia and two board members, Damian Begley and Evelyn Begley, co-host the monthly meetings at Caring Kind in Manhattan where participants share their baseball memories. Activities include flipping old baseball cards, singing team songs, showing short video clips related to the topic of the day, and discussing baseball rules, the Hall of Fame, favorite teams, players, and games. A group of 15 people (Caring Kind staff, participants with spouses, and a few SABR members) attended a game at Citi Field as well.

CSC member Gary Mintz continues his Zoom meetings of The New York Giants Preservation Society three or four times a month which are attended by dozens of fans all over the country. The John Shea Zoom meeting in May 2025 was the 200th meeting led by Gary.

CSC board member David Lippman maintains an exhaustively detailed publication titled *List of New York's Baseball Sites* - <https://sabrny.org/NYBaseball.pdf>.

CSC supports The Ron Gabriel Award Committee who once again nominated articles, books, and other research pieces about the Brooklyn Dodgers (published or unpublished, online or in print) and its committee chose the two finalists *Breaking Barriers: Jackie Robinson's Unmatched Records* by George Stoddard and *The New York Game: Baseball and the Rise of a New City* by Kevin Baker. CSC members work with SABR members from the Washington, D.C. and the Baltimore chapters to research, review, and decide the winning selection.

Long-time administrator and Vice President, Ernestine Miller, announced her retirement this year. SABR-run elections were held for the CSC Board of Directors and Marc Gold became the Vice President. Damian Begley retained his position as the Director At Large.

The CSC website is located at <https://sabrnyc.org/>. It is administered by board member Kevin Carter, but really it is perpetual screen shot of the hard work that the Board, administrators, and members/friends of the Chapter put in year after year.

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