

# THE "HOLY COW"

NEWSLETTER OF THE HALSEY HALL CHAPTER,  
SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

*Halsey Hall*

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## Bruce Stone Dies

Longtime Chapter member Judge Bruce C. Stone died of cancer on Tuesday, April 25 at the age of 84. Bruce was an active member of the chapter. He served on the board of directors and attended most of the Chapter Meetings as well as the SABR national conventions. Bruce could always be counted on to provide a research presentation on short notice. One of his favorite topics was an analysis of unearned runs from the previous baseball season.

Bruce was appointed to the Hennepin County Municipal Court by Governor Elmer L. Andersen in 1961. Seven years later, Governor Harold LeVander appointed Bruce to the Hennepin County District Court. Bruce served on the bench until his retirement in 1982. One of the cases to come before him involved an issue related to the construction of the Metrodome. Bruce loved to tell the tale of asking one of the attorneys in the case about the possibility of putting a retractable roof on the new stadium. "Oh, we couldn't do that," the attorney told Judge Stone. "That would be too much money. It might cost another million dollars."

According to the *Star Tribune, Newspaper of the Twin Cities*, Bruce joined the Army Air Force in 1941, served in World War II, and retired as a lieutenant colonel after 17 years in the service. He had received his law degree in 1940 and went into private practice following his military service. He then joined the Hennepin County attorney's office and worked there until his appointment to the bench.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 20, at 1 p.m. at Washburn McReavy on West 50<sup>th</sup> Street and Highway 100 in Edina.

## Cow Chips

While in Florida with his family on spring break, **Jerry Janzen** saw the Marlins second game of the season, against the Giants, as well as the season opener for the Fort Myers Miracle, in a game against Charlotte. They also visited Big Cypress National Preserve, Everglades National Park, and Biscayne National Park (numbers 207, 208, and 209 on Jerry's list of National Historic Parks, Sites, Monuments, and Battlefields visited). . . . **Charlie Rekela**, son of **George**, was the co-recipient of the Top Math Student of the Trimester Award for Higher Algebra at Osseo Senior High School.

## 36 Attend Spring Chapter Meeting

In addition to featured guest Terry Ryan, 36 members and guests attended the Halsey Hall Chapter Meeting on May 6, setting an unofficial attendance record (topping the 33 who attended the meeting in the spring of 1985).

Ryan, the Twins general manager, was the highlight of the meeting. In a straightforward manner, Ryan discussed the issues facing the Twins and baseball, including realignment, revenue sharing, and the umpires. He then fielded a host of questions, ranging from his opinion of Twins pitching coach Dick Such to the situation with Travis Lee, who had been originally drafted by the Twins.

Activities following Ryan's appearance included research presentations by Ted Hathaway, Stew Thornley, Roger Godin, and Dan Levitt, as well as Dan's trivia quiz.

Cary Smith had the highest individual score in the trivia contest. Cary then teamed with Rich Arpi (one of the others with the top four individual scores) to defeat Jim Wyman and Stew Thornley in the finals.

A silent auction raised \$91 with the top individual bid of \$31 made by Mark Johnson for *Total Baseball, Sixth Edition*.

During the business meeting, Rich Arpi and Dan Levitt were elected and Kevin Hennessy was re-elected to the board of directors. The new board will meet in July to elect officers from among themselves.

The by-laws amendment regarding the appointment of editors for chapter publications, which was printed in the last two newsletters, passed unanimously.

In addition, Cary Smith and Ray Luurs announced that they are trying to resurrect the chapter's monthly television show.

## June Birthdays

12—Ron Replogle (also Ryan Klesko, Otto Knabe, Damon Buford, Marv Albert, George Bush, and Jim Nabors)

15—Seth Hawkins, Jerry Janzen, Bill Larson (also Billy Williams, Andy Pettitte, Dusty Baker, Lance Parrish, Champ Summers, Ramiro Mendoza, Wade Boggs, and Mario Cuomo)

22—Joe O'Connell, Pete Hepokoski (also Carl Hubbell)

30—Phyllis Thornley (also Davy Jones, Tony Fernandez, Ron Swoboda, Garret Anderson, Al Newman, and Chan Ho Park)

## New Members

### Gregg Omoth

Gregg Arlen Omoth is a lifelong fan who saw his first major league game in 1981 as Fernando Arroyo took on the Texas Rangers at Met Stadium. Gregg is from Spring Grove, Minnesota (where he was a “mediocre outfielder” in high school) and lived in Winona and Mankato before moving to the Twin Cities last July. Gregg works as an Underwriting Technician for an insurance company. He has a B. A. in history from Winona State and is now finishing up his M. A. in history at Minnesota State-Mankato. His interests in baseball research are Minnesota baseball players, Latin American baseball, baseball biographies, and the use of computers and the internet to expand research possibilities. Gregg is engaged to be married this September.

### John Gordon

A native of Detroit (where he sold orange pop in the bleachers at Tiger Stadium as a youth), John Gordon has been a SABR member for 20 years. He’s also been a Twins broadcaster since 1987. John has a wife, Nancy; son, John, Jr.; and daughter, Jean.

### Tracy Tool

Tracy is from Fargo and went to Shanley High School (the high school of Roger Maris and Rick Helling). He went to undergraduate and law school at the University of Minnesota and has lived in the Twin Cities since 1984. Tracy is a lawyer, specializing in employment law, and has a wife, Joanie, and a dog, Lucy. Tracy has an interest in St. Paul and gangster history. He’s a big fan of the Twins and Herb Carneal. One of the best baseball games he ever saw was during the 1987 pennant race. In September Frank Viola dueled Len “Perfect Game” Barker of Milwaukee. Billy Beane won the game with an extra-inning bloop single. Tracy called it “a key game in the first real Twins pennant race in my memory.”

## Dues

If you haven’t already done so, please submit your subscription dues of \$12. If you’re not sure of your dues status, contact Treasurer Kevin Hennessy at 651-227-5183 or via e-mail at BBWSMIN@aol.com.

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## SABR Members See Ripken Milestone

The crowd of Chapter members who were at the Metrodome on April 15<sup>th</sup> to see Cal Ripken get his 3,000<sup>th</sup> hit included your scribe, Glenn Poser, Lee Temanson, Brian Thilman, Jim Wyman, Paul Rittenhouse, Phyllis Thornley, Brenda Himrich, Mark Johnson, Jed Levitt, Julian Loscolzo (who found it appropriate that Ripken’s 2,999<sup>th</sup> hit was a Baltimore chop), Barry Bengtsson, Connie Hill, and, of course, Seth C. “Dr. Fan” Hawkins, who has been present for the 3,000<sup>th</sup> hits of the last 16 players to do it. Dr. Fan was the subject of an article by Jim Souhan that appeared in the Sunday, April 16 *Star Tribune, Newspaper of the Twin Cities*.

## Calendar

May 20—Bruce Stone Memorial Service, 1:00 p.m.  
Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel  
W. 50<sup>th</sup> and Highway 100

June 10—Hot Stove Saturday Morning, 8:30 a.m.  
Baker’s Square, 66<sup>th</sup> and Xerxes  
Richfield

### Halsey Hall Chapter

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