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Gordon to Be Honored with Hall of Fame Induction

Chapter member John Gordon recently learned that he will be inducted into the Hall of Fame for the South Atlantic and Western Carolinas Leagues. John broadcast for the Spartanburg team in the Western Carolinas League from 1965 to 1969. John will be inducted into the Hall, along with Bowie Kuhn, Tom Lasorda, Walter Alston, and Tommy Helms, on June 19. Congratulations, Gordo!

Hepokoski an Agnew Winner

In response to last month's item on what the letters SPIRO AGNEW can spell if rearranged in the right (or wrong order), Pete Hepokoski revealed that he was once the winner in a *Minneapolis Tribune* contest to come up with the best anagram for Spiro T. Agnew. Here is what appeared in Will Jones's column in the Saturday, October 5, 1968 *Tribune*:

But back to the contest. Since many of the individual Agnewgrams, like "GOP Rates Win," were duplicated, I looked instead for the most imaginative and unduplicated entries.

On that basis the winner is Peter Hepokoski of 1327 SE. 7th St.

I especially liked his "go 'n' tap wires" (it's constitutional), "tow in gapers" (Mayor Daley's strategy?), "grapes? I won't!" (boycott motto) and "gin warps toe" (soak your foot in water instead).

Allen N. Fahden of 7720 49th Av. N. gets an honorable mention for dreaming up Spiro T. Agnew's birthplace: West Groin, Pa.

Our congratulations to Pete Hepokoski (OK, OK, I Pet Sheep).

Quicksteps Win Opener

The Quicksteps, the chapter's vintage base ball nine, came up with three aces in their final bats to pull out a 5-4 win over the St. Croixs of Stillwater at Farmington's Dakota City Historic Village on Sunday, May 20. The Quicksteps then prepared for a trip to Des Moines, Iowa, over Memorial Day weekend.

In June, the Quicksteps will play at Fort Snelling at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 10 and at Murphy's Landing in Shakopee at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 17.

Hot Stove Saturday Morning

The next Hot Stove Saturday Morning will be June 2 at the usual location, Baker's Square at 66th and Xerxes in Richfield.

The after-breakfast event will be the Bus Rodeo on Como Avenue across from the State Fairgrounds in St. Paul.

New Member: Dan Cagley

Dan Cagley has lived in Minnesota for three years and is a Collections Manager in the Museum Collections Department for the Minnesota Historical Society. Dan was born in New Hampton, Iowa, and lived in Jesup, Iowa, from the time he was 11 until he left for college in Sioux City. He lettered in baseball at Briar Cliff College before transferring to Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Dan was a first baseman/designated hitter and finished in the top 10 in the conference in batting average, doubles, and runs batted in as a senior. Dan now plays for the St. Croixs vintage base ball nine.

Dan coached for six seasons at Jesup High School and was with the team when it finished third in the 2A state tournament in 1998. Dan also worked in the Library Research Department at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum for 16 weeks while he was in graduate school at the University of Northern Iowa. Dan is a lifelong Pittsburgh Pirates fan and enjoys following Big Ten baseball. He also writes for superhawkeye.com, a web site for University of Iowa athletics.

Cow Chips

While in Chicago on business, **Jerry Janzen** attended a Cubs-Padres game at Wrigley Field. . . . **Connie Hill** and **Barry Bengtsson** went to the May 4-6 Twins-Royals series in Kansas City and then dodged tornadoes on their drive back to Minnesota. . . . **Roger Godin** had a letter published in *Sports Illustrated*, defending the significance of hockey's Lady Byng trophy. . . . **Frank Bigelow** was elected president of the Centennial Nooners Toastmasters club in downtown St. Paul. . . . **Cary Smith**, **Paul Rittenhouse**, and your scribe went to Kansas City via Moline, Illinois, and visited the graves of Hall of Famers **Warren Giles**, **Cal Hubbard**, **Bullet Rogan**, **Hilton Smith**, **Kid Nichols**, **Zack Wheat**, and **Satchel Paige** as well as the Negro League Museum in Kansas City and two Royals-Red Sox games.

Subscription Dues Renewal

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Research News

Bob Tholkes has finished another biographical research trace, this one for James Banning, who was born in New York in May of 1865 and raised from infancy in St. Paul. Banning played in three games for Washington of the National League in 1888 and 1889 and joins Elmer Foster, Joe Visner, Joe Werrick, and Louis Galvin in the first crop of Minnesota-raised major leaguers.

Bob reports, "Banning died, apparently alone, destitute, and friendless, in St. Paul on October 14, 1952. The death certificate gives the cause of death as pneumonia, abetted by a state of malnutrition. Though he had younger siblings in California, none apparently were in touch: the records office at Ancker Hospital served as informant. He is buried at Calvary Cemetery [in St. Paul]."

Calendar

June 2—Hot Stove Saturday Morning,
8:30 a.m., Baker's Square,
Sixty-Sixth and Xerxes, Richfield

June Birthdays

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

15—Seth Hawkins, Jerry Janzen, and Bill Larson (also Billy Williams, Andy Pettitte, Dusty Baker, Lance Parrish, Champ Summes, Ramiro Mendoza, Wade Boggs, Babe Dahlgren, Tony Clark, Brett Butler, Ty Cline, and Mario Cuomo)

22—Joe O'Connell and Pete Hepokoski (also Esteban Yan, Brant Brown, Jake Wood, Faye Throneberry, Russ Snyder, and Carl Hubbell)

30—Phyllis Thornley (also Davy Jones, Tony Fernandez, Ron Swoboda, Garret Anderson, Mark Grudzielanek, Bud Black, Jerry Kenney, Al Newman, Chan Ho Park, and Yo Yo Davalillo)

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