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## AROUND THE HORN

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### A CLASSIC IN COOPERSTOWN ON MAY 28

Six Hall of Fame legends will be joined by a roster of former major league players for a seven-inning legends game on Saturday, May 28 at Cooperstown's historic Doubleday Field...The 2016 Hall of Fame Classic, presented by Ford Motor Company for the eighth straight year, highlights a weekend of family entertainment programs designed to celebrate the timeless connection of baseball across generations...Recently retired players are expected to join the roster and participate in the Classic and weekend events...The Classic will feature the pre-game Home Run Derby at 12 p.m. followed by first pitch of the Classic at 1:05 p.m...Hall of Famers Andre Dawson, Rollie Fingers, Ferguson Jenkins, Phil Niekro, Jim Rice and Ryne Sandberg return as managers and coaches for the event... Players scheduled to participate in the Classic as of May 24 include: Brandon Backe (Astros), Michael Barrett (Nationals), Danny Graves (Reds), Travis Hafner (Indians), Jerry Hairston Jr. (Dodgers), LaTroy Hawkins (Twins), Shea Hillenbrand (Red Sox), Andruw Jones (Braves), Terrence Long (Athletics), Noah Lowry (Giants), Melvin Mora (Orioles), Jamie Moyer (Phillies), Darren Oliver (Rangers), Juan Pierre (Marlins), Todd Pratt (Mets), J.J. Putz (Diamondbacks), Desi Relaford (Mariners), Kerry Robinson (Cardinals), Aaron Rowand (White Sox), Andy Sonnanstine (Rays), Ryan Spilborghs (Rockies), Tanyon Sturtze (Blue Jays), Jeff Suppan (Royals), Alan Trammell (Tigers), Jack Wilson (Pirates) and Steve Woodard (Brewers)...**Tickets for the 2016 Hall of Fame Classic are available Thursday and Friday at the Hall of Fame Ticket Booth or by calling 607-547-0397 Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, and starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday at Doubleday Field...Hall of Fame Classic Weekend features several family-friendly events: The Museum's BASE Race, celebrating healthy living, on the morning of May 28, with the 10K race beginning at 9 a.m. and the 5K race beginning at 9:15 a.m.; the *Night at the Museum* program, where Hall of Fame legends and former players will greet fans throughout the Museum on Saturday evening beginning at 6 p.m. (SOLD OUT); and the Cooperstown Classic Clinic on Friday, May 27 from 4-7 p.m. at Doubleday Field for young fans ages 7-12...Tickets for the Classic are \$12.50 for infield seats, \$11 for outfield seats...For more info, visit [www.baseballhall.org/visit/hall-of-fame-classic](http://www.baseballhall.org/visit/hall-of-fame-classic).**

**SEVEN WONDERS IN COOPERSTOWN:** In the inaugural Hall of Fame Classic in 2009, 90-year-old Bob Feller started on the mound and led his team to a 5-4 victory while former all-time saves leader Lee Smith picked up the win in relief...In the second Hall of Fame Classic in 2010, Mark Whiten hit two home runs to lead Team Feller past Team Killebrew 9-0...In 2011, the third Hall of Fame Classic in 2011 featured an 8-6 win by Team Knucksie over Team Smith, powered by the Bob Feller Player of the Game performance by Dmitri Young...The 2012 Hall of Fame Classic resulted in a 5-4 win by Team Knucksie over Team Smith as Desi Relaford took home the Bob Feller Player of the Game Award...The 2013 Hall of Fame Classic legends game was canceled due to inclement weather...Hideki Matsui, Jack Wilson and Ivan Rodriguez homered as rain brought the end to the 2014 Classic in a 4-4 tie between the Knucksies and the Wizards...In last year's Classic, Player of the Game Aaron Rowand's two-run homer and Brady Anderson's two-run double led the Knucksies to a come-from-behind 7-5 victory.

## BASE RACE RETURNS TO CLASSIC WEEKEND

The Hall of Fame's popular BASE Race returns for a Memorial Day Weekend date as part of Hall of Fame Classic Weekend festivities...The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, along with Cooperstown's Clark Sports Center, will present the fifth annual BASE Race charity runs – a 5k fun run starting at 9:15 a.m. and competitive 10k starting at 9 a.m. – on Saturday, May 28, starting and ending at historic Doubleday Field...The race events benefit the Museum's "Be A Superior Example" program, promoting healthy lifestyle choices for individuals of all ages...Fans are encouraged to support their favorite major league team as part of the 2016 BASE Race, as selected former major league players will be a part of the race activities, as the lead-off event to a full day of programming for the Hall of Fame Classic on May 28...The BASE Race will also debut a virtual race component in 2016, allowing runners from across the country and around the globe to connect to Cooperstown...Registration for the 2016 BASE Race on race day is \$30 and \$65 for families...Each registered runner will receive a race medal (for the first 300 runners to register), goodie bag, a free general admission ticket to the Hall of Fame Classic and an admission ticket to the Museum valid on May 28...Additional details are available by calling the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum at 607-547-0329 or the Clark Sports Center at 607-547-2800.

## HALL OF FAME WEEKEND 2016

While baseball's newest stars are shining during the 2016 season, the National Baseball Hall of Fame is prepping for the game's biggest annual celebration when two of its legendary heroes will be inducted as the Class of 2016 this July in Cooperstown...With the election of **Ken Griffey Jr.** and **Mike Piazza** by the Baseball Writers' Association of America on Jan. 6, the Class of 2016 brings the total number of BBWAA electees in the last three years to nine – the most electees in any three-year span since 1954-56...Griffey and Piazza will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame at 1:30 p.m. ET on Sunday, July 24 at the Clark Sports Center in Cooperstown...2016 Ford C. Frick Award winner **Graham McNamee** and 2016 Spink Award winner **Dan Shaughnessy** will be honored during Induction Weekend at the *Awards Presentation* on Saturday, July 23 at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown.

**HOF WEEKEND CREDENTIALS:** Hall of Fame Weekend 2016 will be held July 22-25 with the annual Induction Ceremony scheduled to take place on Sunday, July 24...The Weekend will feature the annual *Awards Presentation* at Doubleday Field on Saturday, July 23 at 4:30 p.m....The seventh annual Hall of Fame *Parade of Legends* will follow the *Awards Presentation* along Main Street...Ozzie Smith's *PLAY Ball* Museum fundraiser will be held on Friday, July 22...Class of 2016 members Ken Griffey Jr. and Mike Piazza will be honored during the Induction Ceremony...Admission to the Ceremony is free and the ceremony will be broadcast live on MLB Network....Media credentials for Hall of Fame Weekend are available now at [credentials.mlb.com](http://credentials.mlb.com)... For more information, please visit [www.baseballhall.org/media-info](http://www.baseballhall.org/media-info).

**TO THE NINES:** The BBWAA has elected nine Hall of Fame candidates in the last three years, the most in any three-year span since nine players were elected from 1954-56: Bill Dickey, Rabbit Maranville and Bill Terry in 1954; Joe DiMaggio, Gabby Hartnett, Ted Lyons and Dazzy Vance in 1955; and Joe Cronin and Hank Greenberg in 1956...The only other time the BBWAA elected as many as nine candidates in any three-year span came in the first three elections in 1936-38: Ty Cobb, Walter Johnson, Christy Mathewson, Babe Ruth and Honus Wagner in 1936; Nap Lajoie, Tris Speaker and Cy Young in 1937; Grover Cleveland Alexander in 1938.

**CAP CHOICES:** The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has announced the cap selections that will appear on the Hall of Fame plaques for the two members of the Hall of Fame Class of 2016...Plaques representing Ken Griffey Jr. and Mike Piazza will be revealed as the prelude to each electee's induction speech on July 24...The Hall of Fame plaque, which serves to reflect the totality of a career, details an individual's accomplishments in the game in approximately 90 words, while listing each team on which an individual played or managed...An artist's rendering of the individual being honored tops the Hall of Fame plaque, and in many instances, a cap, where a logo may or may not be featured, is included...In conjunction with the Hall of Fame, the two members of the Class of 2016 have made their selections for the logo inclusion on their Hall of Fame plaque: Ken Griffey Jr. – Seattle Mariners; Mike Piazza – New York Mets...Griffey will be the first Hall of Fame member to represent the Mariners on his Hall of Fame plaque...Piazza becomes just the second Hall of Famer to don a Mets cap on his plaque, joining 1992 inductee Tom Seaver...Class of 2015 inductees Craig Biggio (Astros) and Randy Johnson (Diamondbacks) also became the first players to represent their respective teams with their cap choices.

## THE CLASS OF 2016

**THE KID COMES TO COOPERSTOWN:** The first No. 1 overall pick in the MLB Draft to be elected to the Hall of Fame, Ken Griffey Jr. lived up to expectations by becoming one of the best all-around players in the game's history...Born on Hall of Famer Stan Musial's birthday in Musial's hometown of Donora, Pa., Griffey followed his father, Ken Griffey Sr., to the big leagues...He quickly revived the Mariners franchise with power at the plate, grace in center field and charisma that sparkled throughout the baseball world...By the end of his 22-year big league career, Griffey had totaled 630 home runs, 13 All-Star Game selections, 10 Gold Glove Awards and the 1997 American League MVP Award.

**HIGH AND LOW:** Ken Griffey Jr., the No. 1 overall selection by the Seattle Mariners in the 1987 MLB Amateur Draft, is now the first No. 1 overall pick to be elected to the Hall of Fame...Griffey surpasses Reggie Jackson, the second overall choice by the Kansas City Athletics in 1966, as the highest drafted Hall of Famer...Meanwhile, Mike Piazza is now the lowest drafted player (1988 – 62nd round; pick No. 1,390 by the Los Angeles Dodgers) to eventually earn enshrinement in Cooperstown, surpassing John Smoltz, who was selected in the 22nd round with the 574th overall pick by the Tigers in 1985.

**POWER WILL TRAVEL:** Ken Griffey Jr. becomes the first player who recorded seasons of 40-or-more home runs in both the American and National Leagues to be elected to the Hall of Fame...Griffey achieved the mark six times with the Mariners (1993-94, 1996-99) and once with the Reds (2000)...There have been seven other players who reached 40 homers in full seasons in both leagues, including Adam Dunn, Darrell Evans, Shawn Green, David Justice, Mark McGwire, Albert Pujols and Jim Thome.

**CATCHING UP:** Making his way from a 62<sup>nd</sup> round draft pick to Cooperstown, Mike Piazza traveled a road none had taken...By the time he retired, Piazza could lay claim to being one of the greatest hitting catchers in history...Piazza burst on the scene in 1993, winning National League Rookie of the Year honors after hitting .318 with 35 home runs and 112 RBI...After five stellar seasons with the Dodgers that included two runner-up finishes in the NL Most Valuable Player Award voting, Piazza was traded to the Marlins and then to the Mets, where he led New York to the 2000 National League pennant...In 16 big league seasons, Piazza hit 427 home runs – including a record 396 as a catcher...He was named to 12 All-Star Games and won 10 Silver Slugger Awards.

**BACKSTOP BRAUN:** Mike Piazza holds the career record for most home runs by a catcher with 396...He also had nine seasons of 30 or more home runs, more than double the total of any other backstop in history...In 2000, Piazza tied an MLB record by hitting a homer in 18 different ballparks...Piazza hit home runs when his team needed them most: 157 of his 427 career homers (37 percent) came when his team was behind...Piazza was also able to combine his power with an elite ability to get on base, as he is the only catcher in history to record three different seasons with an OPS (on-base plus slugging percentage) of 1.000 or higher.

## VOTING RECAP

**THE 2016 BALLOT:** The BBWAA ballot featured 32 players, including 15 new candidates and 17 returnees...Candidates appearing on the necessary 75 percent of all ballots cast to earn election appear in bold below...Candidates receiving less than five percent of the vote are no longer eligible for BBWAA consideration and appear in italics below...Fifteen players will return for consideration in 2017...A total of 440 votes were cast, with 330 votes necessary for election and 22 votes necessary to remain on the ballot...Ken Griffey Jr. became the 51<sup>st</sup> player elected to the Hall on his first BBWAA ballot and set a new record by receiving 99.32 percent of the overall vote...Alan Trammell received 40.9 percent of the vote, and Mark McGwire received 12.3 percent in their final years of eligibility on the BBWAA ballot...The final results, in order of percentage received with number of years on the ballot:

NAME	YR	2016	NAME	YR	2016	NAME	YR	2016
<b>Ken Griffey Jr.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>99.3%</b>	Fred McGriff	7	20.9%	<i>Garret Anderson</i>	1	0.2%
<b>Mike Piazza</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>83.0%</b>	Jeff Kent	3	16.6%	<i>Brad Ausmus</i>	1	0.0%
Jeff Bagwell	6	71.6%	Larry Walker	6	15.5%	<i>Luis Castillo</i>	1	0.0%
Tim Lincecum	9	69.8%	Mark McGwire	10	12.3%	<i>Troy Glaus</i>	1	0.0%
Trevor Hoffman	1	67.3%	Gary Sheffield	2	11.6%	<i>Mark Grudzielanek</i>	1	0.0%
Curt Schilling	4	52.3%	Billy Wagner	1	10.5%	<i>Mike Hampton</i>	1	0.0%
Roger Clemens	4	45.2%	Sammy Sosa	4	7.0%	<i>Mike Lowell</i>	1	0.0%
Barry Bonds	4	44.3%	<i>Jim Edmonds</i>	1	2.5%	<i>Randy Winn</i>	1	0.0%
Edgar Martinez	7	43.4%	<i>Nomar Garciaparra</i>	2	1.8%			
Mike Mussina	3	43.0%	<i>Mike Sweeney</i>	1	0.7%			
Alan Trammell	15	40.9%	<i>David Eckstein</i>	1	0.5%			
Lee Smith	14	34.1%	<i>Jason Kendall</i>	1	0.5%			

**THE VOTING ELECTORATE:** Of the 472 Hall of Fame ballots distributed to BBWAA voters for the 2016 election, 440 (93.2 percent) were returned...The most ballots ever cast in one BBWAA Hall of Fame election came in 2011 with 581...The last time a BBWAA Hall of Fame election featured fewer than 500 votes was in 2000 when 499 votes were cast...The last time as few as 440 votes were cast was in 1993 when 423 votes were cast...Voting privileges are extended to those BBWAA members meeting their organization’s Hall of Fame voting qualifications and in good standing with the BBWAA...Voters can select from zero to 10 names on their Hall of Fame ballot...Votes on 75 percent of all ballots cast are necessary for election.

**CAREFUL SELECTION:** 2016 marked the 72nd Hall of Fame election held by the BBWAA...Starting in 1936, the BBWAA has elected someone 64 times and on eight occasions it did not elect anyone (1945, 1946, 1950, 1958, 1960, 1971, 1996, 2013)...On nine occasions, no election was held (1940, 1941, 1943, 1944, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965)...The BBWAA membership has elected from zero to five candidates in each of its 72 elections...As quantified in the chart below, the BBWAA has voted in either one or two players more than any other quantity (26 times).

ELECTED	TIMES	LAST	CLASS
5	1	1936	Cobb, Johnson, Mathewson, Ruth, Wagner
4	3	2015	Biggio, Johnson, Martinez, Smoltz
3	8	2014	Glavine, Maddux, Thomas
2	26	2016	Griffey Jr., Piazza
1	26	2012	Larkin
0	8	2013	----

**THIRD FOR BASES:** Ken Griffey Jr. led the American League in total bases in 1997 with 393, becoming just the third center fielder in history to reach that number in one season, trailing only two other Hall of Famers on the all-time list...Hack Wilson holds the record for center fielders with 423 total bases in 1930, while Joe DiMaggio tallied 418 total bases in 1937.

**CENTER STAGE:** Ken Griffey Jr. stands near the top defensively at his position, as his 10 Gold Glove Awards are tied with Andruw Jones for second behind Willie Mays (12) for most Gold Glove Awards won by players who played the majority of their games in center field...The Gold Glove Award was given to specific positions (right field, center field, left field) in the outfield from 1957 to 1961 before switching to just outfielders from 1961 to 2010...It has been awarded once again to specific outfield positions each year since 2011.

**200, 100:** Mike Piazza is the only catcher in history to record at least 200 hits in a season while catching at least 100 games in that season...Piazza appeared in 139 games as a catcher with the Dodgers in 1997 and tallied 201 hits...Hall of Famer Joe Torre is the only other player to have appeared in as many as half of his games as a catcher in a year with at least 200 hits, having totaled 203 hits with the Cardinals in 1970 while catching 90 games, appearing at 73 games at third base and one game at first base.

**DISHING IT OUT:** Mike Piazza posted six seasons with at least a .300 batting average, 30 home runs and 100 RBI while playing at least half of his games as a catcher during that season...All other catchers in baseball history have totaled nine such seasons: Roy Campanella (3 seasons), Walker Cooper (1 season), Gabby Hartnett (1 season), Javy Lopez (1 season), Ivan Rodriguez (1 season), Joe Torre (1 season) and Rudy York (1 season).

**NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE:** A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: **2017:** Vladimir Guerrero, Jorge Posada, Manny Ramirez, Ivan Rodriguez; **2018:** Chipper Jones, Jim Thome, Omar Vizquel; **2019:** Roy Halladay, Todd Helton, Andy Pettitte, Mariano Rivera; **2020:** Derek Jeter, Paul Konerko, Alfonso Soriano; **2021:** Tim Hudson, Torii Hunter, Aramis Ramirez, Barry Zito.

**RULES FOR ELECTION:** Voting criteria for BBWAA electors can be found at <http://baseballhall.org/hall-famers/rules-election/bbwaa>...Voting rules state that: "Voting shall be based upon the player's record, playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character, and contributions to the team(s) on which the player played."

**THE GAME'S ELITE:** The Hall of Fame is comprised of 312 elected members...Included are 217 former major league players, 28 executives, 35 Negro Leaguers, 22 managers and 10 umpires...The BBWAA has elected 121 candidates to the Hall while the veterans committees (in all forms) have chosen 165 deserving candidates (96 major leaguers, 28 executives, 22 managers, 10 umpires and nine Negro Leaguers)...The defunct "Committee on Negro Baseball Leagues" selected nine men between 1971-77 and the Special Committee on Negro Leagues in 2006 elected 17 Negro Leaguers...There are currently 69 living members.

**LIVING HISTORY:** With the election of Ken Griffey Jr. and Mike Piazza, there are now 69 living members of the Hall of Fame...The all-time mark for the most living members ever at any one point in history since elections began in 1936 is 70, reached in both early 2015 and 2016.

**69 AMBASSADORS:** The 69 living members of the Hall of Fame are: Hank Aaron, Roberto Alomar, Luis Aparicio, Johnny Bench, Craig Biggio, Bert Blyleven, Wade Boggs, George Brett, Lou Brock, Jim Bunning, Rod Carew, Steve Carlton, Orlando Cepeda, Bobby Cox, Andre Dawson, Bobby Doerr, Dennis Eckersley, Rollie Fingers, Carlton Fisk, Whitey Ford, Bob Gibson, Pat Gillick, Tom Glavine, Goose Gossage, Ken Griffey Jr., Doug Harvey, Rickey Henderson, Whitey Herzog, Reggie Jackson, Ferguson Jenkins, Randy Johnson, Al Kaline, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Tony La Russa, Tom Lasorda, Greg Maddux, Juan Marichal, Pedro Martínez, Willie Mays, Bill Mazerowski, Willie McCovey, Paul Molitor, Joe Morgan, Eddie Murray, Phil Niekro, Jim Palmer, Tony Pérez, Gaylord Perry, Mike Piazza, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Brooks Robinson, Frank Robinson, Nolan Ryan, Ryne Sandberg, Mike Schmidt, Red Schoendienst, Tom Seaver, Ozzie Smith, John Smoltz, Bruce Sutter, Don Sutton, Frank Thomas, Joe Torre, Billy Williams, Dave Winfield, Carl Yastrzemski and Robin Yount.

**CONNECTING GENERATIONS:** Bobby Doerr is the oldest living Hall of Famer in history, having surpassed Al Lopez (97 years, 71 days) on June 18, 2015...Doerr was born on April 7, 1918, while World War I was still raging around the globe...Pedro Martínez, who was born on Oct. 25, 1971, is the youngest living Hall of Famer at 44 years of age.

**BETWEEN THE LINES:** Including Negro League players, the following is a breakdown by position of the 246 Hall of Famers who earned their election on the playing field...Also included is the last major leaguer to be elected at each position...Numbers in parenthesis indicate Hall of Famers elected by the BBWAA at each position.

<b>Pitchers</b> ..... 77 (41)	<b>Second Baseman</b> ...21 (11)	<b>Left Fielders</b> .....21 (11)
<b>Catchers</b> ..... 17 (9)	<b>Third Baseman</b> ..... 16 (6)	<b>Center Fielders</b> .....24 (8)
<b>First Baseman</b> ..... 21 (9)	<b>Shortstops</b> .....24 (11)	<b>Right Fielders</b> .....24 (13)
<b>Designated Hitter</b> .... 1 (1)		

DH: Thomas (2014)

PITCHER: Johnson, Martínez, Smoltz (2015)  
 CATCHER: Piazza (2016)  
 FIRST BASE: Murray (2003)

SECOND BASE: Biggio (2015)  
 THIRD BASE: White (2013)  
 SHORTSTOP: Larkin (2012)

LEFT FIELD: Henderson, Rice (2009)  
 CENTER FIELD: Griffey Jr. (2016)  
 RIGHT FIELD: Dawson (2010)

**FIRST THINGS FIRST:** With the election of Ken Griffey Jr., fifty-one players have now been elected in their first year of eligibility (16 pitchers, seven RF, six LF, five CF, five SS, five 3B, three 2B, two 1B, one DH and one catcher; position based on where electee played the majority of his big league games)...In 10 of the last 16 elections, at least one player has been elected in his first year of eligibility...Other than the inaugural Hall of Fame election, 1999, 2014 and 2015 are the only three years where as many as three first-year candidates were elected at once...NOTE: Lou Gehrig (who received votes in 1936 while active and then was elected by acclamation in 1939) and Roberto Clemente (by special election in 1973) were each elected through a non-traditional process and are not counted in the 50.

YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME
1936	Ty Cobb	1979	Willie Mays	1991	Rod Carew	2004	Paul Molitor
1936	Honus Wagner	1980	Al Kaline	1992	Tom Seaver	2005	Wade Boggs
1936	Babe Ruth	1981	Bob Gibson	1993	Reggie Jackson	2007	Cal Ripken
1936	Christy Mathewson	1982	Hank Aaron	1994	Steve Carlton	2007	Tony Gwynn
1936	Walter Johnson	1982	Frank Robinson	1995	Mike Schmidt	2009	Rickey Henderson
1962	Jackie Robinson	1983	Brooks Robinson	1999	Nolan Ryan	2014	Greg Maddux
1962	Bob Feller	1985	Lou Brock	1999	George Brett	2014	Tom Glavine
1966	Ted Williams	1986	Willie McCovey	1999	Robin Yount	2014	Frank Thomas
1969	Stan Musial	1988	Willie Stargell	2001	Kirby Puckett	2015	Randy Johnson
1972	Sandy Koufax	1989	Johnny Bench	2001	Dave Winfield	2015	Pedro Martínez
1973	Warren Spahn	1989	Carl Yastrzemski	2002	Ozzie Smith	2015	John Smoltz
1974	Mickey Mantle	1990	Jim Palmer	2003	Eddie Murray	2016	Ken Griffey Jr.
1977	Ernie Banks	1990	Joe Morgan	2004	Dennis Eckersley		

**TRY AND TRY AGAIN:** The 68 men not elected by the BBWAA in their first year eligible were done so on a later ballot, taking from two to 16 elections...The length of time a player could stay on the BBWAA ballot has varied throughout history...From 1946-56, the rule was that a player must have been active at some point in the 25 years prior to the election – it was increased to 30 years from 1956-62, was 20 years from 1963-2014 and is now 15 years...When one walks through the Hall of Fame Gallery, though, the year or method by which players were elected are not noted...The 68 non-first year BBWAA electees: **2nd election** (Alomar, Berra, Fingers, Fisk, Ford, Lajoie, Speaker, Young); **3rd election** (Alexander, Biggio, Grove, Hubbell, Hunter, Jenkins, Larkin, Marichal, Ott, Perry, Sandberg); **4th election** (E.Collins, DiMaggio, Keeler, Killebrew, Piazza, Roberts, Sisler, Wynn); **5th election** (Campanella, Hornsby, Mathews, Niekro, Sutton); **6th election** (Aparicio, Carter, Cochrane, Frisch, Gehringer, P.Waner, B.Williams); **7th election** (Appling, Foxx); **8th election** (Pennock, Traynor, Wilhelm); **9th election** (Dawson, Gossage, Greenberg, Medwick, Perez); **10th election** (Boudreau, Cronin, Dickey, Drysdale, Lyons, Simmons); **11th election** (Snider); **12th election** (Dean, Hartnett, Heilmann, Lemon); **13th election** (Kiner, Sutter); **14th election** (Blyleven, Maranville, Terry); **15th election** (Rice, Ruffing); **16th election** (Vance).

**ONE-TEAM WONDERS:** There are 49 Hall of Famers who spent their entire career with one team...The list includes: Luke Appling, Ernie Banks, Johnny Bench, Craig Biggio, George Brett, Roy Campanella, Roberto Clemente, Earle Combs, Bill Dickey, Joe DiMaggio, Bobby Doerr, Don Drysdale, Red Faber, Bob Feller, Whitey Ford, Lou Gehrig, Charlie Gehringer, Bob Gibson, Tony Gwynn, Carl Hubbell, Travis Jackson, Walter Johnson, Addie Joss, Al Kaline, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Bob Lemon, Ted Lyons, Mickey Mantle, Bill Mazeroski, Bid McPhee, Stan Musial, Mel Ott, Jim Palmer, Kirby Puckett, Pee Wee Reese, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Phil Rizzuto, Brooks Robinson, Jackie Robinson, Mike Schmidt, Willie Stargell, Pie Traynor, Bill Terry, Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Ross Youngs and Robin Yount.

**NINE TENTHS OF THE LAW:** No individual has been elected to the Hall of Fame by the BBWAA as a unanimous choice, though there have been many close calls...Ken Griffey Jr. became the 31<sup>st</sup> player to earn at least 90 percent of the BBWAA vote in any one election...Griffey, who received 99.32% of the vote in 2016, set a record for highest vote percentage received in a BBWAA election...The 31 players with at least 90% of votes cast in their favor:

YEAR	PLAYER	BALLOTS CAST	VOTES RECEIVED	% RECEIVED	OMITTED BALLOTS
2016	Ken Griffey Jr.	440	437	99.32%	3
1992	Tom Seaver	430	425	98.84%	5
1999	Nolan Ryan	497	491	98.79%	6
2007	Cal Ripken	545	537	98.53%	8
1936	Ty Cobb	226	222	98.23%	4
1999	George Brett	497	488	98.19%	9
1982	Hank Aaron	415	406	97.83%	9
2007	Tony Gwynn	545	532	97.60%	13
2015	Randy Johnson	549	534	97.27%	15
2014	Greg Maddux	571	555	97.20%	16
1995	Mike Schmidt	460	444	96.52%	16
1989	Johnny Bench	447	431	96.42%	16
1994	Steve Carlton	455	436	95.82%	19
1936	Honus Wagner	226	215	95.13%	11
1936	Babe Ruth	226	215	95.13%	11
2009	Rickey Henderson	539	511	94.81%	28
1979	Willie Mays	432	409	94.67%	23
1989	Carl Yastrzemski	447	423	94.63%	24
1962	Bob Feller	160	150	93.75%	10
1993	Reggie Jackson	423	396	93.62%	27
1966	Ted Williams	302	282	93.37%	20
1969	Stan Musial	340	317	93.23%	23
1990	Jim Palmer	444	411	92.57%	33
1983	Brooks Robinson	374	344	91.97%	30
2014	Tom Glavine	571	525	91.94%	46
2005	Wade Boggs	516	474	91.86%	42
2002	Ozzie Smith	472	433	91.74%	39
2015	Pedro Martinez	549	500	91.07%	49
1936	Christy Mathewson	226	205	90.70%	21
1991	Rod Carew	443	401	90.50%	42
2011	Roberto Alomar	581	523	90.02%	58

## 2016 AWARD WINNERS

Graham McNamee, winner of the 2016 Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasters, and Dan Shaughnessy, the 2016 winner of the Baseball Writers' Association of America's J.G. Taylor Spink Award, will be honored at the 2016 Hall of Fame Awards Presentation on Saturday, July 23 at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown.

**BOSTON STRONG:** *Boston Globe* sports columnist Dan Shaughnessy, who has been a major voice on baseball in New England and nationally for 35 years, was elected the 2016 winner of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America...Shaughnessy, born July 20, 1953 in Groton, Mass., began his career with the *Baltimore Evening Sun* in 1977 and then took a role as a national baseball writer for the *Washington Star* before settling in with the *Globe* in 1986...The Holy Cross graduate has covered more than 35 spring trainings and 25 World Series...He has also written 12 books, including nine on baseball, most notably "Curse of the Bambino"...Shaughnessy also popularized the phrase, "Red Sox Nation" which took on special meaning during the team's storybook run to the 2004 World Series championship, marking the franchise's first title in 86 years...Through his columns, Shaughnessy has taken on owners, front offices, managers, coaches and players alike in pertinent issues through good times and bad with the Red Sox...He was the last writer to interview Hall of Famer Ted Williams before the legend's passing in 2002...Shaughnessy becomes the fifth Boston-based writer to be honored, joining Harold Kaese and Tim Murnane, plus his former *Globe* colleagues Peter Gammons and Larry Whiteside...Shaughnessy is the 67<sup>th</sup> winner of the Spink Award.

**RADIO'S FIRST SUPERSTAR:** Graham McNamee, whose national play-by-play of the World Series in the earliest days of radio transformed the one-time opera singer into a household name, was selected as the 2016 recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...Born July 10, 1888 in Washington, D.C. and raised in St. Paul, Minn., McNamee aspired to be an opera singer...But during a lunch break from jury duty in 1923, McNamee strolled into radio station WEAJ in New York City and auditioned for a job as an announcer...The station was impressed with his diction and voice and hired him...When the 1923 World Series arrived featuring the Yankees and the Giants, McNamee was paired with legendary sportswriter Grantland Rice on the air – and quickly demonstrated a knack for entertaining reportage of the games...McNamee's work at the World Series vaulted him to the head of the class of announcers in the fledgling world of national radio broadcasts...He helped establish NBC's role at major events, calling auto races, boxing matches, political conventions and the return of Charles Lindbergh from his transatlantic flight in 1927...Just like Lindbergh, McNamee was featured on the cover of *Time* magazine for his exploits in 1927...But it was through baseball games where McNamee reached his greatest audience...He called the World Series each year from 1923 through 1934 and also worked the first four MLB All-Star Games from 1933 through 1936...McNamee passed away in 1942 at the age of 53...He is the 40<sup>th</sup> winner of the Frick Award.

## MUSEUM NEWS FROM COOPERSTOWN

**COMING TO COOPERSTOWN:** The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has already received treasures from the 2016 season, including: Batting gloves and batting helmet worn by the Rockies' Trevor Story April 4-6 when he hit four home runs in his first three big league games to set a new mark...A "Smart Bat" used by Angels outfielder Mike Trout during Spring Training, created by Zepp Labs, designed to evaluate swing and measure data generated in performance...The cap worn by umpire Ramon De Jesus when he became the first native of the Dominican Republic to umpire an MLB game on April 22 at Comerica Park in Detroit...And the spikes worn by the Marlins' Ichiro Suzuki when he recorded his 500<sup>th</sup> career stolen base on April 29 against the Brewers.

**SAN FRANCISCO TREAT:** The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has received a legacy grant, in the amount of \$250,000, from San Francisco RBI (SF RBI), a Bay Area nonprofit educational organization now winding down its operations, which focused its efforts on integrating reading and baseball to raise literacy levels of under-resourced youth in San Francisco...The SF RBI legacy grant will be used to continue educational outreach from Cooperstown for students within the San Francisco Unified School District; to provide educational experiences and resources for Junior Giants participants throughout the Bay Area; as well as to provide grants for central New York students to visit the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...The Museum was selected to receive the legacy grant following its work in recent years with SF RBI in collaboration on the delivery of videoconference programs for San Francisco students, as well as its work with the delivery of the Museum's "Be A Superior Example" (BASE) Program for students served by the SF RBI footprint...The legacy grant, to be used over the next 10 years, ensures that students from San Francisco communities who have previously been served by programs from the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum will continue to receive access to the Museum's educational content well into the next decade...Initially, the grant will be used to fund three initiatives:

- The delivery of up to 100 videoconference programs annually to students, in grades four through nine, attending schools within the San Francisco Unified School district. Teachers may select any of the Museum's 10 distance-learning modules.
- Educational outreach to San Francisco's Junior Giants program, the Giants' youth baseball program featuring 22,000 participants in 90 counties in California, Oregon and Nevada, for baseball participants ages 5-18. Annually, a selected youth baseball program within the Junior Giants program will receive hands-on educational instruction from the Baseball Hall of Fame, with the delivery of the "BASE" program on-site.
- Grants to Central New York schools to help fund educational field trips to the Museum. The grants will serve under-resourced youth in the Baseball Hall of Fame's backyard, who otherwise may be unable to access the Museum's education programs. These grants will be administered by the Baseball Hall of Fame, in an effort to welcome new audiences from Central New York.

**ROYAL CELEBRATION:** The Kansas City Royals are the World Series champions, and visitors will have another chance this summer to re-live the team's second championship...The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum will host Royals Weekend July 2-3 in Cooperstown, with the 2015 World Series trophy on display at the Museum both days...The trophy will be on exhibit at the Museum from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 2 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 3...Visitors will be permitted to take pictures with the trophy...Fans may also view game-used artifacts from Kansas City's Fall Classic triumph in the Museum's *Autumn Glory* exhibition celebrating the postseason...Artifacts on exhibit through the conclusion of the 2016 postseason include:

- Jersey worn by Royals first baseman Eric Hosmer in Game 5, which featured his daring dash home with the tying run in the ninth inning
- Glove used by Royals catcher and World Series Most Valuable Player Salvador Perez throughout the Series
- Spikes worn throughout the Series by Royals center fielder Lorenzo Cain
- Road cap worn by Royals closer Wade Davis, who struck out eight batters in four innings and notched the Series' only save
- Bat used by Royals third baseman Mike Moustakas, who hit .304 in the Series and drove in three runs
- Bat used by Royals shortstop Alcides Escobar, who scored four runs and drove in four more in the Series

For more information on Royals Weekend at the Hall of Fame, visit [www.baseballhall.org/events](http://www.baseballhall.org/events).

**A WHOLE NEW LOOK:** Baseball remains unchanged as the National Pastime, a label it has worn for more than 100 years...But the game is also forever changing, reflecting its days and adapting to its time...Those changes have never been more evident than in the past five decades, and the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum tells the story of baseball's most recent era in its *Whole New Ballgame* exhibit...The Museum's newest permanent exhibit opened Nov. 7 in the new Janetschek Gallery on the Museum's second floor, and features more than 300 artifacts and Library items while exploring iconic moments like Carlton Fisk's home run in Game 6 of the 1975 World Series, game-altering rules changes like the designated hitter and labor challenges that redefined the fiscal boundaries of the sport...Featuring new video displays and the implementation of interactive elements not seen before at the Cooperstown shrine, *Whole New Ballgame* chronicles the changing nature of baseball from the 1970s to the present by examining the game and its culture as a whole...The game's athletic achievements and evolving nature are celebrated and explained as well as the fans' presence and the far-reaching social implications of the sport...*Whole New Ballgame* is made possible by a donation from Bill Janetschek, Jr. to honor his late father...The Janetscheks have been passionate fans of baseball dating back to Bill Sr.'s first Dodgers games at Ebbets Field in the 1940s.

## COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

**VIP TREATMENT:** This spring, fans have the opportunity to explore the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum through a special program designed to give Cooperstown visitors a Hall of Fame VIP Experience...The Museum has partnered with Cooperstown accommodations to offer this unique package, which includes behind-the-scenes experiences at the Museum...This special package is only available through participating accommodations...Your VIP Experience will begin with exclusive after-hours access to the Hall of Fame on Thursday evening and wrap up on Friday with a private reception...Upcoming dates include Sept. 8-9, Oct. 13-14 and Nov. 17-18...For more information, please visit <http://baseballhall.org/visit/vip-experience> or call 607-547-0397.

**'BHOFF BEACON' MOBILE APP GUIDES VISITORS ON HISTORY-FILLED JOURNEY TO COOPERSTOWN:** The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has launched a new mobile app from the Cooperstown shrine – “BHOFF Beacon” – which is now available for free in iOS through iTunes...The app provides baseball fans with an exclusive location-based mobile tool that opens users' eyes to baseball history all around them, ultimately inspiring a pilgrimage to the Hall of Fame...The app also incorporates artifacts, historic imagery and video from the Museum, spotlighting destinations throughout New York State that a Cooperstown-bound visitor might encounter along the way, such as the location of the now-shuttered Ebbets Field where Jackie Robinson made his major league debut on April 15, 1947...The app will be expanding in the coming months to spotlight destinations across America...Built by Sullivan, a top brand engagement firm, The Beacon brings to fans a living exhibit of baseball moments and places throughout the country, starting with New York State...The Beacon provides users with indicators when near an historical baseball site, showcasing pictures, video and audio to deepen the user experience...Thanks to support from Empire State Development and the I Love NY Division of Tourism, The Beacon app is the first to be released by the Baseball Hall of Fame...In the coming weeks, the self-discovery experience of The Beacon app will be complemented with additional features and content as new places and moments from across the country are continually being added.

**SUMMER DAYS, SUMMER NIGHTS:** The Museum's extended hours begin Memorial Day Weekend and will remain in effect through the day before Labor Day...Extended summer hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. from Sunday, May 29 through the day before Labor Day...The Museum is open every day of the year, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day...Ticket prices are \$23 for adults (13 and over), \$15 for seniors (65 and over), \$12 for those holding current memberships in the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and AMVets organizations, and \$12 for juniors (ages 7-12)...Members and active or career retired military personnel are always admitted free of charge and there is no charge for children 6 years of age or younger...For more information, visit our website at [www.baseballhall.org](http://www.baseballhall.org) or call 888-HALL-OF-FAME (888-425-5633) or 607-547-7200.