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HALL OF FAME WEEKEND, JULY 22-25

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND 2016: The 2016 edition of Hall of Fame Weekend will take place July 22-25, with the Induction Ceremony occurring on Sunday, July 24, at 1:30 p.m. EDT...Baseball Writers' Association of America electees Ken Griffey Jr. and Mike Piazza will be inducted as the Class of 2016...Admission to the ceremony at the Clark Sports Center is free...MLB Network and Sirius XM Radio will carry the Induction Ceremony live...It will also be simulcast on www.baseballhall.org...Saturday, July 23, will feature the Hall of Fame Awards Presentation at 4:30 p.m. at Doubleday Field...Longtime *Boston Globe* writer Dan Shaughnessy will receive the J.G. Taylor Spink Award for meritorious contributions to baseball writing and pioneering broadcaster Graham McNamee will be posthumously honored as the Ford C. Frick Award winner for excellence in broadcasting...The Awards Presentation will also feature an appearance by New York City Fire Department Battalion Chief Vin Mavaro, who will share his thoughts and memories about baseball's role in helping New York City, and the nation, begin to recover from the 9/11 attacks...In late September of 2001, Mavaro found a baseball in the rubble of the World Trade Center...Upon donating it to the Museum, Mavaro explained at the time that the ball offered an unexpected, almost visceral, reminder of the ideal so many of us learned as children, the notion that a game – and its immortals – can have melding, communal power...For a complete schedule of Weekend events, see the list below or visit www.baseballhall.org/hofweekend.

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52 REALLY GOOD REASONS TO RETURN TO COOPERSTOWN: 52 of the 69 living Hall of Famers, including the Class of 2016 (in **boldface**), are planning to return to Cooperstown for Hall of Fame Weekend...Those planning to attend as of July 21 include:

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| Henry Aaron | Dennis Eckersley | Sandy Koufax | Cal Ripken |
| Luis Aparicio | Rollie Fingers | Tony La Russa | Brooks Robinson |
| Johnny Bench | Carlton Fisk | Barry Larkin | Frank Robinson |
| Craig Biggio | Whitey Ford | Tommy Lasorda | Ryne Sandberg |
| Bert Blyleven | Pat Gillick | Juan Marichal | Mike Schmidt |
| Wade Boggs | Tom Glavine | Pedro Martínez | Ozzie Smith |
| George Brett | Ken Griffey Jr. | Eddie Murray | John Smoltz |
| Jim Bunning | Goose Gossage | Phil Niekro | Bruce Sutter |
| Rod Carew | Rickey Henderson | Jim Palmer | Frank Thomas |
| Steve Carlton | Reggie Jackson | Mike Piazza | Joe Torre |
| Orlando Cepeda | Fergie Jenkins | Tony Pérez | Billy Williams |
| Bobby Cox | Randy Johnson | Gaylord Perry | Dave Winfield |
| Andre Dawson | Al Kaline | Jim Rice | Robin Yount |

BOOK NOW FOR FUTURE WEEKENDS: Hall of Fame Weekend is typically scheduled for the last weekend in July, though not always...The 2017 Induction Weekend is scheduled for July 28-31, with the Induction on July 30...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, Hideki Matsui, Jim Thome, Omar Vizquel; **2019:** Roy Halladay, Todd Helton, Andy Pettitte, Mariano Rivera; **2020:** Bobby Abreu, Josh Beckett, Derek Jeter, Paul Konerko; **2021:** Tim Hudson, Torii Hunter, Aramis Ramirez, Barry Zito.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION: The 2016 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will once again be held at the Clark Sports Center, located one mile south of the Museum on Susquehanna Avenue...This marks the 25th consecutive year at that location for the event...From 1966-1991 (26 years) except 1967, the ceremony was held in Cooper Park, on the east side of the Museum...Ceremonies were originally held on Main Street in front of the main entrance to the Hall of Fame, from 1939-1965 and in 1967.

BY AIR: MLB Network will broadcast the Induction Ceremony and other events throughout the weekend from Cooperstown...The Induction Ceremony will be broadcast live on MLB Network, which is available in more than 70 million homes, on Sunday, July 24, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. EDT...Sirius XM satellite radio will cover the ceremony nationwide....The ceremony will also be streamed live at www.baseballhall.org.

COME ONE, COME ALL: In the past decade, an average 27,000 fans per year have attended the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony...In 2007, an estimated 82,000 fans packed Cooperstown, honoring the Hall of Fame induction of Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn and setting a Hall of Fame Weekend attendance record...Following 2007, the top six estimated crowds for Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies: 50,000 (**1999**); 48,000 (**2014**); 45,000 (**2015**); 40,000 (**1995**); 27,000 (**2001** and **2005**).

NOTABLE NAMES FLOCK TO COOPERSTOWN: Many members of the baseball family are planning to be in Cooperstown for Induction Weekend to honor the newest electees...Among those scheduled to attend the festivities, as of July 21, include: Former Mariners outfielder Jay Buhner; former Mariners first baseman Alvin Davis; MLB Players Association executive director Tony Clark; Mariners general manager Jerry DiPoto; former big league outfielder and current MLB Network host Cliff Floyd; Reds general manager Walt Jocketty; former big league first baseman and current FOX Sports analyst Eric Karros; former big league pitcher and current MLB Network host Al Leiter; MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred; former Mariners designated hitter Edgar Martinez; former big league pitcher Jamie Moyer; former big league manager Lou Piniella; former big league outfielder Reggie Smith; former NFL running back Thurman Thomas; and former big league outfielder Bobby Tolan.

THORNE AMONG THE LEGENDS: Gary Thorne, current Baltimore Orioles broadcaster who has also called games for the New York Mets and ESPN, will be the Master of Ceremonies at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony for the sixth consecutive year and eighth year overall...Thorne previously served as emcee at the 2005, 2007 and 2011-15 Induction Ceremonies.

NATIONAL ANTHEM: “The Star-Spangled Banner” will be performed at the Induction Ceremony by Alexandra Fassler of Oneonta, N.Y.

TIMELESS WORDS: Ken Griffey Jr. and Mike Piazza will present acceptance speeches during the Induction Ceremony...The acceptance speeches will be preceded by the welcome to the Hall of Fame by Chairman Jane Forbes Clark and the dedication of the two plaques, with the reading of the plaque text by MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred.

TRANSCRIPTS AVAILABLE: Transcripts from Sunday’s Induction Ceremony will be available within five hours after the event at www.baseballhall.org/media-info.

AWARDS PRESENTATION: The 2016 *Awards Presentation*, hosted by MLB Network’s Greg Amsinger, will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 23 at Doubleday Field...Longtime *Boston Globe* writer Dan Shaughnessy will receive the J.G. Taylor Spink Award for meritorious contributions to baseball writing, while pioneering broadcaster Graham McNamee will be posthumously honored as the Ford C. Frick Award winner for excellence in broadcasting...Fire Department Battalion Chief Vin Mavaro will share his thoughts and memories of baseball’s role in helping New York City, and the nation, begin to recover from the 9/11 attacks...The returning Hall of Famers will be present on the stage at Doubleday Field...Gates open at 3 p.m. and admission is free.

TROLLEY TRANSPORTATION: The Cooperstown Trolley will provide transit to the Hall of Fame and Doubleday Field from three different locations during the Weekend: the Red Lot on Route 28 (Glen Avenue) at Maple Street; the Blue Lot on Route 28 just south of Cooperstown; and the Yellow Lot on Route 80 at the upper parking lot of the Fenimore Art Museum...All-day passes are available (\$2 adults and FREE for children 5-and-under)...The Trolley will operate throughout Hall of Fame Weekend daily 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m...Follow the Trolley’s progress at www.followthetrolley.com.

A BIG LEAGUE THANK YOU: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum extends special thanks to the following organizations for their support of Hall of Fame Weekend events: The Clark Foundation, Clark Sports Center, Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Cooperstown Boy Scouts Troop 1254, Cooperstown Central School, Curtis 1000, Eastern Copy, Fernleigh Greenhouse, Ford Motor Company, Jostens, Leatherstocking Corporation, Matthews International, MIDTEL, MLB Network, Otesaga Hotel and Resort, P & J Corporation, Price Chopper Supermarkets, Ronco and Sports Travel & Tours.

EXTENDED STAY: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is open for extended hours during Hall of Fame Weekend: Friday, July 22 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, July 23 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, July 24 – 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Monday, July 25 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m....Participants in the Hall of Fame’s Membership Program can enter the Museum one hour early on Saturday, Sunday and Monday...Plan your trip to Cooperstown for Hall of Fame Weekend by visiting the “Join Us” section at <http://www.baseballhall.org/visit/hall-of-fame-weekend>...Special Hall of Fame Weekend travel packages are available at www.sportstravelandtours.com.

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 62nd 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.

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.

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 67th 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 40th winner of the Frick Award.

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND LINEUP

PLAN NOW FOR A HISTORIC WEEKEND: Hall of Fame Weekend 2016 will be held July 22-25 with the annual Induction Ceremony scheduled to take place on Sunday, July 24 at 1:30 p.m. EDT as the highlight of the weekend...The Induction Weekend schedule includes:

Friday, July 22

- Ozzie Smith's *PLAY Ball* Museum fundraiser will be held at 8 a.m. The annual fundraiser for the Museum's educational programs gives fans a unique opportunity to experience on-field moments and share stories with Ozzie and his Hall of Fame friends Craig Biggio, Goose Gossage and John Smoltz. The event begins with an exclusive morning reception in the Hall of Fame Plaque Gallery, then moves to a Cooperstown-area diamond for two hours of interactive stories, instruction and fun. To register, please call 607-547-0397.

Saturday, July 23

- The Hall of Fame Awards Presentation will take place at 4:30 p.m. at Doubleday Field. Longtime *Boston Globe* writer Dan Shaughnessy will receive the J.G. Taylor Spink Award for meritorious contributions to baseball writing, while pioneering broadcaster Graham McNamee will be posthumously honored as the Ford C. Frick Award winner for excellence in broadcasting. The returning Hall of Famers will be present on the stage at Doubleday Field. Admission to the Awards Presentation is free and open to the public.
- The seventh annual Hall of Fame Parade of Legends will begin at 6 p.m. along Main Street. Hall of Fame members will participate in the parade, which will originate on Chestnut Street and conclude at the front steps of the Museum on Main Street. Hall of Famers will ride in trucks provided by Ford Motor Company en route to a private reception at the Museum.

Sunday, July 24

- The annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Clark Sports Center, located one mile south of the Hall of Fame. Baseball Writers' Association of America electees Ken Griffey Jr. and Mike Piazza will be inducted on stage in front of more than four dozen returning Hall of Famers. Admission to the ceremony at the Clark Sports Center, which is expected to last two-to-three hours, is free.

Monday, July 25

- The Class of 2016 will share memories of their careers and reminisce about Induction Weekend as MLB Network's Peter Gammons hosts the *Legends of the Game Roundtable* at 10:30 a.m. at Doubleday Field. Tickets for this event are available exclusively to participants in the Museum's Membership Program and can be reserved by calling 607-547-0397.

BBWAA BALLOTING 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 51st 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
Ken Griffey Jr.	1	99.3%	Fred McGriff	7	20.9%	<i>Garret Anderson</i>	1	0.2%
Mike Piazza	4	83.0%	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 Martínez	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	----

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 ALL-TIME GREATS: 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.

LOST LEGENDS: Since the 2015 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the Hall of Fame has lost two of its members: Yogi Berra, who passed away on Sept. 22, 2015; and Monte Irvin, who passed away on Jan. 11, 2016.

CONNECTING GENERATIONS: At 98, 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.

- Pitchers 77 (41)
- Catchers..... 17 (9)
- First Baseman 21 (9)
- Designated Hitter 1 (1)
- Second Baseman ..21 (11)
- Third Baseman16 (6)
- Shortstops24 (11)
- Left Fielders21 (11)
- Center Fielders24 (8)
- Right Fielders.....24 (13)

- PITCHER: Johnson, Martínez, Smoltz (2015)
- CATCHER: Piazza (2016)
- FIRST BASE: Murray (2003)
- DH: Thomas (2014)
- 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, Marichal, 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, Gehring, P.Waner, B.Williams); **7th election** (Appling, Foxx); **8th election** (Pennock, Traynor, Wilhelm); **9th election** (Dawson, Gossage, Greenberg, Medwick, Pérez); **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).

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 31st 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

NEW YORK, NEW YORK: Attempting to categorize Hall of Famers by team is complicated in those cases where an individual distinguishes himself with multiple organizations...For this chart, games played was the deciding factor for position players to suit up for more than one club; for pitchers, games won was the yardstick used... Executives and managers are included... By this method, the Yankees have better representation than any other club and the N.Y. Giants have placed the most former **players** in the Hall (20).

#	LG	TEAM	HALL OF FAMERS
28	AL	NYN	Barrow, Berra, Chesbro, Combs, Dickey, DiMaggio, Ford, Gehrig, Gomez, Gordon, Gossage, Hoyt, Huggins, Keeler, Lazzeri, Larry MacPhail, Lee MacPhail, Mantle, McCarthy, Pennock, Rizzuto, Ruffing, Ruppert, Ruth, Torre, Stengel, Weiss, Winfield
21	NL	NYG	Bresnahan, Connor, Davis, Ewing, T.Jackson, Hubbell, Irvin, Keefe, G. Kelly, Lindstrom, Marquard, Mathewson, McGinnity, McGraw, O'Rourke, Ott, Rusie, Terry, Ward, Welch, Youngs
18	NL	Cubs	Anson, Banks, Brown, Chance, Cuyler, Evers, Griffith, Jenkins, Hartnett, Herman, K.Kelly, Sandberg, Santo, Spalding, Sutter, Tinker, B.Williams, Wilson
18	NL	STL	Bottomley, Brock, Dean, Frisch, Gibson, Hafey, Haines, Herzog, Hornsby, La Russa, Medwick, Mize, Musial, *Rickey, Schoendienst, Southworth, Slaughter, Smith
14	AL	CWS	Aparicio, Appling, E.Collins, Comiskey, Faber, Fisk, Fox, Lopez, Lyons, Schalk, Thomas, Veeck, Walsh, Wilhelm
13	NL	Pit	Beckley, Carey, Clarke, Clemente, Dreyfuss, Kiner, Mazerowski, Stargell, Traynor, Vaughn, Wagner, P.Waner, L.Waner
12	AL	Cle	Averill, Boudreau, Coveleski, Doby, Feller, Flick, Joss, Lajoie, Lemon, Sewell, Speaker, Wynn
11	NL	Brook	Campanella, Durocher, Grimes, MacPhail, Reese, *Rickey, J.Robinson, W.Robinson, Snider, Vance, Wheat
11	NL	Cin	Bench, Giles, Larkin, Lombardi, McKechnie, McPhee, Morgan, Pérez, F.Robinson, Rixey, Roush
11	NL	Phil	Alexander, Ashburn, Bancroft, Carlton, Delahanty, Hamilton, Klein, Roberts, Schmidt, Thompson, Wright
10	AL	Det	Anderson, Bunning, Cobb, Crawford, Gehring, Greenberg, Heilmann, Kaline, Kell, Newhouser
9	AL	Phil	Baker, Bender, Cochrane, Foxx, Grove, Mack, Plank, Simmons, Waddell
10	AL	Bos	Boggs, J.Collins, Cronin, Doerr, Hooper, Martínez, J. Rice, T.Williams, Yastrzemski, Yawkey
7	NL	Bos	Clarkson, Duffy, Maranville, McCarthy, Nichols, Willis, Wright
6	AL	Wash	Goslin, Griffith, Harris, Johnson, Manush, S. Rice
6	NL	LA	Alston, Drysdale, Koufax, Lasorda, O'Malley, Sutton
5	NL	SF	Cepeda, Marichal, Mays, McCovey, Perry
5	AL	Balt	Murray, Palmer, Ripken, B.Robinson, Weaver
5	AL	Oak	Eckersley, Fingers, Henderson, Hunter, R. Jackson
5	NL	Atl	Cox, Glavine, Maddux, Niekro, Smoltz
4	AL	Min	Blyleven, Carew, Killebrew, Puckett
4	AL	StL	Ferrell, Paige, Sisler, Wallace
3	NL	Mil	Aaron, Mathews, Spahn
3	NL	Bal	Hanlon, Jennings, J.Kelley
3	NL	Mon	Carter, Dawson, D. Williams
3	NL	Buffalo	Brouthers, Galvin, White
2	NL	Cle	Burkett, Young
2	AL	Mil	Molitor, Yount
2	NL	Mets	Piazza, Seaver
2	AL	Sea	Griffey, R. Johnson
2	AL	Tor	Alomar, Gillick
1	NL	Prov	Radbourn
1	AL	KC	Brett
1	AL	Cal	Ryan
1	NL	SD	Gwynn
1	NL	HOU	Biggio

*Branch Rickey spent an equal number of years with St. Louis & Brooklyn

**Randy Johnson's plaque features an Arizona Diamondbacks cap

CHAPMAN AND THE CROW: The team with the most Hall of Fame representation is the 1931-33 New York Yankees...With 75% of its everyday players plus three hurlers and the manager, 10 people from those three successful Yankee clubs are recognized in Cooperstown...Those in the Hall include Bill Dickey (C); Lou Gehrig (1B), Tony Lazzeri (2B), Joe Sewell (3B); Earle Combs (CF); Babe Ruth (RF); Red Ruffing, Lefty Gomez and Herb Pennock (P); and Joe McCarthy (mgr.)...From those teams, only the shortstop (Frank Crosetti) and left field (Ben Chapman) positions have not been elected to the Hall of Fame...Sewell entered the Hall as a shortstop, though he played third base for the Yankees at the tail end of his career.

MUSEUM UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 22: Authors' Series: Longtime Cincinnati Reds beat writer Hal McCoy, the 2002 J.G. Taylor Spink Award winner, visits the National Baseball Hall of Fame to discuss his book "The Real McCoy: My Half Century with the Cincinnati Reds"...A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum's Bullpen Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

SUNDAY, JULY 23: Authors' Series: MLB Network host Brian Kenny visits the National Baseball Hall of Fame to discuss his book "Ahead of the Curve: Inside Baseball's Revolution"... Forget batting average. Kill the "Win." Say goodbye to starting pitchers. And please, please stop bunting. In "Ahead of the Curve," Brian Kenny shows how baseball has been revolutionized – not destroyed – by analytical thinking...A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum's Bullpen Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3: Authors' Series: Author Mitchell Nathanson visits the Museum to discuss his book "God Almighty Himself: The Life and Legacy of Dick Allen"... Nathanson shows how Allen's career exposed the racial double standard that had become entrenched in the game and the forces that were bent on preserving the status quo...A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum's Bullpen Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

SATURDAY, AUG. 6: Blood Drive: The Hall of Fame will host a blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross and Bassett Hospital from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Cooper Park... All visitors who wish to donate blood will receive free admission to the Museum... To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800- RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10: Authors' Series: Author Peter Bjarkman visits the Museum to discuss his book "Cuba's Baseball Defectors"... Bjarkman tells the stories of colorful Dodgers outfielder Yasiel Puig, American League Rookie of the Year José Abreu, Home Run Derby champion Yoenis Céspedes and flame-throwing reliever Aroldis Chapman...A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum's Bullpen Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17: Authors' Series: Author Dan D'Addona visits the Museum to discuss his book "In Cobb's Shadow"... Considered one of the greatest baseball players of all time, Ty Cobb cast a shadow over the game with his daring style of play and his status as one of the game's finest pure hitters...Sam Crawford, Harry Heilmann and Heinie Manush were three of the greatest players in history, good enough to become members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame...Each of these stars played in the Tigers' outfield alongside Cobb, though their fame never reached the level of his...A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum's Bullpen Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

SATURDAY, AUG. 20: Authors' Series: Author Matt Silverman visits the National Baseball Hall of Fame to discuss his book "One Year Dynasty"... After being knocked out of contention the previous two seasons, the New York Mets blasted through the National League in 1986...Matt Silverman's book recounts step by step the Mets' meteoric rise in 1986 when they won it all...A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum's Bullpen Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

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...The spikes worn by the Marlins' Ichiro Suzuki when he recorded his 500th career stolen base on April 29 against the Brewers...The spikes worn by the Yankees' Carlos Beltran when he hit his 400th career home run on May 15 against the White Sox...The bat used by the Rangers' Adrian Beltre when he recorded his 1,500th career RBI on May 28 against the Pirates...The bat used by the Yankees' Mark Teixeira to hit his 400th career home run on July 3 against the Padres...The cap worn by the Marlins' Christian Yelich on July 3 when the Marlins defeated the Braves 5-2 in a game at Fort Bragg, and a base used in that game...The bat used by Red Sox minor leaguer Yoan Moncada when he went 2-for-5 with a single, homer and stolen base to win the game's MVP as the World Team defeated Team USA 11-3 in the All-Star Futures Game on July 10 in San Diego...The spikes worn by the Red Sox's David Ortiz during batting practice at the July 12 All-Star Game...And the bat used by All-Star Game MVP Eric Hosmer of the Royals on July 12 in San Diego.

MUSEUM HONORS BASEBALL AFTER 9/11 WITH EXHIBIT: Fifteen years after the horrific events of Sept. 11, 2001, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum pays tribute to baseball's role in the healing process with a six-month exhibit case, as well as with a special recognition during Hall of Fame Weekend....On Saturday, June 18, the Museum cut the ribbon on an exhibit case that will remain open through the end of the year...The centerpiece in *Baseball After 9/11* is the Mets jersey 2016 Hall of Fame electee Mike Piazza wore on Sept. 21, 2001, in the first game played in New York after tragedy befell the United States...Piazza's dramatic eighth inning home run propelled the Mets to a 3-2 victory over Atlanta at Shea Stadium...The jersey is on loan to the Hall of Fame courtesy of Anthony and Carmela Lauto, Anthony Scaramucci, and Jim McCann...It will be on exhibit in Cooperstown through Labor Day, with the exception of July 29-Aug. 2 while on display at Citi Field for the Mets' celebration of Piazza's induction...Additional artifacts in *Baseball After 9/11* include both the "NYPD" hat worn by Mets manager Bobby Valentine and the "FDNY" hat worn by Mets pitcher John Franco on Sept. 21, 2001, as well as a game ticket to the scheduled Sept. 11 game at Yankee Stadium between the Yankees and the Chicago White Sox...The *Baseball After 9/11* exhibit case is part of the Museum's *Whole New Ballgame* exhibit and is included with Museum admission.

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.

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: 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 www.baseballhall.org/visit/vip-experience or call 607-547-0397.

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 or call 888-HALL-OF-FAME (888-425-5633) or 607-547-7200.