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## AROUND THE HORN

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### MUSEUM LAUNCHES ONLINE DIGITAL ARCHIVE

The Hall of Fame Digital Archive Project launched on Sept. 7 with 25 volumes of 10 different Babe Ruth Scrapbooks in the collection available online for the first time...These one-of-a-kind scrapbooks, created by Ruth's agent Christy Walsh, provide a unique look at Ruth's career through letters, stories and photographs, and give a glimpse at the authentic Babe Ruth...Additional digitized material – including photos, audio, video and text – from the Museum collection will be published regularly as the Museum adds to the PASTIME (Public Archive System To Interact with the Museum Electronically) online collection, which is available at <http://collection.baseballhall.org>...Many of these materials will be available to the public for the first time, allowing fans to browse the Museum collection as they plan their visit to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, or continue their exploration of baseball history after they tour the Museum...With more than three million Library items, a quarter of a million unique images and 40,000 three-dimensional artifacts representing baseball's illustrious history, the Museum preserves an immense physical collection that brings baseball history to life...Through the Hall of Fame Digital Archive Project, the Museum, over the next several years, will continue to digitize its collections and Library archive, making PASTIME the online resource for baseball history...The goal of the Project is to provide online access to the precious artifacts and documents that are preserved in Cooperstown for fans and researchers around the globe, while ensuring that they are digitally archived for future generations of fans...PASTIME will become the online portal for fans and students of the game to relive baseball's greatest moments through the Museum's collection...The PASTIME digital asset management system has been developed based on open source standards that will be made available so that other cultural institutions can benefit from this leap forward in digital artifact preservation...Museums and educational institutions around the world will have access to this system built by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

### FALL'S A BALL AT THE HALL

As the baseball season winds toward the postseason, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has put together an all-star lineup of programming during the fall months of 2016...The Museum will host the annual fan favorite Baseball Film Festival and celebrate the annual Fall Classic with the popular World Series Gala...The schedule includes:

**ON THE BIG SCREEN:** The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum recognizes the twin traditions of baseball and film when, for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, it hosts the Baseball Film Festival in Cooperstown, Sept. 23-25...Thirteen films, with themes ranging from 1982 Ford C. Frick Award winner Vin Scully to the Strat-O-Matic baseball game, will be screened on Friday, Saturday and Sunday as filmmakers and fans celebrate the timeless connection between baseball and the big screen...All films will be shown in the Hall of Fame's Bullpen Theater...A complete list of the films to be screened and screening times is available at [www.baseballhall.org](http://www.baseballhall.org)...*Spaceman*, the acclaimed new Bill Lee biographical film, headlines the Film Festival and will be screened at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 23...Produced in part by *Bull Durham* director Ron Shelton and former National League Cy Young Award winner Eric Gagne, *Spaceman* stars Josh Duhamel and examines Lee's journey following his big league career, which spanned from 1969-82 with the Red Sox and the Expos...Tickets for all films are free but must be reserved in advance by calling 607-547-0397.

**GALA EVENT:** Enjoy the excitement of the World Series on the big screen at the Hall of Fame during one of our favorite annual family events, the World Series Gala...The entertaining evening on Oct. 29 will include refreshments, trivia, raffles and prizes during a live broadcast of Game 4 of the World Series from the park of the National League champion...Tickets will go on sale to Members starting Oct. 4 at 607-547-0397, and any remaining tickets will be made available to the general public Oct. 24.

## HALL OF FAME WEEKEND RECAP

The induction of Class of 2016 members **Ken Griffey Jr.** and **Mike Piazza** brings the total number of Hall of Famers to 312, including 69 living members...Award winners **Graham McNamee** (Ford C. Frick Award for broadcast excellence) and **Dan Shaughnessy** (J.G. Taylor Spink Award for writing) were honored at the July 23 *Awards Presentation* at Doubleday Field.

**A STAGE FILLED WITH HEROES:** Fifty of the 69 living Hall of Famers attended the July 26 Induction Ceremony at the Clark Sports Center:

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

**COME ONE, COME ALL:** An estimated crowd of 50,000 fans attended the July 24 Induction Ceremony, the second-highest total in the history of the event...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 eight estimated crowds for Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies: 50,000 (**1999 and 2016**); 48,000 (**2014**); 45,000 (**2015**); 40,000 (**1995**); 27,000 (**2001 and 2005**); and 25,000 (**2000**)... In the last three Induction Ceremonies, the average estimated attendance has been 47,667.

**BOOK NOW FOR FUTURE WEEKENDS:** Hall of Fame Weekend is typically scheduled for the last weekend in July, though there are exceptions...The 2017 Induction Weekend is scheduled for July 28-31, with the Induction on July 30...Induction Weekend 2018 is scheduled for July 27-30, with the Induction on July 29...Induction Day in 2019 will be July 20, and Induction Day in 2020 will be July 26...A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: **2017:** Vladimir Guerrero, Jorge Posada, Manny Ramírez, Ivan Rodríguez; **2018:** Chipper Jones, Hideki Matsui, Jim Thome, Omar Vizquel; **2019:** Roy Halladay, Todd Helton, Andy Pettitte, Mariano Rivera; **2020:** Bobby Abreu, Derek Jeter, Paul Konerko, Alfonso Soriano; **2021:** Mark Buehrle, A.J. Burnett, Tim Hudson, Torii Hunter, Aramis Ramírez.

## VOTING SEASON NEWS

At the July meeting, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's Board of Directors announced changes to the Era Committee system, which provides an avenue for Hall of Fame consideration to managers, umpires and executives, as well as players retired for more than 15 seasons.

Highlighting these changes is a restructuring of the timeframes to be considered, with a much greater emphasis on modern eras. Additionally, those major league players, managers, umpires and executives who excelled before 1950, as well as Negro Leagues stars, will still have an opportunity to have their careers reviewed, but with less frequency.

Four eras for committee consideration have been identified: *Today's Game* (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1988 to the present); *Modern Baseball* (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1970 to 1987); *Golden Days* (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1950 to 1969); and *Early Baseball* (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball prior to 1950).

The *Today's Game* and *Modern Baseball* eras will be considered twice each in a five-year period, with the *Golden Days* era considered once every five years and the *Early Baseball* era considered once every 10 years.

Eras considered for yearly induction are as follows: **2017** – Today's Game; **2018** – Modern Baseball; **2019** – Today's Game; **2020** – Modern Baseball; **2021** – Both Golden Days and Early Baseball; **2022** – Today's Game; **2023** – Modern Baseball; **2024** – Today's Game; **2025** – Modern Baseball; **2025** – Golden Days. *The Early Baseball era returns for induction consideration in 2031.*

The ballot size for each era ballot is 10 candidates, with no write-in candidates permitted. The ballots will be constructed by the Baseball Writers' Association of America's Historical Overview Committee. Each eras committee voting body will consist of 16 members, reconstituted for each election. Candidates must receive at least 75 percent of the vote to earn election to the Hall of Fame. Candidates who fall off the BBWAA Hall of Fame ballot after exhausting their eligibility will be eligible for Eras Committee consideration that fall.

Additionally, the Board has modified the criteria for which active executives can be considered for election. All active executives age 70 or older may now have their careers reviewed as part of the Era Committee balloting process, regardless of the position they hold in an organization, and regardless of whether their body of work has been completed. Previously, active executives 65 years or older were eligible for consideration.

**TODAY'S GAME ERA COMMITTEE COMING THIS FALL:** The BBWAA-appointed Historical Overview Committee will devise the ballot for the Today's Game Era Committee election this fall, with the final ballot to be announced following the 2016 World Series... That 10-person ballot will be voted on by the *Today's Game* Era Committee at Baseball's Winter Meetings Dec. 5 in National Harbor, Md... Any candidate appearing on at least 75 percent of ballots cast will be inducted as a member of the Class of 2017 at the Hall of Fame... The *Today's Game* Era Committee members will be announced later this fall.

**WHO'S ELIGIBLE:** The *Today's Game* Era covers candidates among managers, umpires, executives and long-retired players whose most significant career impact was realized from 1988 through the present day... Eligible candidates include: Players who played in at least 10 major league seasons, who are not on Major League Baseball's ineligible list, and have been retired for 15 or more seasons; Managers and Umpires with 10 or more years in baseball and retired for at least five years; and Executives who have been retired for at least five years, with any active executives 70 or older eligible for consideration.

## VETERANS VOTING HISTORY

The Veterans Committee/Eras Committee has been a part of the Hall of Fame voting process since the first class of electees in 1936, with the first Veterans Committee electees coming in 1937... In all its forms, the Veterans Committee/Eras Committee has elected 165 individuals (96 major leaguers, 28 executives, 22 managers, nine Negro Leaguers and 10 umpires) to the Hall of Fame.

**THE COMMITTEE ON BASEBALL VETERANS:** In 1953, the Baseball Hall of Fame Committee on Baseball Veterans was formed, outlining parameters that were similar through 2001, though with some variance throughout its time... Voting was conducted every other year from 1953-1959, with annual votes from 1961 until 2001... From 1961 through 2001, the Committee elected 101 members in 41 meetings, electing a candidate on all but three occasions: 1988, 1990 and 1993.

**TURN OF THE CENTURY CHANGES:** From 2001 through 2007, the Hall of Fame's Committee on Baseball Veterans considered long-retired players, managers, umpires and executives on a bi-annual cycle featuring one ballot for players and another for managers, umpires and executives...The electorate was comprised of the living members of the Hall of Fame, the living recipients of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award, the living recipients of the Ford C. Frick Award and Veterans Committee members whose terms had not yet expired...Beginning in 2003, the Committee held its election of players every other year...Also beginning in 2003, the election of managers, umpires and executives was held every four years...The three players elections (2003, 2005 and 2007) and the two composite-ballot elections (2003 and 2007) produced no candidates who received the 75 percent of the vote necessary for election.

**REVAMPING THE PROCESS:** From 2007 to 2010, the Hall of Fame's Committee on Baseball Veterans was revamped to consider managers and umpires on one ballot, executives and pioneers on one ballot, players who began their big league careers prior to 1943 on one ballot and players who were retired for at least 21 seasons and whose careers began after 1942 on a fourth ballot...The electorates consisted of panels of Hall of Famers, executives and media members...Players whose big league careers began after 1942 were considered every other year, with the managers/umpires and executive pioneers ballots considered in the opposite years from the players...Players whose big league careers began prior to 1942 were considered every five years starting in the fall of 2008...In the fall of 2007, the Committee considered the managers/umpires ballot and the executives/pioneers ballot...Managers **Billy Southworth** and **Dick Williams** each received 13 of a possible 16 votes (81.3%) to earn election from the managers/umpires ballot, while **Barney Dreyfuss** (10 of 12 votes, 83%), **Bowie Kuhn** (10 of 12 votes, 83%) and **Walter O'Malley** (9 of 12 votes, 75%) were elected from the executives/pioneers ballot...In the fall of 2008, **Joe Gordon** received 10 of 12 votes (83%) to earn election from the pre-1943 players ballot...No player reached the 75 percent threshold needed for election on the post-1942 players ballot, which was comprised solely of the 64 living Hall of Famers at that time...In the fall of 2009, the managers/umpires and the executives/pioneers ballots were again considered...Umpire **Doug Harvey** (15 of 16 votes, 93.8%) and manager **Whitey Herzog** (14 of 16 votes, 87.5%) were elected from the managers/umpires ballot...No candidate received the necessary 75 percent of the vote to earn election from the executives/pioneers ballot.

**A NEW ERA:** From 2011-15, the Veterans Committee transitioned to the Eras Committee, which featured three candidate categories based on the era in which the candidate left his or her most indelible mark...The Expansion Era Committee, the Golden Era Committee and the Pre-Integration Era Committee met on a three-year rotating basis, with two complete cycles of the committee votes held from 2011-15...The Expansion Era Committee elected executive **Pat Gillick** to the Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2011 in its first session, then elected managers **Bobby Cox**, **Tony La Russa** and **Joe Torre** to the Class of 2014...The Golden Era Committee elected **Ron Santo** as part of the Class of 2012, with no Golden Era candidates receiving the necessary 75 percent of the vote to be elected with the Class of 2015...The Pre-Integration Era Committee elected umpire **Hank O'Day**, executive **Jacob Ruppert** and third baseman **Deacon White** to the Class of 2013, with no Pre-Integration Era candidates reaching the 75-percent mark needed to be included with the Class of 2016.

**VETERAN INFLUENCE:** The Veterans Committee, in all its forms, has been electing players to the Hall of Fame since 1937, when **Morgan Bulkeley**, **Ban Johnson**, **Connie Mack**, **John McGraw** and **George Wright** comprised the first Veterans Committee class...The largest class came in 1946 when 11 men were elected to the Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee...The 11 electees in 1946 were: **Jesse Burkett**, **Frank Chance**, **Jack Chesbro**, **Johnny Evers**, **Clark Griffith**, **Tommy McCarthy**, **Joe McGinnity**, **Eddie Plank**, **Joe Tinker**, **Rube Waddell** and **Ed Walsh**...The 17 former Negro league players and executives chosen for enshrinement in 2006 were elected through a special committee on Negro Leagues and pre-Negro leagues candidates.

## 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.

## 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, were 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.

**FRICK AWARD VOTING PROCESS REVAMPED:** The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's Ford C. Frick Award is presented annually since 1978 by the Museum for excellence in baseball broadcasting...Annual winners are announced as part of Baseball's Winter Meetings each year, while awardees are presented with their honor the following summer during Hall of Fame Weekend in Cooperstown, New York...Following changes to the voting regulations implemented by the Hall of Fame's Board of Directors in the summer of 2016, a new election cycle has been established, rotating annually between *Current Major League Markets* (team-specific announcers) with the 2017 Frick Award; *National Voices* (broadcasters whose contributions were realized on a national level) with the 2018 Frick Award; and *Broadcasting Beginnings* (early team voices and pioneers of baseball broadcasting) with the 2019 Frick Award. This cycle will repeat every three years... New criteria for selection is as follows: "Commitment to excellence, quality of broadcasting abilities, reverence within the game, popularity with fans, and recognition by peers..."The final eight-person ballot for the *Current Major League Markets* election will be announced in October, and the Frick Award Committee will cast ballots during November, with the 2017 winner to be announced during the 2016 Baseball Winter Meetings from National Harbor, Md., on Dec. 7.

**2017 SPINK AWARD FINALISTS:** The Baseball Writers' Association of America has announced its three finalists for the 2017 J.G. Taylor Spink Award...The finalists are: Former *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* beat writer and columnist Jim Reeves; former *New York Times* national baseball columnist and current ESPN coordinating editor Claire Smith; and longtime Spanish syndicated columnist Juan Vene ...The winner of the 2017 J.G. Taylor Spink Award for writers will be announced on Dec. 6 at Baseball's Winter Meetings.

## 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 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 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, Martínez, 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.

**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.

<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., 51 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, 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).

**ONE-TEAM WONDERS:** There are 49 Hall of Famers who spent their entire career with one team...2015 inductee Craig Biggio is the most recent addition to that list...The others: Luke Appling, Ernie Banks, Johnny Bench, 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 Mazerowski, 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	456	436	95.61%	20
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



## MUSEUM NEWS FROM COOPERSTOWN

**COMING TO COOPERSTOWN:** The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has already received many 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 500<sup>th</sup> career stolen base on April 29 against the Brewers...The cap worn by the Nationals' Max Scherzer, along with a game-used ball and the game's rosin bag, from his May 11 no-hitter against the Tigers...The spikes worn by the Yankees' Carlos Beltran when he hit his 400<sup>th</sup> career home run on May 15 against the White Sox...The bat used by the Rangers' Adrian Beltre when he recorded his 1,500<sup>th</sup> career RBI on May 28 against the Pirates...The bat used by the Yankees' Mark Teixeira to hit his 400<sup>th</sup> 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...The bat used by the Yankees' Mark Teixeira to hit his 400<sup>th</sup> career home run on July 3 against the Padres...The bat used by All-Star Game MVP Eric Hosmer of the Royals on July 12 in San Diego...The jersey, spikes, batting gloves, wrist bands, elbow guard and socks used by the Marlins' Ichiro Suzuki when he recorded his 3,000<sup>th</sup> MLB hit on Aug. 7...And the bat used by the Giants' Brandon Crawford when he recorded seven hits against the Marlins on Aug. 8.

## 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 Oct. 13-14 and Nov. 17-18...For more information, please visit [www.baseballhall.org/visit/vip-experience](http://www.baseballhall.org/visit/vip-experience) or call 607-547-0397.

**SPEND A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM:** The larger-than-life heroes of the National Pastime can be found year-round in Cooperstown at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...But the game's biggest fans can also call the Hall of Fame "home" – at least for a few nights a year thanks to the Museum's Extra Innings Overnights program...Open to both Museum members and youth groups, Extra Innings Overnights is one of the Museum's most popular programs...Children ages 7-12 and their parents can sleep in the Hall of Fame Plaque Gallery among the plaques honoring Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, Jackie Robinson and the rest of baseball's greats...The evening includes all-access to the Museum's public areas after-hours, special hands-on programs throughout the Museum, and a late-night snack and a movie in the Bullpen Theater...A light breakfast is provided the following morning, and all junior participants receive a Hall of Fame knapsack filled with mementos of the evening...The program costs \$49.95 per person...Upcoming dates include: **Oct. 22-23** and **Nov. 5-6**...For more information or to register, please call the Museum's education department 607-547-0347.

**TIME TO VISIT:** The Museum resumed regular hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily on 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) and for those holding current memberships in the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and AMVets organizations, and \$12 for juniors (ages 7-12)...Members 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.